# IN PLAIN SIGHT~

DETECTING AMERICA'S UNSEEN CHILDREN

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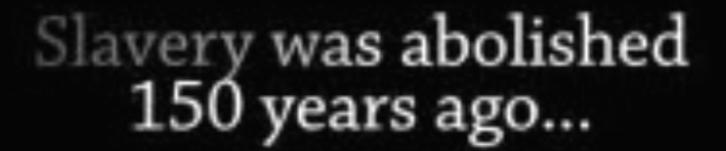
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and yet there are more people in slavery today...

than at any other time in our history.





It happens all over the United States

# IN ATT 50 STATES

In every City. In every County. In every school.



80% of trafficking involves sexual exploitation



Trafficking

19% of trafficking involves labor exploitation

800,000

people are trafficked across international borders every year

**50%** of victims are under the age of



"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
or soliciting labor or services
against his/her will."

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER 80% of victims are women

\$32B

The global human trafficking industry produces \$32 billion annually 20 to 30 million Slaves
in the world today



THE UNITED STATES CURRENTLY DEFINES 25 TYPES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

Labor

Commercial

**Familial** 



# A LOCAL ISSUE: WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES?

An unknown number of U.S. citizens and legal residents are trafficked within the country for sexual servitude and forced labor. Contrary to a common assumption, human trafficking is not just a problem in other countries. Cases of human trafficking have been reported in all 50 states, Washington D.C., and the U.S. territories. Victims of human trafficking can be children or adults, U.S. citizens or foreign nationals, male or female.



#### Common examples of identified child trafficking cases include:

Commercial sex

Stripping

Pornography

Forced begging

Magazine crews

Au pairs or nannies

Restaurant work Hair and nail

Agricultural work

Drug sales and cultivation



## SEX TRAFFICKING

## LABOR TRAFFICKING

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age.

22 USC § 7102

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.



### WHAT DOES SEX AND LABOR TRAFFICKING LOOK LIKE?

#### **DEMAND**

- The average "John" is a 40-year-old, married father of 2, with an income of \$80,000 a year or more.
- Without a demand, we do not have an epidemic.
- A pimp will spend an average of \$150,000 to groom a victim who in return can yield up to \$500,000 in two years for them.
- Many pimps have control of several victims.
- Pimps can be men and women
- The average minor victim in the US is 13, with familial age of 5.

#### **VULNERABILITY**

- Victims of human trafficking can be any age, gender, race, or immigration status; they live in cities, suburbs, and rural areas.
- Human traffickers relentlessly canvass ways to take advantage of people who find themselves in circumstances of extreme adversity or violence, experience discrimination, economic vulnerability, or dependence.
- Communities that experience some of these hardships may be particularly vulnerable to human trafficking.
- Child victims are sent across borders to "family" and then trafficked for sex or labor with little tracking.



### COMMERCIAL VS. FAMILIAL TRAFFICKING

- Commercial sexual exploitation manifests in numerous forms, such as brothels, sex trafficking, mail order brides, sex tourism, pornography, prostitution, stripping, lap dancing, and phone sex companies.
- The most common forms of child commercial sexual exploitation are sex trafficking, child pornography, and child sex tourism (Women's Support Project 2014).
- One source estimates a child sex trafficker can make as much as much as \$650,000 annually exploiting four children. Exact estimates of prevalence and monetary gain, however, vary extensively because true numbers and figures remain unknown due to a lack of awareness about the issue, general underreporting of the crime, and the difficulties associated with identifying victims and perpetrators.

- Family member/close family friends abuse the existing power dynamics and vulnerabilities of the child to compel them in to a trafficking situation.
- One count estimates sex trafficking to victimize more than 200,000 children in the United States annually. An additional 244,000-360,000 children in the United States are at risk each year of being trafficked and sexually exploited. In the United States, children are most likely to be sexually exploited by their families or family friends for monetary gain.
- Commercial victims average age is 13, familial victims are as young as birth. Many familial victims convert to commercial in their life time.





# Basic Math: A Conservative Estimate

Child Victims (8,900) x
Daily Purchase average (5.4) x
One working day per week (52)=

Children are bought for sex at least

2.5 million times per year by adults

Probable estimates are closer to 17,500,000 times a year as most kids are forced to work 7 days a week (2.5 million x 7 days is still low end)







Familial, Known Person



How and
Where Does
Child Sexual

Massage Parlors, Erotic Performances, Stripping Exploitation Occur?

Online,
Webcam,
Pornography





# IN RURAL AMERICA: FAMILIAL TRAFFICKING IS MORE PREVALENT THAN COMMERCIAL TRAFFICKING

Sex Abuse is the single biggest commonality between drug and alcohol addiction, mental illness. teenage and adult prostitution. criminal activity, and eating disorders in Rural and Urban communities:

Small towns with small populations do not have the services victims need when it comes to reporting and recovery.

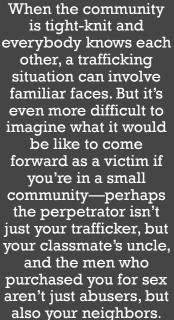
Many victims may have to drive large distances to receive help, and not everyone can afford the time and money to do so.

Along with the lack of services come the lack of resources and training for law enforcement.

The physical spread of communities in rural regions with low populations means that there are less centers available for the community.

Of the 3077 Counties in the US, 2051 are considered rural and 1367 of them list child sex abuse as their main crimes.

"Its their family's business" mentality, Victims are stigmatized



In addition, the trafficker may be a relative, parent, or even someone with close ties to local law enforcement. These close ties among community members can lead to uncertainty of what will happen once a victim reports. It's not that there aren't these types of relationships within urban communities, but the sparse population of small towns can magnify victims' sense and reality of being unsafe even if the case is reported or already underway.

When coming out as a victim means having to name someone as the trafficker in a community whom people have personal ties to, and when seeking justice means your neighbor's uncle is going to face prison time, sympathy may only stretch so far. Chances are, you're not going to be seen as a victim—you're going to be seen as a homewrecker.









# SEXUAL ABUSE/TRAFFICKING

- In a 2012 maltreatment report, of the victims who were sexually abused, 26% were in the age group of 12–14 years and 34% were younger than 9 years. 9
- Approximately 1.8 million adolescents in the United States have been the victims of sexual assault.  $\frac{4}{}$
- Research conducted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that approximately 1 in 6 boys and 1 in 4 girls are sexually abused before the age of 18.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- 35.8% of sexual assaults occur when the victim is between the ages of 12 and 17. $^{1}$
- 82% of all juvenile victims are female. 5
- 69% of the teen sexual assaults reported to law enforcement occurred in the residence of the victim, the offender, or another individual. 5
- Teens 16 to 19 years of age were 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault. 6
- Approximately 1 in 5 female high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner. I

Source: NHTRC



# We are More Than A Story...

We all do not look the same, most of us are in front of you daily.



This isn't the picture of what it looks like...



I was sexually abused and trafficked from the ages of 1-14 by my biological father and his associates.

At 15, I testified to place my trafficker in prison~This was not a great experience

The State of Colorado brought 27 counts of child abuse, sexual abuse, endangerment, human trafficking, etc.

He pled guilty to 19 and was sentenced to 2 months with 8 months served.

He did not have to register as a sex offender in 1994. He did not have to pay restitution.

I learned how to live a dual life- I only showed people what I wanted them to see to protect my family. We are conditioned to believe we have one purpose.



### WHO ARE THE PERPETRATORS?

- An estimated 60% of perpetrators of sexual abuse **are** known to the child but are not family members, e.g., family friends, babysitters, child care providers, neighbors, peers.
- About 30% of perpetrators of child sexual abuse are family members.
- Only about 10% of perpetrators of child sexual abuse are strangers to the child.
- Not all perpetrators are adults—an estimated 23% of reported cases of child sexual abuse are perpetrated by individuals under the age of 18.

Source: NHTRC



### BARRIERS TO VICTIMS SELF-IDENTIFICATION



Shame or guilt

Fear of retaliation by trafficker

Fear of arrest or deportation

Lack of transportation or controlled movement

Fear of a report to social services

Lack of understanding of U.S. healthcare system



# IMPACT OF TRAUMA

# Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

- Recurrent thoughts/Re-living the event
- Recurrent nightmares/Trouble sleeping
- Feeling detached/Withdrawn behavior
- Easily startled/Unable to concentrate

### **Memory Disruption**

- Decreased/Disjointed memory
- Inability to recall traumatic events accurately
- Memories are triggered by related sensory information

# Trauma Bonding (IE Stockholm Syndrome)

- Demonstrated loyalty and concern for the trafficker
- Unwillingness to report or testify against the trafficker
- Returning to the trafficker



#### What is your County doing to Identify and Prevent Trafficking???



Identify promising practices for assisting a person who may be a potential trafficking victim



Define human trafficking and who is vulnerable



### Learn

Learn to identify potential human trafficking victims you may have contact with



# HOW DO I RESPONDING TO A SUSPECTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM?

Reassure the Victim
(You are not safe for them)

**Build Trust** 

(Consistency Matters and the Perpetrator may be a Victim too) What you should do

(Hurt People will Hurt People)

 Report to designated contacts and/or contact the NHTRC Hotline (1-888-3737-888)





#### Conduct

» Conduct assessments individually, in a safe location

#### **Assess**

» Assess the client's immediate safety

#### Use

» Use language understandable to the client/ cultural sensitivity

#### Do not ask

» Do not ask for unnecessary information

INITIAL ASSESSMENT TOOL



#### Why We Need the Violence Against Women Act

U.S. women who are victims of domestic violence:



1 in 4

U.S. women who are are murdered by their partners every day:



3

U.S. women who reported being raped or sexually assaulted in 2009:

1.3 million

U.S. women who have survived attempted or completed sexual assault:



U.S. children who are exposed to domestic violence each year:

15 million

Source: National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

eliminating racism empowering women



#### Native American Women and the Violence Against Women Act

1 in 3 American Indian and Alaska Native women will be raped in their lifetimes



2 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women will experience domestic violence



American Indian and Alaska Native women are murdered 10x more than the national average





American Indian and Alaska Native women

Source: National Congress of American Indians

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**Meet Basic Needs** 

Avoid Re-Traumatization Reassure the Potential Victim

# VICTIM CENTERED APPROACH

Be Conscious of Language

Build Trust and Rapport

Remain Sensitive to Power Dynamics

# LONG TERM GOALS:



Looking past the "rescue"- we rescue shelter animals, not people: as of 2018, there are 548 beds in the US for survivors, there are only 8 available for boys and according to the FBI an average of 13,000 is needed at any given time.



Focusing on after program care, complex trauma informed education with businesses, colleges, vocational training, to reduce recidivism and extended support for survivors complete with trauma informed trained mentor advocates.



Long-term for survivors: ACEs model study, long term healthcare in the Nation

Long-term for second hand trauma of first responders for less turn over and trauma informed response and collaboration





# WOULD YOU KNOW HOW TO SPOT THE AVERAGE "JOHN" IN COLORADO...

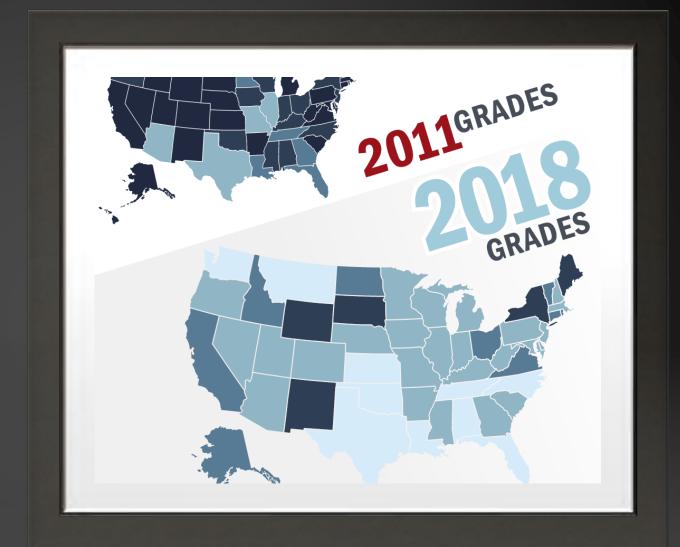


WHERE DOES YOUR STATE RANK??

# A DIFFERENCE IN 7 YEARS:

• In 2011, Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana were given an "F" rating by Shared Hope International for Legislation to protect children from Sex Trafficking.

• Source: Shared Hope International



Colorado's trafficking law criminalizes domestic minor sex trafficking without requiring proof of force, fraud, or coercion and recognizes any commercially sexually exploited child as a victim of sex trafficking. However, child sex trafficking victims still face criminalization under the prostitution law, potentially interfering with access to services.

#### Criminalization of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

Colorado's "human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude" law prohibits sex trafficking a minor without requiring proof of force, fraud, or coercion. Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) laws include "sexual exploitation of a child," "procurement of a child for sexual exploitation," "soliciting for child prostitution," "pandering of a child," "procurement of a child," "keeping a place of child prostitution," "pimping of a child," "inducement of child prostitution," "patronizing a prostituted child," and "cybercrime." The prostitution law does not refer to the "human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude" law, but human trafficking victims are provided an affirmative defense. Colorado's racketeering law defines racketeering activity to include "human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude" and certain CSEC offenses, allowing for the prosecution of sex trafficking enterprises.

Colorado has established a statewide reporting and response system for missing children that requires prompt reporting of missing and located missing children.

# 2018 LEGISLATION~ 2019 FORWARD

- There are several laws that states will revisit this year,
  - Decriminalization of trafficked victims
  - · Removing liability, the DA concerns and unknowns
  - Massage Parlor Crimes
  - Wage Theft Crimes
  - Tuition for people brought to the US through trafficking, easier immunity laws. Not the same as Immigration.
  - Giving Colorado an "A" rating in compliance, raising grades in SD (Failed to pass Safe Harbor).
  - Removing requirements for victims for some resources, etc.
  - Discussing the role of Pornography and Sex trafficking
  - Increasing fines for convicted Pimps/Traffickers
- Source: Shared Hope International and State Legislators





Through Advocacy, Education and Empowerment with Collaboration from Law Enforcement, Legislators and District Attorney Offices~ We can create a system that Prevents and not Reacts to vulnerable populations



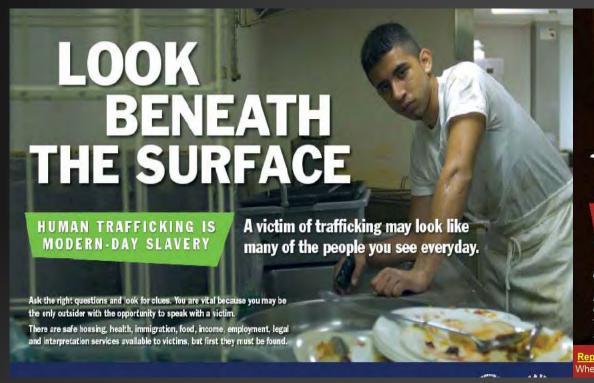
#### US STATISTICS:

Animal Shelters: 14,500

Beds for Human Trafficking Victims: 548

The FBI estimates that over 13,000 are needed daily.

"Imagine how many animals would know kindness through broken humans who understand their own value of life?"





and interpretation services available to victims, but first they must be found.

eport Suspected Human Trafficking

When observing patients or incidents with these signs of human trafficking, responders should notify local law enforcement



# HOW DO I REPORT A SUSPECTED INCIDENCE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

In the case of an immediate emergency, call your local police department or emergency access number (911).

- To report suspected human trafficking crimes or to get help from law enforcement, call toll-free (24/7) 1-866-347-2423 or submit a tip online at <a href="https://www.ice.gov/tips">www.ice.gov/tips</a>.
- To report suspected trafficking crimes, get help, or learn more about human trafficking from a nongovernmental organization, call the toll-free (24/7)

  National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888.
- To report sexually exploited or abused minors, call the <u>National Center for</u>
   <u>Missing and Exploited Children</u>'s (NCMEC) hotline at 1-800-THE-LOST, or
   report incidents at <a href="http://www.cybertipline.org">http://www.cybertipline.org</a>.

Https://humantraffickinghotline.org





Survivor Resources~ Emergency funding for Survivor Leaders

Legislative
Advocacy~ State
and Federal Level

Advocacy for Labor Victims not getting paid by employers

# **QUESTIONS???**

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