SEX TRAFFICKING
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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to...

- Understand sex trafficking dynamics;
- Identify sex trafficking indicators;
- Understand victim dynamics, poly-victimization, and trauma response;
- Outline successful collaboration models to combat sex trafficking.
SEX TRAFFICKING OVERVIEW
The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 defines sex trafficking as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act.

A Sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or the person induced to perform such an act is under 18 years of age.

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
CSEC IS...

- Sexual activity involving a child in exchange for something of value
- The child is treated as a commercial and sexual object to be sold and traded
  - A Sex Act
  - An Exchange of goods
  - A third Party benefits
  - Under the age of 18
DOMESTIC COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN QUESTIONNAIRE:

In the United States, what is the average age of entry to the sex industry?
- A) 12-14
- B) 15-17
- C) 18-21

What percentage of teens will be recruited into the life within 48 hours of becoming homeless?
- A) 1 in 100 teens will be trafficked
- B) 1 in 55 teens will be trafficked
- C) 1 in 11 teens will be trafficked
- D) 1 in 3 teens will be trafficked

How many youth are exploited annually in the US?
- A) 100,000
- B) 200,000
- C) 300,000

How many years does the average child live after entering the sex industry?
- A) 26 Years
- B) 7 Years
- C) 15 Years
90% of Youth Disclosed Prior Victimization

Victims experience significant Polyvictimization

Victimization is a condition not an event

up to 77% of victims were diagnosed with PTSD

12-14 years old
11-13 years old

Average Age of Entry


STATISTICS

469
Children Identified

15.5
Average age Identified

50%
Affiliated with Gang

16%
Children who have Children

There are at least 429 Suspected Traffickers in Multnomah county
CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

1 in 6 endangered runaways reported to NCMEC in 2014 were likely sex trafficking victims.

That is up from 1 in 7 in 2013

68% of these likely sex trafficking victims were in the care of social services or foster care when they ran.
INTERSECTION OF VIOLENCE

Domestic Violence
- Physical Abuse
- Verbal Abuse
- Psychological Abuse
- Economic Abuse

Systemic Violence
- Sexism
- Racism
- Classism
- Prison Industrial System

Sexual Violence
- Rape, gang rape
- Sexual exploitation

Child Abuse
- Early childhood sexual abuse
- Physical & emotional abuse

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
CSEC INCLUDES

- Pornography
- Stripping
- Erotic/Nude Massage
- Escort Service
- Chat Lines
- Private Parties
- Gang-based Prostitution/Organized Crime
- Interfamilial Pimping
- Internet Sites & Hotels (out-call vs. in-call)
- Walking the Track
THE CRIME
Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery.

This crime occurs when
- a trafficker
- uses force, fraud or coercion
- to control another person
- for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts against his/her will or
- soliciting labor or services against his/her will.
SEX TRAFFICKING
COMMON BUSINESS MODELS

- Pimp directed
- Commercial Front business (massage parlor, nail salon)
- Internet based (backpage.com)
- Facility Based (brothel)
- Family Directed
- Mobile (delivery vans)
- Survival
SUPPLY & DEMAND

Pimp (Supplier)

Victim (Item of value) ↔ John (Buyer)
MAPPING THE MARKET FOR SEX WITH TRAFFICKED MINOR GIRLS IN MINNEAPOLIS: STRUCTURES, FUNCTIONS, AND PATTERNS

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http://uroc.umn.edu/sextrafficking/
THE PIMP’S BUSINESS

- Travel in circuits & rely on connections to other pimps to stay informed about law enforcement
- Motivated by money
- Use advanced methods of coercion and fraud to maintain control
- Believe there is relatively low risk, comparatively

FREQUENCY

Statistics from 1/1/15-12/31/15
Estimated that 70-80% of Human Trafficking was sex trafficking
18 U.S.C 1591 Sex Trafficking of Children or by Force, Fraud, or Coercion

Whoever knowingly:
1) in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, or within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any means a person; or
2) benefits, financially or by receiving anything of value, from participation

Knowing that force, fraud, or coercion will be used to cause the person to engage in a commercial sex act, or that the person has not attained the age of 18 years and will be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

Mandatory Minimums 10 and 15 years

18 U.S.C 2421 Mann Act- Transportation

Whoever knowingly transports any individual in interstate or foreign commerce, or in an Territory of Possession of the United States, with intent that such individual engage in prostitution, or in any sexual activity which any person can be charged with a criminal offense, or attempts to do so.

18 U.S.C 2423 Transportation of Minors

A person who knowingly transports an individual who has not attained the age of 18 years in interstate or foreign commerce, or in any commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States, with intent that the individual engage in prostitution, or in any sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense.

Mandatory Minimum 10 years
167.012 Promoting prostitution  (1) A person commits the crime of promoting prostitution if, with intent to promote prostitution, the person knowingly: (a) Owns, controls, manages, supervises or otherwise maintains a place of prostitution or a prostitution enterprise; or (b) Induces or causes a person to engage in prostitution or to remain in a place of prostitution; or (c) Receives or agrees to receive money or other property, other than as a prostitute being compensated for personally rendered prostitution services, pursuant to an agreement or understanding that the money or other property is derived from a prostitution activity; or (d) Engages in any conduct that institutes, aids or facilitates an act or enterprise of prostitution.

167.017 Compelling prostitution  (1) A person commits the crime of compelling prostitution if the person knowingly: (a) Uses force or intimidation to compel another to engage in prostitution or attempted prostitution; (b) Induces or causes a person under 18 years of age to engage in prostitution; (c) Aids or facilitates the commission of prostitution or attempted prostitution by a person under 18 years of age; or (d) Induces or causes the spouse, child or stepchild of the person to engage in prostitution.
ALL CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

- Sex abuse charges
- Coercion
- Assault charges (might look like DV)
- Weapons violations
- Drug trafficking
- Stalking
YOUR LOCATION

INTERSTATE 84
INTERSTATE 5
INTERSTATE 5

GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS

backpage.com

FOR RENT

CASINO

HOMELESS HUNGRY
FOOD BLESSED
VICTIM DYNAMICS
Easy Slutty Bad Girl There by choice Throw away Pretty woman

Dirty Likes Sex Consenting Adult Criminal Drug Addict

Exploited Child Needs Help Used No choice Taken advantage of Rape
HELP END CHILD PROSTITUTION

AMERICA'S CHILDREN ARE NOT FOR SALE.

1-800-CALL FBI
CALL FBI (225-5324)
CHILDREN WHO ARE AT RISK FOR RECRUITMENT INTO CSEC:

- 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
- Want to feel more “grown up”
- Feel misunderstood
- Fight with their parents
- Sometimes feel their parents don’t care or don’t have parents
- Want more independence
- Test boundaries and take risks
All youth may be at risk based on the vulnerabilities of age and the complexities of being a teenager – but reality shows us that the greater the oppression the greater the vulnerability.

The majority of youth that I have serve are youth who have experienced oppression based on:
- History of sexual abuse
- Race
- Economic status
- Being part of the system/DHS-involved or juvenile justice
- Parents being part of the criminal justice system etc.
- Family Members who are or have been in the life
Girls’ rate of sexual abuse is 4 times higher than boys’ in juvenile justice, and girls’ rate of complex trauma (five or more ACEs) is nearly twice as high.


Info graphics from The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: The Girls’ Story. Download available at www.law.georgetown.edu/go/poverty
GIRLS IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT BY RACE AND ETHNICITY


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Current cultural messages that promote the sexual exploitation of girls, women, and LGBTQ individuals:

• Media
• Sexualization of youth
• Female worth based on looks
• Male entitlement/POWER dynamics
• Dehumanization & objectification
WHO FACILITATES THE EXPLOITATION?

- Pimps
  - Guerilla vs. finesse
  - “Boyfriend”
  - Street “daddy”
- Madams
- Familial
- Organized Crime/Gangs
- Johns
- Systemic Oppression
- Communities who fail to protect their Children & other vulnerable populations
WHY DO THEY STAY?

• Trauma Bonding
• Fear & Intimidation
• Family
• Community
• Addiction/Normalcy
WHAT DOES TRAUMA BONDING LOOK LIKE?

- Positive feelings by victim toward the abuser
- Negative feelings by victim toward family, friends, or authorities trying to intervene
- Justification of abuser's reasons or behaviors
- "I thought I could fix him"
- Inability to engage in behaviors that may assist in detachment
VICTIMS ARE:

- Targeted
- Tricked
- Traumatized
Pimp Tactics
Of Coercion and Control

- Degradation
- Demonstrating “omnipotence”
- Threats
- Enforcing trivial demands
- Isolation
- Monopolization of perception
- Induced debility & exhaustion
- Occasional indulgences
Pimp Tactics
Of Coercion and Control

Hoes
1. Treat like shit
2. Abuse emotionally
   - mentally
   - physically
3. Lie always
4. Creditize all
5. Make them fear
   - DADDY
IDENTIFYING VICTIMS
IDENTIFYING CSEC VICTIMS

CSEC – Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
Sometimes also called DMST (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking) or simply sex trafficking.

Why is victim identification important?
If the age of an individual has been verified to be under 18, and the individual is in any way involved in the commercial sex industry, or has a record of prior arrest for prostitution (or related charges), then he or she is a CSEC victim.
HOW DOES A CHILD BECOME A VICTIM?
PATHWAYS TO ENTRY
(WAYS RECRUITMENT CAN HAPPEN)

- Parents selling children
- Violence and force
- Kidnapping
- Seduction and coercion
- False advertising for “modeling”, “acting”, or “dancing” opportunities
- Peer recruitment
- Internet enticement through chat rooms or profile-sharing sites
In your profession, what might you observe that could potentially indicate you are working with a sex trafficking victim?
IDENTIFYING CSEC VICTIMS

- Physical & sexual violence
- Fear, anxiety, depression, submission, tension, and/or nervousness
- "hyper-vigilance"
- Adults or older men
- Controlling or dominating relationships
- Possession of expensive clothing, jewelry or a cell phone
IDENTIFYING CSEC VICTIMS

- Not in control
- Lingo or slang
- Secrecy about whereabouts
- Unaccounted for time, vagueness concerning whereabouts, defensiveness
- Late-night or unusual hours
- A tattoo that he or she is reluctant to explain
IDENTIFYING CSEC VICTIMS

- Clues in behavior or appearance that could indicate that a child is underage
- Personal information – such as age, name, and/or date of birth – might change or information given might contradict itself.
- Has no identification
- Has an explicitly sexual online profile
- Excessive frequenting of internet chat rooms or classified sites
IDENTIFYING CSEC VICTIMS

- Depicts elements of sexual exploitation or the commercial sex industry in drawing, poetry or other modes of creative expression.
- Frequent or multiple sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) or pregnancies
- Homeless or runaway youth
- Youth living in group homes and youth shelters
- Truancy or tardiness from school
- Family dysfunction
THE VICTIM IS THE CASE
INHERENT CHALLENGES

- Keeping in Touch with Victim
- History of Sexual, Physical and/or Emotional Abuse and Neglect
- Manipulation by Pimp
- Chronic Runaways
- Absence of Family and/or Family Dysfunction
- Limited Resources and Availability of Services

SAFETY ISSUES - contact with law enforcement and criminal justice system can put victim in danger with pimp
CONSIDER...

- In sex trafficking cases, the victim is the evidence
- Progressive disclosure
- Conduct before and after being trafficked
- Drug use
- Criminal history
- Skeptical of law enforcement
- Boundary issues
- Unreasonable expectations of legal system
- Continuing communication with pimp, especially if child in common
- Poor judgment
Understand that disclosures will likely be progressive evolving. In most cases you will have more than one interview.
The Cycle of Change
Prochaska & DiClemente

- **Precontemplation**: A logical starting point for the model, where there is no intention of changing behavior; the person may be unaware that a problem exists.
- **Contemplation**: The person becomes aware that there is a problem, but has made no commitment to change.
- **Preparation**: The person is intent on taking action to correct the problem; usually requires buy-in from the client (i.e. the client is convinced that the change is good) and increased self-efficacy (i.e. the client believes s/he can make change).
- **Action**: The person is in active modification of behavior.
- **Maintenance**: Sustained change occurs and new behavior(s) replaces old ones. Per this model, this stage is also transitional.
- **Relapse**: The person falls back into old patterns of behavior.
- **Upward Spiral**: Each time a person goes through the cycle, they learn from each relapse and (hopefully) grow stronger so that relapse is shorter or less devastating.

**Upward Spiral**
Learn from each relapse
MODELS THAT WORK
Everyone has their role to play.

Not one organization can meet all the needs of this population.

Identify culturally specific services for true healing.

Needs to be a level of trust among partners for true collaboration to work.
CASE STUDY

Contact with Law Enforcement → Advocate called out → Needs Medical Attention

Needs Medical Attention → Because of trust built with advocate victim decides to talk

Because of trust built with advocate victim decides to talk → Disclosure → Trial

Disclosure → Trial → Continued support

Continued support → Case Management, Shelter & Treatment

Case Management, Shelter & Treatment → Grand Jury
SCREENING TOOLS AND ASSESSMENTS

Breakout Brainstorm:

Who, in your community, are our vulnerable populations?

What are some questions you could easily integrate in your screening process to assist in identifying sex trafficking victims?

What are ways you could assess your community’s ability to respond to sex trafficking?

Which disciplines or professionals in your community need additional training and support to identify sex trafficking victims?
The FBI has 153 Victim Specialists throughout the country, 42 of whom are specifically designated to work Indian Country.

- **Victim Specialists** work in partnership with agents to provide victim support.
- On call 27 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- OVA, VARDT, CAFI, TSJP, VNS
- Innocence Lost National Initiative
FBI VICTIM ASSISTANCE – PORTLAND DIVISION
Trafficking Intervention Coordinator

- Training and Awareness
- Technical Assistance
- Development of Task Forces
- Toolkits
- Grant Proposals
- Resources
QUESTIONS?

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Thank you!