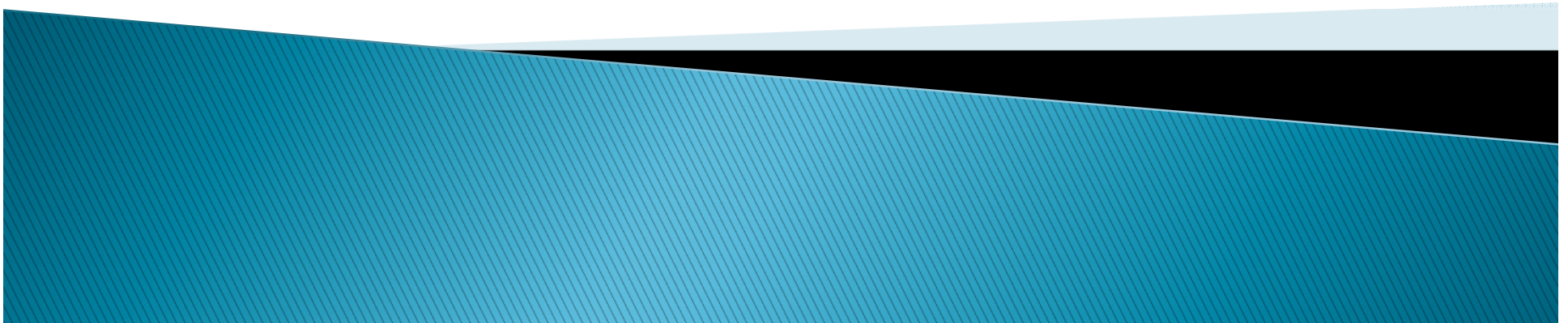




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*Educating and advocating for the prevention and
abolition of human trafficking
while connecting services on behalf of trafficked
persons.*



Healthcare's Response to Human Trafficking

OH Association of Community Health Centers

***Sr. Anne Victory, HM, RN, MSN
Annete Mango, survivor***

April 1, 2020



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Human Trafficking is...

Recruitment

Harboring

Transportation

Provision and/or

Obtaining of a person...

for a Commercial Sex Act and/or

Labor or Services...

through Force, Fraud and/or Coercion.

US Department of Health and Human Services, ACF, Trafficking Campaign



Not a new problem –

13th Amendment “neither slavery nor involuntary servitude...shall exist in the United States”



Slavery – people held or compelled into service against their will





40.3 Million People
\$150 billion
\$99 billion
\$51 billion*

***Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour**
International Labour Office, 2014, 2017

Second only to drug trafficking

Low Risk – High Profit



Sex trafficking . . .

Commercial sex act
induced by force,
fraud or coercion,
or
in which person
performing the act
is under age 18.



*Victims can be found
working in massage parlors,
brothels, strip clubs, escort
services and private homes*



Labor trafficking . . .

Using force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, obtain or employ a person for labor or services in **involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery**



Victims can be found in domestic situations as nannies, hotel maids, sweatshop factories, janitorial jobs, construction sites, farm work, and restaurants.



Crime of trafficking occurs with the exploitation of the victim.

The physical movement of the victim is not a requisite.

How Are Victims Trafficked?



Force: Rape, beatings, constraint, confinement, addiction to drugs



Fraud: False promises, deceptive offers of employment or a better life



Coercion: May involve the actual infliction of physical pain/injury and/or psychological harm in order to enhance the credibility of a threat.

Annete's Story

Who is at-risk to be trafficked?

- ▶ Children
- ▶ Vulnerable women and men
- ▶ Homeless, runaways
- ▶ Immigrants
- ▶ The disabled
- ▶ LGBTQ

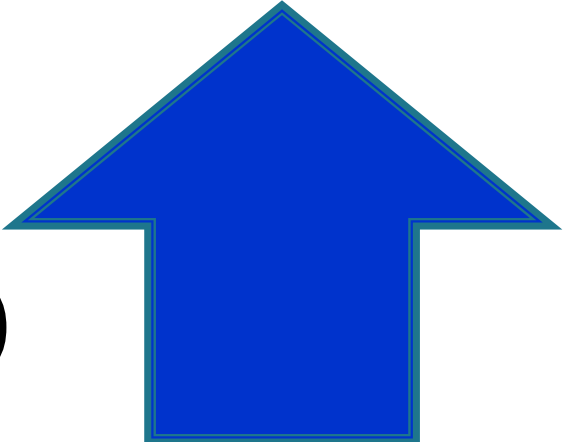


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Factors that contribute to vulnerability

- Poverty
- Illiteracy
- In the US and developed countries, hyper-sexualized culture causing desensitization: advertising, clothing, glamorizing “pimp culture”
- Pornography
- Social media

846%

2010  2015





Mindset of Victims- Why don't victims run, tell someone?

Victims don't seek help for many reasons including:

- ✿ FEAR of their trafficker
- ✿ Don't realize they are a victim
- ✿ Blame themselves for their situation
- ✿ AFRAID they will be seen as the criminal
- ✿ Low sense of self worth – Who will believe me?

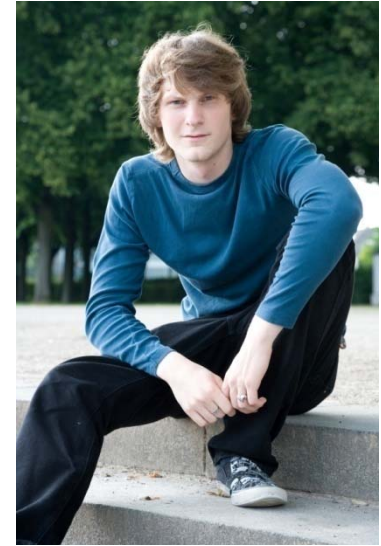
Traffickers

*Who are the pimps...
the traffickers?*

What do they look like?



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What is happening in Ohio?

Source State

Destination State

Transit State

**For both commercial sex and
labor trafficking**

Ohio Headlines

Woman from Gambia escapes human trafficking in Cleveland

Posted 10:03 pm, October 28, 2019, by [Kevin Freeman](#)

<https://fox8.com/2019/10/28/woman-from-gambia-escapes-human-trafficking-in-cleveland/>

Cuyahoga County prosecutor, Ohio Attorney General reveal results of All-Star week human trafficking operation

July 11, 2019

<https://www.wkyc.com/video/news/local/human-trafficking/cuyahoga-county-prosecutor-ohio-attorney-general-reveal-results-of-all-star-week-human-trafficking-operation/95-eb736969-498b-4e70-8347-7847d8bd3664>

Police stop possible human trafficking on bus driving through Westlake

By Camryn Justice Posted Feb 09, 2019

<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/oh-cuyahoga/police-stop-possible-human-trafficking-on-bus-driving-through-westlake?fbclid=IwAR0mXMo-LZNoXKjg9Hnhnrlf92NrmDoBMWwMRSRN6mMEh1fzhsAneFCVSY8>

Youngstown man accused of trafficking 15 year-old girl

By Michelle Nicks, Reporter Posted April 24, 2018

<http://www.wfmj.com/story/38027580/youngstown-man-accused-of-trafficking-15-year-old-girl>

Two arrested after human trafficking agents pull over car in Warren

Posted: Apr 19, 2017 1:02 PM EDT Wednesday, April 19, 2017 1:02 PM EDT: Apr 25, 2017 12:53 PM EDT

<http://www.wfmj.com/story/35189263/two-arrested-after-human-trafficking-agents-pull-over-car-in-warre>



Ohio Headlines

Ohio Woman Sentenced to 51 Years to Life for Trafficking Child

<http://patch.com/ohio/cleveland/ohio-woman-sentenced-51-years-life-trafficking-child>

4 indicted in human-trafficking case at Blue Ash hotel

<http://www.wlwt.com/article/4-people-indicted-in-human-trafficking-case-at-blue-ash-hotel/8547287>

2 face human trafficking charges

Posted on [March 30, 2016](#)

<https://www.limaohio.com/news/174060/2-face-human-trafficking-charges>

Toledo pastor charged with sex trafficking minors pleads guilty

<http://www.toledoblade.com/Courts/2018/05/14/Toledo-pastor-charged-with-of-sex-crimes-pleads-guilty.html>

First Mahoning County human trafficking case heads to court

<https://www.wkbn.com/news/local-news/first-mahoning-county-human-trafficking-case-heads-to-court/1296604622>

Elyria pimp gets life in prison

Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 12, 2014

http://www.cleveland.com/court-justice/index.ssf/2014/06/pimp_gets_life_in_prison.html



Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)

Areas of Focus:

- ▶ **Prevention**
 - *Public awareness and education*
- ▶ **Protection**
 - *T visa, certification, benefits and services*
- ▶ **Prosecution**
 - *Created Federal crime of trafficking, new law enforcement tools and efforts*
- ▶ **4th P=Partnership**

US Department of Health and Human Services,, ACF, Human Trafficking Campaign

State Law of OHIO: Highlights

Penalties for Traffickers

- *Trafficking in persons – Felony 1
(Ohio Revised Code 2905.32)*
- *Unlawful conduct with respect to documents – Felony 3
(Ohio Revised Code 2905.33)*

Penalties for Purchasers or “Johns”

- *Purchasing sex from a minor under 16 years old – Felony 3*
- *Purchasing sex from a minor 16–17 years old – Felony 5
(Ohio Revised Code 2907.24)*

Protections for Victims

- *Juvenile court can hold a delinquent child complaint in abeyance
(Ohio Revised Code 2152.021)*
- *Victims of trafficking in persons can have records expunged
(Ohio Revised Code 2953.38)*



Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force

Leading the Fight to End Human Trafficking

www.humantrafficking.ohio.gov

www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ht



DAVE YOST
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Commission created in 2009

Committees addressing various aspects of human trafficking

Resource Information for Crime Victims at

www.vinelink.com and

www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/victim

www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/humantrafficking

Needs of Trafficked Persons

- *Services – not detention*
- *Translation/interpretation*
- *Services for physical and mental health*
- *Food, housing, clothing*
- *Legal services – immigration services*
- *Education*
- *Employment*

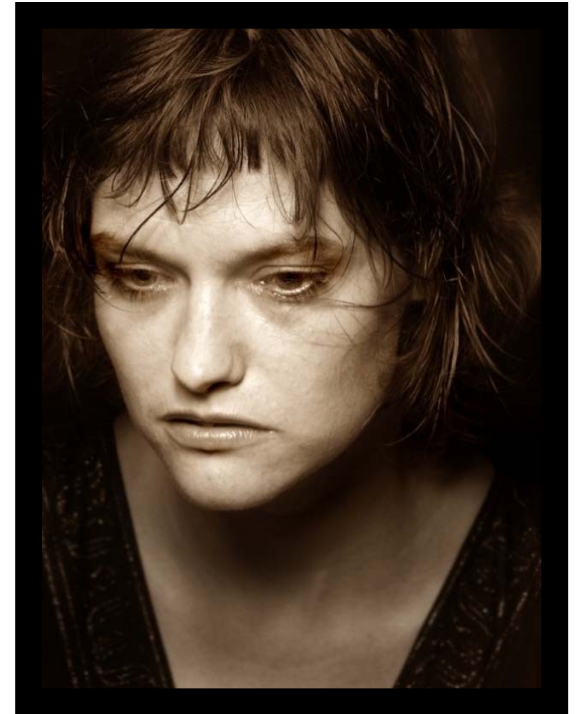
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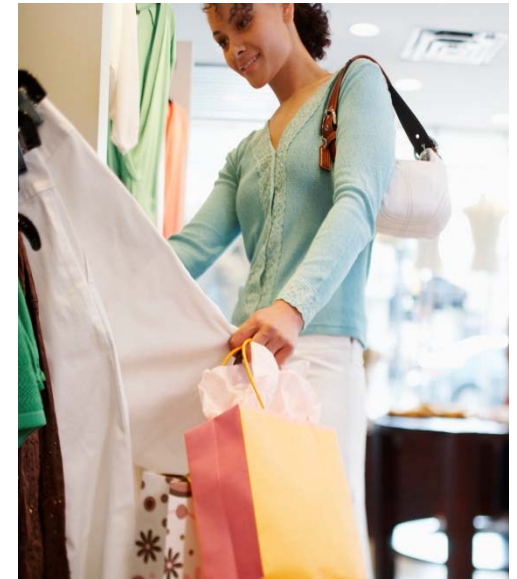
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Red Flags

- ▶ Cannot come and go as he/she pleases
- ▶ Appears submissive, afraid, nervous, depressed, malnourished
- ▶ Another person always speaks for him/her
- ▶ Evidence of physical or mental abuse
- ▶ Little to no control over his/her schedule, money, ID, travel documents
- ▶ Works long and/or unusual hours, lives where he/she works
- ▶ Has a much older boyfriend/girlfriend
- ▶ Has hotel card keys that he/she should not have
- ▶ Has new and expensive clothing that he/she cannot afford
- ▶ Branding—has strange tattoos (“Daddy,” initials, name, dollar sign, barcode)



How does human trafficking touch my life?





MADE IN A
FREE
WORLD

How many slaves
work for you?

What?
Slaves work for me?



Find out
Take the survey



Visit **slaveryfootprint.org**

As a healthcare provider . . .



First of all . . .

- ▶ Check your attitude! Pay attention to your own biases, feelings about “certain kinds” of patients.
- ▶ Think about traumas you have experienced and how you felt at the time. Imagine feeling that way ALL the time!
- ▶ Consider what this person may have endured, how she/he has survived!
- ▶ Consciously engage with your patient, NOT the computer!
- ▶ Your nonverbal messages convey real caring—or NOT!

How will I recognize a trafficking victim?

When you do your standard assessment, look “*beneath the surface*” and note what you are seeing, hearing, sensing. Pay close attention to anything that does not “add up!”



Physical Indicators – Red Flags

- ▶ Signs of physical trauma: bruising, broken bones, broken or damaged teeth, facial injuries
- ▶ Poor personal and dental hygiene
- ▶ Evidence of substance use disorder
- ▶ Tattoos that may be “brands” (a person’s name, “Daddy,” “Property of,” “\$\$,” a barcode . . .)
- ▶ Nervousness, no eye contact, appears to be depressed
- ▶ Evidence of malnutrition, dehydration
- ▶ Unusual occupational injuries



Control Indicators—also Red Flags



- Accompanied by a controlling person
- Controlling person does not allow patient to answer questions, interrupts or corrects patient



- Patient fearful, nervous, avoids eye contact
- Patient frequently texts or receives phone calls during treatment
- Patient hyper-vigilant or subordinate in demeanor

What do I do?

Follow child abuse/domestic violence protocols, depending on age

- ▶ Separate patient from controlling person, including family members
- ▶ Provide a comfortable and safe space.
- ▶ Attend to the patient's medical needs and treatment.
- ▶ Build rapport, assure patient of confidentiality (as possible).
- Learn how to interact in a trauma informed manner: questions to ask, how to ask them

How will I talk to a trafficking victim?

Integrate questions into your assessment and exam processes.
(Use **certified interpreters** if needed, NOT family members or the person who accompanied the patient).

Some possible questions

- ▶ Have you ever been forced to have sex or do work against your will?
- ▶ *Have you been forced to have sex with multiple partners?*
- ▶ Have you ever exchanged sex for food, shelter, drugs or money?
- ▶ *Do you have to meet a quota of money?*





- Do you have to live where you work, work unusual hours, ask permission to use restroom or eat meals?
- *Does someone hold your identity documents for you? Why?*
- Have you or a family member been threatened in any way?
- *Have you been threatened or suffered physical abuse from your employer, making you afraid to leave your job?*
- Has anyone lied to you about the work you would be doing?
- *Were you threatened with deportation or jail if you tried to leave?*

Child under 18: if YES to any assessment ?

- ▶ Follow child abuse protocol and mandatory reporting guidelines, even if the suspected trafficker is a parent or guardian.
- ▶ Update Security staff as needed.
- ▶ If child is on missing persons report, notify—
 - Attending physician
 - Local police detective in charge of case
 - Sheriff's Department or HT Task Force
 - Department of Children and Family Services
- ▶ **DO NOT** give patient's medical information to anyone.



Over age 18: if YES to any assessment ?

- ▶ Obtain patient's consent to notify law enforcement
- ▶ Assist patient to call 911, Human Trafficking Task Force (Cuyahoga County Sheriff) or local police department.



Getting Victims of Human Trafficking the Help They Need

Nationally

1.888.3737.888

or text “help” to BeFree (233733)

Locally

Who would YOU call?

Call 911 if victim is at risk of imminent harm





The Collaborative to End Human Trafficking

A working group of concerned people in northern Ohio

Mission:
To educate and advocate for the prevention and abolition of human trafficking while connecting services on behalf of trafficked persons.



Local Collaboration – the Key!



- ▶ Connecting services requires broad collaboration with a variety of law enforcement, social service and health care providers, as well as others in the community.
- ▶ Greater Cleveland's Coordinated Response to Human Trafficking includes nearly 60 partner organizations working together to address the issue.





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*Visit www.collabtoendht.org and
www.happensheretoo.org for more
information and updates*



Questions??

