Human Trafficking

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Human Trafficking

- Second largest criminal industry in the world and the fastest growing
- Modern day slavery in which men, women, and children are bought and sold for sexual or labor purposes.
Human Trafficking in the U.S.

- Victims may be U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents, or Foreign Born.
- The largest group of trafficking victims in the United States is now thought to be children who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.
“Severe Forms” of human trafficking are:

(a) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or

(b) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
Number of Victims

- 12.3 slaves worldwide
- Approximately 600,000 to 800,000 victims annually are trafficked across international borders worldwide
- Between 14,500 and 17,500 of those victims are trafficked into the U.S. (U.S. Department of State).
- Domestically 300,000 children are runaways in the U.S. and are at risk of being trafficked.
- 100,000 domestic minors are trafficked into the sex trade each year in the U.S.
In Ohio

783 Foreign Victims in the Sex and Labor Trade
3,016 Ohio youth at risk
1,078 domestic minors in the sex trade
Who is Recruiting?

- 59% of Ohio Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims were recruited by a **female** friend.
- 22.6% were recruited by an unrelated **female** who first acted like a friend.
- 15% were recruited by a **female** who wasn’t involved in selling herself.
- 14% were recruited by a **female** who they did not know, but who threatened or beat them.
- 18% were recruited by a **male** **friend** who was not involved in selling himself.
Where are Victims Recruited?

- Hang out Spots
- Friends/Family Houses
- Malls
- Court Houses/Juvenile Centers
- Corner Stores
- Schools
- Social service groups
Front Line Workers

- Criminal Justice
- Social Services
- Health Care
"With the young girls, you promise them heaven, they’ll follow you to hell."

- Harvey Washington, a convicted pimp.
Real Faces of Prostitution (Amanda Kloer)
Research on Prostitution

Childhood Stressors + Low Self Worth = Prostitution
Human Trafficking

- Distribution
- Supply
- Demand
Solution: Trafficking Victims Protection Act
System of Organized Crime
Crime that is Organized – Solution: Dedicated Task Forces

- Trafficker
- Bottom
- Recruiters, Watchers, Groomers
- Connectors

- Underground Economy
- Conventional Society
Demand Accountability
Customers

- Drug Dealers
- Factory Workers
- Truckers
- City Employees
- Businessmen
- Lawyers
- Construction Workers
- Teachers
- Military Men
- Managers

- Retail workers
- Government Employees
- Postal Workers
- State Employees
- Semi-professional sports players
- Social Workers
- Politicians
- Judges
- Pastors/Ministers
- Etc....
Police & Criminal Justice System
Produce Equity in Arrests

- A person involved in prostitution has an average of 8 customers.
- Example: 4 sellers have an average 32 customers or 32 potential people to arrest and hold accountable, yet most sellers are arrested.
U.S. Trafficking Cases

- Customer
- Victim
- Trafficker

Customer Testify Against Trafficker
10,000+ Murders in U.S.

Homicide Unit in every larger U.S. city

100,000 domestic minor sex trafficking victims

43+ Innocence Lost Task Forces + Other task forces
Educational System
Educate those at Risk

History of Slavery

Modern Day Slavery
Social Services

Generalized Menu of Services from Disconnected Agencies

Population Needing Highly Specialized Services in a Coordinated & Outcome Based
Must be able to Compete

Social Services 2-4 hrs wk

Trafficiker offers support 24/7
Need a Coordinated System of Care Moving Victims to Thivers

(Barbara Whitfield, 2003)

Victim
- Identified as being trafficked
- Low self esteem- shame
- Confusion-numbness
- May need people and/or substances
- Doesn’t deserve better

Survivor
- Receiving services
- Free from trafficking
- Sees patterns
- Protects self from unsafe other, but can be re-wounded

Thriver
- Faith in self & life
- Gratitude - Sees self as a miracle
- Grieves at current losses
- Creates peace and finds joy
- Self care, lives in present
- Feels authentic, connected whole
Religious System: Churches Must Become Relevant

- **Unaware**: Must become relevant to youth, particularly disenfranchised youth
- **Aware**: Alter their approaches to build relationships and meet needs
- **Action**: Carry a spiritual message in our hearts and walk with practical feet
Health Care System must be Responsive

- Unaware: Sometimes operates on a “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.
- Aware, but lacking tools: Don’t know what questions to ask or do not have access to a screening tool.
- Aware and motivated to act: If discovered, implement the protocol.
Media System: Need Responsible Media Coverage

- Two 14 year old prostitutes rescued today.....
Child Welfare System: Child Protection

Child Trafficking is Child Abuse

Child Trafficking is a Juvenile Court Issue
America’s Most Wanted

- Belle
- Cinderella
- Ariel
- Sleeping Beauty
- Barbie
Some Solutions
Legislation
Legislation – Overall Trafficking

(Polaris Project, 2012)
Michigan Report Card on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking – Shared Hope International

47 out of 102.5
Final Grade: F

- All of the sex offenses that a buyer could be convicted of require registration as a sex offender, except men convicted of buying a person in prostitution, even with a minor.
- Mistake of age may be a defense for a buyer
Legislation

- Safe Harbor Legislation
- Demand Legislation
Practice
Immediate Assessment for High Risk & Trafficked Youth

**Rescue**
- R Runaway
- E Education
- S Sexual Assault
- C Court Appearances
- U Using Drugs/Alcohol
- E Emotional Abuse

**Child**
- C Child Abuse/Neglect
- H Homelessness
- I Influential Others
- L Loving someone much older
- D Difficulty making friends
Immediate Intervention

- D Detect the presence of high risk factors using RESCUE CHILD
- I Intervene by detaining child long enough to respond
- V Value the child & recognizing his/her strengths & ability to survive thus far
- E Educate child about trafficking & your responsibility to report
- R Report to Child Protection & Police
- T Trafficking Hotline 888-3737-888
Program & Services

• A Complete an “Assessment” to understand needs
• B Get “Buy in” from the youth
• C Provide Intensive “Case Management”
• D Engage youth in “Diversion Programming” that involves trauma treatment and rooted in trauma informed care.
Pathways Model of Intervention
1. Find
   Target population – Find those at greatest risk

2. Treat
   Confirm connection to evidence-based care

3. Measure
   Measure the OUTCOMES
1. Find – Victims or High Risk Youth

- Seek and Find – Using Retired Agents
- Outreach – Street and Educational Outreach to Agencies
- Referrals from Agencies
2. Treat

- Create Pathways for high risk Youth, Victims, Survivors, Thrivers
- Identify Services (most services needed)
- Identify Providers (all providers involved)
3. Measure

- Central HUB
- Research
Awareness
Educate Youth

- Youth Resource Book
- Free App
- Online Information
Coalitions
Develop Coalitions

- Challenge your coalition to do more
- Appeal to their dreams and allow them creativity
Essential Elements to Housing for Trafficked Youth

- Safety of Youth
- Comfort Level of Youth
- Training of the Staff
Rescue Program vs. Empowerment Program

**Rescue Program**
- Mandates
- Negative messages about STD’s, pregnancy, and drug prevention
- The message is “survivors can’t trust themselves” (Rachel Lloyd)
- I’ll develop the plan, you follow it

**Empowerment Program**
- Choices
- How would you like your life to be different? What are your hopes and dreams and how can I help you make that happen?
- It’s case management together
Upstream Strategies
Human Trafficking Class
Trafficking Education Network - Human Trafficking Certificate Program

- 4 Online Courses
  - Introduction to Human Exploitation
  - Global Issues in Labor Trafficking
  - Global Issues in Sex Trafficking
  - Capstone Project
Human Trafficking Conference – UT - Last Week in September
Social Justice