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Wednesday, July 8, 2021
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FPP July 2021 “Better Together” Virtual Session: Making Sense of the Child Tax Credit Changes for Those We Serve

Friday, July 9, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Eastern

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This Session’s Format

Better Together
First Opportunity for You to Engage . . .

WHAT'S YOUR Why?
An estimated 40.3 million children, women and men are caught in the cycle of human trafficking worldwide.

- More slaves than ever before in the history of the world

71% of trafficking victims are women, and up to 25% are children.

There are between 100,000 – 300,000 sex trafficking victims under 18 in the U.S. per year.

Between 244,000 and 325,000 children are at risk for CSE in the US.

13 years old – the average age of entry for girls into the sexual exploitation industry.
- 11 years old is the estimated average age for boys.

Total yearly profits generated by human trafficking globally are over $150 billion – Specifically, trafficking for sexual exploitation generates $28 billion per year.
A NEW WAY TO DECREASE DEMAND

GET IN THE ZONE

MODULAR APPROACH

1. Baseline Research
2. Criminal Justice
3. Government and Social Services
4. Healthcare Community
5. Technology
6. Education
7. Businesses and Employers
8. Public Awareness
9. Faith-Based Community
10. Impact Study
36% of Youth Involved in Sex Trafficking are Boys

Operate the First and only Safe Home for Sexually Exploited Boy’s in our Nation

Source: Department of Justice 2016
The Trafficking Victims Protection Act

TVPA of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7102), defines “severe forms of trafficking in persons” as:

- **Sex trafficking**: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; (and)

- **Labor trafficking**: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, 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.
HOW VICTIMS ARE TRAFFICKED

MEANS

A commercial sex act includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food, or clothes.

Force includes physical restraint, physical harm, sexual assault, and beatings.

Fraud includes false promises regarding employment, wages, working conditions, love, marriage, or better life.

Coercion includes threats of serious harm to or physical restraint against any person, psychological manipulation, document confiscation, and shame and fear-inducing threats to share information or pictures with others or report to authorities.
HOW VICTIMS ARE TRAFFICKED

PURPOSE

➢ Commercial Sex Act
➢ Involuntary Servitude
➢ Debt Bondage
➢ Peonage
➢ Slavery
SMUGGLING vs TRAFFICKING

Source: http://www.polarisproject.org/
WHERE DOES TRAFFICKING HAPPEN?

GLOBALLY

4.8 MILLION PERSONS ARE IN FORCED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Traffic Report:
Human Trafficking was reported in all 50 states last year

Learn more: polarsproject.org/365days

LARGEST CONSUMER—U.S.

Legend:
Countries of origin:
Moderate number of people
High number of people
Very high number of people

Countries of destination:
High number of people
Very high number of people

Red: Supply Country
Blue: Demand Country

Source: http://www.polarisproject.org
1. Human trafficking is only sex trafficking.
2. Human trafficking is a crisis
3. Many survivors have been trafficked by romantic partners, including spouses, and by family members, including parents.
4. Victims are always held against their will with physical force or restraint
5. Human trafficking is often a hidden crime.
6. Under U.S. federal law, any minor under the age of 18 who is induced to perform commercial sex acts is a victim of human trafficking, regardless of whether he or she is forced or coerced.
The faces of human trafficking are more common than you’d think.
Key Players

BUYER
Fuels the market With their money

Trafficker/Pimp
Exploit's victims to earn revenue from buyers

VICTIM
Include both girls and boys who are bought and sold for profit

Source: sharedhope.org
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AT-RISK FACTORS

➢ Lack of personal safety
➢ Isolation
➢ Emotional Distress
➢ Homelessness
➢ Poverty
➢ Family Dysfunction
➢ Substance Abuse
➢ Mental Illness
➢ Learning Disabilities
➢ Developmental Delay
➢ Childhood Sexual Abuse
➢ Lack of Social Support

Note: Many teenage girls may be at risk of being recruited into the commercial sex industry simply by virtue of their normal maturation process. Wanting to take risks, feeling misunderstood by parents, and seeking romantic relationships can increase girls’ susceptibility to the recruitment tactics of sex traffickers or pimps. Findings also suggest that low self-esteem accompanies school failure for girls, and the resulting sense of a lack of self-worth may make them more vulnerable to recruitment.

Runaways and neglected children are at greatest risk, history of abuse

The National Runaway Switchboard estimates that as many as 1.6 to 2.8 million children are on the streets of America at any time. ³

1 out of every 3 teens on the street will be lured toward prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home. Statistically, this means at least 150,000 children lured into prostitution each year. ⁵

12-14 is the average age of entry into pornography and prostitution in the U.S. ⁶

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⁵ Dept. of Children and Families (CT), “A Child Welfare Response to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking”
⁶ U.S. Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section www.usdoj.gov/criminal/ceos/prostitution.html
In 2020, an estimated **1 out of 6** endangered runaways reported to the *National Center for Missing and Sexually Exploited Children* were likely child sex trafficking victims.

Of those, **88%** were in the care of social services or foster care when they ran.
Common examples include

- Commercial sex
- Stripping
- Pornography
- Forced begging
- Magazine crews
- Illicit Massage Parlors
- Au pairs or nannies
- Restaurant work
- Hair and nail salons
- Agricultural work
- Drug sales and cultivation
BEHAVIORAL RED FLAGS

- Declining grades
- Depression
- Unusual temper
- Smoking, drug & alcohol use
- Bullying – giving & receiving
- Physical, sexual or emotional abuse
- Family abuse/neglect, unclean, hungry
- Bad behavior, including illegal activity

- Running with the “Wrong Crowd”
- Too much access to unmonitored social media
- Secret friends, older boy & girl friends
- Chronic runaway
Youth

- Demonstrates a sudden change in attire, personal hygiene, relationships, or material possessions
- High end labels on shoes, purses, jackets
- Demonstrates an inability to attend school on a regular basis and/or has unexplained absences
- Fatigue and hunger
- Evidence of homelessness
  - Recently in custody of the state or a group home
  - No identification
  - Claims to come from another large city
- Bruises or other physical trauma
- Wears tattoos used by identified pimps or gangs
- Refuse to make eye contact, looks down while walking
BEHAVIORAL RED FLAGS

Potential victims may...

➢ Seem fearful, submissive, anxious, depressed, tense or nervous/paranoid
➢ Become unusually fearful if law enforcement or immigration is mentioned
➢ Avoid eye contact
➢ Not speak for themselves
➢ Not know where they are
➢ Claim to be just visiting
➢ Do not know or have an address
➢ Be unaware of what month/week/day it is
➢ Not be able to provide a consistent account of what has happened to them
➢ This may be due to fear of reprisal and prolonged trauma

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Drug abuse or frequent use of “party drugs”

Symptoms of neglect such as malnourishment

Unaddressed or chronic medical/dental issues or STIs

Close association with an overly controlling adult

Recovered at hotels, street tracks, strip clubs, or other locations where commercial sex is known to occur

Has a secret cell phone or apps providing multiple cellphone numbers
In possession of material items inconsistent with the persons access to money or socioeconomic status

Living out of suitcases, motels, in a car or other evidence of housing insecurity

Unexplained access to large amounts of cash, pre-paid cards, or hotel keys

Tattoos or other branding, such as those indicating money or matching other known trafficking victims

References traveling to other cities or states while missing, or while their whereabouts were unknown
COMMON TRAFFICKING INDICATORS
WHY DON’T THEY JUST RUN AWAY?
SOCIAL MEDIA IS A RISK

FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

- MEETME
- GRINDR
- SKOUT
- WHATSAPP
- BUMBLE
- SNAPCHAT
- BADO
- SAMPSON
- KIK
- WHISPER
- ASK.fm
- CALCULATOR
- HOT OR NOT

Meeting is a dating social app that allows users to connect with people, regardless of location, as the app's name suggests. Encouraged to meet each other in person.

Grindr is a dating app designed for men, women, transgender people. The app features a Bluetooth search to find people nearby.

Skout is a location-based dating app and social networking app that allows users to share photos, chat, and meet up with people based on location.

WhatsApp is a mobile messaging app that allows users to send texts, images, and voice messages, and can be used on smartphones, tablets, and computers.

Bumble is similar to Tinder but designed for women to make the first move. It also allows users to report inappropriate behavior.

Snapchat is a social media app that allows users to send photos and videos that disappear after they're viewed.

Badoo is a dating site that allows users to search for potential matches based on location.

Sampson is a secure messaging app that uses end-to-end encryption.

Kik is a messaging app that allows anyone to contact people around the world, no matter where they live.

Whisper is an anonymous social networking app that allows users to share secrets with strangers. It also allows users to post messages to specific locations, or be hidden.

Ask.fm is a social networking site for anonymous people to ask their questions.

Hot or Not is a dating app where users can rate and be rated by others.

Calculators% is a calculator app that allows users to perform basic arithmetic operations.

These are just a few examples of the many apps available today. It's important for parents to be aware of the apps their children are using and to discuss the potential risks and benefits of each app.
DANGEROUS PATHS TO TRAFFICKING

**Inappropriate Use of Social Media**
- Illicit advertising
- Chat rooms
- Sexting
- Cyber bullying
- Secret apps

**Almost impossible to protect children from porn**
**Porn harms children & directly supports sex trafficking**
GROOMING, EXPLOITATION, AND CONTROL

 Traffickers FIND victims through:

SOCIAL NETWORK
HOME NEIGHBORHOOD
CLUBS OR BARS
INTERNET
SCHOOL

And LURE them through promises of:

Protection  Adventure  Love  Opportunity

TRAFFICKERS USE

→ VIOLENCE
→ FEAR
→ THREATS
→ INTIMIDATION

TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND MEET DEMAND

Source: sharedhope.org
TRAFFICKERS & RECRUITMENT

Types

- Guerilla pimp
- Peer
- Romeo/Boyfriend pimp
- Gang
- Organized Crime
➢ Identify the need of the child/adult
➢ Fulfill the need
➢ Remove any other sources of need fulfillment
➢ Exploit the child’s dependence for need fulfillment by forcing them into prostitution

Source: https://humantraffickinghotline.org/what-human-trafficking/human-trafficking/traffickers
The primary ways pimps and traffickers’ control victims

- Pimps and traffickers used psychological coercion, such as social and emotional isolation, degradation, humiliation, name-calling, and induced emotional exhaustion to control victims.
- Economic coercion was another primary tactic, where traffickers would take 50% or more of the person’s earning.
- Almost 50% of sex buyers buy trafficked sex
- A 2008 study in Chicago on sex buyers found that nearly half have paid for sex with women they knew to be under the control of a pimp or trafficker.
- Research done in Chicago found indoor prostitution is not “safe.” Some types of violence were even higher in indoor prostitution than street prostitution.
Buyers

BUYERS ARE DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE HARM EXPERIENCED BY PROSTITUTED AND TRAFFICKED PEOPLE
➢ Why do you think there is such a huge demand?

➢ What factors in our society contribute to demand?
Factors Influencing Demand

- Presence of Adult Sex Industry
- Acceptance of Violence Towards Individuals in the Sex Industry
- Internet Pornography
- Dehumanization of prostituted women
- No perceived consequences
WHO ARE THE BUYERS?

Arrested buyers have usually purchased sex more than once (some up to 1000x)

Heavy pornography use

Prevalence of other issues – Depression, anxiety, prior trauma

All professions: executives, pastors, teachers, lawyers, tech, laborers, etc.

54% are married

About 5% have a “deviant” diagnosis

Source: https://www.demandabolition.org/who-buys-sex/
WHO ARE THE BUYERS?

“High-frequency” buyers

Most men have never paid for sex

Buyers visit range of venues

Perceived risk as a deterrent

“Normalized beliefs” about the commercial sex trade

Source: https://www.demandabolition.org/who-buys-sex/
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Bring Your Heart to Work
WHAT YOU CAN DO

Observe: be aware of the indicators of possible human trafficking

React: contact supervisor, practice safety protocols, ask appropriate questions

Listen: ie., do they sound anxious, is someone else dictating the conversation, is person being coerced, etc...

Report: have reporting protocols in place
What personal and professional skills do you bring to the table that adult victims need?

How do you (or would you) offer these skills in a way that specifically serves victims?

How can you collaborate with another professional field to better meet victims/survivor’s needs?
# BECOME A TRAFFICKING FREE ZONE

BE EDUCATED

BE ENRAGED

BE ENGAGED

https://usiaht.org/training/tfz-register/
BECOME AN ABOLITIONIST

• Influence community leaders
• Build grass-roots movements
• Educate others about the problem of Human trafficking
• Speaking loudly through social media and online platforms
• Rally people to support initiatives, petitions, and fundraisers
• Join group of people with similar interest
• https://usiaht.org/abolitionists
WHAT YOU CAN DO

OBSERVE
REPORT
RECOMMEND
DONATE
VOLUNTEER
See Something-Say Something

To Report Suspected Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Please Call:

1-800-96-ABUSE (22873)

If you are a victim and need help, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888

To report suspected human trafficking, call the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) tip line:

1-866-347-2423
The U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (www.usiaht.org)

The U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking intends to end Human Trafficking in the United States through prevention, combating demand, the rescue of victims, and providing safe refuge for the restoration of survivors. We are a nonprofit, faith-based organization. Our focus on the prevention of human trafficking in the United States is being accomplished through combating demand in new and innovative ways, raising awareness, educating our youth, disruption of trafficking activities, advocating a consolidation within the industry to maximize efficiencies, and collaborating with organizations who are expert at rescuing abducted youth currently engaged in the sex trade. Our work is also done in conjunction with Federal, State and local government officials who sit in a position to influence policy on ending trafficking in America.

The Polaris Project (www.polarisproject.org)

Polaris Project is a leading organization in the global fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Named after the North Star "Polaris" that guided slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad, Polaris Project is transforming the way that individuals and communities respond to human trafficking, in the U.S. and globally.

International Labour Organization (www.ilo.org)

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is devoted to promoting social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights, pursuing its founding mission that labour peace is essential to prosperity. Today, the ILO helps advance the creation of decent work and the economic and working conditions that give working people and business people a stake in lasting peace, prosperity and progress. Its tripartite structure provides a unique platform for promoting decent work for all women and men. Its main aims are to promote rights at work, encourage decent employment opportunities, enhance social protection and strengthen dialogue on work-related issues.

National Human Trafficking Hotline (https://humantraffickinghotline.org/)

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a national anti-trafficking hotline and resource center serving victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community in the United States. The toll-free hotline is available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year in more than 200 languages.
Researchers at two universities released the most comprehensive findings to date on the prevalence of human trafficking among homeless youth in the United States and Canada, reporting that 19.4% of homeless youth have been the victims of human trafficking – 15% trafficked for sex, 7.4% trafficked for labor, and 3% trafficked for both. The studies from the The Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice & Research at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Loyola University (New Orleans) Modern Slavery Research Project, involved interviews of 911 homeless youth across 13 cities, including at Covenant House shelters in Anchorage, Atlanta, Detroit, Ft. Lauderdale, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Oakland, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Toronto, Vancouver, and Washington, D.C. Young people were also interviewed at three programs for homeless youth in Phoenix, AZ.
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