Human Trafficking Awareness Training 101 for Healthcare Professionals

The Human Trafficking Training Institute

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What is Human Trafficking?

“Kay Chemush for the U.S. State Department.”
Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery

• Victims are exploited for compelled commercial services

• Work in harsh and violent circumstances

• For little or no pay

• Sometimes 24/7
Transatlantic Slave Trade: Then and Now
Branding
The Auction Block
Laws Against Slavery
Timeline: Laws Against Slavery

- Constitution of the United States
- 1862 Emancipation Proclamation
- 1865 13th Amendment
- 1876 “Jim Crow” Laws
- 1910 Mann Act
- 1964 Civil Rights Act
2000 Trafficking Victims Protection Act

Forced Labor  

Commercial Sex

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Civil Rights

Agencies that Capture & Prosecute

Homeland Security Investigations
894 Cases in 2012

FBI Investigations
746 Cases in 2012

Civil Rights Squads
Criminal Squads
Cyber Squads
TVPA: “Forced Labor”

US v. Sabhnani

1. Recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person
2. For labor or services
3. Through the use of force, fraud or coercion
4. For the purpose of ... slavery
Labor Trafficking

Restaurants
Hospitality
Nail Salons
Agricultural workers
Factory Workers
Domestic Work

Theresa Mubang trafficked two Cameroonian minors in Greenbelt, MD:

- Promised American Education
- Forced to take care of two children
- No pay
- Beatings with broomstick, cable cords, and shoes
- Slept on the floor
Begging Rings
Crimes Against Children

Child abductions
Child Sexual exploitation
Child pornography

FBI Innocence Lost National Initiative Forces

HELP END CHILD PROSTITUTION
AMERICA'S CHILDREN ARE NOT FOR SALE.
1-800-CALL FBI
CALL FBI (225-5324)

PROJECT SAFE Childhood

Child Exploitation Task

23,953 arrests 2001-2013
Commercial Sex Trafficking

www.NotMyLife.org
Survivor: Barbara Amaya
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BarbaraAmaya.com
Is Prostitution Sex Trafficking?

TVPA: “Severe Form of Trafficking in Person”
1. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person
2. For the purpose of a commercial sex act
3. Induced by force, fraud or coercion, OR
   - If the victim is under age 18, force, fraud, or coercion does not need to be proven
Children & Sex Trafficking: How does it Add Up?

• Ave. age of entry: 12 to 15 years old

• 300,000 American minors are at-risk for sexual exploitation every year

• 100,000 American minors are victims of sex trafficking every year
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$150 billion in profits per year worldwide

Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour
Human Trafficking Globally

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- 14,500 to 17,500 People Estimated to be Trafficked into the US each Year (2013 State Dept TIP Report)
Human Trafficking in the US

Location of potential human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (2007 - 2012)
**Prostitution Arrests**

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Who are the Victims?
Subcommittee on Health

The Trafficking Awareness Training for Health Care Act of 2014
Findings from a focus group on the effects of trafficking of women & children

- Physical Abuse
- Mental Abuse
- Emotionally Devasted

106 victims interviewed

Source: Laura J. Lederer
Director, Bastian Center for the Study of Human Trafficking

Laura J. Lederer & Christopher A. Wetzel
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Consequences to Victims

- Pregnancies (71%)
- Abortions (55%)
  - 21% Five or more abortions
  - 53% Forced abortions
- Miscarriages (55%)
Consequences to Victims

- Drug Abuse (84%)
- STDs (67%)
- PTSD (55%)
- Attempted suicide (42%)
“But [abortions] were expensive ... So you went ‘back door’ where the charge was more like $150. I had so much scar tissue from these abortions because there was no follow-up and in a couple of cases I had bad infections, so bad that I eventually lost my fallopian tubes and had to have a hysterectomy.”
Whose Role Has Great Potential in Identify Human Trafficking Victims?
Study found 88% of victims had contact with a HCP during captivity
Who are “at risk” for trafficking?

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**LABOR TRAFFICKING**
- Poverty
- Foreign nationals (legal and illegal)
- Limited English
Red flags: **Control**

**SEX & LABOR TRAFFICKING**

- Restricted communication
- Controlled by another person
- One man may be with more than one girl
- Is not free to leave or go as he/she wishes
- Works excessively long and at unusual hours
  - Average of 13 buyers per day
  - 30 to 50 buyers per day
Red flags: Physical

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- Signs of forced sex
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**LABOR TRAFFICKING**
- Live at their workplace
- Not in possession of ID docs
- Neglected appearance
- Often appears overworked
- “Cracking the Whip”
Emotional State of Victim?
Emotional State of Victim

- Survival mode - taught to lie
- Acts older than their age
- Bonds with traffickers
- Shame
- Violent and defensive
- Fear of retaliation
- PTSD
Challenges to Identify Victims

They are trained to lie

Fear of law enforcement

Don’t view themselves as victims

Shame & worthlessness

Misperceptions that they are criminals

Prostitute…not a sex trafficking victim
Our Recommendations

- Interview them alone
- Use your own translators
- Treat as a forensic case
- Follow up: phone call or apt.
- Review your reporting policies
Minors: Mandatory Reporting in DC

DC Code Sec 4-1321.02

- Know or have reasonable cause to suspect
- A child has been abused or neglected or is in immediate danger of being physically abused OR
- Child has injury caused by bullet, knife or sharp object, other than by accidental means

**WHO:** Child care workers, dentists, medical examiners, mental health professionals, nurses, people caring for or treating patients, physicians, psychologists, schools officials, social service workers or human trafficking counselor

**HOW:** Must immediately make an oral report AND
- If requested, a written report

**TO:** DC MPD OR Child & Family Services Agencies
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Fam. Law Sec. 5-704

• Have reason to believe
• A child has been subjected to abuse or neglect:

1. WHO: Staff to a hospital, child care institution, or similar institution:
   • HOW: Must immediately notify and give all information
   • TO: Head of the institution or designee of the institution

2. WHO: Health Practitioners, educators or human services workers:
   • HOW: Must make a written report within 48 hrs of contact AND
     • Should immediately make an oral report
   • TO: Local law enforcement OR Department of Human Resources
     – Social Services Child Protective Services
If you Suspect Abuse

Meet them where they are

Don’t be a rescuer or an investigator

Provide information and assistance

Develop trust

Be compassionate: Don’t re-traumatize

National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)
1-888-373-7888
www.TraffickingResourceCenter.org
Case examples
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“It could be my father, my 4 brothers or the men who come to party on the weekend.”
Our first priority is your safety.

We can find you a safe place to stay.

We can work with you to not be deported.

You are a victim, not a criminal.

Law enforcement can protect you.

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Services Available to HHS Certified Victims

**Immediate Assistance:**
- Housing
- Food, clothing
- Medical and dental
- Psychological counseling
- Language interpretation
- Legal assistance
- Employment authorization
- Continued Presence

**Long Term Assistance:**
- Psychological counseling
- Independent living skills
- Job training & education
- Income assistance
- Legal and advocacy
- U & TVisas
Questions to Ask

- Ensure safety of the suspected victim
- Distinguish from other forms of abuse:
  - Work conditions
  - Repeated sexual abuse
  - Living conditions
DC Stop Modern Slavery

- All volunteer organization with over 1,500 members
- Have monthly speakers on various topics of human trafficking
- Provide trainings to:
  - Health Care Providers, Universities, High Schools, Neighborhood Watch Groups, Faith Based organizations, and other NGOs
- Advocacy Group promoting “END DEMAND” campaign
- www.StopModernSlavery.org
- www.meetup.com
THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING INSTITUTE
For Businesses, Law Enforcement, and School Faculty

Health Care Professionals are in a unique role to identify and assist human trafficking victims. Often human trafficking victims are only allowed by their traffickers to come into contact with their buyers, commonly referred to as "Johns," and health care providers. Due to the violence involved to subdue and control these victims, these victims frequently are in need of medical attention by emergency room personnel, OBGYN doctors, general medical practitioners and dentists. HTTI speaks to health care groups about the signs of human trafficking, how to identify victims, unique aspects of human trafficking victims, mandatory legal reporting requirements, and how to assist victims.

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Questions?
Reporting Telephone numbers

- DC Child & Family Services Agencies
  202-671-7233

- MD Department of Human Resources
  Local Departments of Social Services
  Child Protective Services by county:
  www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?page_id=4631

- Human Trafficking Hotline number
  888-373-3888
**Red flags: PSYCHOLOGICAL**

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<td>Does not consider self as a victim</td>
<td>Do not know what city they are in</td>
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<td>Loyalty or positive feelings toward the trafficker</td>
<td>Do not remember their addresses</td>
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<td>May try to protect the trafficker</td>
<td>Have inconsistencies in their story</td>
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<td>In fear of discussing how physical symptoms happened</td>
<td>Lacks social interaction</td>
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<td>Appears withdrawn, fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive and nervous</td>
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Street Sex Trafficking in DC

- Mass. Ave. NW (between 10th and 15th Sts NW)
- LBGTT Tract: K St. & 5th St NW
  - “Pimps and traffickers … took home between $5,000 and $32,833 a week.”
  - $20-$150 per sex act
Residential Brothels

- Phony business cards:
  - House call manicures
  - Men’s cologne
  - “Relaxation Centers”

- $30 for 15 minutes
  - Victims see very little of the money
  - Victims charged for lodging, food, condoms, clothing
Commercial-front Brothels in DC
(Massage Parlors)

18 massage parlors on www.rubmaps.com