



Human Trafficking

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Human trafficking is **compelling** another person to provide labor, services, or commercial sex.





- ▶ Human Trafficking is rooted in exploitation, **NOT** travel. Crime is against a *person*.
- ▶ Commercial Sex (brothels, massage parlors, street, online ads, bars, night clubs, private houses, escort agencies)
- ▶ Forced Labor (sweatshops, agriculture, manufacturing, construction, restaurants, hotels)
- ▶ Domestic Servitude
- ▶ Street Begging



Trafficking vs. Smuggling

Trafficking -

- ▶ An offense against a person
- ▶ Trafficked persons are victims
- ▶ Does not require movement
- ▶ Involves compelled labor or service through force, fraud, coercion
- ▶ Traffickers may use smuggling debt as a means to control victims
- ▶ Traffickers maintain ongoing control over victims, even after the border is crossed
- ▶ Trafficking is exploitation based

Smuggling -

- ▶ An offense against the integrity of the U.S. borders; requires illegal crossing of the U.S. border
- ▶ The person being smuggled is cooperating;
- ▶ Smugglers typically make their money once the alien has reached the U.S. border; their "business relationship" with the immigrant then terminates
- ▶ Can become trafficking once a person is forced to provide labor or services
- ▶ Smuggling is transportation based

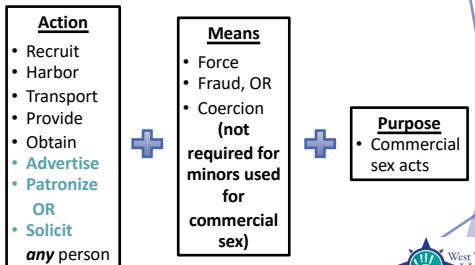


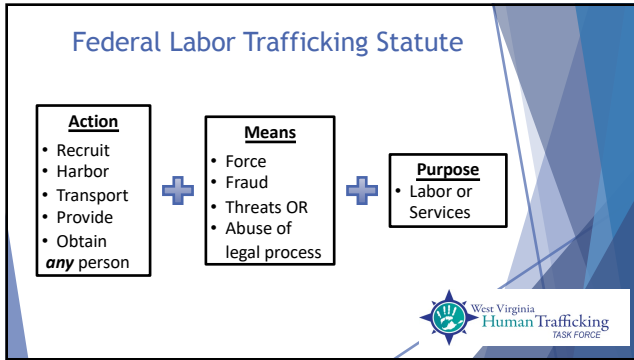
Key Federal Trafficking Statutes

- ▶ Sex Trafficking - 18 U.S.C. § 1591
- ▶ Forced Labor/Labor Trafficking - 18 U.S.C. §§ 1589-90



Federal Sex Trafficking Statute





Clearing up Misconceptions about Force


- **FACT:** Traffickers will use the least amount of force necessary to control their victims
- **FACT:** Victims can be held by FORCE, FRAUD, or COERCION
 - **Force:** Physical assault (i.e., beatings); sexual assault; physical restraints/confinement; starvation; drugs/alcohol
 - **Fraud:** False and deceptive offers of employment, education, romance, marriage, or "better life"
 - **Coercion:** Threats of serious harm to victim, victim's family, or another person; psychological coercion (threatening to use photos)

West Virginia Trafficking Statute


- ▶ W. Va. Code § 61-14-1 to § 61-14-9
- ▶ Substantially models federal statute
- ▶ Trafficking categories: debt bondage, forced labor, and sexual servitude
- ▶ Immunity for minor sex trafficking victims
- ▶ Expungement for prostitution convictions

West Virginia Trafficking Statute

Action	Purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit Transport Transfer Harbor Receive Provide Obtain Isolate Maintain Entice an individual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt Bondage Forced Labor OR Sexual servitude: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining or offering minor for commercial sex Coercing adult to engage in commercial sex




- A person **CAN BE** trafficked even if . . .
 - Victim gave initial consent, or parent(s) gave consent
 - Victim entered the United States illegally/legally
 - Victim received some wages/compensation
 - Trafficker showed some instances of kindness/generosity
 - Victim identifies trafficker as boyfriend/husband
 - Victim is a United States citizen
 - Victim did not attempt escape/was "free to leave"



Types of Trafficking

- Pimp controlled
- Gang controlled
- Familial trafficking
- Survival Trafficking
- Intimate partner trafficking




What is NOT Human Trafficking?

- Illegal child adoption
- Alien smuggling
- Child pornography
- Adult sex workers (IF they are not being coerced)
- Labor violations
- Poor living conditions



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U.S. Marshals Recover 45 Missing Children

Columbus, OH – During the month of October, the U.S. Marshals Service Offices in Southern Ohio and Southern West Virginia, in conjunction with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office and the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force participated in operation “Autumn Hope”. Operation Autumn Hope was a multi-agency enforcement operation focused on human trafficking and the location and recovery of missing and exploited children. During the operation 45 missing children were recovered by the U.S. Marshals and 179 arrests were made by the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force. In addition, 20 children were located per the request of law enforcement to ensure the child’s well-being. The operation was supported by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), and Ohio state and local agencies.



UNDERSTANDING VICTIMIZATION



One Victim's Story



Similarities between DV/SA and HT

- Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human trafficking are all involuntary
- All violate a person's freedom
- Perp's use a relationship of trust to their advantage
- Similar elements of power and control in all three voluntary or involuntary service or labor of any persons . . . in liquidation of any debt or obligation.



The Many Faces of Coercion

- Any plan, scheme, or pattern
- Beatings, burnings, sexual assault, starvation
- Psychological abuses
- Document withholding
- Debt bondage
- Threats of deportation
- Threats against family or friends
- Drug/alcohol dependency
- Isolation
- Allowing one call home per week, with trafficker right beside of them



Common Victim Vulnerabilities

- Minor female
- History of sexual or physical abuse
- Substance use disorder
- Poverty/large amount of unpaid debt
- Runaway or homeless
- Foster care involvement
- Disability
- LGBTQ
- unemployed



“Obvious” Red Flags

- ▶ Presence of risk factors (e.g., addiction)
- ▶ Restricted freedom of movement
- ▶ Sexually explicit online profile
- ▶ Indebtedness to employer
- ▶ Lacks personal possessions



Circumstantial Indicators

- Unusual tattoos (e.g., another’s name, currency, money bags)
- Large amounts of cash or debit cards
- Multiple cell phones or devices
- Evidence of travel (e.g., hotel key cards)
- Unpaid/paid very little/paid through tips only
- Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work



Behavioral Indicators

- Lies about age or identity
- Avoids answering questions about self
- Resists offers for help
- Uses slang terms for prostitution



Danger Avoidance

- ❖ Fight- Hyperarousal (aggression, irritability, anger, self-harm)
- ❖ Flee- Withdrawal (avoidance of other people, avoidance of traumatic triggers)
- ❖ Freeze- panic (feeling stuck, anxiety, panic)
- ❖ Submit- shutting down (numbing, shutting down emotional expression, ignoring/tuning out others, not pursuing goal accomplishment)



Reminder to always use Trauma-Informed Care

- Ask "what happened to you"
- Understand that past trauma can be triggered by current experiences
- Emphasize physical, psychological and emotional safety for both providers and survivors to rebuild a sense of control of their environment
- Use a strength-based framework
 - Ex: How did you survive?
 (Discuss what kept them alive and acknowledge how brave that is)



With all survivors...

Keep in mind:

- May have limited English proficiency
- Limited knowledge of how to access community resources
- Limited knowledge of daily living skills
- Isolation, lack of familiarity with area
- May have never taken public transportation
- Fear of law enforcement
- Survivor's concept of safety may be much different than yours



Unique Needs for Survivors of HT

- Advocacy & Safety
- Criminal & Legal
- Housing/Shelter
- Health & Dental Care
- Substance Misuse Support
- Trauma & Healing
- Education, Self-Sufficiency & Employment
- Nutrition & Food Access
- Budgeting/Financial Skills
- Long-term Case Management
- Social & Spiritual Support



Safety Concerns when working with survivors

- Be aware of traffickers' presence in community
- If interpreter services are needed ensure interpreter does not have connection to trafficker
- Client may not know or identify as a victim/survivor
- Know legal limits
- Benefits available to survivors



Human Trafficking Resources

- ❑ Polaris Project: polarisproject.org
- ❑ WV Human Trafficking Task Force: stophumantraffickingwv.org
- ❑ Fusion Center: fusioncenter.wv.gov
- ❑ WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services: www.friss.org
- ❑ WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence: wvcadv.org
- ❑ WV Child Advocate Network: wvcan.org
- ❑ Help & Hope WV: helpandhopewv.org
- ❑ HEAL Trafficking: healtrafficking.org
- ❑ Shared Hope International: sharedhope.org
- ❑ The Freedom Network: freedomnetworkusa.org
- ❑ Dept. of Homeland Security Blue Campaign: www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking
- ❑ Administration for Children and Families: Office on Trafficking in Persons: www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/about/what-is-human-trafficking
- ❑ Rebecca Bender Initiative: www.rebeccabender.org
- ❑ End Slavery Now: www.endslaverynow.org





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