Child Sex Trafficking in Maryland
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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Define child sex trafficking and the most common methods/manifestations.

2. Identify at least 5 risk factors which make youth in the child welfare system vulnerable to trafficking.

3. Describe how sex trafficking impacts victims.
What is human trafficking?

Human Trafficking

Sex Trafficking
- Adult Victims
- Child Victims (under 18)

Labor Trafficking
- Law is the same for all ages

Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing or soliciting of a person for a commercial sex act in which the act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person performing the act is under 18.

Labor trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, 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, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 2000
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Child sex trafficking refers to the trafficking of anyone under 18 and is a form of violence against children and sexual abuse.
There is no true estimate of these crimes in the United States.
25,700 prostitution arrests of children were made in the U.S.

“No reliable national estimate exists of the prevalence of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of minors in the United States.”

Youth Involvement in the Sex Trade (2016)

- Institute of Medicine, 2013

- FBI Arrest Statistics

Youth Involvement in the Sex Trade (2016)

- Institute for Court Innovation
CHILDREN ARE TRAFFICKED LOCALLY

**June 26, 2015**
3 Baltimore Strip Clubs Raided in Human Trafficking Case
WBAL 11 News

**May 4, 2015**
3 in Prince George's County Accused of Sex Trafficking Minors
WUSA 9 News

**April 10, 2015**
Registered Sex Offender Sentenced To 11 Years In Prison For Sex Trafficking Of A Minor—Caused a 15-Year-Old Runaway to Engage in Prostitution
USDOJ, Press Release

**June 9, 2014**
Baltimore Man Pleads Guilty to Sex Trafficking of Minor—Prostituted 14-Year-Old Female
USDOJ, Press Release
WHY MARYLAND?

- Centrally located: I-95 corridor, I-270, I-70
- International Airports
- Ideal central location on the trafficking circuit
- Truck stops
- Multiple vulnerable populations: Foster youth, unaccompanied minors, domestic servants, agricultural workers.
- Proximity to international institutions & embassies

Source: Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force website
Child Trafficking & Mandated Reporting

Sex trafficking is a form of child sexual abuse.

Opened door for minor victims of trafficking to receive a child welfare response, rather than delinquency or juvenile justice response.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(x) (1) “Sexual abuse” means an act that involves sexual molestation or sexual exploitation of a child by:

(i) A parent or other individual who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of the child; or

(ii) A household or family member.

(2) “Sexual abuse” includes:

(I) ALLOWING OR ENCOURAGING A CHILD TO ENGAGE IN:

1. OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMS, POSES, OR SIMILAR ACTIVITY;

2. PORNOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMS, POSES, OR SIMILAR ACTIVITY; OR

3. PROSTITUTION;

(II) HUMAN TRAFFICKING;
Child Victim

- Report to CPS*
  *Required by law
- CPS investigator assigned
- CPS and Law Enforcement collaborate on case

Adult Victim

- Determine primary need and offer assistance
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- Homeless Shelter
- Detox Program
- Specialized Services for Victims of Trafficking
Risk and Vulnerability:
RISK FACTORS

- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Illness
- Poverty
- Past trauma
- Running Away
- Marginalized communities
- Gang involvement
- No job or educational opportunities
- Adolescence
- Cognitive Disabilities
- Peer or family member engaged in commercial sex
- Homelessness
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Foster Youth

Runaway/Homeless Youth

LGBTQ Youth

Undocumented Youth
WHY DO VICTIMS STAY?
ACTIVITY: “What I’ve Had to Do”

Adapted from CSEC Curriculum by Rachel Lloyd and Polaris Project by Dr. Becca Johnson, PhD
Strong emotional ties that develop for the person that intermittently harasses, beats, threatens, abuses, or intimidates the other.

A feeling of fear as well as gratitude for being allowed to live.

It is purposeful and powerful.

Distrust of authority figures or service providers
- May present as hostile or refuse assistance
- Fear criminal or child welfare response
- Intensely loyal to trafficker and “family”
- Face significant shame and societal stigma
- Significant physical and mental health effects
- Do not self-identify as victims
- Are often hard to locate or contact
PLACEMENT AND SERVICE NEEDS

- Safety planning and basic needs
- Emergency shelter
- Time for full assessment and case coordination
- Reunification must be well-planned and monitored
- Navigator and intensive case management
- Victim-centered care: acceptance, empowerment, and respect
- Complex placement considerations
- Access to trauma-informed services: court advocacy, mental health, mentoring, peer support, educational and employment services
## Resources

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