Human Trafficking
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WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

- Labor and sex
- Men, women, boys, and girls
- International and domestic

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

• The RECRUITING, ENTICING, HARBORING, TRANSPORTING, PROVIDING or OBTAINING of an INDIVIDUAL for a COMMERCIAL SEX ACT,
• using FORCE, FRAUD or COERCION or providing/withholding drugs (or the ATTEMPT)
• or if victim is a JUVENILE
  NO FORCE/FRAUD/COERCION required
WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

• A person looking for freedom in America or from their family
• Runaway and homeless youth
• Disabled individuals
• Persons with mental health issues
• Undocumented individuals
• Addiction issues

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

ANYONE

• Someone who may be vulnerable
  or
• Someone from the vulnerable population

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

ANYONE
A VULNERABLE PERSON:
• families selling them off “better life for their child”
• a person looking for freedom in America or from their own family
• divorce or child custody battle
• loss of employment or housing
• incarcerated

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS:
• undocumented immigrants
• runaway and homeless youth
• victims of trauma and abuse
• refugees and individuals fleeing conflict
• oppressed, marginalized and/or impoverished groups and individuals
• disabled
• drug/alcohol addicted

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?
• Frequently prior trauma or abuse
WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?

• Gangs’ pimps
• Drug dealers
• Family members
• Brothel and fake massage business owners and managers
• Growers and crewleaders in agriculture
• Labor brokers
• Employers of domestic servants
• Small business owners and managers
• Large factory owners and corporations

WHAT DO PIMPS LOOK LIKE?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?
WHAT CASES EXIST IN WI?

• Wisconsin has one of the highest number of cases of human trafficking in the United States

• ALL 72 counties in Wisconsin have reported Human trafficking

• Sex is being purchased in all counties. Some pimps used drugs to control their victims.

SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

• Shelter (Safe Harbor/Turning Point/Bridgeway)

• Therapy (Safe Harbor/DHS/Lakeshore Medical)

• Collaboration with Police

• SOLACE helpline/Hotline

• Convergence Resource Center

• Victim Witness (State or Federal resources)

• SOLACE monthly meetings

• “Ending the Game” training/trauma informed care

• “Epidemic and the Game” annual event - Healing

• Restoration bags

• LOVE INC. - “Neighbor in Need”

• Anti-Trafficking Coalition of Sheboygan - Freedom Cry

• Medical (Lakeshore Medical/Prevea/Bridgepoint)

• RAYS

SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

STILL NEEDED

• AODA

• Inpatient rehab

• Transitional living residence/life skills

• Temporary Emergency Shelter for HT
SIGNS TO LOOK FOR?

- Does person also have someone around with them?
- Are they free to come and go as they please?
- Do they owe a large debt and is unable to pay it off?
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement
- Lacks health care
- Appears malnourished
- Is not in control of their own identification documents

TRENDS

- Boys being “groomed” in juvenile system to be traffickers
- Setting up “rapes” at campus to recruit
- Pimps impregnating females (control)
- Pimps seeking out young mothers and their children
- 8-9 year olds given heroin (Milwaukee)
- Pimps seeking out foster children (attachment issues)
- Pimps seeking out victims w/ prior sexual assault history
- Recruiting cognitively disabled
- Recruiting at addiction treatment facilities/parking lots
- College kids
- Strip clubs (often HT starts here)
- Photography for models/ Music producers

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Educate community/Awareness training
- Politics: listen and learn
- Victims:
  - Build trust
  - Listen
  - Save vs. Help
  - Toll Free Hotline (NHTRC) National Human Trafficking Resource Center 1-888-373-7888
SAFETY TIPS

• Hang out in groups
• Social media: limit info sharing
• Ask questions - talk a lot, look up
• Communicate with family
• Who are your trusted friends?
• Name one trusted adult

QUESTIONS?

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