

Risk Factors & Other Indicators of Technology Facilitated Child Sex Trafficking

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Is There Child Sex Trafficking In US?

- Statistics
- Investigations
- Prosecutions
- Operation Cross Country:
 - July 2013: 105 victims/150 traffickers
 - July 2014: 168 victims/281 traffickers



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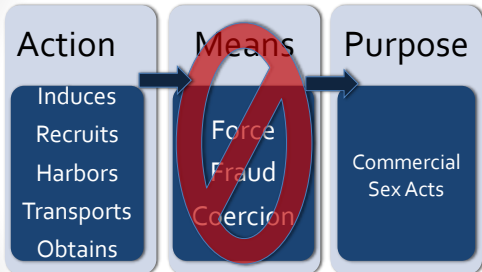
Victims of Child Sex Trafficking

- Child Prostitute or VICTIM?
- Consent or MANIPULATION?
- Choice or CONTROL?
- Delinquent or VICTIM?

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Defining Child Sex Trafficking



Trafficker: Receives anything of value

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Who Are the Traffickers?

- Pimps
- Family
- Gangs
- Drug Dealers
- Kidnappers



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Trafficking Terms

- The Life
- The Game
- Bottom Bxxxx or Bottom Girl
- Circuit or Track
- Daddy
- Finesse Pimp
- Gorilla Pimp
- Lot Lizard
- Stable
- Wifey or Wife-in-Law

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Victims of Child Sex Trafficking

- Male or female
- Runaway, foster & homeless youth
- Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgendered-Questions (LGBTQ)
- Victims of abuse
- Naïve or youth with unmet needs
- Kidnapped youth



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Contributing Factors of Victimization

- Grooming
 - Looking for something better:
 - Escape from current situation
 - Love
 - **Someone who cares**
 - Fame
 - Money



Chats From Trafficker to Victim

- "do you know how to cook if so would you be willing to be paid to cook for someone? please let me know and do you like black guy's"
- "are you willing to make \$2,800 in cash let me know and yes it's real I do it every week"
- "would you ever suck for money"



Chats From Victim to Trafficker

- "I'm willing to go all the way in any way"
- "I'm bringing clothes but I don't have much to wear"
- "they pretty much don't even know I exist. I'm like a ghost"
- "I'm not going to change my mind"
- "Omygod hotels are like a park for me"



Potential Indicators of CST of Students (TX Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force 2014)

ACADEMIC	Academically unengaged	Performs under grade level	Sudden change in performance
BEHAVIORAL	Avoids eye contact	Gaps in memory	Resists being touched
PHYSICAL	Visible bruises or scars	Malnourished	Drug or alcohol addiction
EMOTIONAL	Low self-esteem	Depression, anxiety or fear	Sudden outburst of anger
SOCIAL	Much older partner	Unstable or abusive home	Sexual online profile



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Indicators of Trafficking

- Over controlling "boyfriend"
- Tattoo
- Poor hygiene
- Signs of physical abuse
- Drug abuse
- Health issues (STD/STI)
- Multiple mobile phones



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Where are Youth Targeted?

- Shopping Malls
- Bus Stations
- Train Stations
- Teen Hangouts
- **ONLINE**



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Online Meeting Places

- Social media - Facebook
- Multi-player games
- Chatrooms
- Instant messaging - Kik
- Video chat - Omegle



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Mobile Phones

- Identify and recruit victims
- Take pictures and videos
- Control victims
- Post ads
- Make appointments



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Victim Control Through Technology

- Mobile phone GPS
- Constant texting
- Text message review
- Sexting
- Blackmail



Facebook & Social Media

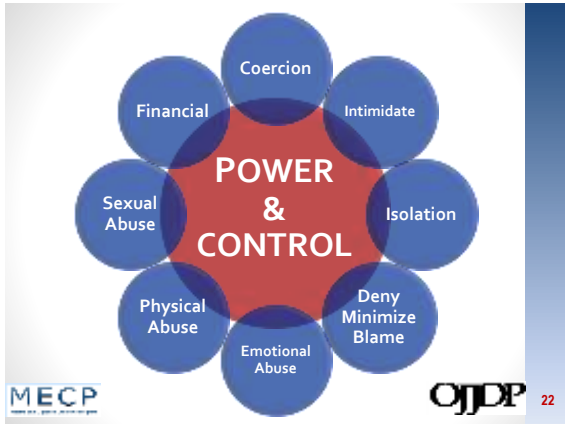
- Target rich environment
- Easy to make "friends"
- Easy to identify "at-risk" youth
- Grooming process



Compliant or Controlled Victim

- Fear
- Difficult situation/life
- Previous contact with law enforcement
- Shame or self-blame
- Difficult
- Deceitful
- Loyalty toward trafficker





Online Marketing

- Backpage.com
- Craigslist.com
- AdultSearch.com
- CitiVibe.com
- MyRedBook.com

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Victim-Centered Investigations




- Safe Harbor Laws
- Responsibility to rescue and aid victims
 - Investigator & Prosecutor needs victim assistance
- Victim needs:
 - Safety
 - Physical needs met
 - Emotional needs met

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Responding to Victims

- Build TRUST
- Avoid judging them
- Accept their resistance
- Understand their changing stories
- Assess their level of safety

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A Few Questions to Ask Victims

- How did you get here?
- Where do you live – eat – sleep?
- Do you control your own money / ID?
- Have you been physically harmed?
- Has anyone taken pictures/videos of you?
- Have you/your family been threatened?



Recovery Methods & Victim Needs

- Who can provide these needs?
 - Safe housing
 - Medical services
 - Clothing
 - Food
 - Emotional support
 - Personal and family safety



Resources

- FBI/ICAC/Local HT Task Force Units
- NCMEC – Special Analysis Unit (SAU)
 - Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT)
 CSTTreporting@ncmec.org
- www.SharedHope.org
- PolarisProject.org



What Can You Do?

- Know the warning signs
- Ask more questions of youth
- Know your social service providers
- Locate your state or region's task force
- Pass along information to others



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