



# 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

Labor Trafficking

Adult Victims

Child Victims (under 18)

Law is the same for all ages

## Sex Trafficking

is the recruitment, harboring, recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing or soliciting 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.** **act is under 18.**

Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 2000  
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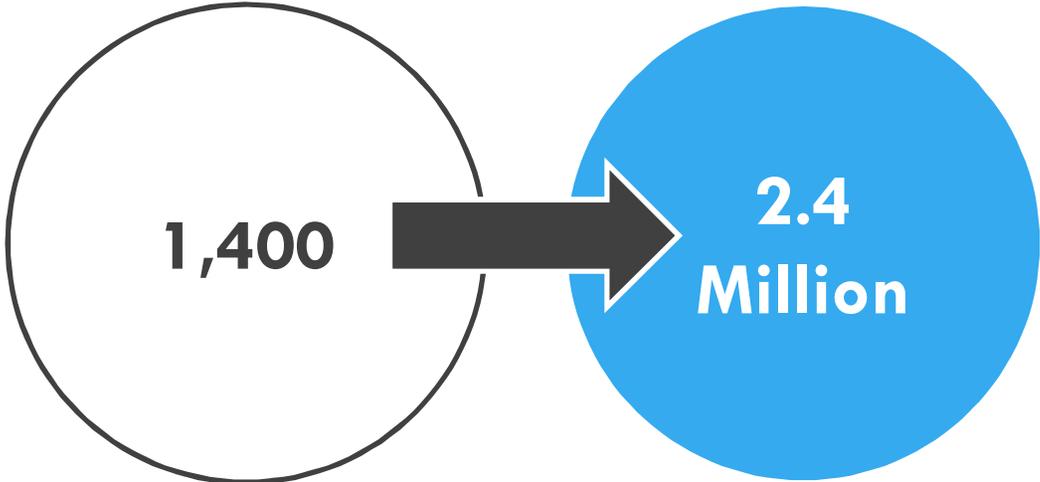


## Child sex trafficking

refers to the trafficking of anyone under 18 and is a form of violence against children and sexual abuse.



# ESTIMATES OF CHILD TRAFFICKING



**There is no true estimate of these crimes in the United States.**



25,700 prostitution

"No reliable national estimate exists of the prevalence of commercial sexual exploitation and use of children in the U.S."

between 1994 and 2012.

2012  
Youth Involvement in the Sex Trade (2016)  
- Institute of Medicine, 2013  
- FBI Arrest Statistics

# CHILDREN ARE TRAFFICKED LOCALLY

June 26, 2015

WBAL 11 News

3 Baltimore Strip Clubs Raided in Human Trafficking Case

May 4, 2015

WUSA 9 News

3 in Prince George's County Accused of Sex Trafficking Minors

April 10, 2015

USDOJ, Press Release

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

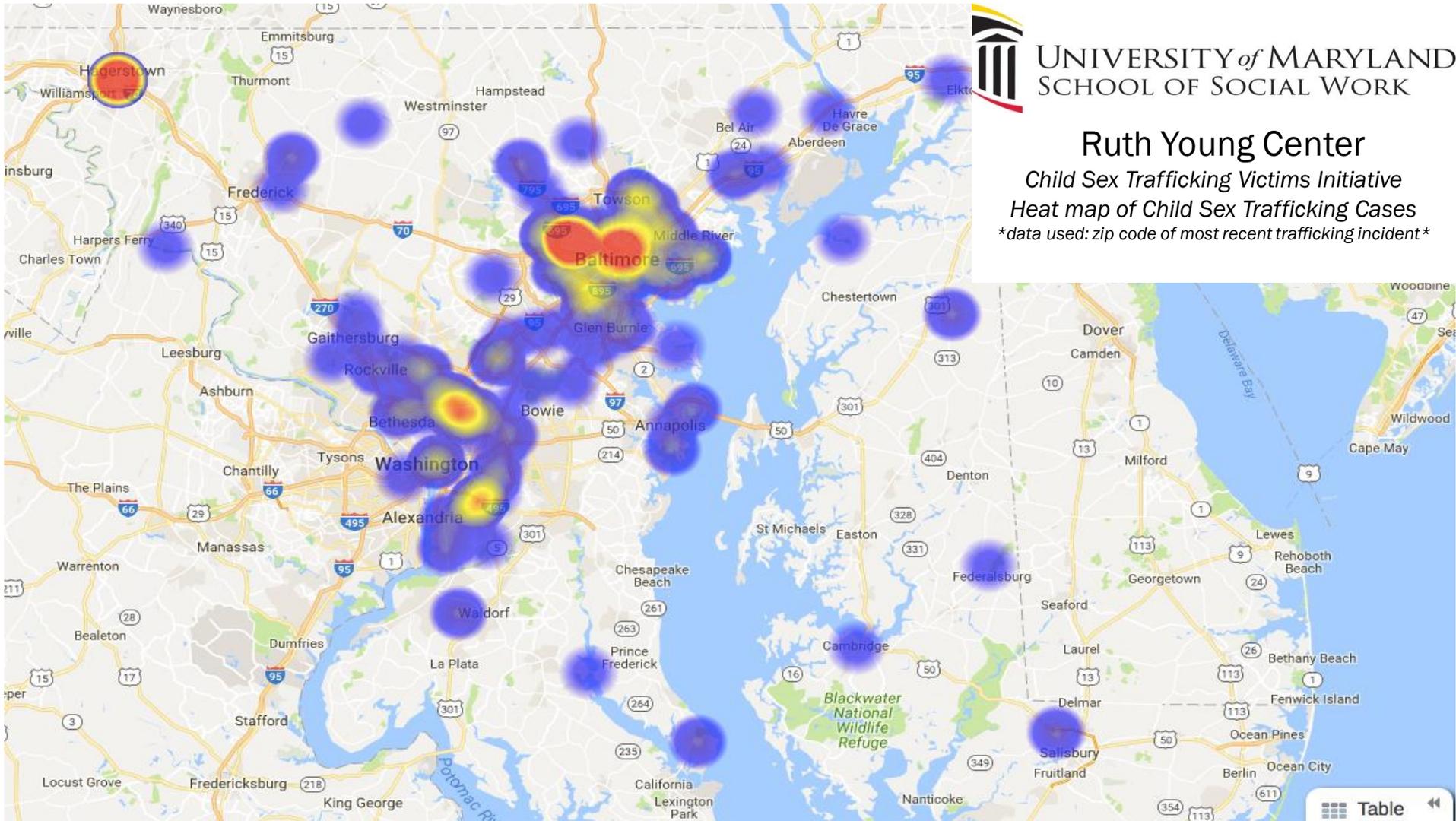
June 9, 2014

USDOJ, Press Release

Baltimore Man Pleads Guilty to Sex Trafficking of Minor—Prostituted 14-Year-Old Female







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*Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative*  
**Heat map of Child Sex Trafficking Cases**  
*\*data used: zip code of most recent trafficking incident\**

(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

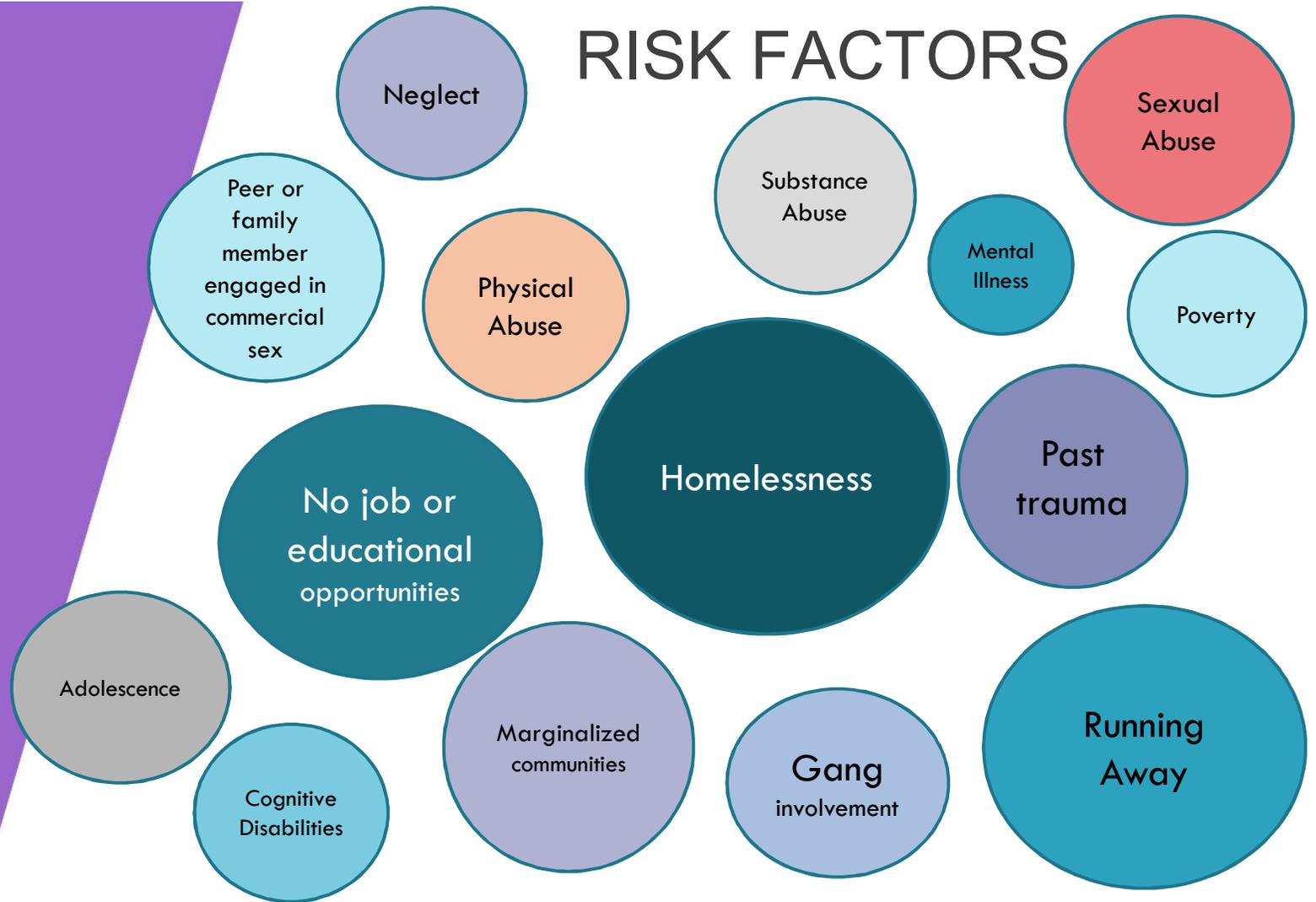
Domestic Violence Shelter  
Homeless Shelter  
Detox Program  
Specialized Services for Victims of Trafficking

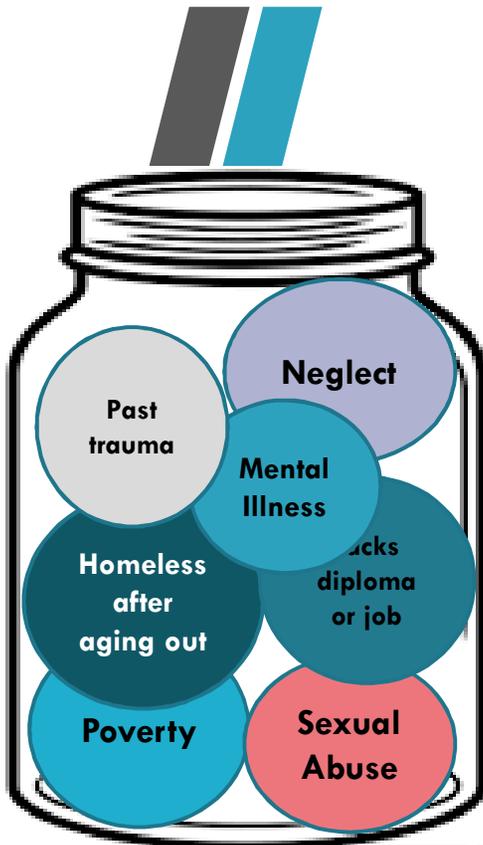


***Risk and Vulnerability:***

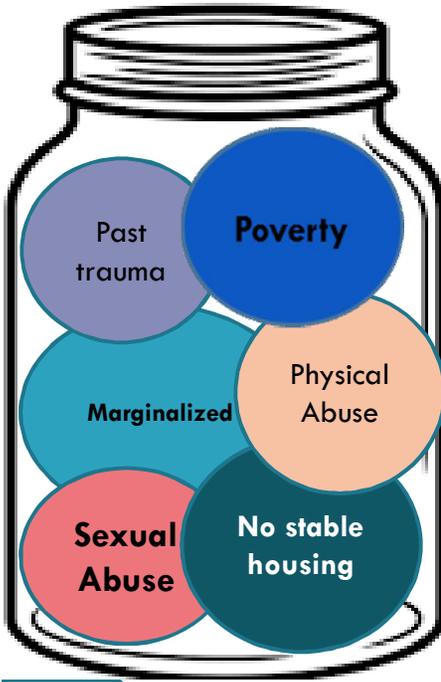


# RISK FACTORS





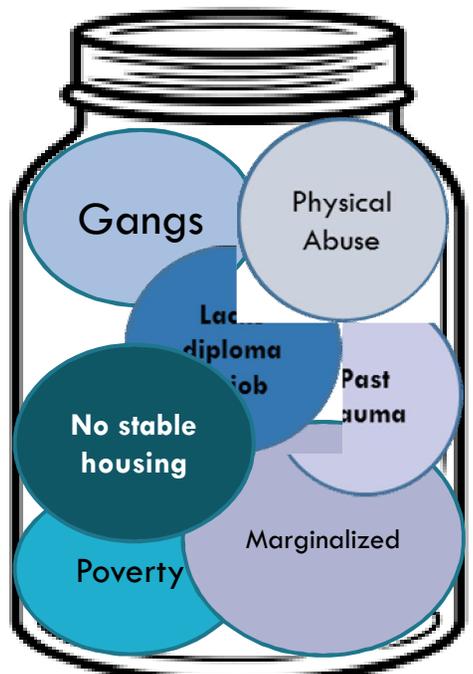
**Foster Youth**



**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*

# TRAUMA BONDING



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.

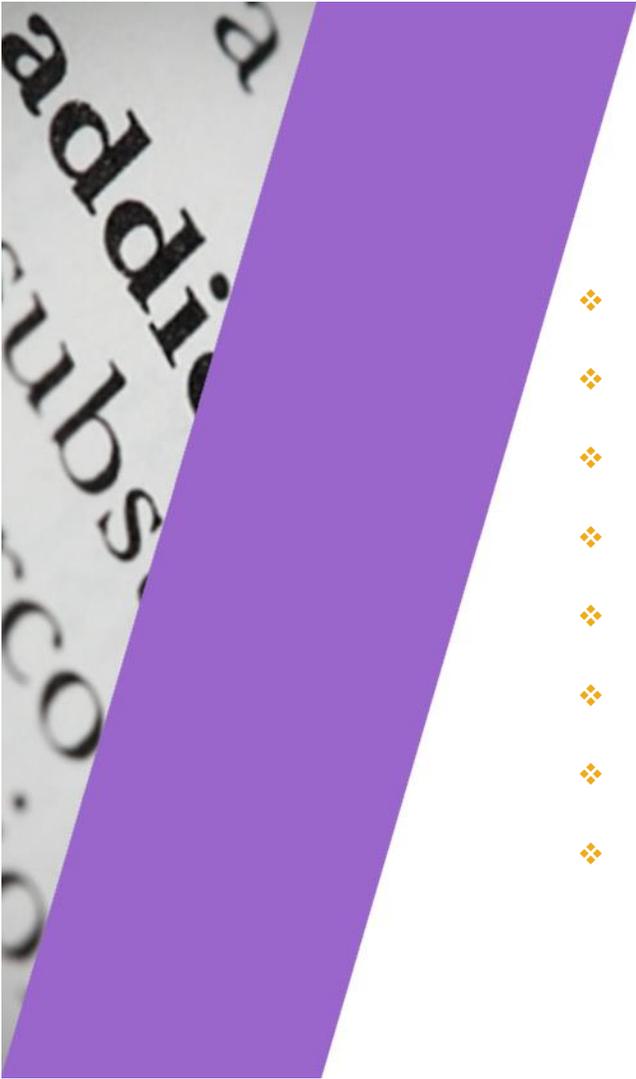
It is purposeful and powerful.

**Source:** Dutton and Painter, 1981 and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



## CHALLENGES

- ❖ 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

National Human Trafficking Hotline		1-888-373-7888
Polaris Project	<a href="http://www.polarisproject.org/">http://www.polarisproject.org/</a>	1-888-373-7888
TurnAround, Inc.	<a href="http://www.turnaroundinc.org">www.turnaroundinc.org</a>	410-377-8111 443-279-0379
FairGirls	<a href="http://www.fairgirls.org">www.fairgirls.org</a>	202-265-1505
Courtney's House	<a href="http://www.courtneyshouse.org">www.courtneyshouse.org</a>	1-888-261-3665
Araminta Freedom	<a href="http://www.aramintafreedom.org">www.aramintafreedom.org</a>	
MD Task Force	<a href="http://www.mdhumantrafficking.org">http://www.mdhumantrafficking.org</a>	

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