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Human Trafficking in the Panhandle

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WHO WE ARE

**NBI IS HERE TO HELP
THOSE IN HARD PLACES
WITH AN EMPHASIS ON
HUMAN TRAFFICKING!**

LOVING OTHERS

Without an Agenda

Without Judgement

Without Condemnation

No Boundaries International is a faith based 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to bringing hope to those that are hopeless. Whether it's the prostituted woman, the at risk child, or those struggling with brokenness & addiction, we reach out on a street level to provide realistic solutions to those in need.



The WHY'S

OF THIS CLASS



What if...

- Every person could identify signs that indicate that a person is a potential victim of human trafficking.
- We all identified promising practices for assisting a person that may be a potential victim of human trafficking.
- Everyone understood what human trafficking looks like in the panhandle.



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Dallas ~ Detroit, MI ~ Dimmit ~ Dominican Republic ~ Ecuador ~ El Paso ~ Egypt ~ Follet ~
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Los Angeles, CA ~ Loveland, CO ~ Lubbock ~ Midland ~ Odessa ~ Omaha, NE ~ Pampa ~
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Our Journey



What is human trafficking

Human trafficking is defined by the United Nations as

"the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of FORCE or other forms of COERCION, of abduction, of FRAUD, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation."



Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

Within the United States, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, provides the tools to combat trafficking in persons both worldwide and domestically. The Act authorized the establishment of the State Department's TIP Office and the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons to assist in the coordination of U.S. government anti-trafficking efforts. Internationally, several conventions, in particular the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Protocol), set out international standards for combating trafficking in persons



Trafficking vs. Smuggling

Human Trafficking is defined as:

- sex trafficking in which a 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; *or*
- 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.

Human Smuggling is defined as the importation of people into the United States involving deliberate evasion of immigration laws. This offense includes bringing illegal aliens into the United States as well as the unlawful transportation and harboring of aliens already in the United States.

These are *not* interchangeable terms

- Smuggling is transportation-based
- Trafficking is exploitation-based



Report Suspicious Activity:
1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423)
www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign

Human trafficking does not always cross borders.

<https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Report/2017/CSReport-13-1.pdf>



Type of Human Trafficking

- LABOR
- INVOLUNTARY DOMESTIC SERVITUDE
- SEX TRAFFICKING
 - Pornography
 - Stripping
 - Live Sex Shows
 - Mail Order Brides
 - Military Prostitution
 - Sex Tourism
 - Prostitution (Most visible form of sex trafficking, but not all prostitution is sex trafficking)



Case Study



Risk Factors/Suspected Causes

- Poverty/desire for a better life
- Ignorance
- Disruption of societal values
- Political and economic instability
- Demand for cheap labor
- High profits/"good money"
- Abuse/neglect
- Homelessness
- **LOW SELF-ESTEEM**
- Limited education
- Family dysfunction
- **REBELLION**
- Truancy
- Drug Use
- Delinquency
- **SEARCHING FOR LOVE AND SELF-VALUE**



Quotes from those Trafficked

- "People always let me down."
- **"I have been raped by a youth pastor and a police officer."**
- "I feel ashamed, idiotic, and condemned."
- "It's my fault."
- ***"I told my teacher, but she didn't believe me."***
- "I became the bottom 'girl'."



Quotes from those Trafficked

- "I started using to ease the pain. When I used, my dream for the future stopped."
- "I don't think I'll ever dance again. There's nothing good about being molested constantly, viewed as an object, threatened, or intoxicated just to get by."
- **"I had to have 10 toes in the street to make my daily quota."**



Players in the Life: Women

"I've been held down like a piece of meat while monsters disguised as men violated me again and again."

~ Gladys Lawson, Blood Borne Connections



Players in the Life: The Children

"I smile, but I hurt"





Traumatic-Bonding/Conditioning


- Trauma Bonding: Strong emotional ties that develop when one person intermittently harasses, beats, threatens, abuses or intimidates the other.

The following are present:

- An imbalance of power.
- Sporadic highly intensive positives mixed in with abuse.
 - Intermittent rewards: you may get a treat and you may not, but you keep trying to see what happens next (slot machine, social media).
- Denial for self protection.
 - Dissociation: Experience it as if it is not happening to them (like watching a movie).
 - Cognitive Dissonance: Self preservation that distorts and over rides the truth with a victim developing a tolerance for the abuse and normalizes the abusers behavior.
- Distortion: can't accurately evaluate danger and can't perceive alternatives to the situation.



16 year old Case Study

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- Trust needs of a 1 year old
 - "Who's the boss" of a 2 year old
 - Concrete thinking of a 4 year old
 - Social Skills of an 8 year old
 - Body of a 16 year old
 - Street smarts of a 27 year old



Where?

- School
- Parks
- Grocery Stores

- Movie Theatre
- Mall
- **SOCIAL MEDIA**



Strategies for Personal Safety

- Beware of power dynamics
- Don't give the trafficker any indication that you are aware of what's really happening. Be respectful.
- Be cautious in providing your personal information. Best practice is an office number or agency that can handle calls.



Strategies for Personal Safety

- Know your facility's protocols
- Prepare a resource list that you can give to the victim
- If you see them outside the facility, let them make the first move
- Be transparent with the victim. If calling law enforcement or social services, let them know.



Patient/Provider Dynamics

Trafficking victim may show signs of mental health issues:

- Trauma bonding (Stocholm Syndrome)
- Lack of emotion
- Down play risks of existing health problems

- Not self-identify as a victim
- Refuse services or assistance
- Give conflicting stories or misinformation
- Resist cooperation with law enforcement, social workers, or others



Strength-Based Empowerment Approach

- Be sensitive to power dynamics
- Provide options
- Do not make promises
- Meet immediate needs
- Expect trust to take time
- Ask open ended questions
- Use language the victim is using
- Avoid re-traumatization or secondary traumatization



How long will this take?

- 1 month for every year of age for sustained change
- 400 repetitions of an action to create new synaptic activity in the brain for a new pathway to be formed
- What age did they run away, start utilizing substances, experience trauma? That may be their developmental age socially and psychologically
- Learning isn't linear
 - Great strides and back slides
 - Learn to walk with sits and starts
 - Disorder and chaos precedes new order



Tips for Working with Potential Victims

DO

- Follow protocols for victims
- Meet alone
- Ask open ended questions using safe, non-judgmental tone
- Explain reporting obligations when children are involved
- Provide options or choices

DON'T

- Make assumptions
- Communicate disgust or disdain
- Contact others including law enforcement without telling the victim
- Force them to make decisions they aren't comfortable with



Know the language...

AUTOMATIC - A term denoting the victim's "automatic" routine when her pimp is out of town, in jail, or otherwise not in direct contact with those he is prostituting. Victims are expected to comply with the rules and often do so out of fear of punishment or because they have been manipulated into a sense of loyalty or love. All money generated on "automatic" is turned over to the pimp. This money may be used to support his concession/phone account or to pay his bond if he's in jail.

BOTTOM - A female appointed by the trafficker/pimp to supervise the others and report rule violations. Operating as his "right hand", the BOTTOM may help instruct victims, collect money, book hotel rooms, post ads, or inflict punishments on other girls.



BRANDING - A tattoo or carving on a victim that indicates ownership by trafficker/pimp/gang

BROTHEL (AKA CATHOUSE OR WHOREHOUSE) - These establishments may be apartments, houses, trailers, or any facility where sex is sold on the premises. It could be in a rural area or nice neighborhood. Most brothels have security measures to prevent attacks by other criminals or provide a warning if law enforcement are nearby. The security is two sided-to keep the women and children in, as well as robbers out. The places often are guarded (and open) 24 hours a day, but some have closing times in which the victims are locked in from the outside. Victims may be kept in this location for extended periods of time, or rotated to other locations every few days.



CAUGHT A CASE - A term that refers to when a pimp or victim has been arrested and charged with a crime.

CHOOSING UP - The process by which a different pimp takes "ownership" of a victim. Victims are instructed to keep their eyes on the ground at all times. According to traditional pimping rules when a victim makes eye contact with another pimp (accidentally or on purpose), she is choosing him to be her pimp. If the original pimp wants the victim back, he must pay a fee to the new pimp. When this occurs, he will force the victim to work harder to replace the money lost in transaction.



CIRCUIT - A series of cities among which prostituted people are moved. One example would be Houston, Dallas, Amarillo, Lubbock and the towns between. The term can also refer to a chain of states such as Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana.

DADDY - The term a pimp will often require his victim to call him

DATE - The exchange when prostitution takes place, or the activity of prostitution. A victim is said to be "with a date" or "dating"



ESCORT SERVICE - An organization, operating chiefly via cell phone and the internet, which sends a victim to a buyer's location (an "outcall") or arranges for the buyer to come to a house or apartment (an "incall"); this may be the workplace of a single woman or a small brothel. Some escort services are networked with other and can assemble large number of women for parties and conventions.

FAMILY/FOLKS - The term used to describe the other individuals under control of the same pimp. he plays the role of father (or "Daddy") while the group fulfills the need for a family.



FINESSE PIMP/ROMEO PIMP - One who prides himself on controlling others primarily through psychological manipulation. Although he may shower his victims with affection and gifts (especially during the recruitment phase), the threat of violence is always present.

GORILLA PIMP - A pimp who controls his victims almost entirely through physical violence and force

JOHN (AKA BUYER OR TRICK) - An individual who pays for or trades something of value for sexual acts



MADAM – An older woman who manages a brothel, escort service or other prostitution establishment. She may work alone or in collaboration with other traffickers

OUT OF POCKET – The phrase describing when a victim is not under control of a pimp but working on a pimp-controlled track, leaving her vulnerable to threats, harassment, and violence in order to make her "choose" a pimp. This may also refer to a victim who is disobeying the pimps' rules.

PIMP CIRCLE – When several pimps encircle a victim to intimidate through verbal and physical threats in order to discipline the victim or force her to choose up.



QUOTA – A set amount of money that a trafficking victim has to make.

SEASONING – A combination of psychological manipulation, intimidation, gang rape, sodomy, beatings, deprivation of food or sleep, isolation from friends or family and other sources of support and threatening or holding hostage of a victim's children. Seasoning is designed to break down a victim's resistance and ensure compliance.

RENEGADE – A person involved in prostitution without a pimp.



SQUARING UP – Attempting to escape or exit prostitution

STABLE – A group of victims who are under the control of a single pimp.

THE GAME/THE LIFE – The subculture of prostitution, complete with rules, a hierarchy of authority, and language. Referring to the act of pimping as "the game" gives the illusion that it can be a fun and easy way to make money, when the reality is much harsher. Women and girls will say they've been "in the life" if they've been involved in prostitution for a while.



TRACK (AKA STROLL OR BLADE) – An area of town known for prostitution activity. This can be the area around a group of strip clubs and pornography stores, or a particular stretch of a street.

TURN OUT – To be forced into prostitution or a person newly involved in prostitution

WIFEY/WIFE-IN-LAW/SISTER WIFE – What women and girls under the control of the same pimp call each other.

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/initiative/humantrafficking/human-trafficking-glossary-of-terms.pdf>

<https://sharedhope.org/the-problem/trafficking-terms/>



Barriers to Accessing Services

- Fear of arrest, incarceration
- Fear of retribution by exploiter
- Control of movement by exploiter
- For minors: fear of being returned to family, fear of placement in social services



Brainstorm

- How do you interact with the potential victim?
- How do you assess potential danger for yourself and the victim?
- What referrals might you provide to the victim?
- What are your reporting and confidentiality protocols?
 - Report as necessary, internally or externally
- How can you avoid communicating disgust or disdain?
- Talk to the victim about strategies for personal safety.
- Know what resources are available in your area.



NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

Call 888-373-7888

Text 233733



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806-673-1598**



What We Do

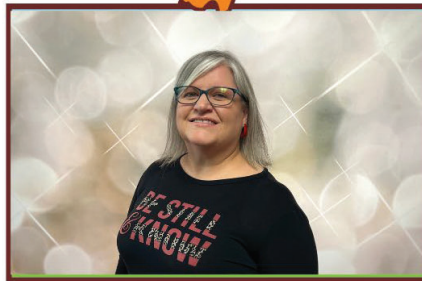
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- Community Dinner
- Food Pantry
- Hotel Outreach
- Inner Healing
- Jail/Prison Ministry
- John School
- Online Outreach
- Overcoming Porn
- Strip Club Outreach
- Worship
- Victim Assistance



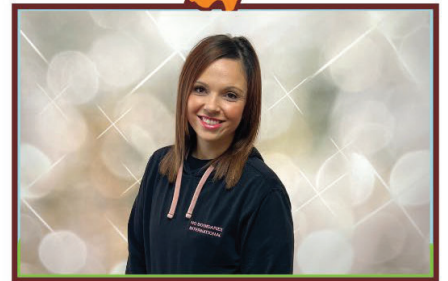
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