

Invisible Chains: *Our* Fight Against Human Trafficking

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What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery; the buying and selling of humans. We only thought slavery ended with the Emancipation Proclamation. It's alive and well today with more slaves than at any point in history. In fact, there are twice as many slaves today as during the entire trans-Atlantic slave trade. The two most common forms of human trafficking are sexual slavery and forced labor.

Human Trafficking Worldwide

Worldwide, over **40 million people** are victims of human trafficking...bringing in profits of over **150 billion dollars**.

- 81% = forced labor
- 25% = children
- 75% = women & girls

Eighty percent of those sold into sexual slavery are under 24, and some are as young as six years old

Group	Price
Pakistani woman	\$342
Mozambique girl	\$1-\$1,000
Nepalese woman	\$975
Iraqi girl	\$2,500-\$5,000
Romanian girl	\$3,000-\$6,000

Types of Trafficking

Type	Percentage
Labor	68%
Sex	22%
State imposed	10%

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Domestic Servitude

Employees working in private homes are forced or coerced into serving and/or fraudulently convinced that they have no option to leave.

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Sex Trafficking

Women, men or children that are forced into the commercial sex industry and held against their will by force, fraud or coercion.

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Forced Labor

Human beings are forced to work under the threat of violence and for no pay. These slaves are treated as property and exploited to create a product for commercial sale.

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Bonded Labor

Individuals that are compelled to work in order to repay a debt and unable to leave until the debt is repaid. It is the most common form of enslavement in the world.

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Child Labor


Any enslavement – whether forced labor, domestic servitude, bonded labor or sex trafficking – of a child.

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Forced Marriage

Women and children who are forced to marry another without their consent or against their will.

<http://www.endslaverynow.org/>



How many slaves work for you?

What? Slaves work for me? → Find out Take the survey

http://slaveryfootprint.org/#where_do_you_live

Child Sex Trafficking

Child sex trafficking occurs when a person:

- Knowingly **traffics** a child under the age of 18 (doesn't have to know the child is under 18) and **causes** by any means the child to engage in or become the victim of **commercial sex acts or child sex abuse**.
- **Receives a benefit** from participating in a venture that involves commercial sex acts or sex abuse.
- **Engages in sexual conduct** with a trafficked child.

Texas Penal Code, Section 20A.02

Traffics	Causes	Commercial Sex Acts or Sex Abuse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transports, • entices, • recruits, • harbors, • provides, or • otherwise obtains. 	<p>By any means (no force, fraud or coercion required if victim is under 18).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continuous sexual abuse, indecency with a child, sexual assault (& agg.), prostitution, • promotion (& agg.) of prostitution, • sexual performance by a child, • employment harmful to children, • possession or promotion of child pornography



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DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING
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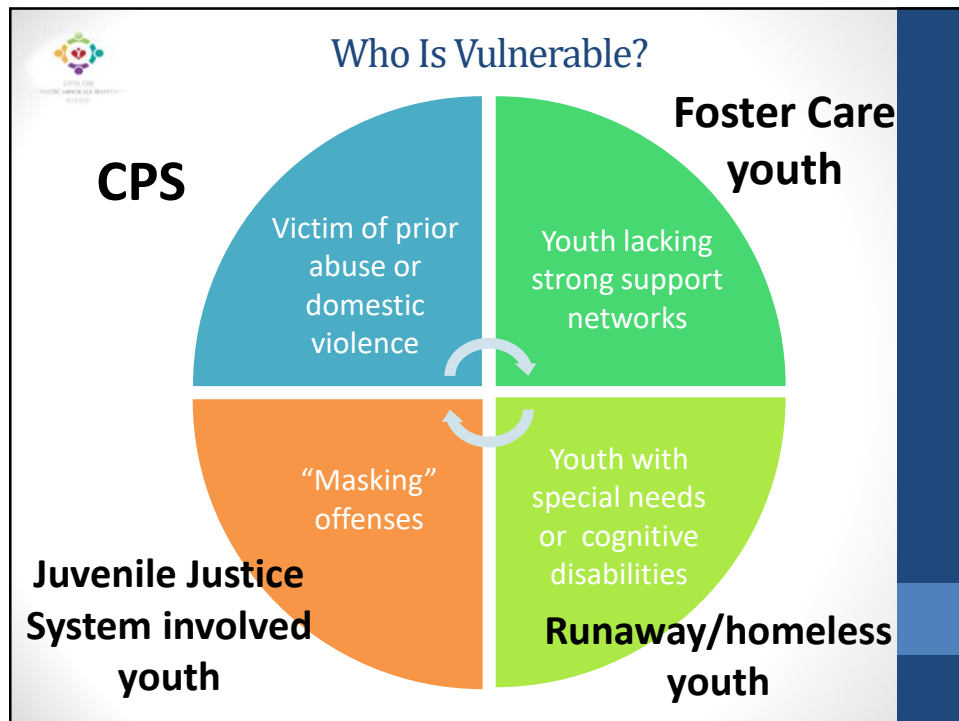
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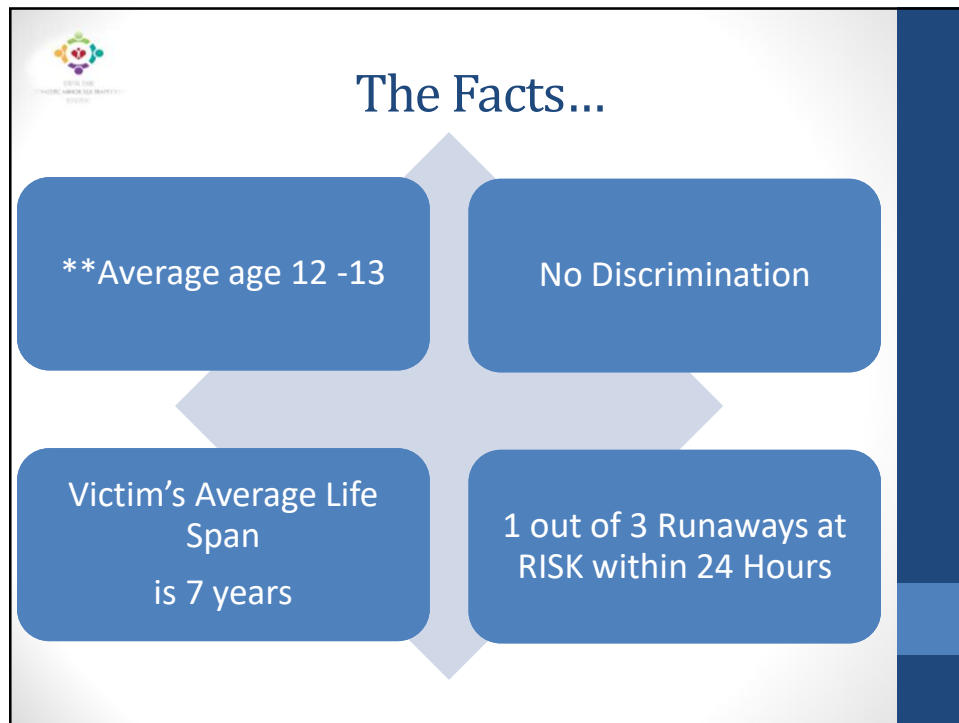


Children don't wake up one morning and decide they'll be prostitutes...
they're forced into it.

- *Victims will immediately ask for help or assistance and will self-identify as a victim of a crime.*
- *Trafficking is the same as smuggling.*
- *Trafficked persons can only be foreign nationals or are only immigrants from other countries.*
- *Trafficking must involve some form of travel, transportation, or movement across state or national borders.*
- *There must be elements of physical restraint, physical force, or physical bondage when identifying a human trafficking situation.*









Polaris

- People of all races
- Family members/other relatives
- Friends, “boyfriends”, teens, peers
- Neighbors
- Professional pimps
- Gangs & Criminal Networks
- Businesses



1 Woman/girl	@	\$1,000.00 a day
\$1,000.00 X7	=	\$7,000.00 a week
\$7,000.00 X4	=	\$28,000.00 a month
\$28,000.00 X12	=	\$336,000.00 a year

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 **Where Does Recruitment Occur?**

- Bus stops
- Malls and social hang outs
- Parties
- Schools
- Online and social media
- Neighborhood
- Girlfriends of gang members
- Jails/Detention Centers





 **Where Does Trafficking Occur?**

- Online exploitation
- Hotels and motels
- Truck stops
- Strip clubs and bars
- Major sporting events
- Street prostitution
- Commercial front brothels
- Private residences
- Escort services



3 OUT OF 4 VICTIMS ARE TRAFFICKED ONLINE
Over three quarters of underage sex trafficking victims are aware that they have been advertised in online ads. The internet simplifies illegal transactions for pimps, and helps create new opportunities for pimps who profit from the sexual exploitation of children.
Source: Polaris Institute



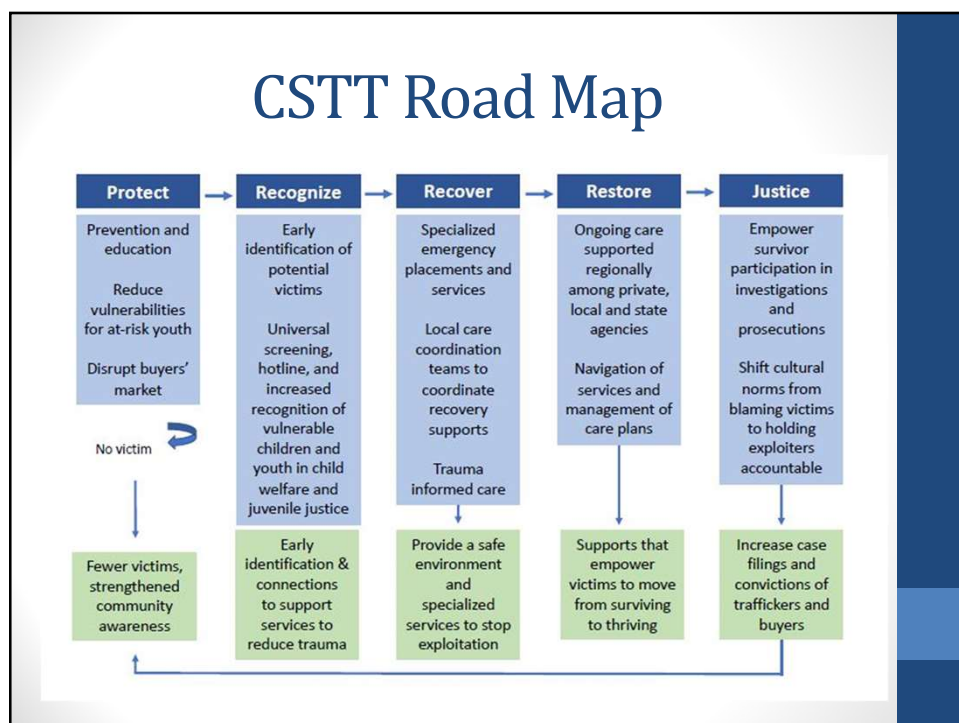


What are the Red Flags?

- Scripted answers
- Inconsistencies in story
- Branding or tattoos, especially that reflect ownership or money
- Bruising with varied stages of healing with black, purple, blue, yellow shades
- Cigarette burns, rope burns, scars, cuts or other physical abuse
- Travels to other cities frequently
- Uses terms common to the sex industry
- Appears helpless, shame, malnourished
- Inability or fear of making eye contact
- Chronic runaway; homeless youth
- Dating much older, abusive, or controlling men
- Not attending school or numerous absences
- Sudden change in attire, possessions, behavior.

On its own, one of these signs might not indicate trafficking, but 2-3 together are a good indication.







Protect

5 Strategies:

1. Raise community awareness regarding CST
2. Strengthen child and youth protective factors
3. Support school-based prevention
4. Provide prevention education to youth
5. Reduce demand



Recognize

5 Strategies:

1. Awareness of and understanding CST risk factors and key indicators of involvement
2. Train key first responders (health care providers)
3. Train other organizations that serve high-risk children and youth
4. Screen for suspected CST involvement
5. Awareness of and understanding how to report suspected CST concerns



Recognize

Health Care Providers

- Safety is first concern
- Access Targeted Training Resources
 - TX Human Trafficking Resource Center
 - <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/safety/texas-human-trafficking-resource-center>
 - HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy, Linkage) Trafficking
 - iCare Health Care Provider's Guide (Shared Hope Int'l)
- Connect Victim to Most Well-Equipped Provider



Recover

5 Strategies:

1. Community inventory of stakeholders, activities, and resources
2. Individual organizational response plans
3. Address victim's immediate needs
4. Connect victim to CST advocate
5. Local care coordination teams –
COLLABORATE!



Restore

6 Strategies:

1. Network of community-based providers
2. Intensive case management and wraparound services for survivors
3. Trauma-informed care system
4. Stages of Change Model
5. Motivational interviewing
6. Trust-Based Relational Interventions



Bring Justice

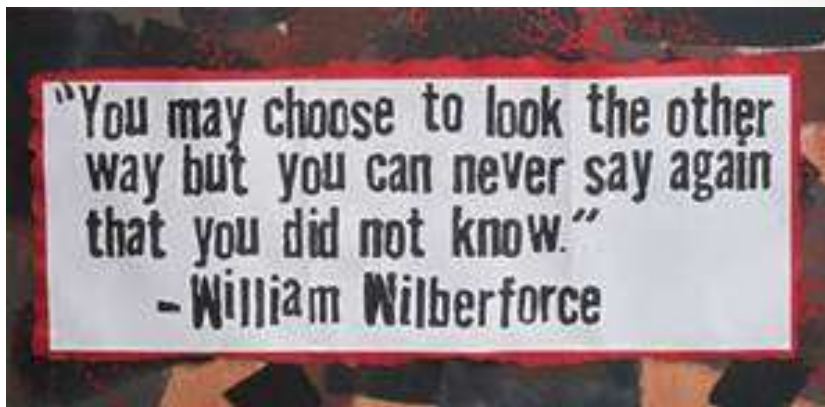
4 Strategies:

1. Identify current community efforts
2. Equip law enforcement
3. Support judicial education
4. Identify strategies for removing barriers to the judicial process



The Small Stuff...

- **Buy Less – Pay More – Pay Attention**
(Polaris: 148 goods from 75 countries from forced & child labor)
- **Talk About It!**
"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Use TraffickCam when traveling**
- **Use the National Hotline!**
 - **1 (888) 373-7888**
 - National Human Trafficking Resource Center
 - **BEFREE: Text "HELP" or "INFO" TO 233733**
 - **Hours:** 24 hours, 7 days a week
 - **Languages:** English, Spanish and 200 more languages
 - **Website:** traffickingresourcecenter.org



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