

Human Trafficking



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What is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking

The recruitment, harboring, transportation or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of **force**, **fraud** or **coercion**.

Sex Trafficking

A commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, coercion or in which the person performing the act is less than 18 years old.

Labor Trafficking

The use of force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, obtain or employ a person for labor or services in involuntary servitude, debt bondage or slavery.

Safe Harbour Legislation

- No force, fraud or coercion is necessary
- Includes survival sex, pornography, stripping and incest.

What Makes a State Vulnerable?

- Extensive highway systems
- Large number of truck stops
- Ability to leave the state within 2 hours from almost anywhere in the state
- International borders
- Universities/Colleges
- Large immigrant population
- Military bases
- Strip clubs
- Tourist areas

Traffickers



- **Who are the traffickers?**
- **Where do they recruit?**
 - Social media, anywhere youth congregate – school, park, mall, homeless shelters
- **How do they recruit?**
 - Boy-friending, grooming/seasoning
 - Isolation
 - Confiscation of ID
 - Threats of violence or shaming
 - Controlling the victim's money





Who is Most at Risk?

All Youth Are At RISK!!!

Red Flags – Human Trafficking

Medical Professionals

- Multiple abortions, STI's & STD's
- Malnourishment, lack of health care, unexplained injuries

Education

- Unable to stay awake during class
- Changes in behavior, school attendance & grades
- Changes in peer or sphere of influence

Counseling

- Accompanied by another person who seems controlling & person insists on giving information to you
- Submissive, fearful

Housing

- Unusual sleeping patterns or arrangements
- History of running away



Red Flags – Human Trafficking (cont.)

Common Indicators

- Minor is engaging in commercial sex acts
- physically exhausted
- unexplained injuries
- Has a much older boyfriend/girlfriend
- Changes in peer or sphere of influence
- Seems submissive, fearful
- Doesn't have access to ID
- Minor is not the biological child of a “parent” **and** there is reason to believe the minor is being exploited
- difficulty communicating; language/cultural barriers
- Inconsistencies in story
- Unwilling/unable to provide address
- Heavy use of drugs alcohol
- In possession of very expensive items



Why Don't they Just Leave???

- Fear law enforcement because of their illegal status or because of criminal acts they have been forced into
- Have positive feelings/loyalty towards trafficker
- View their situation as temporary
- Keep family safe from retribution
- Don't see themselves as victims because they don't know their rights
- Feel shame about what they were made to do
- Believe that any debts are their obligation to repay (some may have even signed a contract)

Needs of Victims

There are four general areas of victim needs:

- **Immediate assistance**
 - Housing, food, clothing, medical care, safety, transportation, language interpretation
- **Mental health counseling**
- **Income assistance**
 - living assistance, job training, employment, education
- **Legal assistance**
 - Orders of protection from controllers, Immigration issues, child custody, prostitution charges or other charges, prosecution of trafficker

Center for Youth Services

- **Runaway and Homeless Youth Services**
 - Emergency Youth Shelter
 - Host homes
 - Transitional Living Program
 - Chrysalis House
- **Student Support Services**
 - Prevention Education
 - School-Based Counselors
 - Project New Beginnings
 - Alternative to Out of School Suspension



Center for Youth Services (Continued)

- Crisis Nursery
- Street Outreach
- Community-Based Counseling
- Teen Court
- GED Program
- Learn 2 Earn



Safe Harbour Program at CY5

- Provides case coordination, advocacy and referrals to other agencies for youth that are < 18 years old and involved in sex trafficking.
- Provides outreach, prevention education and training to other agencies and community partners.

Safe Harbour Victim Services and Referrals for:

- Case management and coordination
- Crisis intervention
- Safety planning
- Skill building
- Emergency housing
- Court Advocacy
- Language Interpretation
- Transitional and long-term housing
- Food, clothing, personal care needs
- Medical services
- Mental health counseling
- Legal and immigration services
- Transportation assistance
- Public assistance linkages
- Job training and placement
- Permanent housing and furnishings
- Spiritual/cultural linkages
- Nutritional assistance