WORKING WITH DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS
Modern day slavery in which men, women, and children are bought and sold for sexual or labor purposes.

Second largest criminal industry in the world and the fastest growing.
The TVPA considers “severe” forms of Trafficking 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 an 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 purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
NUMBER OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

- 35 million victims worldwide (Global Index, 2014)
- Approximately 600,000 to 800,000 annually across borders worldwide
- 14,500 and 17,500 foreign victims in U.S each year
- 300,000 youth at risk
- 100,000 youth trafficking in sex trade each year.
DEFINITIONS

- Human Trafficking
- Labor Trafficking
- Sex Trafficking
- Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)

- DMST- Occurs when children are kidnapped, coerced, forced, manipulated, or appear to have entered the sex industry by choice
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LOOK
BENEATH
THE SURFACE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS
MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

A victim of trafficking may look like many of the people you see everyday.

Ask the right questions and look for clues. You are vital because you may be the only outsider with the opportunity to speak with a victim.

There are safe housing, health, immigration, food, income, employment, legal and interpretation services available to victims, but first they must be found.

If you think someone is a victim of trafficking, call 1.888.373.7888

For more information about human trafficking visit www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking.
Human Trafficking: Hidden in Plain Sight
TYPES OF TRAFFICKING “PIMPS”

- Guerilla Pimping
- Finesse Pimping
Manipulative practices, often convincing their victim that they care about them and love them.

Pimps are masters at identifying vulnerable youth and identifying and exploiting the vulnerabilities of a specific child.

Once seduced, pimps use physical and psychological torture and control.

Tactics lead to complete obedience and a breakdown of personal autonomy.

Pimps use the increased glamorization of pimp/ho culture, as well as cultural acceptance of demand for child victims, to help maintain control of the child.
WHO HELPS TO RECRUIT VICTIMS?

• Other underage girls
• Young boys
• Adult women
WHERE ARE VICTIMS RECRUITED?

- Hang out Spots
- Friends/Family Houses
- Malls
- Court Houses/Juvenile Detention Centers
- Corner Stores
- Schools
- Social Service groups
WHERE YOUTH WORK

- Street-Work
- Strip Clubs / Private Dancing
- Massage or Escort Services
- Convention Centers / Sporting Events
- Tourist Destinations
- Cat Houses
- Truck Stops
Hotel room keys/key cards
Numerous school absences
False ID’s and lying about age
Much older, abusive, or controlling men
Having large amounts of cash, jewelry, new clothes
Recurrent STI’s/STD’s and/or need for pregnancy tests
Signs of physical assault including: branding or tattooing, broken bones, black eyes, etc
Being a runaway, homeless, or involved in child protection is a risk factor
Among others......
MICRO AND MACRO PRACTICE
PREPARATION FOR MICRO WORK WITH VICTIMS

If not supported, 77% of youth in Midwest will go into adult street based prostitution
SARAH’S STORY
<table>
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<th>Child Abuse</th>
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<td>Child typically feels powerless</td>
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<td>Child is not normally the seducer</td>
<td>Child may act as the seducer</td>
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<td>Often appears withdrawn &amp; quiet, though may be loud, aggressive &amp; have self-destructive behavior (e.g. drugs)</td>
<td>Often expresses emotions, although not feelings about CSE</td>
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<td>Inside system (often still in school, clubs etc.)</td>
<td>Outside system (often not in school)</td>
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<td>Usually kept secret from friends and peers</td>
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<td>Apart from abuser, people around say it is a bad thing</td>
<td>People in the social circle of child may say it is a good thing</td>
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<td>Wider community is sympathetic and supportive</td>
<td>Wider community views behavior in a negative way</td>
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The presence of a perceived threat to one's physical or psychological survival and the belief that the abuser would carry out the threat

The presence of perceived small kindnesses from the abuser to the victim

What needs to be present for Stockholm Syndrome to occur?

- Isolation from perspectives other than those of the abuser
- The perceived inability to escape the situation

Source: (CSEC Curriculum, Lloyd and Polaris Project)
Victim Centered Approach

- Systematic focus on the needs and concerns of a victim to ensure the compassionate and sensitive delivery of services in a nonjudgmental manner.

- Seeks to minimize re-traumatization associated with the criminal justice process by providing the support of victim advocates and service providers, empowering survivors as engaged participants in the process, and providing survivors an opportunity to play a role in seeing their traffickers brought to justice. (Office of Victims of Crime)

Social Work

- Code of Ethics
  - Nonjudgmental Attitude
  - Clients Chooses Goals
  - Empower Client
  - Strength-Based Approach
Training for staff in the following content areas:
- 1. Ethics
- 2. Confidentiality
- 3. Trauma Informed Care
- 4. Safety Protocols
- 5. Human Trafficking 101 or Equivalent Training
- 6. Crisis Intervention
- 7. Community Resources/Partners
- 8. Vicarious Trauma
- 10. Know how to serve the Core Needs of Victims (safety, justice, recovery)
THE WORK
Explaining who you are and why you care
Screen in a private, comfortable and safe environment.
Nonjudgmental, strength based approach.
Actively listen. Try not to take notes
Be clear about your role
Establish rapport if possible
Ask- Is it safe for you to talk with me right now? How safe do you feel right now? Are there times when you don’t feel safe? Do you feel like you are in any kind of danger while speaking with me at this location?
Don’t ask ‘are you a trafficking victim?’
Immediately assess for safety
Provide basic information/education about trafficking
Ask for victim’s consent to call authorities
Avoid pity and judgment
Avoid derogatory language
Does someone control, supervise or monitor your work/actions?

Can you leave your job or work situation if you want to?

Was there ever a time when you wanted to leave this person or job, but felt that you could not?

What did you think would have happened if you left the situation?

Did you feel it was your only option to stay in the situation?

Did anyone ever force you to do something physically or sexually that you didn’t feel comfortable doing?

Were you ever physically abused (shoved, slapped, hit, kicked, scratched, punched, burned, etc.) by anyone?

Were you ever sexually abused (sexual assault/unwanted touching, rape, sexual exploitation, etc.) by anyone?
- Be aware that many victims don’t self identify as victims
- Be aware that some may identify this person as a boyfriend
- Be aware of the power dynamics
- Be aware of the potential threats made and past intimidation
- Be aware of your own safety
YOUTH VICTIM NEEDS

- Social Services - Case Management/Care Coordination
  - Health Care
  - Legal Services
  - Positive and Prosocial Informal and Formal Supports
  - Trauma Treatment
  - Basic Needs
  - Reunification or other housing
  - Education
  - Informal Supports - Leisure/Fun/Recreation
  - Leadership Opportunities
STANDARDS FOR SERVICE

- Ethical Standards
- Media Standards
- 24 hour Response Line
- Emergency Response
- Survivor Peer Support
- Street Outreach
- Trauma Specific Therapy
- Sheltering and Short Term Housing
- Residential Program
- Alcohol and Drug Treatment
- Case Management/Victim Advocacy
- Street Outreach
- Drop In Center
SHELTER FOR YOUTH

Runaway Shelters

Institution

Group Home

Foster Home

Drop In Centers

Home
Many victims return to abusive situations.

Breaking trauma bonds takes the following:

- time
- being genuine and caring about their welfare
- building a trusting relationship
- involving survivors in programming
- providing basic needs assistance
- offering hope for positive change over time.
COLLABORATIONS

Peer Led Providers
- Support
- Support Groups
- Advocacy
- Street Outreach
- Education

Professional Providers
- Case Management
- Counseling
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Mental Health Treatment
STAGES OF CHANGE THEORY

Victim
- Pre-Contemplation

Survivor
- Contemplation
- Preparation

Thriver
- Action
- Maintenance
Laura Coulter – Real Faces of Prostitution
MACRO LEVEL UNDERSTANDING
STOP SEEING IT LIKE THIS

Childhood Stressors + Low Self Worth = Prostitution
SEE IT LIKE THIS

Distribution

Supply

Demand
Note: In some cases, predators interested in raping and/or robbing will pretend to be a police officer. In addition, most street level sex workers (93%) have worked both in and outside of Ohio. Ninety-one percent of those who currently have a pimp and 89% of those who are currently forced, reported working both inside and outside of Ohio.

Therefore it is unknown in which states subjects had paid sex with those in the professions above.

Blue (far left) represents those involved in prostitution in Ohio, Red (middle column) represents those victims of sex trafficking involved through manipulation, and Green (far right) represents victims involved by force.
Toledo Blade - May 27, 2012 - Customers from the suburbs of Toledo arrested for buying sex. Two were 44 years old, one 59, and one 72 years old. One was a member of the Toledo Opera Guild, one was a business man, one was a lawyer, and one was a builder. The two women, age 18 and 28 were sellers.
MACRO INTERVENTIONS
“Child Prostitutes Sell Themselves on Craigslist”

“Sacramento police have nabbed nearly 70 underage girls for child prostitution since 2005.”

INTERVENTION: CHILD PROTECTION

Child Trafficking is Child Abuse

Child Trafficking is a Juvenile Court Issue
MACRO INTERVENTION: SAFE HARBOR LAW

Two Main Components

1. Legal Protection
2. Provision of Services

12 States with Safe Harbor Laws

NY    IL    MA    MN           VT    OH
NE    NJ    WA    KY           LA    NC

9 States with Partial Safe Harbor Laws

AK    CT    FLA    KS    TN
CA    MS    OK    TX

29 States without Safe Harbor Laws

Polaris Project, 2013
MACRO INTERVENTION: AGENCIES SHOULD ENGAGE IN TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

- Understand Trauma and Its Impact
- Understand Vicarious Trauma and Its Impact
- Promote Safety
- Ensuring Cultural Humility
- Supporting Consumer Control, Choice and Autonomy
- Sharing Power and Governance
- Integrated & Holistic System of Care
- Caring and Supportive Relationships
- On-Going Healthy Boundary Analysis
- Belief that Recovery is Possible

Source: (Headington Institute, 2010, www.headington-institute.org)
WHAT A LACK OF TRAUMA INFORMED SERVICES LOOKS LIKE

- Strip searches, locked holding pens by law enforcement
- Multiple interviews, male only interviewers to sex trafficked girls
- Use of authoritative-interrogative methods of interviewing
- Using offensive words that assume weakness or guilt e.g. noncompliant, prostitute, manipulative
- Language that assumes guilt
- Attitude of arrogance about the experience
MACRO INTERVENTION:
TEACH TRAFFICKING IN SCHOOLS

History of Slavery

Modern Day Slavery
MACRO INTERVENTION: MENTAL HEALTH

Generalized Menu of Counseling Services

Population Needing Highly Specialized Trauma Treatment Services
MACRO INTERVENTION: OFFER COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT

Social Services
Offers support
2-4 hrs wk

Trafficker
offers support
24/7
PREVENTION
### Year or More Before Trafficked
- Rape
- Friends Purchased Sex
- Child Emotional Abuse
- Runaway
- Juvenile Detention
- Worry Eat/Sleep

### Less Than Year Before Trafficked
- Rape
- Friends Purchased Sex
- Child Abuse
- Much Older BF/GF

### MACRO INTERVENTION: ENGAGE IN EARLY INTERVENTION: RISK FACTORS
ADULTS: BLURRED LINES & LABELS FOR ADULTS

Street Prostitution
Friends who purchased sex & sold sex

No Statistically Significant Differences
Being Runaway
Rape
Juvenile Court
Homelessness
Mental Health
Child abuse
DOA Use

Sex Trafficked Adults
Emotional Abuse
Child Abuse
Worry Eat/Sleep
MACRO INTERVENTIONS: MEDIA
Love's Baby Soft. Because innocence is sexier than you think.
IT’S HARD OUT HERE FOR A 14 YEAR OLD
IMPORTANCE OF MEN TO TEACH BOYS AND ADULT MALES

- Maleness
  - Biology

- Boyhood
  - What can you do for me?

- Manhood
  - What can I do for you?
FREEDOM, JUSTICE & HUMAN RIGHTS