

Recognizing Victims of Human Trafficking

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SEEDS of HOPE



- After drug dealing, human trafficking is tied with the illegal arms trade as the second largest criminal industry in the world, and it is the fastest growing.





LOCAL Statistics

The Salvation Army 2015 Statistics

137 Victims Served

- 127 Domestic
- 128 Sex Trafficking
- 134 Female
- 10 Foreign
- 9 Labor Trafficking
- 3 Male

Human Trafficking Defined

- Trafficking Victims' Protection Act
22 U.S.C. §7101
- The illegal trade of human beings through abduction, the use of threat or force, deception, fraud, or sale for the purpose of forced labor and/or commercial sex.



Forms of Human Trafficking

- Sex Trafficking – a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age
 - Industries include:
 - Prostitution
 - Pornography
 - Exotic Dancing/ Stripping
 - Massage Parlors
 - Escort Services
 - Modeling Studios
 - Gangs



Forms of Human Trafficking Continued...

- Labor Trafficking – 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, debt bondage or slavery



Types of Labor Trafficking

- Farming/ agricultural work
- Landscaping/ construction
- Hotel or tourist industries
- Janitorial services
- Restaurant/ cook/ waitresses
- Factory work “sweatshops”
- Domestic servitude/ housekeeping/ nannies
- Entertainment/ modeling
- Peddling/ panhandling



U.S. v Navarrete, 2008
Florida Modern Day Slavery Museum

Example of Labor Trafficking

- Given Kachepa age 11 from Zambia
- Told he would raise money to build schools in Zambia
- Held for 19 months
- Forced to perform 4-7 concerts a day
- When not performing forced to dig swimming pool by hand.



Photo courtesy of Sandy Shepherd and Given Kachepa
Zambian A Cappella Boys Choir. Given Kachepa is on top row, far right, with arms crossed. This was the official photo sold by TTT at their concerts.



Routes of Domestic Sex Trafficking in the U.S.



Myth

Child sex trafficking isn't happening in the U.S.

- Estimates 100,000 American Children are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation annually. (Estes and Wiener, 2001)
- Average age of entry 12-13
- A child involved in DMST is sexually assaulted approximately 1,500 times/ yr.
- The victims are children of all races and all different backgrounds, and range in age.



MYTHS

- It's a Choice
- Girls make the money
- They can get out at any time

Power and Control in Trafficking



Tattooing

"Spanish police rescued a 19-year-old woman who had been beaten, held in prostitution, and tattooed with a bar code and the amount of her debt."

2012 Trafficking in Persons Report





Risk Factors

- Are under 18 years old
- Walk to school or to the store alone
- Own or have access to a computer
- Are attracted to consumer goods
- Desire to develop romantic relationships
- Sometimes feel insecure
- Feel misunderstood
- Fight with their parents
- Sometimes feel their parents don't care
- Want more independence
- Test boundaries and take risks



Victim Characteristics

- 70 to 90 percent of sexually exploited children have a history of child sexual abuse.
- Chronic Runaway
- Homelessness
- Substance addiction (includes parents with addictions)
- Involvement with juvenile justice system
- Child Protective Services Involvement
- Low self-esteem/self-worth

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Recruitment

- Approach as a friend then boyfriend
- Approach as a recording artist or model representative
- Hang around malls, schools, and group foster care homes.
- Most will take months to recruit



Warning Signs

- Isolations from family and friends
- Tattooed/Branding by pimp
- Violent relationships
- Visible signs of abuse, black eyes, cut, marks
- Multiple cell phones which go off at all hours
- Unexplained source of new clothing and personal items
- Hair and nails done



Warning Signs Continued

- Running away on a Friday and returning on Sunday
- Unexplained absences at school
- Shows up exhausted
- Sleeps during the day
- Running away for weeks/months
- Running to other states



Report Human Trafficking

- Sex Trafficking
 - LVMPD – 311
- Labor Trafficking
 - FBI – 385-1281
- National Human Trafficking Hotline
1.888.3737.888
 - They will request specific details about your suspicions.
 - They will contact the local law enforcement providers who will investigate the situation.

Services provided by The Salvation Army

- Intensive Case Management, Emotional Support, and Court Advocacy to Victims of All Forms of Human Trafficking.



- Shelter
- Clothing
- Food
- Medical
- Dental
- Mental Health
- Legal relief options
- Interpretation
- Court Advocacy
- Safety Planning
- Transportation
- ESL/ Education
- Orientation to U.S. laws
- Social Service Benefits



What can you do?

- Advocate for Changes in Legislation
- Talk to your children and their friends
- Support Local Agencies doing the work
- Welcome Packs
- Gift Cards
- In Kind Services



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