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The Relationship Between Vulnerable Populations & Sex Trafficking

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The Relationship Between Vulnerable Populations and Sex Trafficking

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Objectives

- Identify strategies used by criminal traffickers to attract youth
- Assess the public health and societal costs of sex and human trafficking
- Learn which resources are available to aid individuals impacted by human trafficking and how to integrate these resources into your work

Important Points

- **Two types of Human Trafficking**
 - Sex trafficking
 - Labor trafficking
- **Victims**
 - Vulnerable individuals
 - Girls, boys, women, men, LBGQTQ
 - Every race, ethnicity and socioeconomic background
 - Every state, including the Tri-state area
- **Traffickers/Pimps**
 - Men and women
 - Different professions or socioeconomic groups

What is Sex Trafficking?

Sex trafficking occurs when...

A person is made to perform a commercial sex act* through the use of force, fraud or coercion.

OR

A person performing a commercial sex act is under 18.

**A commercial sex act is a sex act exchanged for anything of value including food, shelter, drugs or money.*

What is Sex Trafficking?

- Business of stealing a person's freedom for profit
- Real and growing problem in the world, including the US
- Highly profitable criminal enterprise
- Use of technology enhances the business opportunities
- Take advantage of vulnerabilities

Types of Traffickers

- **Guerilla Pimps**
 - Use of violence
- **Romeo Trafficker**
 - Most common type
- **Gang Trafficker**
 - Gang becomes family
- **Familiar**
 - Hard to identify
- **Butter Pimp**
 - Trade sex for necessities, especially drugs

The Traffickers

- **Traffickers are Master Manipulators**
 - Invest time in forming bonds
 - Provide affection
 - Promise of a better life
 - Offer a place to stay
 - Buy gifts
 - Supply alcohol and/or drugs

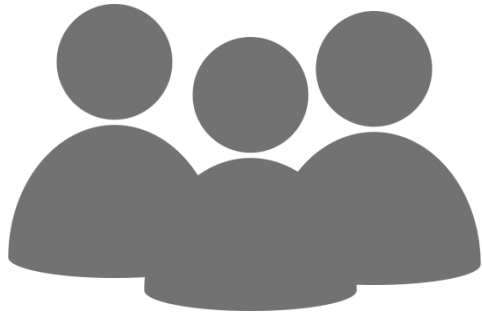
Quick Facts

Thousands

Thousands of minors in America are victimized in the commercial sex industry every year

12-17

Any age can be exploited, but commonly recruited ages range from 12-17 years



Traffickers prey on vulnerable youth:


- Hurting, abused, or bullied
- Runaway and homeless
- Lonely or disconnected
- Wanting someone to look out for them



Misidentification of Victims


- Most minor victims don't want to tell anyone
- They are often mislabeled
- **Common misconceptions:**
 - Prostitute, slut, promiscuous
 - They have to be a gang member or a juvenile delinquent
 - They will be a runaway
 - Victims are always female
 - This only happens in other countries
 - The teen puts themselves in a dangerous situation





In order to understand the issue,
we have to understand the
victims.

They could be anybody's brother,
sister, cousin, friend, classmate,
or neighbor.



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Recruitment & Grooming

1. Changes in Behavior
 - Absences from home/school, dress, attitude, signs of abuse
2. Changes in peers
 - New boyfriend, new friends, parties, drugs/alcohol, signs of gang affiliation
3. Changes in Lifestyle
 - Money, material possessions, tattoos

Branding



Community Safety

- Peer to Peer Rescue = Evan
- Community Awareness= Evan's dad
- Professional Involvement = Sgt. Chapman, Trained Experts, Organizations like Shared Hope

We need everyone involved in keeping kids safe! Especially you!

Get Involved

- **We can all do something!**
- Students age 16 and older may apply to become trained volunteer Ambassadors of Hope at www.sharedhope.org/aoh
- Start an anti-trafficking group at your school. Contact our National Outreach Manager for materials to help you educate your friends. awareness@sharedhope.org

Chosen Demonstrates

- Spotter – identifies a prospect
- Recruiter – gleans information from the victim
- Trafficker – Or pimp, sells the product to another pimp or to buyers
 - A trafficker can masquerade as a boyfriend or a friend, who has your best interests at heart

Social Media



Protecting Yourself Online

- DO NOT respond to strangers communication efforts
- Save messages and photos that are from strangers or are threatening or sexual in nature
- Go to a trusted adult
- Watch out for your friends and talk to them if you see something that seems suspicious
- Don't keep secrets

Local Examples

- **Timothy Nolan**
 - Campbell Co., Kentucky
- **Portsmouth**
 - Scioto Co., Ohio
- **Carolinas**
 - Sex slave for 5 years, HT Hotline was helpful
- **Texas**
 - Kidnapped by “boyfriend’s dad”
- **Student**
 - Internship in Texas
- **Conference Participant**
 - Niece, Kroger, mall, Spring Break

What Can You Do?

- **Prevention**
 - Get educated
 - Get the word out to everyone
- **Awareness**
 - The issue is here, in our backyard
 - Spread the word
 - Can happen to anyone
- **Recognition**
 - What we can do if we suspect

Human Trafficking Hotline

- 1 (888) 373-7888
- SMS: 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO")
- Hours: 24 hours, 7 days a week
- Languages: English, Spanish and 200 more languages
- Website: [humantraffickinghotline.org](https://www.humantraffickinghotline.org)

Additional Resources

- **Local**

- End Slavery Cincinnati
- Woman of Alabaster
- Catholic Charities
- State Attorney General's Office (Ohio and Kentucky)
- Women Helping Women

- **National**

- National Human Trafficking Hotline
- Polaris Project
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Department of State

If You Suspect Trafficking

Report it to the National Center
for Missing and Exploited Children:

1-800-THE-LOST

(1-800-843-5678)

www.cybertipline.org

Bookmark it in your phone right now

*You don't have to know everything,
just tell us what you do know.*



THE POWER OF SMALL THINGS

- “We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love.” – Mother Theresa
- “We can talk about making a difference or we can make a difference.” – Anonymous



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