UNSEEN: FAMILIAL SEX TRAFFICKING, TRAUMA AND RECOVERY

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TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
Force  Fraud  Coercion
• Any minor <18 induced to perform commercial sex under any circumstance.

• Any adult induced to perform commercial sex via force, fraud, coercion.

• Anyone, of any age, induced to perform labor/services via force, fraud, coercion.
  • Labor trafficking includes debt bondage, forced labor, and involuntary child labor.
A commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion or in which the person has not obtained 18 years of age. (10) The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose 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. (TVPA, 2000)
WHAT IS TRAFFICKING?

The A-M-P Model

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*Minors induced into commercial sex are human trafficking victims—regardless if force, fraud, or coercion is present.
Locations of Likely Human Trafficking Cases in the U.S.

Click here to view statistics state-by-state statistics.

**IMPACT AT A GLANCE**

25 PERCENT jump in cases of human trafficking from 2017

- **Survivors Identified**: 23,078
- **Human Trafficking Cases**: 10,949
- **Potential Traffickers**: 5,859
- **Suspicious Businesses**: 1,905

3,218 Individual Survivors contacted the National Hotline 7,838 TIMES.
“THE RECRUITMENT, HARBORING, TRANSPORTATION, PROVISION, OR OBTAINING OF A PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF A SEXUAL ACT.”

-TYPA, 2000
ABC’S - THE MENTALITY NEEDED TO COMBAT FAMILIAL SEX TRAFFICKING

- Ability to See
- Belief
- Capacity to Heal
"Children have the birthright to be loved and nurtured, to learn, to play and to discover their community and world, and their rights and responsibilities within. Above all, they have the right to grow into their unique and full human potential free from coercion, exploitation and abuse." World Vision Canada, Girls! Stories Worth Telling, 6
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Gangs

Online/Webcam

Stripping, Erotic Performance & Massage

Street Based Prostitution

Pornography

Familial

This is happening in our communities!
### Types of Traffickers:

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<td>• Uses force to overpower</td>
<td>• Uses romance, gifts and ‘love’ to entice</td>
<td>• Uses money, job offers and business strategies to swindle.</td>
<td>• Uses familial relationships to gain access.</td>
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<td>• Men 18+ who want to hang out with younger girls</td>
<td>• Girls are vulnerable who are runaways, or simply have other vulnerabilities</td>
<td>• Aspiring young women in the entertainment industry, models.</td>
<td>• Exploits trust.</td>
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<td>• Overly friendly girls (recruiters) to party with them.</td>
<td>• Guys who fall in love too quickly.</td>
<td>• Men who are agents and flash cash – very pushy.</td>
<td>• Children are typically groomed in at a very young age.</td>
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“We believe that every child, regardless of their personal situation, has intrinsic worth, value, purpose, intelligence and competence. No child should be marginalized.”

-Understanding God's Heart for Children- McConnell, Orna, Stockley, p43
DIMENSIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Physical
2. Educational
3. Social
4. Spiritual
5. Psychological
PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS:

- Series of Injuries / Health Issues
- Asthma / Respiratory Issues
- Gastrointestinal
- Chronic Pain
- Headaches
- Contusions / Cigarette Burns
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Anxiety

*Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health. Tiffany Dovydaitys; 55, 5, p. 462-467*
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SIGNS TO LOOK FOR:

People Pleaser
- Quiet or overly shy
- Afraid to make eye contact
- Does not speak up willingly

Difficulty in school
- Learning Issues
- Often tired or absent
- Often bullied (70%)

Social Skills
- Dressed inappropriately
- Lack of friends
1. Physical
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SOCIAL / EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES:

- Lack of social skills and/or life experiences
- Consistently apologetic (a survival tactic)
- Disorganized Attachment Systems
SOCIAL INDICATORS:

Delayed Social skills

Not able to make friends or attach to others

Not able to participate in social conversations. Minor knows they must be silent.

Constantly apologizes - I'm Sorry
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“All people still carry within them the Imago Dei. Whether people come to Christ or not they still have great worth and dignity because they still have the image of God within them.”

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McConnell, Orona, Stockley, p.33
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THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMA:

- Loss of Safety
- Shame
- Loss of trust
- Loss of danger cues
- Loss of Intimacy
- Loss of Self worth
- Dissociation
- Re-enactment
In her heart she is a mourner for those who have not survived.

In her soul she is a warrior for those who are now as she was then.

In her life she is both celebrant and proof of women's capacity and will to survive, to become, to act, to change self and society.

And each year she is stronger and there are more of her.”

Andrea Dworkin
HEALING FROM COMPLEX-PTSD:

Never Give Up!

- Safety
- Remembrance / Mourning
- Reconnection

Herman, p156. Trauma and Recovery
MORE THAN A SURVIVOR:

“...The experience of positive change that an individual experiences as a result of a traumatic event.” P6

5 AREAS:

- Appreciation of Life (Thankfulness)
- Relationship with Others (Connectedness)
- New Possibilities in Life (Hope)
- Personal Strength (Strength)
- Spiritual Change (Faith)
FAMILIAL SEX TRAFFICKING
How to Identify the Trafficker

Unfortunately, there is a high demand in illicit markets for young children to be sexually exploited, often at a premium.

Percentage of child survivors (CSEC) who reported being trafficked by a family member

33%

Characteristics of Perpetrators:

- Are well connected in the community
- Have control of all aspects of the victims environment
- Often maintain a ‘day’ job in which they appear charismatic & successful
- Expects others to admire him/her
- A potential community or public figure
- Constantly monitoring the minor
- Appears to be the perfect parent
- Grandiose sense of importance
- Lacks empathy
- Controlling, actions, decisions, reactions
- Changes jobs frequently
- Charming/charismatic

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How to Identify the Victim

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Characteristics of Victims:

- Minors are trafficked by a family member. This is an extreme violation of trust on deep levels.
- Minors are exploited within the communities in which they live.
- Survivors of familial trafficking often endure long term and complex post traumatic stress disorder.
- Show signs of sexual, physical or emotional abuse.
- Oversexualized.
- Exhibits trauma symptoms; startle response, lack of focus.
- Lacks social skills, eye contact.
- Learning challenges.
- Susceptible to bullying.
- Perfectionist, people pleaser & consistently apologetic.

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NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

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ADDITIONAL TRAININGS:

- CSEC101/102
- Familial Sex Trafficking
- Educator / Social Work Strategies
- Nurse Human Trafficking 101
- Trauma, Resilience and Faith
- Keynote Presentation