



## Human Trafficking:

What Your Community Needs to Know

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### What is Human Trafficking?

**BUYING, SELLING, or TRADING** a person for sex and/or labor resulting in the payment of goods, services, or money to another person.

**NO COMPENSATION TO VICTIM:** participation is based in manipulation, lies, tricks, shame, and eventual force.

**MODERN DAY SLAVERY:** demeaning, degrading, & often life threatening.

Source: Sex Trafficking of Children in the United States: Overview and Issues for Congress January 2015  
2014-03-25 3 (LES-NF) Texas Human Trafficking Assessment 2014 & DMST Alternatives Report to 82nd Legislature



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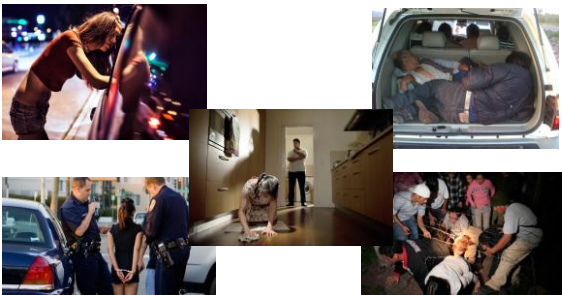
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### HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS NOT Human Smuggling



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service labor



hospitality workers



pan handling



door to door sales



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### SEX TRAFFICKING; PROSTITUTION?

- If a person in "prostitution" is held in service through psychological manipulation or physical force
- OR
- If they are being exploited to pay off a debt
- OR
- If they are under threats of serious harm against them or someone they love
- OR
- They are being blackmailed for sex
- **THEY ARE A TRAFFICKING VICTIM!**



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U.S. DOJ NCIRS Youth Involvement in the Sex Trade: A National Study June 2016 Document #249952 Authors Rachel Swaner, Melissa Labriola, Michael Rempel, Allyson Walker, Joseph Spadafora



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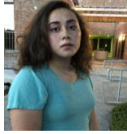
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- Traffickers can earn approximately **\$208,000 per year** with a **stable of 2 victims**.
- Victims are sold 5-6 times per day, 7 days a week, which totals over **2,000 sex acts per year**.
- Average daily quota **\$2,000.00**

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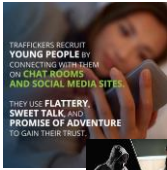
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- **Bunny Hunting:** Hunting for vulnerable victims online.



**Knockers:** Befriend victim and introduce to Trafficker



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**What should you do if you find predatory interactions on a devise?**

1. Stop, take a deep breath, avoid rash decisions
2. Do not delete anything, put the devise into airplane mode
3. Put other devises connected to the devise into airplane mode
4. Call the police
5. Get professional counseling for the victim. Guilt and shame have been used as weapons against them.

**Predators are manipulators and they are good at it.**




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### Fractionation Seduction

**SEDUCE "S":** Escalation from emotional rapport to love and intense passion utilizing the victim's love languages with false promises and conditional rewards.

**CONDISTIONING "C":** Utilizing ENTICE/REPEL to change behavior, corrupt morals, and undermine self confidence.



Salyard, A. (1994). Object-coercive Doubling and Freud's Seduction Theory. *Psychoanalytic Review*, 81(4)

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### Fractionation Seduction



**ENSLAVEMENT "E":** Creating desperation with a constant threat of loss and isolating the victim from all other relationships.

#### "DADDY"

- **Provider:** Sole source of the victim's basic needs, such as clothing, food, & shelter. Puts victim "on the leash".
- **Protector:** Uses physical power and intimidation to "protect", but also control, the victim.



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### Fractionation Seduction

**"GORILLA" THE PUNISHER:** A trafficker who uses violence and threats to control a person.

- When this happens the victim is made to believe they are at fault
- Also seen in domestic violence and cults



Source: CNN Freedom Project; Bradley riley, July 13 2016, CNN.Com



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### “Why do they stay? Why don’t they leave?”

**TRAUMA BONDING** occurs when someone uses fear, sexual feelings and excitement to entrap someone else.



- The result of an alternating system of **rewards** and **punishments** to create an emotional bond
- The victim believes the Trafficker is the only person who “loves” them.



Source: The International Institute for Trauma & Addiction Professionals




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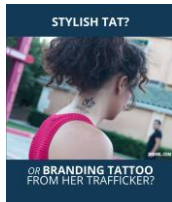
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### VICTIMS BECOME PROPERTY

- Traffickers “stamp” their victim, this is usually a tattoo on the shoulder, neck, or back, it is the traffickers “brand” or “logo”.
- Victims not allowed to communicate with other traffickers.



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### VICTIM’S HEALTH

- Trafficked persons are often treated as disposable possessions (PROPERTY) without much attention given to their mental or physical health.
- Health problems include:
  - Malnutrition and dehydration
  - Sexually transmitted diseases
  - Bruising, cuts, and fractures
  - Infections
  - Post-traumatic stress and other psychological disorders

Source: United States Department of Homeland security, blue campaign, identify a victim online resources: <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/identify-victim>




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### Know your ABCs

- A. APPEARANCE**
- B. BEHAVIOR**
- C. COMMUNICATION**



Source: <https://blog.3rdmil.com/blog/Recognizing-Red-Flags>




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### APPEARANCE

- Signs of physical abuse such as burns, bruises, or cuts
- Signs of poor hygiene, may look sick, use makeup to cover injuries
- “Branding” tattoos
- Clothing too sexual, wrong size, popular brand-named but not appropriate for their age, the weather, or location
- Hair and nails expensive, but is cash poor

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### BEHAVIOR

- “Boyfriend” or “girlfriend”, who is controlling / violent
- Unease where there is visible security or law enforcement
- Signs of depression or anxiety
- Signs of substance abuse or alcohol abuse
- Previously engaged but has become withdrawn

Source: United States Department of Homeland Security, blue campaign, identify a victim online resources; <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/identify-victim>




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## COMMUNICATION

- Can't provide details about where they have been or where they are going
- Answers appear rehearsed, and they become nervous or angry if pressed for details
- Look to a companion, closely watched, or followed
- Obsessed with money
- Invites other students to "party" with their older "boyfriend" or "girlfriend"



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<https://abcnews.go.com/US/identify-human-trafficking-victims-hidden-plain-sight/story?id=52258660>

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**RMYA Centro Seguro Drop-In Center**  
 3103 West Ave. San Antonio, Texas 78213  
 (210) 340-8090

- Center open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Youth age 5 to age 24 who are;
  - Homeless
  - Runaways
  - At-risk of Exploitation
  - Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Youth receive trauma-informed and evidence-based services in a non-judgmental and safe environment.




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### TXT 4 HELP

TXT 4 HELP is a nationwide, 24-hour text-for-support service for teens in crisis. If you're in trouble or need help, text SAFE and your current location (address, city, state) to 4HELP (44357) for immediate help.




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### RMYA Emergency Services

- RMYA's Emergency Services programs include the Bridge Emergency Shelter and La Puerta Emergency Shelter
- Both shelters serve youth 24-hours a day in a structured setting for up to 90 days
- La Puerta focuses on trafficked youth and youth with high therapeutic needs due to trauma-induced behavioral and emotional issues.




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### Turning Point Transitional Living

- Transitional Housing for youth ages 18-24
- Youth aging out of foster care or abusive or neglectful homes and are ill equipped to adjust to life on their own
- Youth receive case management and life skills teaching them how to be an independent young adults
- Coordinated Entry for Federal Rapid Housing Assistance
- For more information call (210) 349-3610




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### Family Counseling & Resource Center

- Individual and family counseling, short-term pediatric and adolescent psychiatric services, and parent education classes
- Counseling services for youth in RMYA programs
- Free initial assessments for youth and their family
- Day and evening hours
- Open six days a week and by appointment on Sundays




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