HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NEBRASKA

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“Victim” and “survivor” are used interchangeably to provide consistency with statutory language and cross-agency terminology.

Individuals who have experienced trafficking are survivors at all stages of their abuse and recovery and are not defined by their victimization.

Traffickers and survivors can be any gender, but sometimes we lean toward “he” as the perpetrator and “she” as the survivor.

**LANGUAGE MATTERS!**
What is Human Trafficking?

- Human trafficking is the 2\textsuperscript{nd} largest criminal industry and the \textit{fastest} growing criminal industry.
- Approximately a \textbf{$150$ billion} industry and growing.
- The International Labor Organization estimates that there are \textbf{20.9 million} victims of human trafficking globally.
  - More than \textbf{1 million} victims are children.
- A Public Health Issue.
Sex Trafficking

**Acts**
- Recruit
- Harbor
- Transport
- Solicit
- Provide
- or
- Obtain

**Means**
- Force
- Fraud
- or
- Coercion

**Purpose**
- Commercial Sex

Under U.S. federal law any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking.
Any form of dominance, control, influence, violence or physical pressure.
Fraud

I will make you rich.

I will take care of you.

I love you.

You are better off with me.
Coercion

PHYSICAL OR NON-PHYSICAL HARM

1. Targets vulnerabilities of the victim
2. Financial
3. Psychological
Labor Trafficking

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**Purpose**
- Forced Labor
25,000 missing children were reported to NCMEC in 2017.

1 in 7 of reported missing children in 2017 are likely victims of sex trafficking.
In 2016, 20% of labor trafficking victims reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline were minors.

Globally, the International Labor Organization estimates that there are 14.2 million people trapped in forced labor.

Top Venues for Labor Trafficking Cases

- Domestic Work
- Agriculture
- Traveling Sales Crew
- Food Service

Polaris Project, 2017
NEBRASKA DATA

Creighton University Human Trafficking Initiative (CUHTI)
A Demand for Youth

11% advertised under the age of 21.

20% advertised as very young based on keywords.

- “Just turned 18”
- “Fresh meat”
- “Virgin”
Every month, 900 individuals are sold for sex, often multiple times in Nebraska.
Market Draws

• Sporting and/or Community Events, Work Sites, etc.
  • Oil fields
  • Construction Sites
  • Ports
  • Seasonal Work

• IT’S NOT THE EVENT!
  • It is an increase in buyers with disposable income engaging in risky behavior.
Vulnerabilities
Recognize Recruitment
What Do Traffickers Look Like?
How Do Traffickers Operate?

POWER and CONTROL

- Isolate Victims from Friends and Family
- Appease, Love
- Physical, Emotional, Verbal, and Sexual Abuse
- Forced Sex, Drug Use
- Groom, Fear
- Kidnapped Victims
WE ALL HAVE A ROLE IN PREVENTING OR INTERVENING
Indicators

- Close Relationship Between Individuals Which Raises Suspicion
- Evidence of Inflicted Injury
- Large Amounts of Cash
- Unusual Tattoos
- Disorientation
- Unkempt and Malnourished
- Several Cell Phones
- Possession of Various Hotel Keys
- Cell Phone and ID Controlled by Others
Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy: Annals of Health Law

88%
Trafficking examples in healthcare

• Examples include but are not limited to …
  • Children missing from care present for medical care well check.
  • Sexual Assault report- statutory etc.
  • Injuries sustained through assault.
  • STD treatment
  • Pregnancy care/ treatment/ abortion services
  • Psychiatric or mental health needs
  • Others???
Common Injuries

Types
• Burns
• Tears
• Bite marks
• Bruises
• Strangulation
• Stab wound
• Gunshot wound
• BRATS

• DOCUMENT
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Healthcare Role

• The number one **priority** is always - identification and care of injuries
• Secondary focus is forensic evidence collection
• Prophylaxis for STDs
• Emotional support
• Healthcare Follow-up
Screening of potential victims

• Start by creating an environment of trust and understanding.
  
  • What does this look like?
  • We must acknowledge their suffering and create a space where they feel they can trust us
  • Also encourage patient or victims to return for help.

• Magic questions?
Why Medical Providers make or break cases?

• Providers can identify cases prior to law enforcement.
  • DV, SA or Trafficking victims can come in due to various injuries, illnesses etc..

• Providers are able to testify in court under medical hearsay exception to enhance court testimony.
  • Who better toeducate community on the process.

• Providers create a team approach to enhance chances of victims participating in the process along with advocates.
NO BUYERS = NO VICTIM
• Creative solutions to address human trafficking through law enforcement and service provisions.
• $1.5M grant to combat human trafficking to the Office of the Nebraska Attorney General and the Salvation Army’s SAFE-T Program.
• Five (5) Regional Task Forces lead by the Nebraska State Patrol.
WE CANNOT DO THIS ALONE!
Service Development

SAFE-T
THE SALVATION ARMY'S FIGHT TO END TRAFFICKING

NEBRASKA
Good Life. Great Mission.
DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers

WCA
build awareness, educate our community, heal victims
End Human Trafficking.

Indigo

NEBRASKA COALITION
TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

STATE OF NEBRASKA
JUDICIAL BRANCH
Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation
Know Your Local Contacts!

- Child Advocacy Center (CAC)
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program
- SAFE-T Trafficking Specialist
- Nebraska State Patrol
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program
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National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

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How to Respond When a Child Discloses

Mandatory Reporting

• Know your organization’s policies and resources.
• Lean on other resources
  • SANE Nurse
  • Social Workers
  • Advocates
• Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline
  800-652-1999

Minimal Facts Interview

What to Ask the Child Victim

1. Disclose: Tell me what happened.
   Observe: Tell me how it happened.
2. When did it happen?
3. Where did it happen?
4. Who did it?
   (Is _ a grown up or a kid?)
5. When is the next time you will see them?

Project Harmony
Nebraska Network of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
If you suspect human trafficking call
911
or
National Human Trafficking Hotline
888-373-7888
or
Text “Help” to 233733
QUESTIONS?

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