

CareSource Human Trafficking



2024 IHCP Works Annual Seminar

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a crime that involves force, fraud or persuading a person to provide labor or services, or to engage in commercial sex acts. The persuasion can be subtle or overt, physical or psychological. **Exploitation of a minor for commercial sex is human trafficking, regardless of whether any form of force, fraud, or coercion was used.**

Key Factor

Minors are automatically considered victims



<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking>



Differences

Human Smuggling
centers around *transportation*



Human Trafficking
centers around *exploitation*



Visible and Invisible Chains

Human Trafficking, or 'Modern Day Slavery,' is easier to understand with chains

Forms of *coercion* are easy to hide and often ignored or not identified, yet they are still as restrictive to a victim as chains or physical restraint/abuse



Child Sex Trafficking

Key Factor

Minors are automatically considered a trafficking victim



Elements of force, fraud, or coercion do **NOT** need to be proven

There is **no such thing as a child prostitute**

In cases of sex trafficking of a person under the age of 18, the **sex buyer is considered a sex trafficker** (there is no such thing as a buyer of sex from a minor)





Important Definitions

Child Sexual Exploitation Material (CSEM):

- official, preferred term to child pornography.

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST):

- is the “recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act” within domestic borders in which the person is a US citizen or lawful permanent resident <18 years of age.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE):

- any sex act where anything of value is given to or received by any person.



Who is at Risk?

Runaway youth

Those with SUD
and SMI

Any child who has
access to social media

Homeless youth

Justice involved
youth

Students who drop
out of school

LGBTQIA+

Youth in unstable
family situations

People with intellectual or
developmental disabilities

Unaccompanied
migrants

Child welfare
involved youth

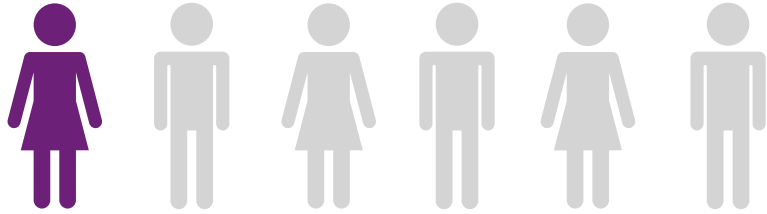
Youth with history of
childhood trauma (physical or
sexual abuse)



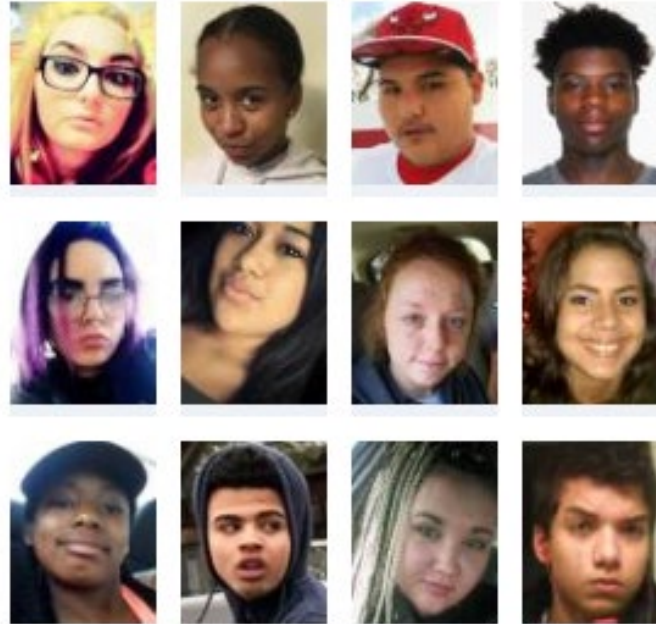
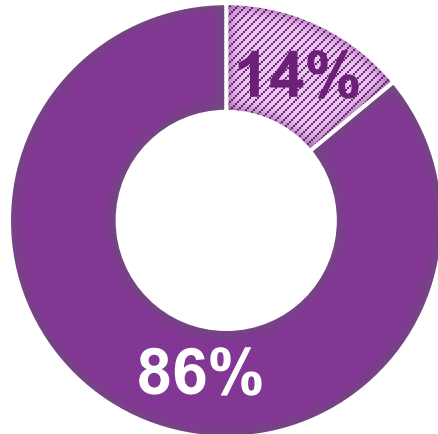
Foster Care and High-risk Runaways

1 in 6 of the 28,800 runaways reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® in 2023 were likely sex trafficking victim.

<https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking#bythenumbers>



Likely sex trafficking victims were **in the care of social services or foster care** when they went missing.



Comparing Missing posters with Online Escort Ads is often successful.

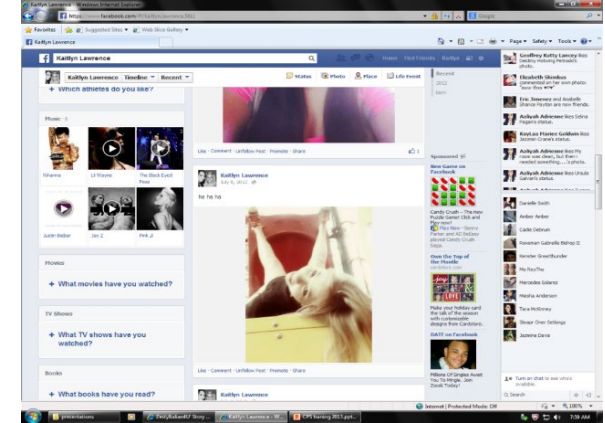
The screenshot shows a profile on the 'backpage' website. The header includes the 'backpage' logo and navigation links. The profile name is 'SeXy* Petite* Bomb' with various emojis. The bio reads: 'Hello fellas Im Ashlee I'm a friendly bombshell ready to please. I Love to play and be a dream fulfiller. Treat your self and feel Relaxed Relieved and Rejuvenated'. There are three 100% ratings with comments: '100% Juicy', '100% All Woman', and '100% All Fun'. The contact information includes a phone number (redacted), a location of '75 near Downtown, Dallas', and a post ID '35830090 dallas'. A large photo of a young woman in a pink dress is visible on the right side of the ad.



Recruitment Methods

1. Social Media

- Traffickers use social media sites to recruit teenagers. After securing a victim's love and loyalty, the trafficker will force the victim into prostitution.



2. Out of the legal adult entertainment industry

- Some traffickers take pornographic photos of victims as a means of control.
- Traffickers then sell the content, by uploading to porn sites, while simultaneously exploiting the victims through prostitution.



3. Deceived into an intimate relationship by a trafficker

- By false promises of love, a good job, or a stable life.



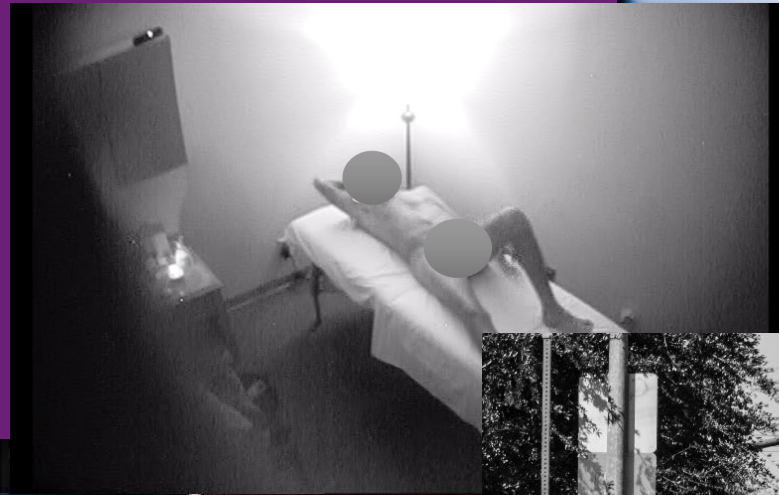
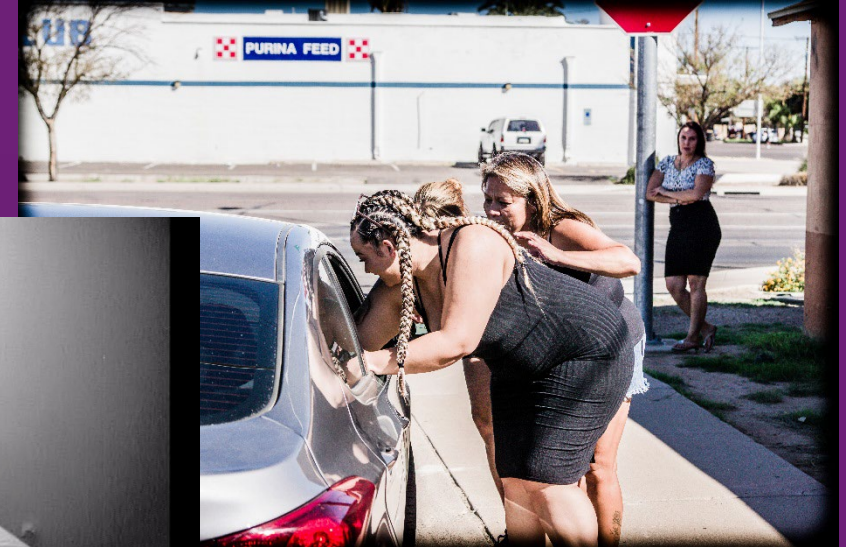
Sex Trafficking Specific Industries

Prostitution

Massage Parlors

Bars, Strip Clubs, Cantinas

Truck Stops



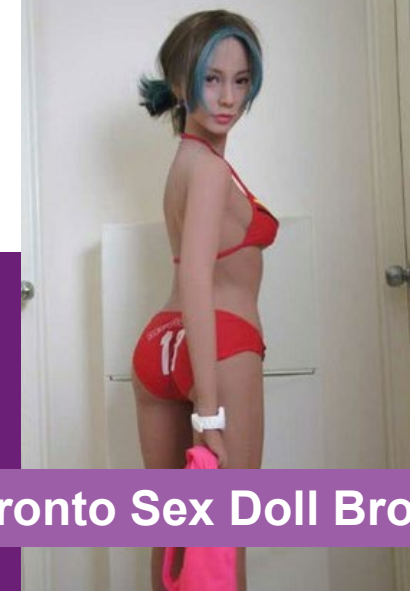
Sex Trafficking Specific Industries

Brothel/Residences

Hotel/Hospitality Locations

Escort Services

Pornography



Toronto Sex Doll Brothel

backpage Post an Ad keyword adult search tyler, tx free classified

backpage.com > tyler adult entertainment > tyler escorts

%%YUMMY PLESURE \$\$ 80hh 160 hr!!! I\$\$ **BEST N TYLER * 24/7* aim to please & indephn - 30

Posted: Thursday, March 13, 2014 9:15 AM

Reply: [click here](#)

ARE you tired of the same ran down girls whois nonting that you were looking for. well you found the right lady only if you are willing to be pleased-satisfied I am open-minded down to earth, yummy plesure, Available now.you wont regret. Up scale company. Clean men who respect a woman. Never setale for less.Cause i will be the best part of your day/nite. NO cops. SERIES CALLERS ONLY! REAL PIC. Indapendint no roomates. very clean relax setting,INN CALLS ONLY! call 903 312 1887

Poster's age: 30

- Location: Tyler
- User first posted December 2013
- Post ID: 25265660 tyler

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BELIEVE ME... I'M

How Do We Identify Pimps?

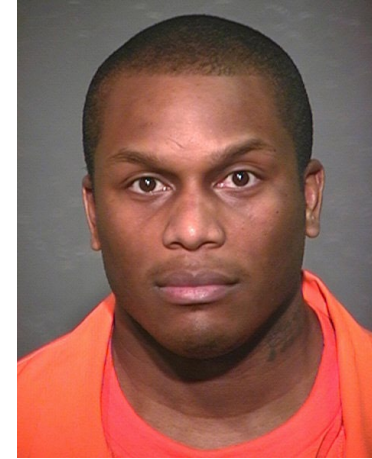
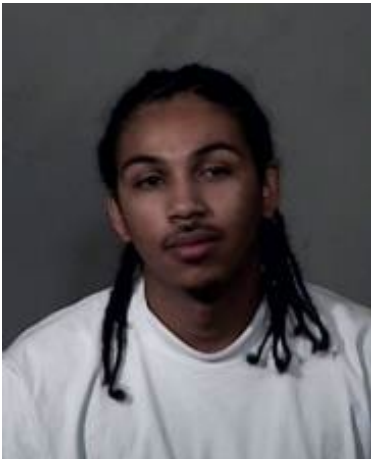
Most come from victim interviews

Social Networking

Spin off investigations

Complaints

Surveillance



Sex Trafficking – Specific Industries

Mail order brides
Forced marriage

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Sporting events

.....
Sex tourism



The banner for 'Asian Brides online' features a row of eight small portraits of women. To the right of the portraits is a large black and white photo of a woman in a suggestive pose. The text on the banner includes: 'Asian Brides online', 'We have 20000+ ladies from the Philippines, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Russia, Ukraine and other countries', 'JOIN NOW', and a list of services: 'Tours', 'New Profiles', 'Women's Profiles', 'Order Address Now', 'Search Engine', 'Men's Publication', and 'Express Mail'. A central paragraph reads: 'Don't settle for anything less! If you're looking for a lifetime companion, a best friend and faithful lover, you've come to the right place! Don't get distracted by other "Romance" companies. Choose the Premier international introduction and tour company! Asian Brides Online! We are dedicated to introducing foreign women to loving, stable men who desire wives! You've seen the rest - now choose the BEST!'.



Pimp Culture Language



MOB
Money Over Bitches

Pimp - A person who encourages, compels, entices, etc, a female / male to become a prostitute or to continue to commit acts of prostitution. The Pimp will take all the money.

Provided **I**ncome from **M**anaging **P**rostitutes
Power **I**n **M**anipulating **P**eople.

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Daddy

Boyfriend

Mack

Prostitute

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Wifey

Bitch

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Bottom



Pimp Culture Language Continued

Player

a pimp who is more verbally persuasive than physically

Guerilla

a pimp who is more physically persuasive than verbally

Romeo

a pimp will present himself as a boyfriend and will lavish the girl with gifts, promises of fulfilled dreams, protection, adventure, and other needs the child may have

Square

people not in the Game

The Game / The Life / Hustlin

the prostitution/ pimp cult

Stable / Family/ Team / Folks

a group of prostitutes that work for the same pimp



Turn out (Party)

Brand new prostitute; one who was just turned from a normal girl into a prostitute.

Knockin'

Recruiting

Renegade

Working without a Pimp

Choosing up (Fee)

When a prostitute begins working for a pimp, she is said to have chosen that pimp. Choosing may be done voluntarily, by threats, or by force.

Out of Pocket

When a prostitute has a pimp, and she looks at another pimp, she is deemed out a pocket, out of line

Continued - Pimp Culture Language

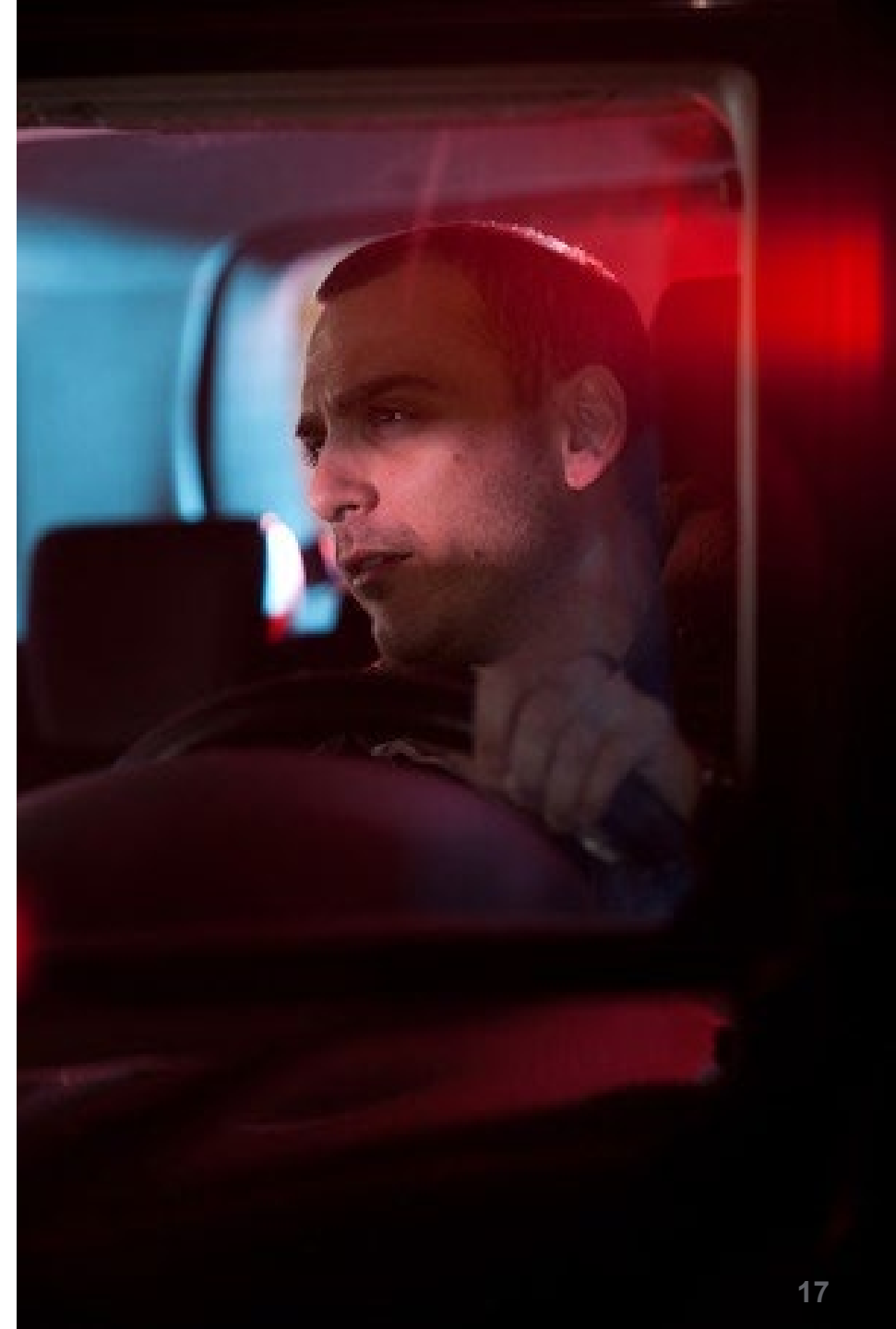


Traffickers

The most important roles of a trafficker are:

- Recruiting
- Maintaining emotional / physical control over the victims for profit.
- Pimps – 1/3 said they entered the underground commercial sex economy because they grew up around it.*
- Exposure to sex work as children made the trade seem like a normal achievable means to earn a living.

* <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/modern-day-slavery/201704/pimp-culture-glorification-and-sex-trafficking#>



The Bottom



Recruiting

Setting up dates

Driving

Taking Money

Watching

Teaching/
Training

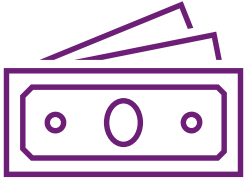
Answering
Phones

Posting Ads

Putting hotels/cars
in their name

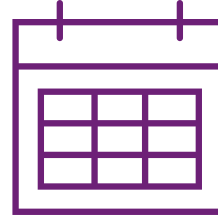


Human Trafficking Statistics



Estimated **150 billion** dollar a year industry*

* <https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-trafficking-in-persons-report/>



Average length of **exploitation** is **two years.*****

*** https://www.iom.int/sites/g/files/tmzbd1486/files/our_work/DMM/MAD/A4-Trafficking-External-Brief.pdf



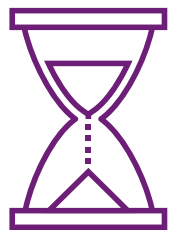
99 billion coming from sexual exploitation*

* <https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-trafficking-in-persons-report/>



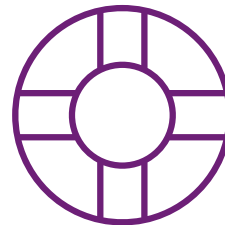
Around the world, the **average cost** of a **slave** is **\$90******

**** <https://socialinnovation.blog.jbs.cam.ac.uk/2015/03/17/modern-day-slavery-a-flourishing-business-at-90-for-a-human-life/>



In the US, **runaways** are **approached** by a trafficker **within 48 hrs.****

** <https://hopeforjustice.org/news/who-is-vulnerable-to-human-trafficking/>



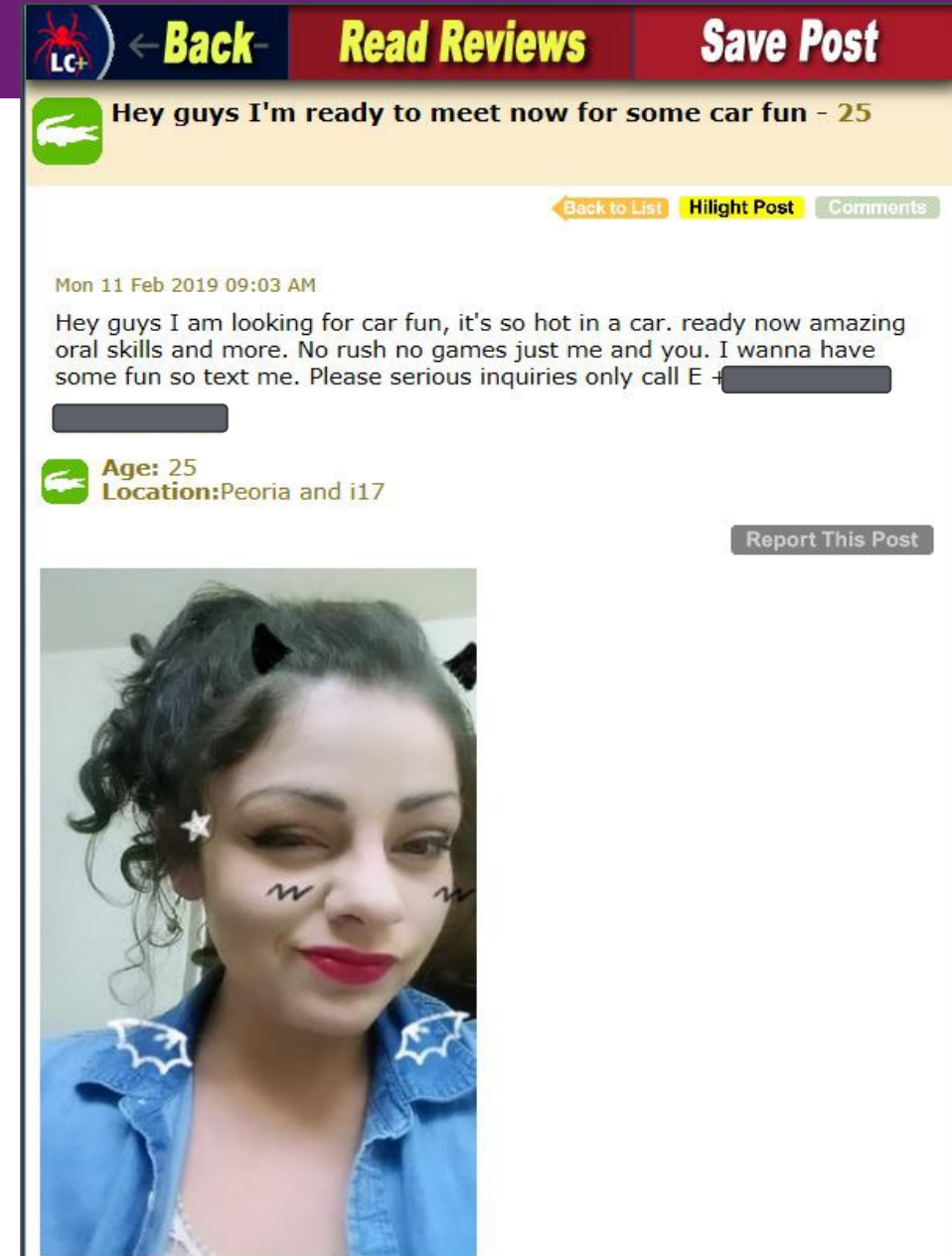
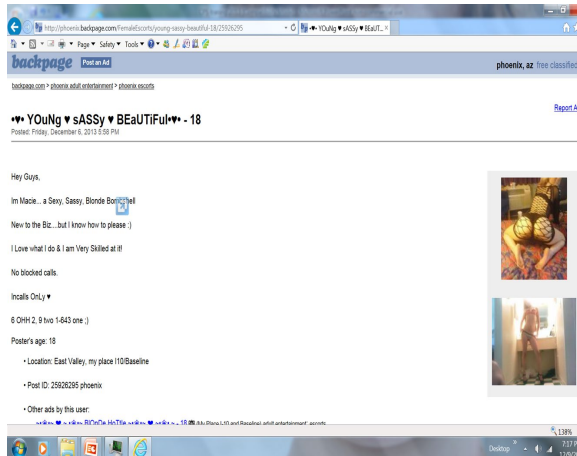
Only 1% of trafficking victims are ever **rescued*******
(and that's a high estimate)

***** <https://polarisproject.org/myths-facts-and-statistics/>



Recruiting Locations

- Group Homes
- Bus Stops
- Facebook / Mocospace / Tinder/ Plenty of Fish....many many more!
- Chat Lines
- Malls
- Schools
- Strip Clubs / Nightclubs



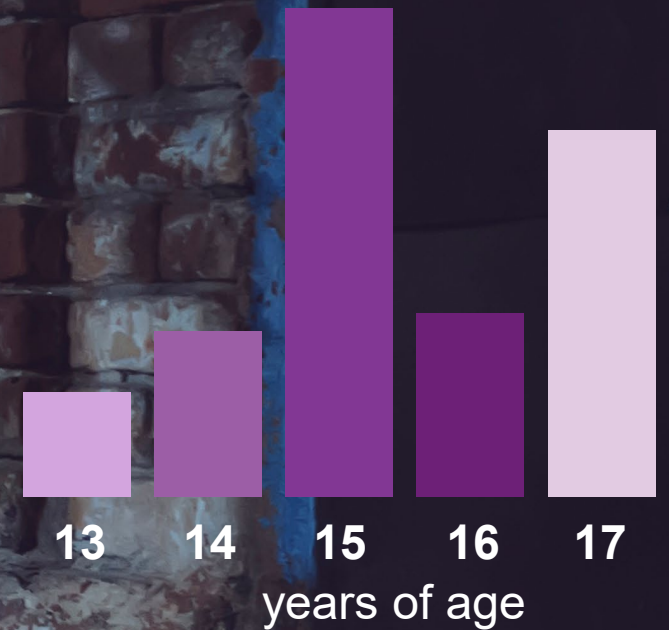
Why Are Young Girls Easy Targets?

[Child Sex Trafficking \(missingkids.org\)](https://missingkids.org)

70%
street youth

shelter youth
30%

Victims of
commercial
sexual
exploitation



Who are the Victims?

All races

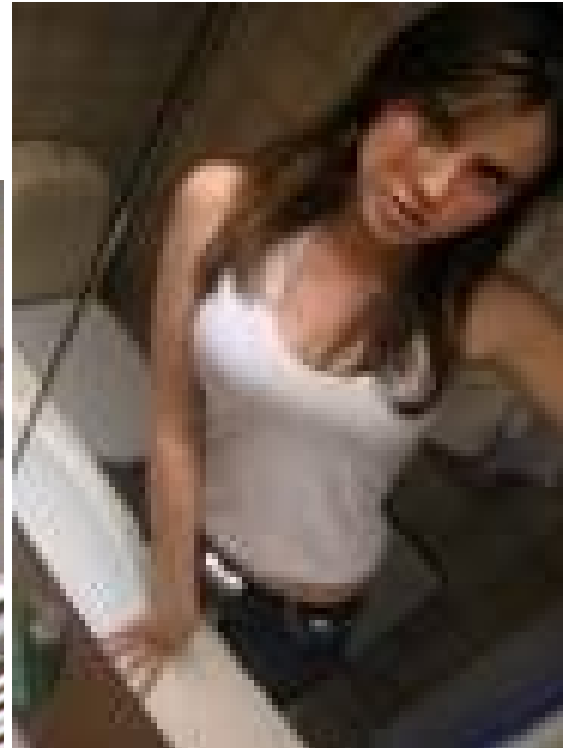
All ages

All genders

All socioeconomic backgrounds

Runaways

Previously abused/ neglected/
abandoned





Indicators with Minors

- ▶ More subtle signs than adults
- ▶ Screening is imperative
- ▶ Social history
- ▶ Abuse history
- ▶ Mental health history or crisis
- ▶ Self harm
- ▶ Substance use concerns
- ▶ STI/pregnancy concerns
- ▶ Abortions
- ▶ Runaways*
- ▶ Transactional/survival sex
- ▶ Pornography created of them
- ▶ Truancy from school**

- Alpert, E., et al., 2008 & Barrows, J. & Finger, R., 2008 & Greenbaum, J., & Crawford-Jakubiak, J., 2015, & Varma, S., Gillespie, S., McCracken, C., Greenbaum, J., 2015

** NCMEC, 2021 [Child Sex Trafficking \(missingkids.org\)](https://www.missingkids.org)





Adults

- ▶ Likely will not disclose readily
- ▶ More red flags and overt signs of trafficking
- ▶ Create a relationship

Your job is not to rescue, it's to provide safety and resources



How Trafficked Victims are Identified



Hospital



Law Enforcement



Self-disclosed



Teacher



Therapist



Returned to
parent/guardian after
running away



Other victims



Family members



There is no wrong door

Why Victims Don't Disclose?

- Coercive trauma bonds
- Poverty/in debt
- Afraid of being blackmailed or hurt
- Physical abuse
- Brainwashed
- Afraid of law enforcement
- Not aware of their rights
- Loss of hope
- Fear of deportation



Trafficking Hurts

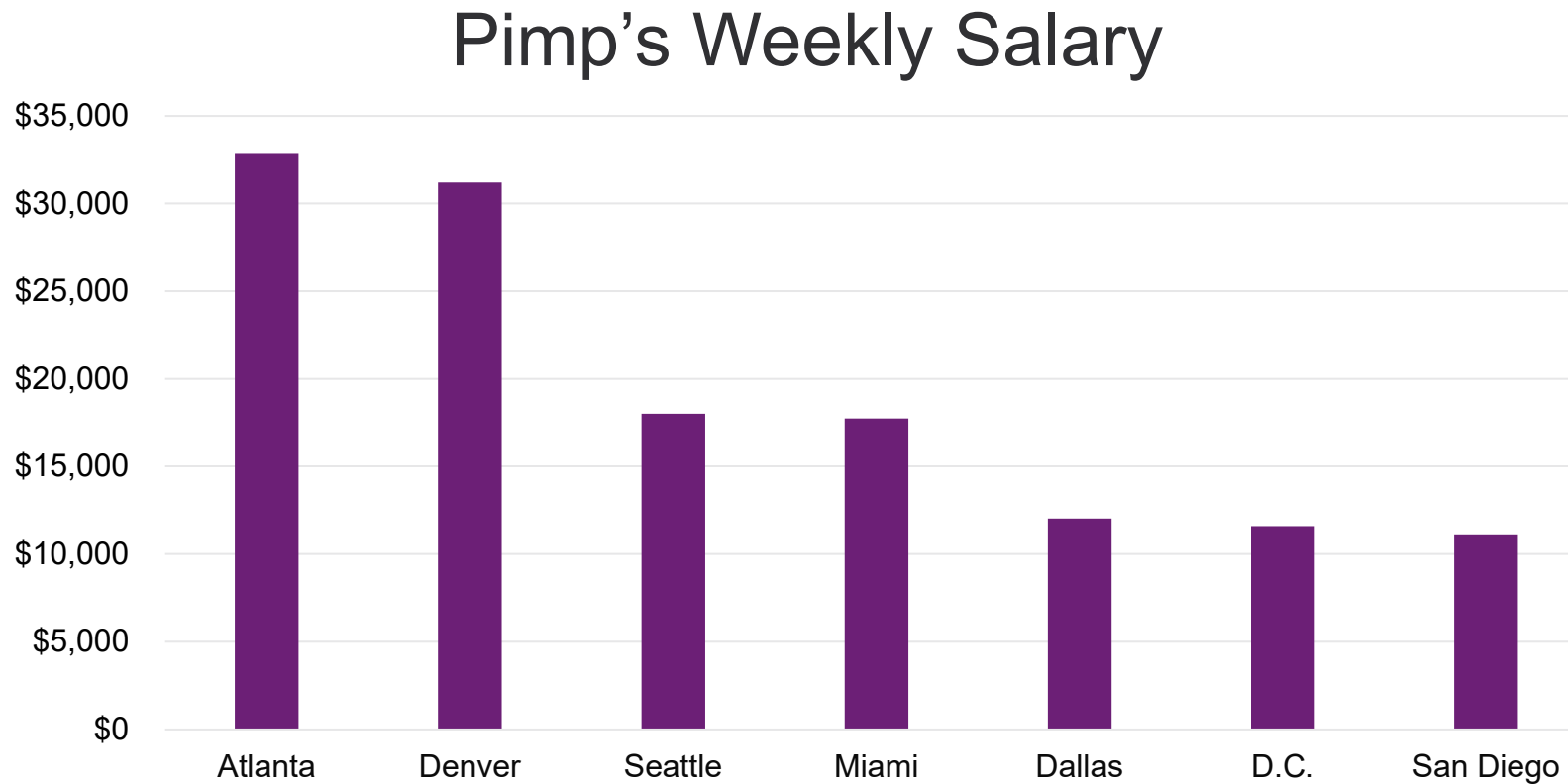
Most trafficked women experience rape, physical assault, and suffer PTSD at the same rates as combat veterans.





Sex Trafficking and Economics

Sex Trafficking is **NOT** about **Sex** it is about **Money!**



Urban Institutes Justice Policy Center, 2014



Sex Trafficking and Economics Continued

1 Pimp

- 3 Girls
- Quota + \$1000 daily
- Works 7 days a week
- 52 weeks a year

\$ 1,092,000 a year !!!

Selling Drugs vs. Humans

Sex Trafficking is a high profit, low risk business. The commodity, a human body, can be sold repeatedly, unlike drugs or weapons, where the product is only sold once.



Phoenix Police Department HEAT unit
September 2018



Federal Anti-Trafficking Laws

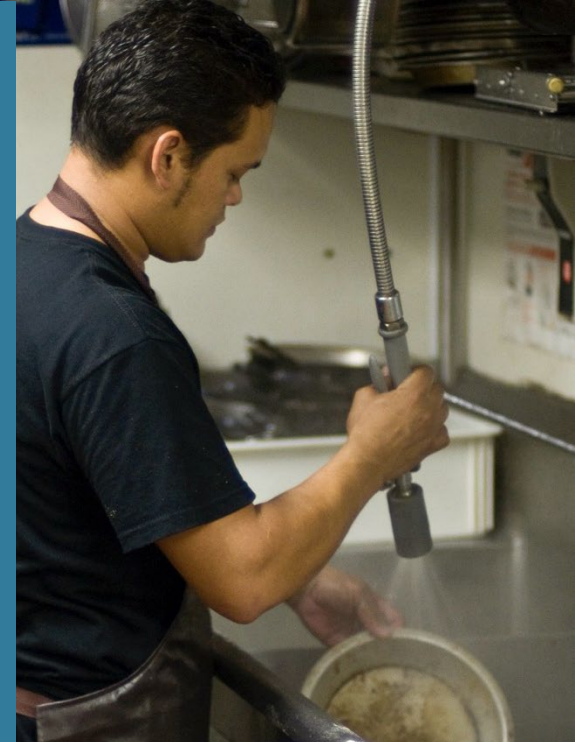
The [Trafficking Victims Protection Act \(TVPA\) of 2000](#) is the first comprehensive federal law to address trafficking in persons. The law provides a three-pronged approach that includes prevention, protection, and prosecution. The TVPA was reauthorized through the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of [2003](#), [2005](#), [2008](#), [2013](#), and [2017](#).

Under U.S. federal law, “severe forms of trafficking in persons” includes both sex trafficking and labor trafficking:

Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age (22 USC § 7102).



Labor trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery, (22 USC § 7102).



Human Trafficking Summits

Completed:

Kansas City, KS – August 2023

Virtual – October 2023

Fort Myers, FL – December 2023

Dayton, OH – March 2024

Toledo, OH – April 2024

Planned:

Atlanta, GA – November 2024

Indiana – 2025



Human trafficking summit highlights how Medicaid managed care can help survivors



COMMUNITY CONTENT

By [Samantha Wildow](#)

March 23, 2024



The conditions that may make someone susceptible to human trafficking can be influenced by [social determinants of health](#) — such as housing or poverty — which can place Medicaid managed care plans in a position to provide resources to vulnerable populations to overcome those barriers, CareSource leaders say.

Human Trafficking Summits Continued

- Highlight the importance of CareSource in the fight against trafficking
- Networking opportunities
- Build collaboration with community partners
- Bring insights to current and future market communities
- Honor those in the community meeting the immediate needs of our members
- Provide education and awareness (CEUs)



Prevent

- All high-risk members are encouraged to be supported with a mentor, Life Services referral, and Case Management by a market specific collaborative partner
- Market trainings have been held for CareSource employees on Human Trafficking and Awareness
- Community based partners include Schools, Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Behavioral Health Agencies, Child Welfare, Child Advocacy Centers, and Children's Hospitals
- Develop community collaborations with all Human Trafficking efforts made by Non-Governmental Agencies, Faith-based Communities, Law Enforcement, and Coalitions

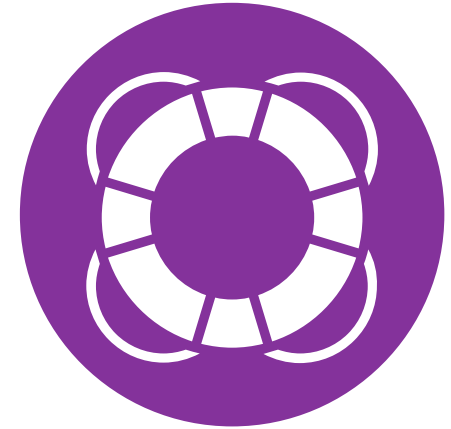


Prevent

Survive/Thrive

Life Services and Care Management will work with members who have disclosed that they have been trafficked:

- Assistance identifying needed specialty services to help with Social Determinants Of Health (SDOH) needs
- Identifying any barriers that would inhibit independence
- Referrals to Human Trafficking Nonprofits in the community or other resources



Survive



Thrive

Research Study



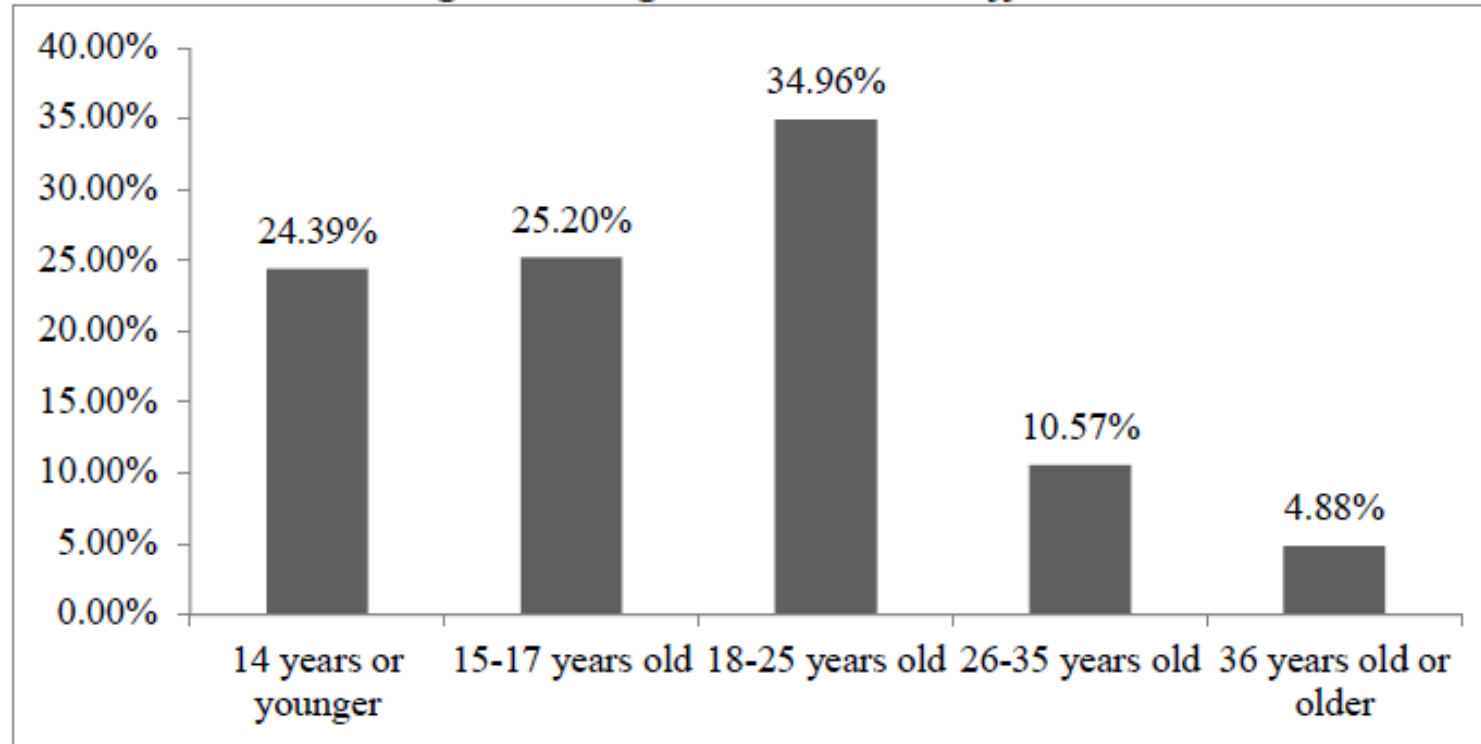
Human Trafficking Survivor Survey Results: A Report to CareSource

Presented by:
Laura J. Lederer, McKamie Chandler,
Lisa Lucchesi, & Desiree Trail

- 129 participants, (43.41%) were between the ages of 35 and 44
- Nearly all participants (96.75%) had experienced sex trafficking. Almost a fifth of the participants (17.89%) had experienced labor trafficking
- 47.83% of respondents reported having no insurance coverage while being trafficked
- 40.87% respondents reported having **Medicaid coverage**

Reported Age When First Trafficked

Figure 1 – Age When First Trafficked



Top Reported Mental Health Concerns

Table 3 – Reported Health Concerns During and After Trafficking

Health Concerns	Percent Reporting	Number Reporting
Sleep Disturbances (ex: nightmares, sleepwalking, night sweats)	62.18%	74
Fatigue	45.38%	54
Dental or Oral Health Problems (ex: Gingival disease, tooth loss)	42.86%	51
Headaches/Migraines o Hearing problems	42.02%	50
Gynecological Conditions (ex: ovarian cysts, Endometriosis, vaginal infections, vaginal pain)	40.34%	48
Chronic pain	36.97%	44



Top Reported Mental Health Concerns Continued

Table 4 – Reported Mental Health Concerns During and After Trafficking

Mental Health Concerns	Percent Reporting	Number Reporting
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or any other trauma-and-stressor-related disorders (ex: acute stress disorder)	89.08%	106
Anxiety disorders (ex: generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, and phobias)	83.19%	99
Depression	71.43%	85
Flashbacks	63.03%	75
Trust issues	54.62%	65
Substance-related and addictive disorder (ex: excessive use of alcohol, caffeine, tobacco, and drugs or gambling disorder)	36.13%	43
Bipolar and other related disorders	31.09%	37
Suicidal ideation	30.25%	36
Sleep-wake disorders (ex: insomnia, sleep apnea, and restless legs syndrome)	27.73%	33



Top Insurance Coverage while being Trafficked

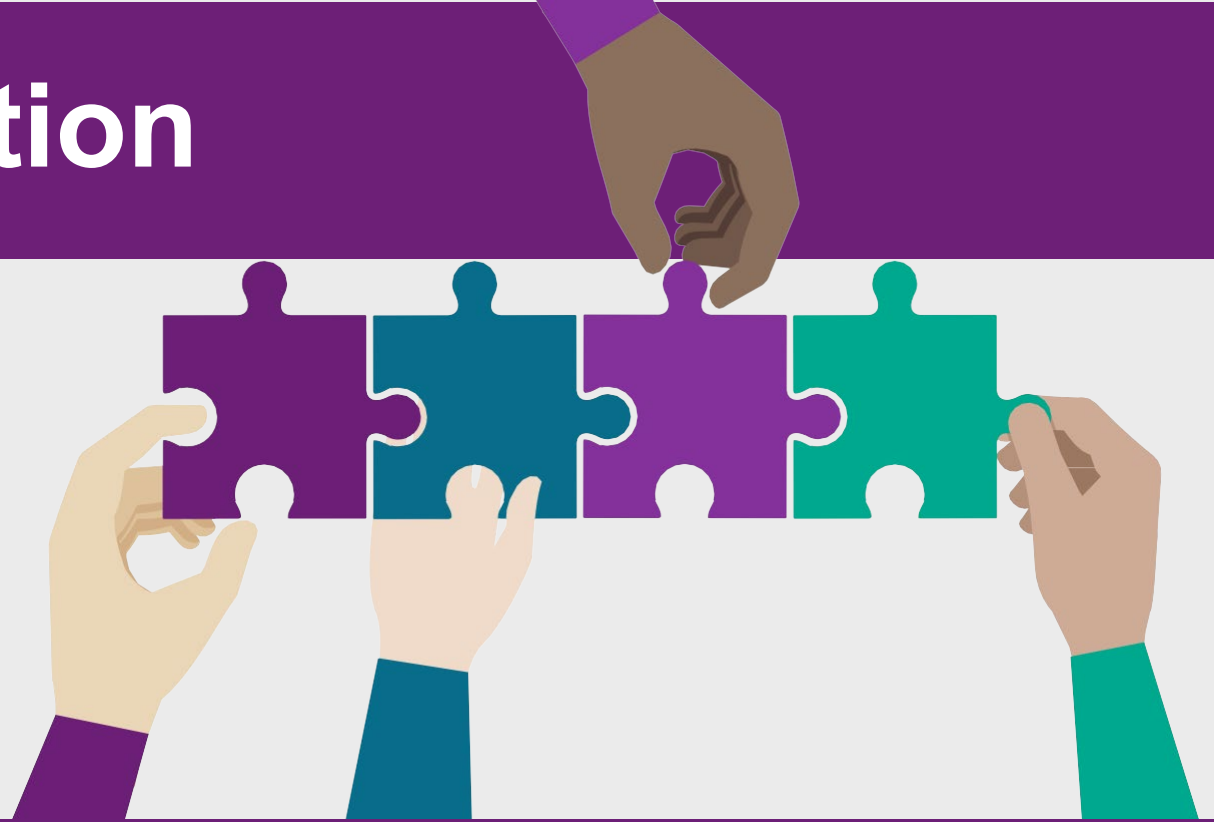
Table 1 – Insurance Coverage while Being Trafficked and Currently

Type of Insurance Coverage	Percent Reporting Insurance Coverage while being Trafficked	Percent Reporting Insurance Coverage Currently
No Insurance coverage	47.83%	10.43%
Medicaid	40.87%	38.26%
Private Health Insurance	9.57%	4.35%
Medicare	7.83%	14.78%
Private Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance	5.22%	18.26%
Government Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance	0.87%	1.74%
Veterans Affairs Health Insurance	0.00%	0.00%



Community Collaboration

Each state has local champions who combat human trafficking in their respective silos. Our job at CareSource is to convene these champions together and build a sustainable model that breaks down barriers and most effectively helps trafficked victims on their path to healing.



National Partners

- [Bikers Against Child Abuse](#)
- [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#)
- [International Rescue Committee](#)
- [FBI](#)
- [Homeland Security](#)

Local Partners

- Law Enforcement
- Juvenile Justice courts (JD and JV)
- Probation department
- Department of Child Safety
- Child Welfare
- Local hospitals
- Court system (children and adults)
- Child advocacy centers
- Family advocacy centers
- Faith based communities
- Residential placements
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Victim advocates
- Residentials that are providing housing to trafficked victims
- Behavioral Health providers
- Crisis care centers (if the state has them)



Resources

Human Trafficking Screening Tools:

https://www.westcoastcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Screening-Tool-Matrix-Labor-Trafficking-Tools_For-Website.pdf

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/sites/default/files/Assessment%20-%20Runaway%20and%20Homeless%20Youth.pdf>

<https://www.ismanet.org/pdf/news/HumanTraffickingScreeningTool.pdf>

Indiana Laws

<https://icesaht.org/the-issue/the-laws/>

<https://icesaht.wpenenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ICESAtrafficAPR2023.pdf>

Further Resources

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/otip/indiana_profile_efforts_to_combat_human_trafficking.pdf



Thank you



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