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Human Trafficking in Wisconsin Neighborhoods Part 1

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Suggestions and Guidelines

- Additional information not included on your handouts may be mentioned – be prepared to take notes
- During the class keep in mind your end goal – how do you plan to use the information? Target your learning and note taking to help you reach your goal (*take a moment to write down 2 – 3 learning targets. This will help you focus and concentrate to get what you need*)
- Be mindful that we are on a schedule – if time permits we may indulge in open discussion. I will monitor discussion time to keep us on track

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Source

- US DEPARTMENT OF STATE
- Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
- [Trafficking in Persons Report 2015](#)

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A Sense of Urgency

- "This year's Report places a special emphasis on human trafficking in the global marketplace. It highlights the hidden risks that workers may encounter when seeking employment and the steps that governments and businesses can take to prevent trafficking, including a demand for transparency in global supply chains.
- "The bottom line is that this is no time for complacency. Right now, across the globe, victims of human trafficking are daring to imagine the possibility of escape, the chance for a life without fear, and the opportunity to earn a living wage. I echo the words of President Obama and say to them: We hear you, and we will do all we can to make that dream come true. In recent decades, we have learned a great deal about how to break up human trafficking networks and help victims recover in safety and dignity. In years to come, we will apply those lessons relentlessly, and we will not rest until modern slavery is ended." – [John F. Kerry, Secretary of State](#)

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Human Trafficking - definition

- "Trafficking in persons," "human trafficking," and "modern slavery" have been used as umbrella terms for the act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sex acts through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-386), as amended (TVPA), and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (the Palermo Protocol) describe this compelled service using a number of different terms, including involuntary servitude, slavery or practices similar to slavery, debt bondage, and forced labor.

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Human Trafficking – definition cont’d

- Human trafficking can include, but does not require, movement. People may be considered trafficking victims regardless of whether they were born into a state of servitude, were exploited in their hometown, were transported to the exploitative situation, previously consented to work for a trafficker, or participated in a crime as a direct result of being subjected to trafficking. At the heart of this phenomenon is the traffickers’ goal of exploiting and enslaving their victims and the myriad coercive and deceptive practices they use to do so.

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Human trafficking in Wisconsin

- Reported in 2015 – 185 calls and 36 human trafficking cases report to NHTRC
- 15 calls from survivors
- 31 cases of sex trafficking
- 3 cases of labor trafficking
- 2 cases of labor and sex trafficking
- Since 2007, the center has received reports of 185 cases of human trafficking in Wisconsin.

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Human trafficking in Wisconsin

- Reported in 2015 – 42 contacts reported on the Solace Support Line (local warm line)
- 39 calls from survivors
- 3 other concerned parties
- 39 cases of sex trafficking
- Since launching in 2015

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Human trafficking in Wisconsin

Comparisons

185 calls and 36 human trafficking cases report to NHTRC ; 42 calls and 39 human trafficking cases report to SSL (Solace Support Line)

15 calls from survivors to NHTRC; 39 calls from survivors to SSL

31 cases of sex trafficking to NHTRC; 39 cases of sex trafficking to SSL

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Human Trafficking in Wisconsin

- In Wisconsin, the data shows the top venues for sex trafficking to be online ads, unknown venues, pornography, escort services, residential and commercial brothels, street-based, hotel/motel-based and nightclub-based.
- In Wisconsin, the cases involved 34 females and two males; 29 adults and 9 minors, 25 citizens and four foreign nationals.
- Also occurring in homes, day-care centers and schools

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Types of Trafficking

Sex Trafficking

When an adult engages in a commercial sex act, such as prostitution, as the result of force, threats of force, fraud, coercion or any combination of such means, that person is a victim of trafficking. Under such circumstances, perpetrators involved in recruiting, harboring, enticing, transporting, providing, obtaining, or maintaining a person for that purpose are guilty of the sex trafficking of an adult.* Sex trafficking also may occur within debt bondage, as individuals are forced to continue in prostitution through the use of unlawful "debt," purportedly incurred through their transportation, recruitment, or even their crude "sale"— which exploiters insist they must pay off before they can be free. An adult's consent to participate in prostitution is not legally determinative: if one is thereafter held in service through psychological manipulation or physical force, he or she is a trafficking victim and should receive benefits outlined in the Palermo Protocol and applicable domestic laws.

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Sex Trafficking in Wisconsin

- In Wausau, a 40-year-old man was convicted last year (2014) of trafficking a 22-year-old woman who was grabbed off a Milwaukee street in 2010. A judge sentenced the man to 17 years in prison after testimony showed that he forced the women to have sex with different men in motels over a nine-day span before her escape.
- A federal judge sentenced Jason Guidry of Sheboygan on Friday, February 13th to 25 years in prison. Guidry was convicted on three sex-trafficking counts and one count of possession with the intent to distribute heroin. The sex-trafficking counts involved three separate females.
- Najee C. Moore, 23, of Milwaukee, pleaded guilty today to five counts of conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking and one count of use of a facility in interstate commerce in aid of racketeering in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. (adult and juvenile victims – trained by his father)

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Types of Trafficking

Child Sex Trafficking

- When a child (under 18 years of age) is recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, obtained, or maintained to perform a commercial sex act, proving force, fraud, or coercion is not necessary for the offense to be characterized as human trafficking. There are no exceptions to this rule: no cultural or socioeconomic rationalizations alter the fact that children who are prostituted are trafficking victims.
- The use of children in the commercial sex trade is prohibited under U.S. law and by statute in most countries around the world. Sex trafficking has devastating consequences for children, including long-lasting physical and psychological trauma, disease (including HIV/ AIDS), drug addiction, unwanted pregnancy, malnutrition, social ostracism, and even death.

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Child Sex Trafficking in Wisconsin

- Police who staged a raid at a Fox Valley motel in April (2015) found a 17-year-old Green Bay girl and a 14-year-old Appleton girl being sold to men for sex. The 14-year-old, who police said had seen 18 men before the arrest, would tell police that she needed money to repay a suspected pimp who had threatened her.
- In Sheboygan, a 29-year-old man agreed in May to plead no contest to one count of human trafficking and another of trafficking of a child. Prosecutors say the man brought teenage girls to Sheboygan and arranged for them to have sex with men at various locations, ordering the girls to give him the money they collected.
- The arrest last week(March 2015) of an 18-year-old man for alleged human trafficking hit home for local advocates. The man, Michael J. Conners, allegedly helped arrange transportation for two teenage girls — including one who was 13 years old — to travel to Racine to perform sex acts for money.

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Operation Cross Country

- The FBI and local law enforcement rescued **149** underage trafficking victims in the United States last week- including **nine** from Wisconsin.
- It was part of the "Operation Cross Country" initiative that targets criminals in child sex trafficking. 153 traffickers were also arrested during the operation.
- **Wisconsin had the third highest number of children recovered out of all the states. The FBI reports the youngest child rescued was 12 years-old.**
- **57 adult victims were also rescued** and 11 human traffickers were arrested in Wisconsin.
- Here is a list of the places where the arrests and rescues took place:
 - Appleton – 1 Adult; 1 Trafficker
 - Brown County – 10 Adults; 3 Traffickers
 - Fond du Lac – 1 Adult; 1 Juvenile; 1 Trafficker
 - La Crosse – 2 Adults; 1 Trafficker
 - Milwaukee – 11 Adults; 5 Juveniles; 1 Trafficker
 - Monroe – 1 Juvenile
 - Oak Creek – 5 Adults
 - Oshkosh – 3 Adults; 1 Trafficker
 - Racine – 20 Adults; 1 Trafficker
 - West Allis – 3 Adults; 2 Juveniles; 2 Traffickers

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Types of Trafficking

Forced Labor

- Forced labor, sometimes also referred to as labor trafficking, encompasses the range of activities—recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining—involved when a person uses force or physical threats, psychological coercion, abuse of the legal process, deception, or other coercive means to compel someone to work. Once a person's labor is exploited by such means, the person's prior consent to work for an employer is legally irrelevant: the employer is a trafficker and the employee a trafficking victim. Migrants are particularly vulnerable to this form of human trafficking, but individuals also may be forced into labor in their own countries. Female victims of forced or bonded labor, especially women and girls in domestic servitude, are often sexually exploited as well.

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Forced Labor in Wisconsin

- Carnivals, festivals and fairs
- Begging
- Nail salons, hair-braiding shops
- Hotels, restaurants
- Stripping/Exotic Dancing

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Types of Trafficking

Bonded Labor or Debt Bondage

- One form of coercion is the use of a bond or debt. Some workers inherit debt; for example, in South Asia it is estimated that there are millions of trafficking victims working to pay off their ancestors' debts. Others fall victim to traffickers or recruiters who unlawfully exploit an initial debt assumed, wittingly or unwittingly, as a term of employment.
- Debts taken on by migrant laborers in their countries of origin, often with the involvement of labor agencies and employers in the destination country, can also contribute to a situation of debt bondage. Such circumstances may occur in the context of employment-based temporary work programs in which a worker's legal status in the destination country is tied to the employer and workers fear seeking redress.

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Bonded Labor in Wisconsin

- "It is out there," said Jennifer Price, director of special operations at the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation and Child Abduction Response Team (CART) commander. As the director of special operations, Price oversees the state's AMBER and Silver Alert programs.
- Labor trafficking is a little bit more difficult to see signs of, she said, because traffickers will typically ensure their victims have no contact with the outside world. Outward signs or physical abuse, such as bruises or cuts, may be visible, but not necessarily indicative of human trafficking. (Milton Courier, June 2015)

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Types of Trafficking

Domestic Servitude

Involuntary domestic servitude is a form of human trafficking found in distinct circumstances—work in a private residence—that creates unique vulnerabilities for victims. It is a crime in which a domestic worker is not free to leave her employment and is abused and underpaid, if paid at all. Many domestic workers do not receive the basic benefits and protections commonly extended to other groups of workers—things as simple as a day off. Moreover, their ability to move freely is often limited, and employment in private homes increases their vulnerability and isolation. Authorities cannot inspect homes as easily as formal workplaces, and in many cases do not have the mandate or capacity to do so. Domestic workers, especially women, confront various forms of abuse, harassment, and exploitation, including sexual and gender-based violence. These issues, taken together, may be symptoms of a situation of involuntary servitude.

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Domestic Servitude in Wisconsin

- A Brookfield couple were deported to the Philippines Thursday (2012) after serving six years behind bars for illegally secreting a Filipina maid in their home for 19 years.
- Jefferson Calimlim Sr., 67, and his wife Elnora, 66, were deported Tuesday from the United States under escort of federal immigration and customs enforcement agents, arriving in Manila Thursday, [the agency announced](#).
- Jefferson Calimlim was a practicing ear, nose and throat doctor; his wife was a licensed physician who stopped working in 1982.

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Types of Trafficking

Forced Child Labor

- Although children may legally engage in certain forms of work, children can also be found in slavery or slavery-like situations. Some indicators of forced labor of a child include situations in which the child appears to be in the custody of a non-family member who requires the child to perform work that financially benefits someone outside the child's family and does not offer the child the option of leaving. Anti-trafficking responses should supplement, not replace, traditional actions against child labor, such as remediation and education. When children are enslaved, their abusers should not escape criminal punishment through weaker administrative responses to such abusive child labor practices.

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Types of Trafficking

Unlawful Recruitment and Use of Child Soldiers

Child soldiering is a manifestation of human trafficking when it involves the unlawful recruitment or use of children—through force, fraud, or coercion—by armed forces as combatants or for other forms of labor. Some child soldiers are also sexually exploited by armed groups. Perpetrators may be government armed forces, paramilitary organizations, or rebel groups. Many children are forcibly abducted to be used as combatants. Others are made to work as porters, cooks, guards, servants, messengers, or spies. Young girls can be forced to marry or have sex with commanders and male combatants. Both male and female child soldiers are often sexually abused and are at high risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases.

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Hmong Child Brides

- The ‘open secret’ of abused Hmong child brides goes public in Minnesota lawsuit ([Panya Vang](#))
- Everyone knows about these men, but few dare speak out against them, least of all the women who have been harmed. Those who do are swiftly admonished for questioning “the way things have always been” — or worse, confronted with physical retaliation and separated from their families. Death threats are not unusual.

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Targets

- Girls ages 11-14 (prime age 13); Boys ages 9-10 (prime age 12 for sex trade, 10 for labor)
- Runaways – usually running from something
- Homeless
- LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender)
- Factors – poverty, addiction, mental illness; home-life

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Indications

- High risk behavior
- Health challenges
- Multiple sexual partners
- Multiple pregnancies
- Controlling or abusive boyfriend or girlfriend
- Signs of abuse – bruises, cuts, hunger
- Note: cultural sensitivity

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Treatment and Services

- All of these service providers need Survivor Interaction Protocol Training
- Mental Health Professionals – psychologists, psychiatrists, etc
- Counselors (professional and lay)
- Medical Professionals
- Support groups

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Treatment and Services, cont'd

- Housing – priority and severely lacking
- Counseling and support for their families
- Employment training and placement assistance
- Basic education (reading, writing and arithmetic)
- Financial management
- Daily living skills

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Additional Resources

- To contact Convergence use our general mailbox at crcinfo@convergenceresource.org or call (414)393-1325
- National Human Trafficking Resource Center
1-888-3737-888
traffickingresourcecenter.org

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