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## Human Trafficking

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## What is Human Trafficking?

- ∞ A form of modern-day slavery.
- ∞ Exploitation of men, women and children for commercial sex or labor purposes.

## Trafficking Victims Protection Act 2000

- ∞ Criminalized human trafficking in the US
- ∞ TVPA Goals
  - ∞ Prevent human trafficking overseas
  - ∞ Protect victims and help them rebuild their lives in the U.S. with Federal and State support
  - ∞ Prosecute traffickers of persons under stiff Federal penalties

## Trafficking Victims Protection Act 2000

“Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons” defined as:

- ∞ **Sex Trafficking:** The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person forced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years; or
- ∞ **Labor Trafficking:** The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

## **SCOPE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

That is comparable  
to the population of  
Ohio and Michigan  
combined

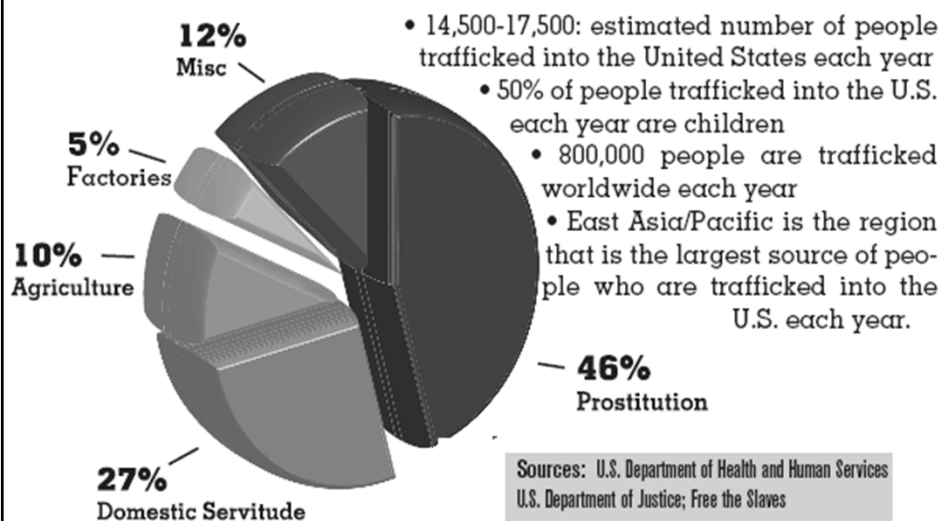
**Almost 21 million people are victims  
of forced labor across the globe.**

*(International Labour Organization, 2012)*

## **\$31.6 Billion in Global Revenue from Human Trafficking**

*(International Labour Organization, 2005)*

## Human Trafficking in the USA



## **VULNERABILITY TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

### *The Path to Exploitation*

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#### **Pull Factors**

- Circumstances that pull individuals toward a situation.
- The hope for better opportunities, escape of oppression, and high demand.

#### **Push Factors**

- Conditions that push persons away from a situation.
- Poverty, natural disaster, corruption and violence, economic instability, lack of rights, and civil conflict.

It is important to note that push and pull factors alone do not contribute to human trafficking, but combinations of factors coupled with violence and threats increase risk of exploitation (Polaris Project, 2009).

## Labor Trafficking

### Vulnerability Factors: Labor Trafficking

- ⌘ High unemployment
- ⌘ Poverty
- ⌘ Crime
- ⌘ Discrimination
- ⌘ Corruption
- ⌘ Political Conflict
- ⌘ Cultural Acceptance of Practice

World Vision

US Trafficking in Persons Report, 2008

## Methods of Recruitment

- Kidnapping
- Deception/Fraud
  - Newspaper ads promising career opportunities in foreign countries
  - Recruitment by other victims
  - Falsified travel document
  - Visa overstays

## Debt Bondage

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- ∞ Illegal in the United States.
- ∞ Considered trafficking-related exploitation by the United Nations TIP Protocol.
- ∞ Trafficking victim must reimburse his/her traffickers for travel, room and board, hygiene and other personal items.
- ∞ Amount to be repaid is set by the traffickers.



## US Locations and Occupations Known to be Vulnerable to Labor Trafficking

- Housecleaning services
- Landscape and gardening businesses
- Domestic (home/childcare) workers
- Large-scale agricultural labor
- Construction sites
- Casinos
- Garment factories
- Hotels (housekeeping)
- Nail & Hair salons
- Migrant or transitional communities
- Magazine subscription and other door to door sales
- Peddling Rings
- Begging Rings

Anthony Talbott, University of  
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## What is Sex Trafficking?

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

## **Sex Trafficking in the US?**

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- ⌘ Each year an estimated 100,000 to 300,000 US children are at high risk of commercial sex exploitation.
- ⌘ According to Ernie Allen, Executive Director of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, at least 100,000 US children are caught up in sex trafficking
- ⌘ Average age of entry into prostitution is 12 to 14.
- ⌘ Studies suggest that up to 60% of runaway youth become victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

## **Factors Associated with Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking**

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- ⌘ Use of prostitution by runaway and throwaway children to provide for subsistence needs
- ⌘ Presence of pre-existing adult prostitution markets in communities where large numbers of street youth are concentrated
- ⌘ Prior history of child sexual abuse and child sexual assault
- ⌘ Poverty

## Factors Associated with Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

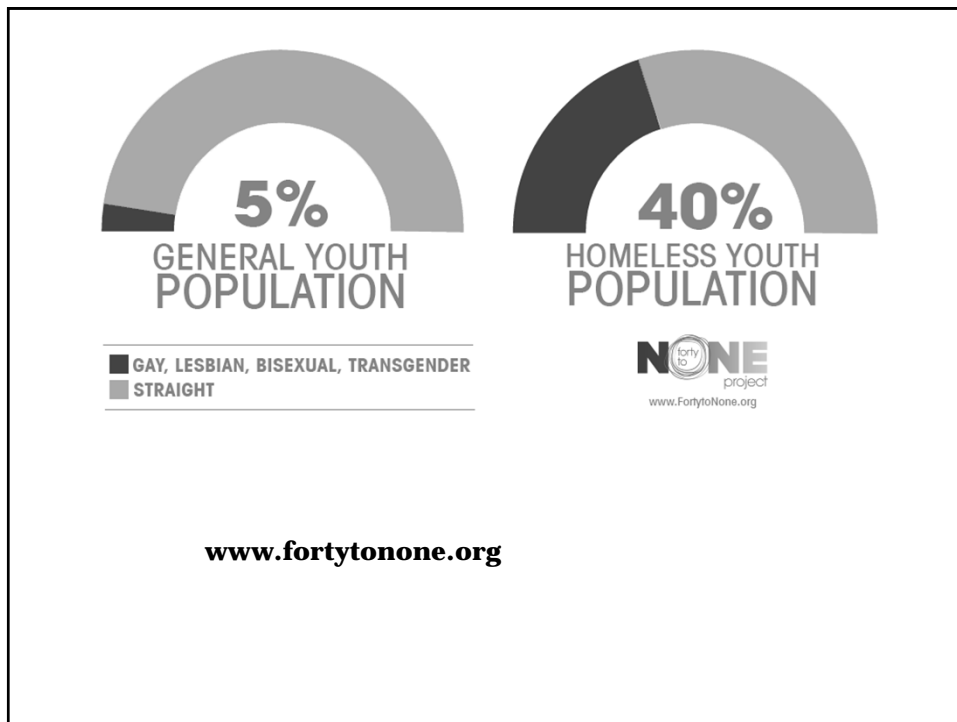
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- ∞ Large numbers of unattached and transient males in local communities including military personnel, truckers, and conventioners.
- ∞ Membership in gangs
- ∞ Commercial sexual exploitation by parents, older siblings and boyfriends
- ∞ Recruitment by organized crime units

## LGBT Youth Vulnerability

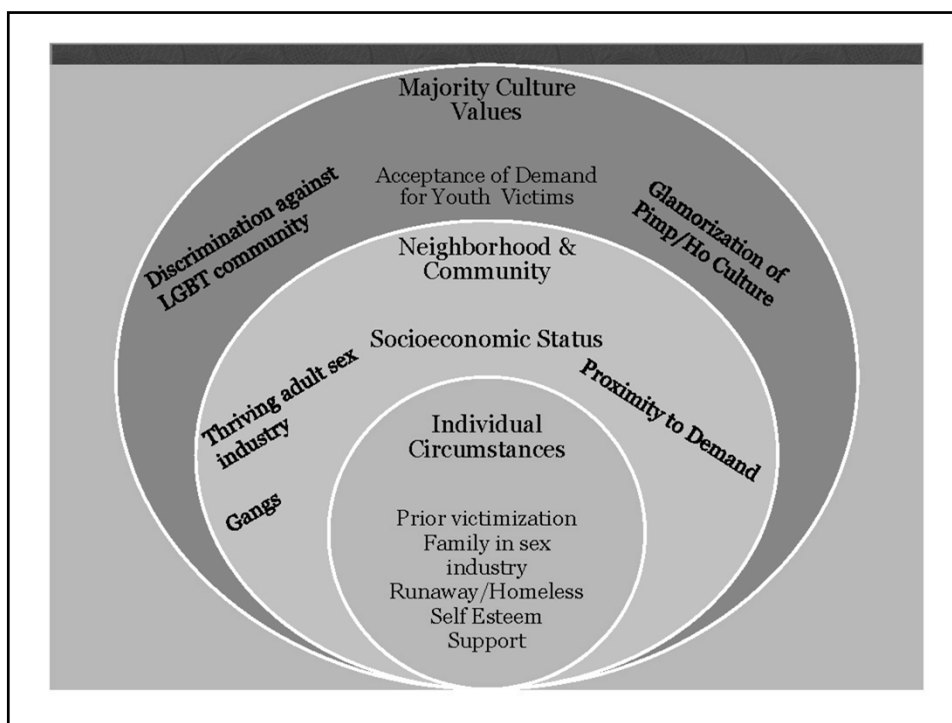
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- LGBTQ youth are more likely to experience homelessness than their peers



## LGBT youth are more likely to:

- ∞ Have been physically or sexually victimized
- ∞ Have engaged in survival sex or sex work
- ∞ Have attempted suicide
- ∞ Have used illicit substances
- ∞ Have greater mental health concerns



## Familial Trafficking

- Family member/guardian sells, rents or trades child for money, food, drugs, etc.
- Often identified as child abuse and under-identified as sex trafficking.

## “Boyfriend” Trafficking

- Trafficker uses child’s desire for affection to create a cycle of intimacy and violence.

## THE PATH TO EXPLOITATION

### The Making of a Girl

## Minor Recruitment Venues/Locations

## Amazon.com

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- **The Pimp Game:  
Instructional  
Guide (Paperback)**  
Mickey Royal  
(Author) "There's  
only one game and  
the game is  
pimping..."36  
customer reviews  
Rated 4 Stars!

Slide borrowed from Dr. Jeffrey Barrows

You'll start to dress her, think for her, own her. If you and your victim are sexually active, slow it down. After sex, take her shopping for one item. Hair and/or nails is fine. She'll develop a feeling of accomplishment. The shopping after a month will be replaced with cash. The love making turns into raw sex. She'll start to crave the intimacy and be willing to get back into your good graces. After you have broken her spirit, she has no sense of self value. **Now pimp, put a price tag on the item you have manufactured."**

Quoted from "The Pimp Game." Slide borrowed from Dr. Jeffrey Barrows

### Prostitution and Human Trafficking: Completely Different?

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- ∞ 1 million prostituted women in North America (1% of North Americans)
- ∞ Most prostituted persons were victims of sexual abuse as children
- ∞ An estimated 600,000 children under 18 are involved in prostitution or pornography
- ∞ Up to 90% of prostituted persons are under the control of a pimp/trafficker

∞ National Task Force on Prostitution, US Dept. of Justice, Satterfield

Faces of Prostitution: Grace  
Initiative Against Sex Trafficking  
<http://www.iast.net/ProstitutionSexSexTrafficking.htm>

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At least **6,316** Ohioans are at risk of being trafficked and at least **1,861** are believed to be trafficked in Ohio today

## Human Trafficking in Ohio?



Before they were trafficked in Ohio,

### Mental Health Diagnoses

- 30% of Ohio children had Major Depression
- 36% of adult victims had a mental health diagnosis

### Prior Victimization/Challenges

- 57% of Ohio children were raped prior to recruitment into human trafficking
- 63% of children ran away at least once before being trafficked



### While they were being trafficked in Ohio,

20% of adults told people about their plight but weren't believed  
16% of adults never asked for help  
48% of adults had been threatened  
52% were forced to work 20-30 days/month selling sexual services.

HB262 June 2012

HB130 June 2014

## **OHIO'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS**



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Cases Served  
The Salvation Army in Central Ohio

**441 total cases**

- 8% labor trafficking
- 92% sex trafficking
- 5% male
- 95% female
- 13% foreign national
- 87% American born

Country of Origin in Order of Frequency
Thailand
Mexico
Honduras
India
Guatemala
Germany
Chile
Philippines
Burma
Kenya
China
Bolivia
Somalia
Ghana

**OHIO HT CASES IN THE  
NEWS**

“David Nelms, 39, of the North Side, was accused of human trafficking in a 17-count indictment yesterday as officials alleged he placed escort-services ads on the Internet to solicit business for a traveling brothel. Nelms is charged with compelling and promoting prostitution by forcing women to have sex with paying customers at upscale hotels in **Delaware** and Franklin counties from late 2009 to last month.....Nelms coerced the women into prostitution by “taking advantage of their drug addictions and withholding their drugs until they complied with his demands,” DeWine’s office said in a statement.”

"This indictment reveals that human trafficking is not always a big city crime - it also happens in Delaware County," Prosecutor O'Brien said.

## Human Trafficking Conviction in Knox County

∞ Mount Vernon News  
April 26, 2013 1:07 pm EDT

- ∞ MOUNT VERNON —Richard L. Posey, Jr., 27, Mount Vernon, was sentenced to a 10 year prison term today, in the Knox County Court of Common Pleas.
- ∞ Posey was convicted of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, attempted human trafficking, trafficking in heroin and possession of heroin. According to Knox County Prosecutor John Thatcher between July 15 and September 11, 2012, Posey transported three women from Mount Vernon to Cleveland to engage in prostitution. In exchange, Posey gave the women heroin. The Posey investigation began when the Mount Vernon Police Department, Emergency Services Unit, executed a search warrant at Posey’s Coshocton Avenue apartment, on September 11. Detective Corporal Matt Dailey investigated the case.

**By** Mark Gillispie Associated Press • Thursday June 12, 2014

CLEVELAND — A federal judge has sentenced a northeast Ohio man to life in prison for prostituting four young women whom he kept addicted to drugs.

A jury convicted Jeremy Mack of Elyria in February on charges that included conspiracy to commit sex trafficking, sex trafficking of a minor and drug trafficking.

A message was left with Mack's attorney following the sentence handed down today by Akron federal judge Sara Lioi.

An FBI and Elyria police investigation found that the 38-year-old Mack and an Avon Lake woman worked together for months to keep the young women addicted to drugs and would make them work as prostitutes in exchange for drugs.

**By** Alan Johnson The Columbus Dispatch • Friday July 11, 2014 6:51 AM

Ohio children younger than 6 have been sexually trafficked by their own parents in exchange for drugs, rent and cash, a new report indicates.

Information from the Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers shows that 51 minors from across the state were potential human-trafficking victims — five of them age 6 or younger — over a nine-month period. The network has a state contract to screen children referred by law enforcement, children's services agencies and others, to determine whether they may have been trafficked. Statistics from July 2013 to March 2014 showed all but five of the 51 minors reported were 13 to 18 years old. Only one case involved a male. They came from both urban and rural areas of the state.

**Ashland woman sentenced to 32 years in prison for labor trafficking and related crimes involving disabled woman July 24, 2014**

An Ashland, Ohio, woman was sentenced to 32 years in prison for holding a woman with cognitive disabilities and her child against their will and forcing the woman to perform manual labor for them, said Steven M. Dettelbach, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and Stephen D. Anthony, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cleveland office.

Jessica L. Hunt, 32, was sentenced to 32 years in prison by U.S. District Judge Benita Pearson. Jordie L. Callahan, 28, was sentenced to 30 years in prison by Judge Pearson earlier this week.

Callahan and Hunt used a combination of violence, threats, sexual assaults, humiliation, deprivation and monitoring to establish and continue a pattern of domination and control over their victims, identified only as S.E. and B.E., according to the court documents and trial testimony.

Tactics: beatings and threats of assault, taunting and threatening the victims with pit bulls and snakes, causing the victims to sleep in unsafe and unsanitary conditions, restricting access to the bathroom, preventing them from eating regular and suitable meals and forcing S.E. to eat dog food and crawl on the floor while wearing a dog collar, threatening to shoot victims, sexual assault.

**Police make quick work of trafficker**

**Monday August 18, 2014 4:38 AM**

Efforts to increase awareness of human trafficking — modern-day slavery — and sophisticated police surveillance and networking are paying off. This shows in the recent rescue of a 17-year-old Akron-area girl who was prostituted at a Whitehall motel.

An unidentified tipster provided key information to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. It, in turn, contacted Columbus police and gave them two valuable pieces of evidence: a poster with a photo of the missing Fairlawn girl and a link to Backpage.com, a website advertising sexual services. Ads on that site had several photos that resembled the girl.

Police set up a sting operation the next day: On July 31, an officer posing as a client found the girl at the Casa Villa Motel, 3969 E. Main St. They then arrested Antonio Sibley, 38, who has an extensive criminal history that includes domestic violence, aggravated robbery and assault.

According to court documents, the girl, missing since April, told police that Sibley had brought her to Columbus and set her up with clients at the motel. He is now charged with sex trafficking a minor and coercing a minor into posing for child pornography, and is being held in jail following a detention hearing on Thursday in U.S. District Court.

## Central Ohio HT Task Force

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- ∞ Falls under AG's Organized Crime Investigations Commission
- ∞ Funded by DOJ
- ∞ Partners
  - ∞ Columbus Division of Police
  - ∞ Ohio Attorney General's Office & BCI
  - ∞ US Attorney, Southern District
  - ∞ Homeland Security Investigations
  - ∞ US Department of Labor, Office of Investigations
  - ∞ Federal Bureau of Investigation
  - ∞ State Highway Patrol
  - ∞ Delaware County Prosecutor's Office
  - ∞ Westerville & Powell Police
  - ∞ The Salvation Army

**CONDITIONING AND  
CONTROL**

## Methods of Conditioning

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- Starvation
- Confinement
- Beatings
- Torture
- Rape and gang rape
- Threats of violence to victims and victim's family members
- Forced drug usage
- Cultural beliefs (e.g. Karma)

## More Examples of Conditioning

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- Imprisonment or kept under guard or electronic surveillance
- Use of restraints such as being tied up
- Denial of medical care or medications

Photo: Bunny Ranch, by Lisa Thompson & Melissa Farley



## More Examples of Conditioning

- Forced to give up custody of children
- Forced to participate in acts of violence against other victims
- Forced into humiliating situations so that photographs or videos can be made

## Understanding Traumatic Bonding

- Captivity, which brings the victim into prolonged contact with the perpetrator, creates a special type of relationship, one of coercive control.\*
- The goal of the perpetrator is to instill in his victim not only fear of death but also gratitude for being allowed to live.\*

\*Dr. Judith Herman, Trauma and Recovery, 1992.

**“Attachment between hostage and captor is the rule rather than the exception.”**

Dr. Judith Herman, Trauma and Recovery, 1992

**Biderman's Chart of Coercion**  
A Tool to Explain Methods Used to Brainwash  
Prisoners of War

General Method Used	Effects and Purposes
Isolation	1) Deprives victim of all social support (necessary for the) ability to resist 2) Develops an intense concern with self. 3) Makes victim dependent upon interrogator.
Monopolization of Perception	1) Fixes attention upon immediate predicament; fosters introspection. 2) Eliminates stimuli competing with those controlled by the captor. 3) Frustrates all actions not consistent with compliance.

## Biderman's Chart of Coercion

General Method Used	Effects and Purposes
<b>Induced Debility &amp; Exhaustion</b>	Weakens mental and physical ability to resist.
<b>Threats</b>	Cultivates anxiety and despair.
<b>Occasional Indulgences</b>	Provides positive motivation for compliance.

## Biderman's Chart of Coercion

General Method Used	Effects and Purposes
<b>Demonstrating "Omnipotency"</b>	Suggests futility of resistance.
<b>Enforcing Trivial Demands</b>	Develops habit of compliance.
<b>Degradation</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Makes cost of resistance appear more damaging to self esteem than capitulation.</li> <li>2) Reduces prisoner to "animal level."</li> </ol>

# THE IMPACT OF TRAFFICKING ON VICTIMS

## Physical Harms of Human Trafficking

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- ∞ Older broken bones that did not heal properly
- ∞ Bed bug bites
- ∞ Traumatic Brain Injury
- ∞ Bodily injuries: broken bones, concussions, burns, bruising, bite marks, vaginal/anal tearing from violence including assault, stabbings, rape, and torture

## Physical Harms of Human Trafficking

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- ⌘ Reproductive Health Problems
- ⌘ Exposure to STDs, including HIV
- ⌘ Pregnancies
- ⌘ Abortions
- ⌘ Fertility issues
- ⌘ Malnutrition, rotting teeth
- ⌘ Stunted growth (in children)
- ⌘ Alcohol and other Drug Use
- ⌘ Chronic back, visual or respiratory problems from working in agriculture, construction or manufacturing in dangerous conditions

## Psychological Harms of Sex Trafficking

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- ⌘ Mind/body separation/  
disassociated ego states,  
dissociative disorders
- ⌘ Shame and grief
- ⌘ Depression, hopelessness
- ⌘ Anxiety disorders
- ⌘ Self destructive behaviors,  
including suicide
- ⌘ Traumatic bonding with  
perpetrator

## **Disorders of Extreme Stress or Complex PTSD**

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- ∞ Result of sustained trauma
- ∞ Impairment of Affect Regulation
- ∞ Chronic destructive behavior
  - ∞ Self mutilation
  - ∞ Eating disorders
  - ∞ Drug Abuse
- ∞ Amnesia and dissociation
- ∞ Somatization
- ∞ Alterations in relationship to self
- ∞ Distorted relations with others
- ∞ Loss of sustaining beliefs

**How might a victim's trauma experiences impact our efforts to assist them?**

## Trauma's Impact on the Helping Relationship

- ∞ Mistrust is a given
- ∞ Survivors may be unable to remember certain events, or may confuse the order of events
- ∞ Manipulation and dishonesty are adaptive trafficking survival strategies
- ∞ Trauma bonding with trafficker may be strong
- ∞ Survivor may return to trafficker multiple times before leaving for good

Working from a Strengths Perspective is critical

## **RESPONSE AND TREATMENT MODELS**

24/7 Hotline: 614-285-4357



- ✧ Coordinated by The Salvation Army in Central Ohio
- ✧ 100 organizations and over 300 individuals working together to combat human trafficking in Central Ohio. Partners include social services, law enforcement, medical providers, mental health providers, faith community and others
- ✧ Mission: *To end Human Trafficking through public awareness, services to trafficked persons, advocacy, and resources and training support to law enforcement.*

[www.centralohiorescueandrestore.org](http://www.centralohiorescueandrestore.org)



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## Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Five Areas of Work



### In Central Ohio:

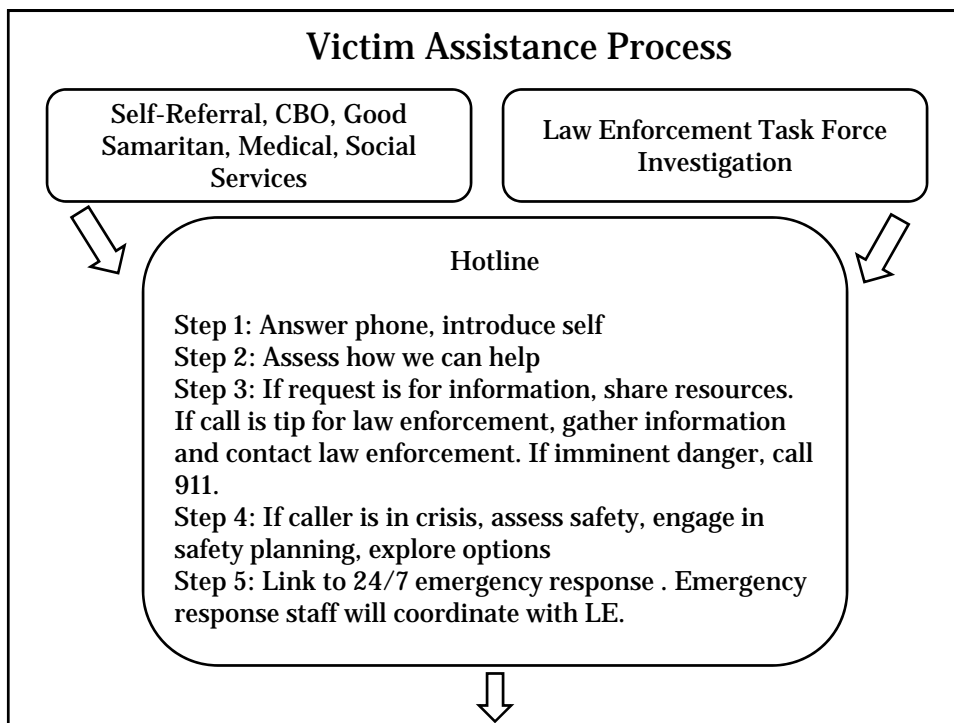
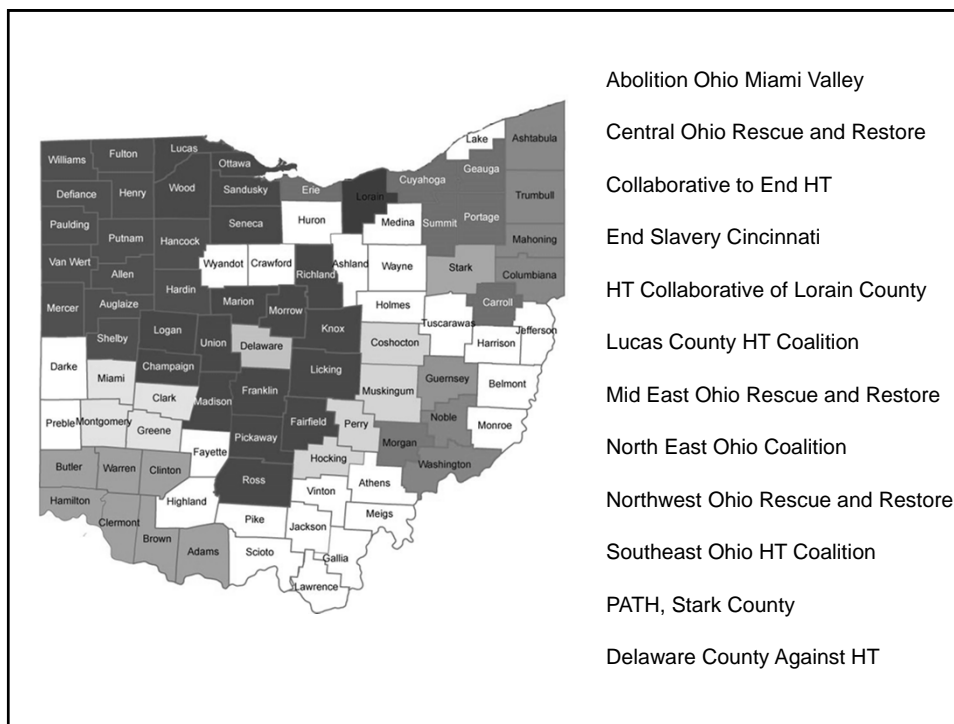
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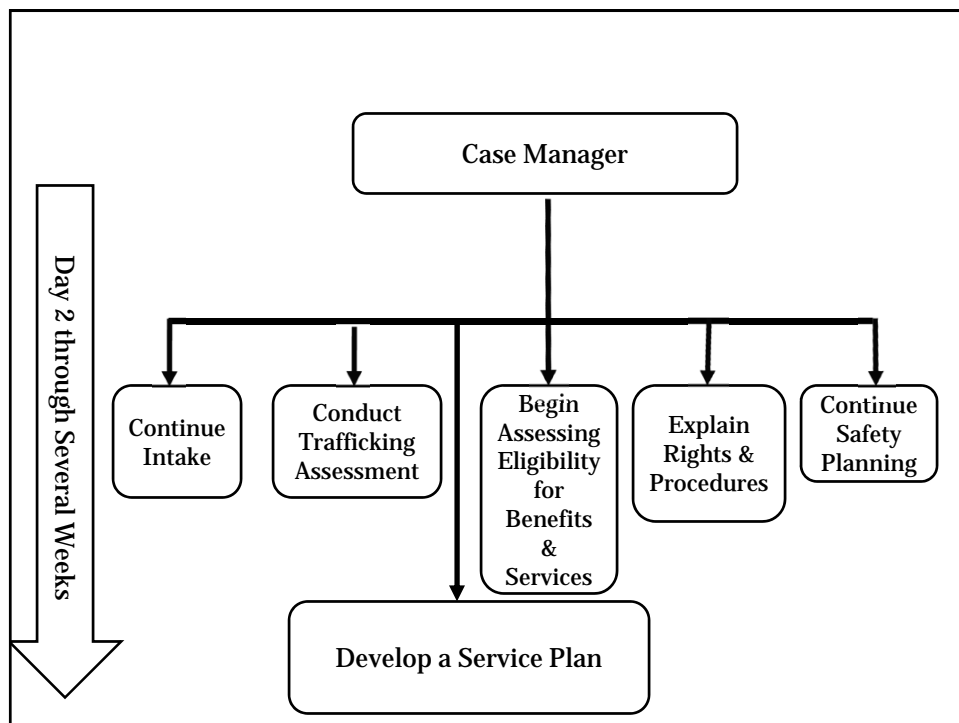
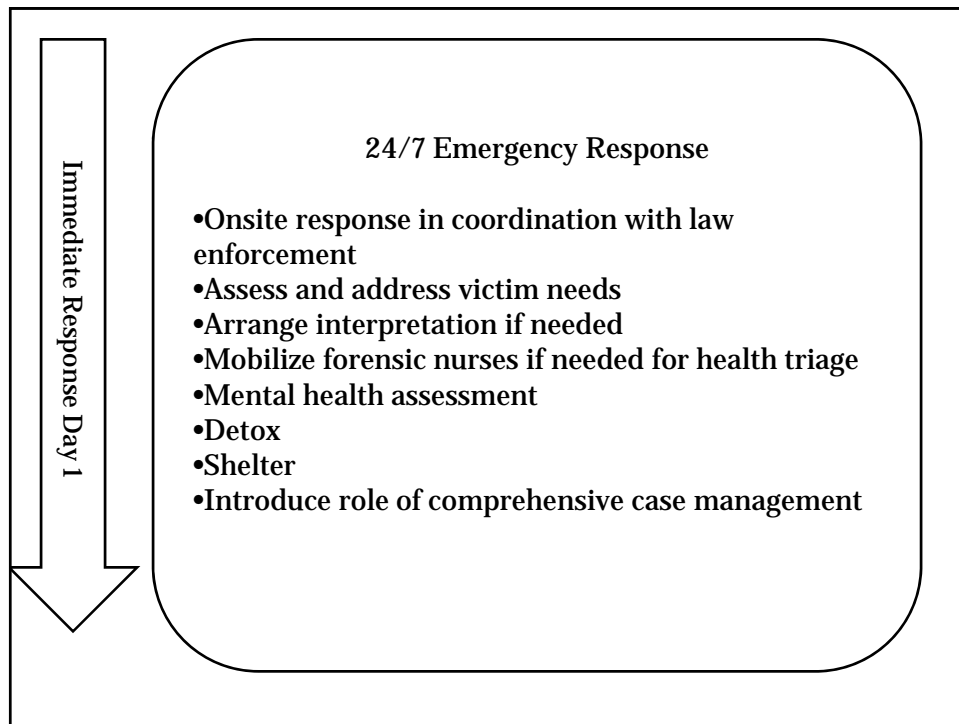
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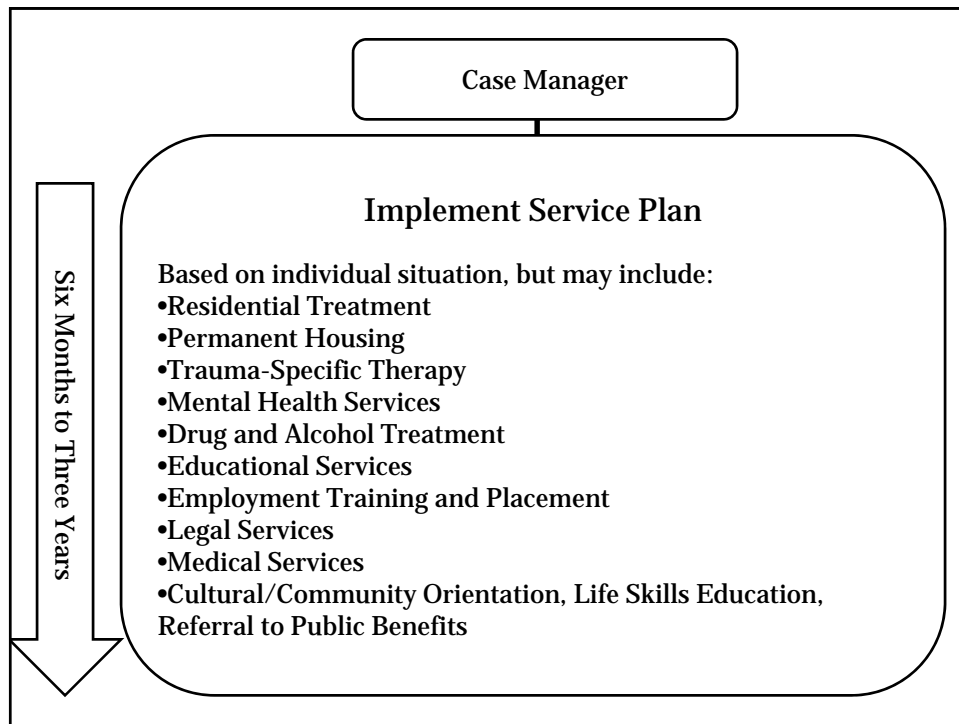
### Outside Central Ohio:

**Contact the National Human Trafficking  
Hotline at 888-3737-888**

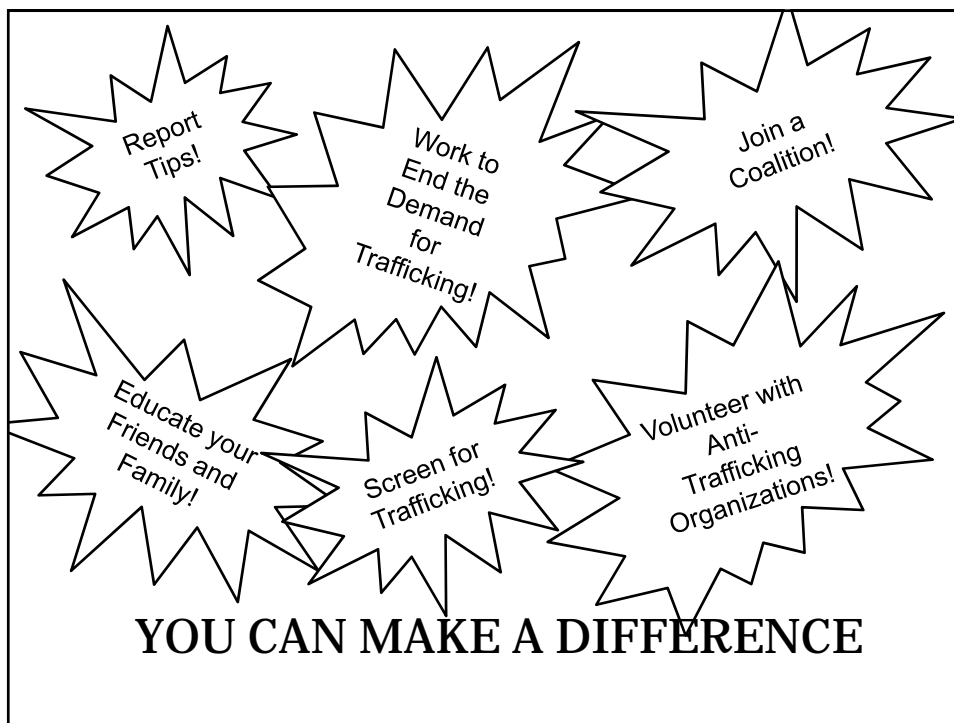
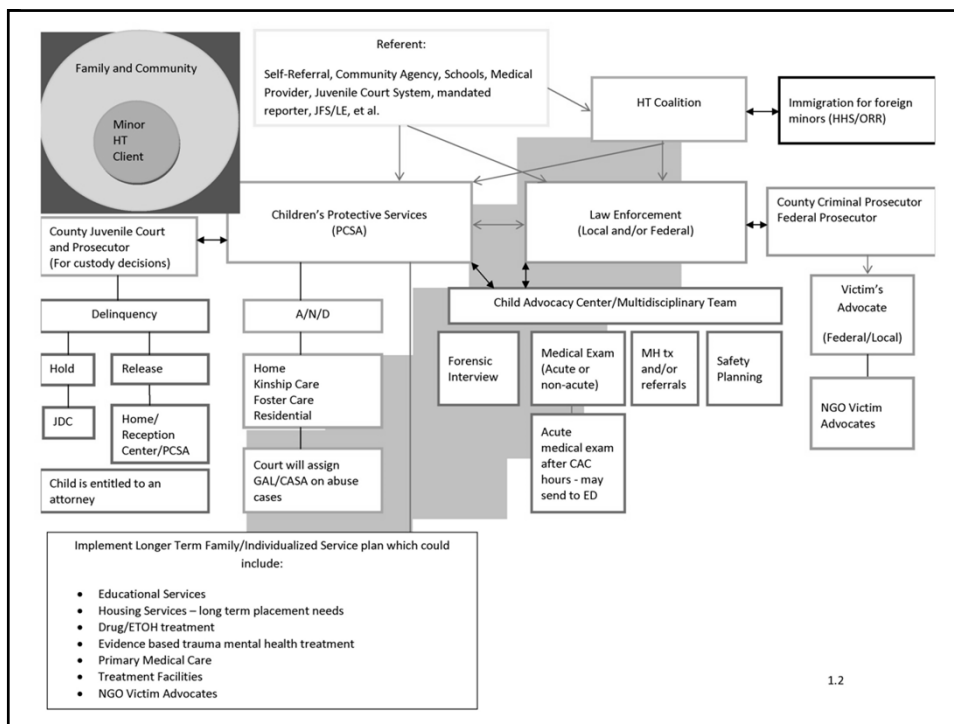
- Coordinated response in partnership with local resources
- Trafficking-specific services
- Financial resources





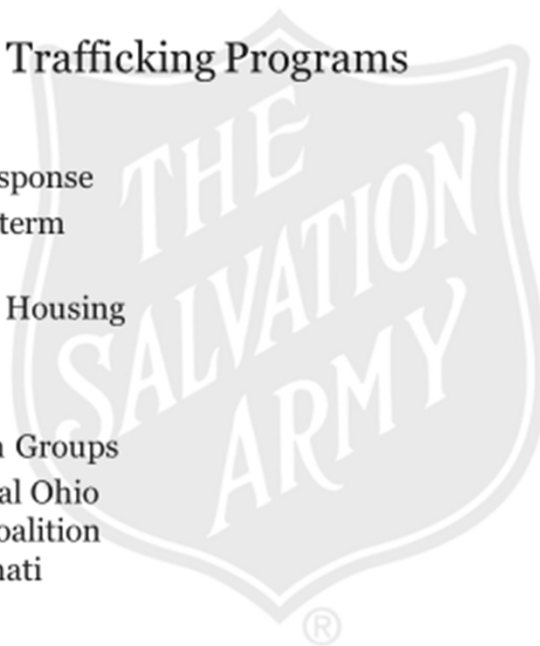


## MINOR VICTIMS



## Anti-Human Trafficking Programs

- ⌘ 24 hour hotline
- ⌘ 24 hour emergency response
- ⌘ Comprehensive, long-term case management
- ⌘ The Guest House Safe Housing
- ⌘ Street Outreach
- ⌘ Drop in Center
- ⌘ Trauma and Addiction Groups
- ⌘ Coordination of Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition & End Slavery Cincinnati
- ⌘ Public Awareness



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**Thank You!**

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