

Human Trafficking Defined

- ▶ US Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) defines **SEVERE** forms of trafficking in persons as
 - ▶ Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, **OR** in which the person induced to perform such act *has not attained 18 years of age*; or
 - ▶ The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or **obtaining of a person** for labor or services, through the **use of force, fraud, or coercion** for the **purpose of subjection** to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

The Types of Sex Trafficking in Florida

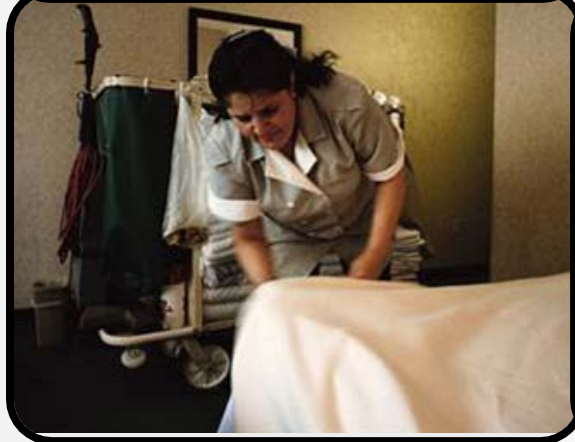
► Domestic (US Citizens) and Foreign

- Adult Sex Trafficking
- Minor Sex Trafficking
- Sexual Exploitation over the internet
- Commercial Sex Trafficking



What Forms of HT Take Place in Florida?

ALL FORMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING TAKE PLACE IN FLORIDA



In Florida...and in your County

- ▶ Average age of Sex Trafficking Exploitation is 11-14 years old.
- ▶ Florida is number 3 in the US.
- ▶ In Florida, it is estimated that 70% of sex trafficking victims were foster youth (Children Missing from Foster Care presented by NCMEC webinar on July 2013)
- ▶ Women and girls comprise majority of forced labor victims (55%), compared to (45%) men and boys. Upwards of **85-90% of sex trafficking victims.**
- ▶ Prevalence estimates vary widely due to the clandestine nature of this criminal activity, but human trafficking victims have been identified in **cities, suburbs, and rural areas** in all 50 states.
- ▶ Approximately 85% of trafficked victims here are US citizens, and ~50% are minors (<18 y.o) -US State Department, 2013

Important to Understand

- This is an **exploitation** based crime.
- It is not a migrant based problem.
- Victims will not self identify.
- Pressure is on the **prosecution** due to amount of cases.
- **Prevention** and **Protection** services have been established.
- Now you must create strong **Partnerships** to succeed in combating this in your county.

Important Cont.

- Sex trafficking according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has expanded in all areas of the State
- The FDLE has suggested to all counties to seek statewide database coordination to combat statewide networks.
- Rely on statewide networks rather than federal to combat this crime—it has shown success.
- Sex Trafficking is not Prostitution.
 - Assuming is prostitution leads to victims not

How it happens...

- Vulnerable Individuals-Children or Adults
- Children Recruiting Children
- Misconceptions about crime
- Survival Sex-Place to Stay
- Drug use
- Demand for underage and adult women
- Close Mindedness about what is happening-It does not happen
- Familial Involvement-32% of the cases
- Love/Trust/Loyalty/Guilt/Shame

Who is at Risk?

- Sexual abuse as children
 - 70-90% of commercially sexually exploited have hx of sexual abuse
 - Children with sexual abuse hx 28x more likely to be arrested for “prostitution” at some point in their lives
- Foster care
 - 85% of trafficked youth have prior child welfare involvement
- LGBT youth = runaway youth
- Poor and minority youth
- Girls who are brought to US for “work”
- Individuals who are brought here with “work contracts”
- Kids who have experimented with running away.
- Children between the ages in 11-14 in Florida
- Youth who have experienced dating violence and rape are also at higher-risk for trafficking.

Sex Trafficking in Your County



➔ Brothel System

➔ Hotel/Motel

For the Victim/Survivor

- Sexual Abuse/Assault/Rape

$$\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ \text{Johns} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{r} 7 \\ \text{Days/Week} \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 210 \\ \text{RAPES} \\ \text{per} \\ \text{WEEK} \end{array}$$

Not in the State of Florida

Inside a Brothel in Florida

- Expect One girl at a time
- Expect to find at least one or many Johns who are waiting
- Poker Chips/Cards/Matches
- Large Amount of Condoms
- Lubricants
- Make up sponges
- A watcher or manager-Not the main Trafficker. Blends in...

1. Place may be known as a Prostitution House-Call that in
2. Potential Victims may not want to speak to you.
3. May not appear afraid.
4. Will have a believable story.
5. Will pretend to live there.
6. May have transportation.
7. False identity.
8. Caretaker –House-Story
9. Will not admit to wanting help
10. Victim-System-Money-Differences
11. Different location-Different Brothel System.



Inside the Hotel/Motel System

- Fast pace
- In/out of room
- Coming out of vehicle in parking lot
- Delivery system
- Sold over the internet vs. By Word of Mouth

Profits for Traffickers

- Annual Income for 3 Victims

30 Johns  \$35 Each  7 Day Week  12 Months

15 minutes

\$35.00 to \$400.00

 \$264,600

150 Billion dollar industry

Operation Human Freedom



Operation HUMAN FREEDOM



PAM BOND



Victor Bianco Pantoja
"Omar", "Moyo"



Anahi Bengoechea
"Christina"



Delia Marañaga



Alberto Sierra
"Columbia"



Jose Mercado
Bonilla



Dalla Torres



Armando Ocampo
Hernandez



Moises
Rodriguez



Elvia Valencia
Morales



Mario Gonzales
"Catrecho"



Juan Pablo
Perez



Baldomero
Defatorre



Aurora Del Rosario
Barrientos Pirir



Martin Ortiz



Gladys Mendoza
Torres

Where do we see victims?

- ▶ Emergency departments
- ▶ Urgent care centers
- ▶ Primary care clinics
- ▶ Adolescent medical clinics
- ▶ School clinics
- ▶ Shelters
- ▶ Obstetrics/gynecology
- ▶ Homes
- ▶ Trailers
- ▶ Inner City
- ▶ Neighborhoods
- ▶ Psychiatry
- ▶ Community health centers
- ▶ Health department clinics
- ▶ Title X clinics
- ▶ Planned Parenthood
- ▶ Dental Clinics
- ▶ Hotels/Motels
- ▶ Fast Food Restaurants
- ▶ Massage Parlors
- ▶ Church
- ▶ Apartment buildings

Common Signs of Victims

1. False IDs and lying about age
2. Bruising, injuries, branding tattoos, marks on body
3. Accompanied by overly controlling companion
4. Inconsistencies in story
5. Inability or fear to make eye contact
6. Withdrawn behavior, jumpy, or anxious
7. Lack of knowledge about community/whereabouts
8. Substance abuse
9. Minor reveals not being enrolled in school or excessive absences
10. Works excessive hours, unable to leave job or move willingly
11. Does not manage own money, largely controlled by someone else
12. Not in control of identification or travel documents
13. Lives with multiple people in cramped space, lives with employer



What should you be reporting?

- ▶ A house referred by others as a prostitution house.
- ▶ In/out men by foot or by car out of a house, trailer, or apartment.
- ▶ In/out male activity out of hotel/motels.
- ▶ Runaway child or repeated attempts to runaway.
- ▶ Outside of the home for more than 4 hours frequently.
- ▶ Carrying Large amounts of condoms.
- ▶ Has an assigned/designated driver.
- ▶ Unclear/inconsistent stories about what she does for a living.
- ▶ Thinks she will be deported automatically if law enforcement is called.
- ▶ Punished you for complaining about living or working conditions.
- ▶ Forced to use drugs.
- ▶ Threaten for complaining about living or working conditions.

If you think you may have a survivor/victim

- Needs...
 - Shelter Protocols/Clothing/Food/Safety/Forensic
 - Law Enforcement
 - Engage without judging
 - No false promises
 - Get actively involved

Call the national hotline to get connected with local services or learn about the services in your area.

FDLE Hotline

1855-352-7233

**National Human Trafficking
Resource Center (NHTRC)**

1-888-3737-888

email: NHTRC@PolarisProject.org

TOLL-FREE | 24 Hours/day, 7 Days/week

Confidential | Interpreters available

Questions?

