

Human Trafficking

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By the time you leave here today, you will have...

- ✓ A brief overview of the law
- ✓ A clear understanding of the dynamics of human trafficking locally
- ✓ Knowledge of red flags and what to look for in youth and families you encounter
- ✓ An idea of how to get started serving this population
- ✓ Tips from field and lessons we have learned

“Self-care means
giving yourself
permission to pause.”

— *Cecilia Tran*





Misidentification of Victims

What is Human Trafficking?

Sex and Labor



Federal Law

Trafficking Victims' Protection Act of 2000

- This Law was renewed in 2018
- “The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 created the first comprehensive federal law to address human trafficking.

Legal definition of “severe forms of trafficking in persons”

- **sex trafficking** in which a 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
- **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

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS
HAPPENING IN
THE UNITED STATES



IT IS HAPPENING **EVERYWHERE**



SUBURBS



RURAL TOWNS



CITIES

IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

NO MATTER RACE, AGE OR GENDER



Labor Trafficking

Labor Trafficking



Sex Trafficking

Sex Trafficking

SEX TRAFFICKING occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act



A **COMMERCIAL SEX ACT** includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food, or clothes

Traffickers **FIND**
victims through:

SOCIAL NETWORK

HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

CLUBS OR BARS

INTERNET

SCHOOL

And **LURE** them
through promises of:



Protection



Adventure



Love



Home



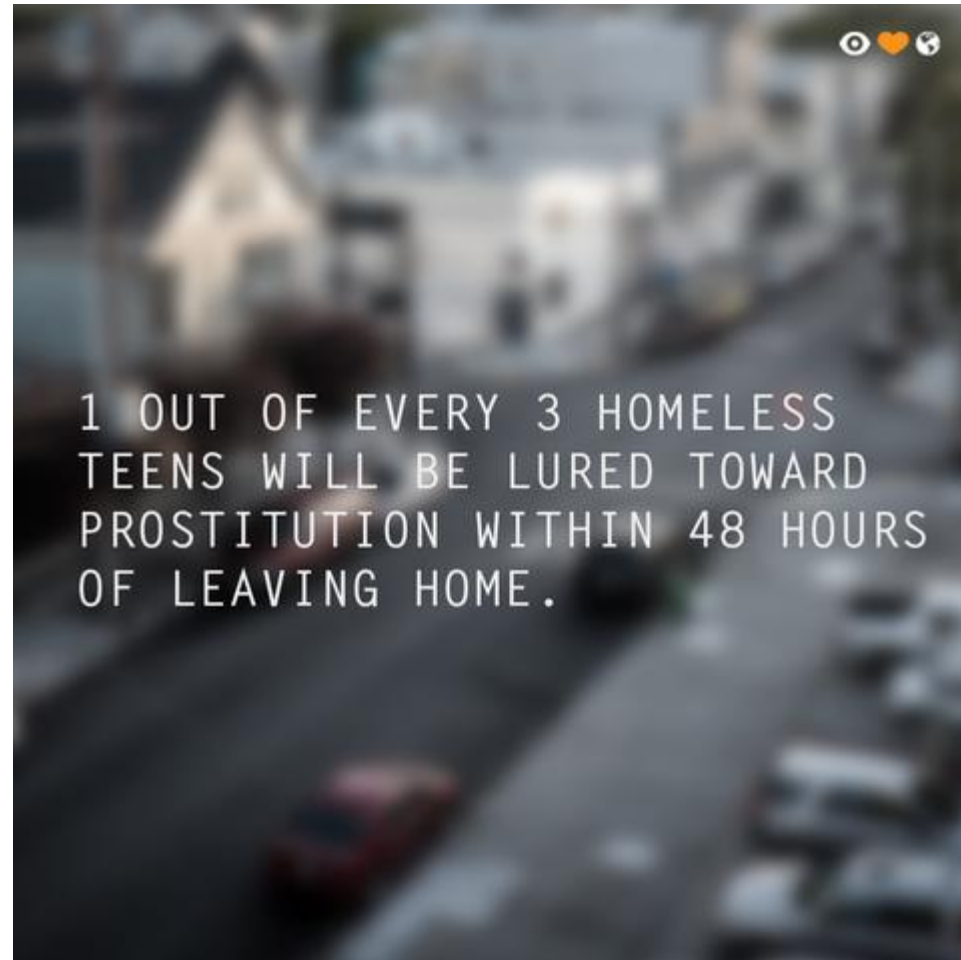
Opportunity

Four Main Types of Sex Trafficking:

- Survival Sex
- Family Controlled
- Trafficking over the internet
- Pimp Controlled

Survival Sex

Any time something of value is exchanged for a sexual favor with a minor, sex trafficking has occurred.



Family Controlled Trafficking:

- When the parents or direct family member force a child to engage in trafficking behaviors
- Often a 'family business', trafficking is a culture within the family that is passed down from generation to generation.
- Rare that one single person is the trafficker and enabler; but rather the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins have all been raised in a similar way and may play a role in the trafficking.
- As a result of this, it is difficult for someone who grew up in a familial trafficking environment to recognize their victimization and to brake the cycle with their own family.

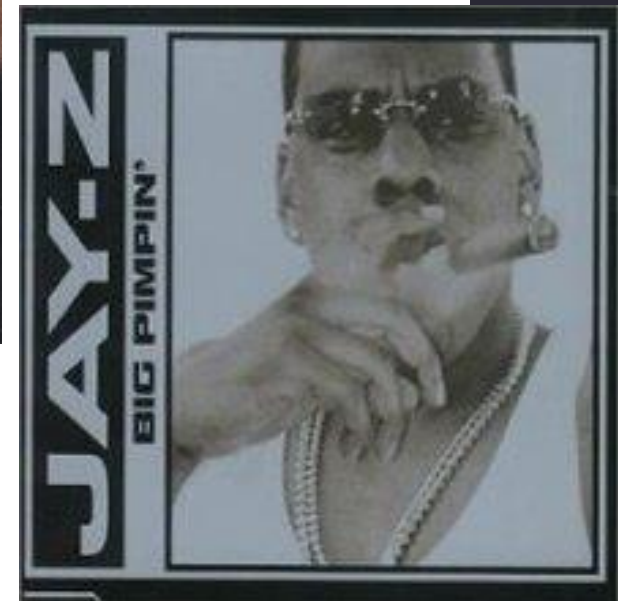
Trafficking over the Internet

- Perpetrator makes contact with victim over internet and then exploits them sexually
- It is not necessary that the youth ever meet in person with the exploiter for it to be considered trafficking
- Facebook, Instagram, Hook up apps
- Backpage, and escort sites
- Sexting & Pornography

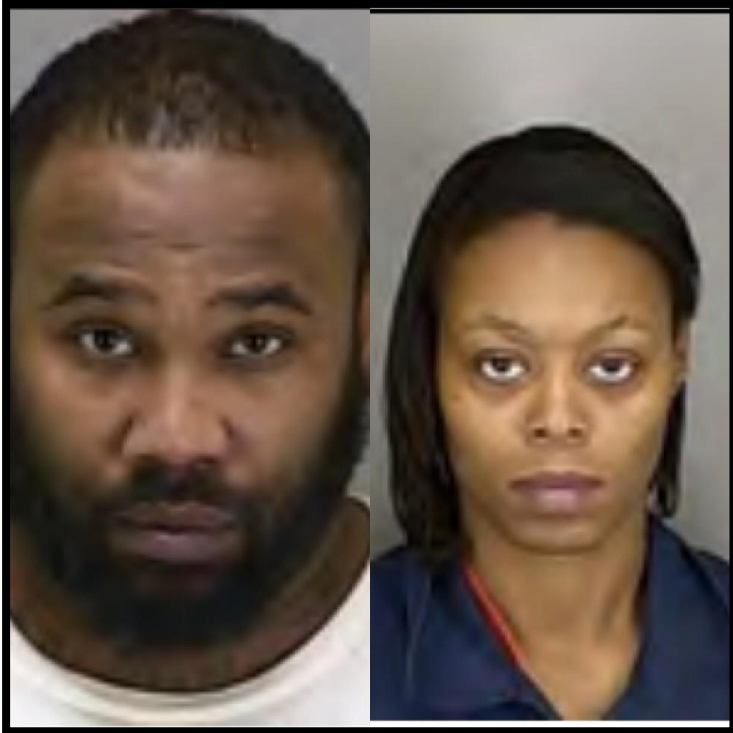
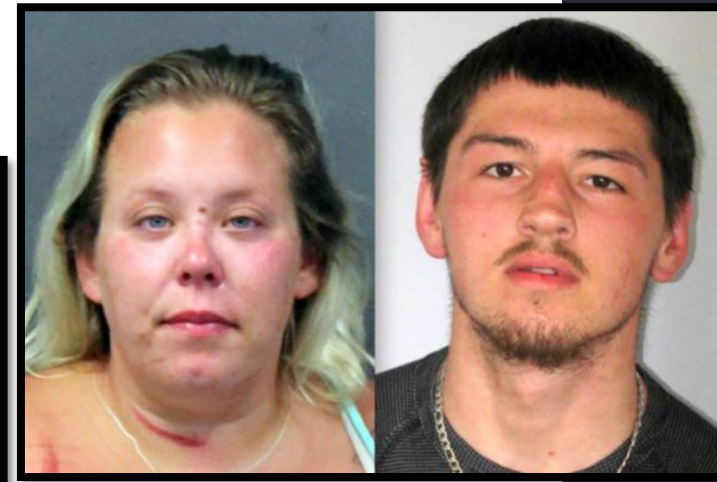
Pimp Controlled Trafficking

What does a Pimp look like?

Glorification of Pimp Culture



In reality...



Pimp Controlled Trafficking

- Grooming, searches for vulnerabilities to exploit
- May be a boyfriend, girlfriend, friend, or family member

Female Trafficker & “Bottom” Girl

- Finesse pimping vs. Guerrilla pimping

May buy gifts (nails, hair, clothes), money, drugs, alcohol, or initiate a romantic relationship.

- Secretive and Isolative

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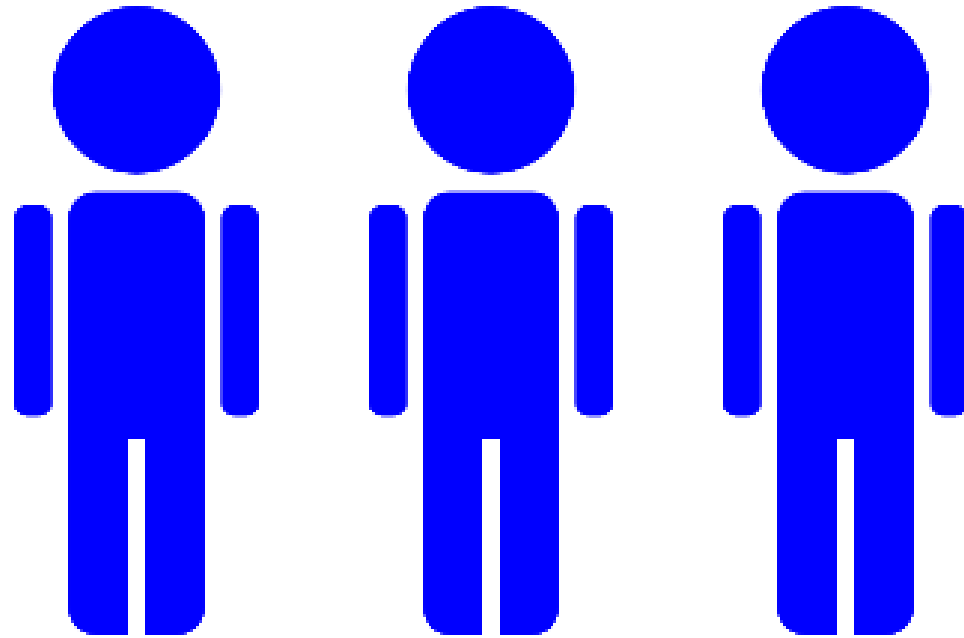
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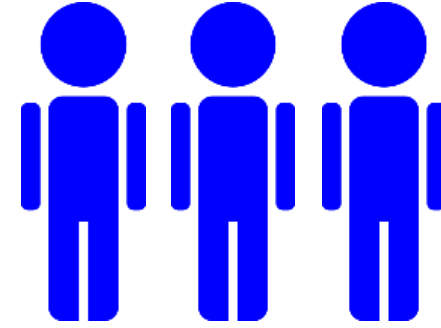
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WHAT
ABOUT
THE
BOYS?



What about the boys?



- Common ways boys enter the life
- Why they are difficult to identify
- Strengths-based questions

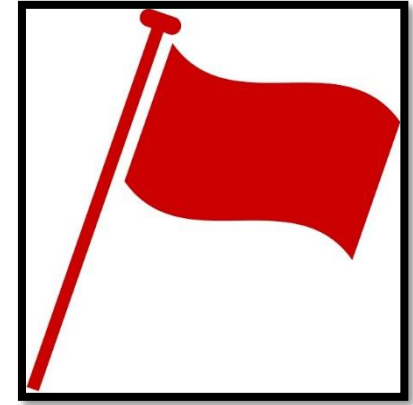
Risk Factors

- History of sexual abuse, neglect or domestic violence
- Poverty or family economic strain
- Unstable or inconsistent family conditions
- Running away or truancy
- Low self-esteem or self-worth
- Experimenting with risky sexual behaviors or drugs
- LGBTQ youth



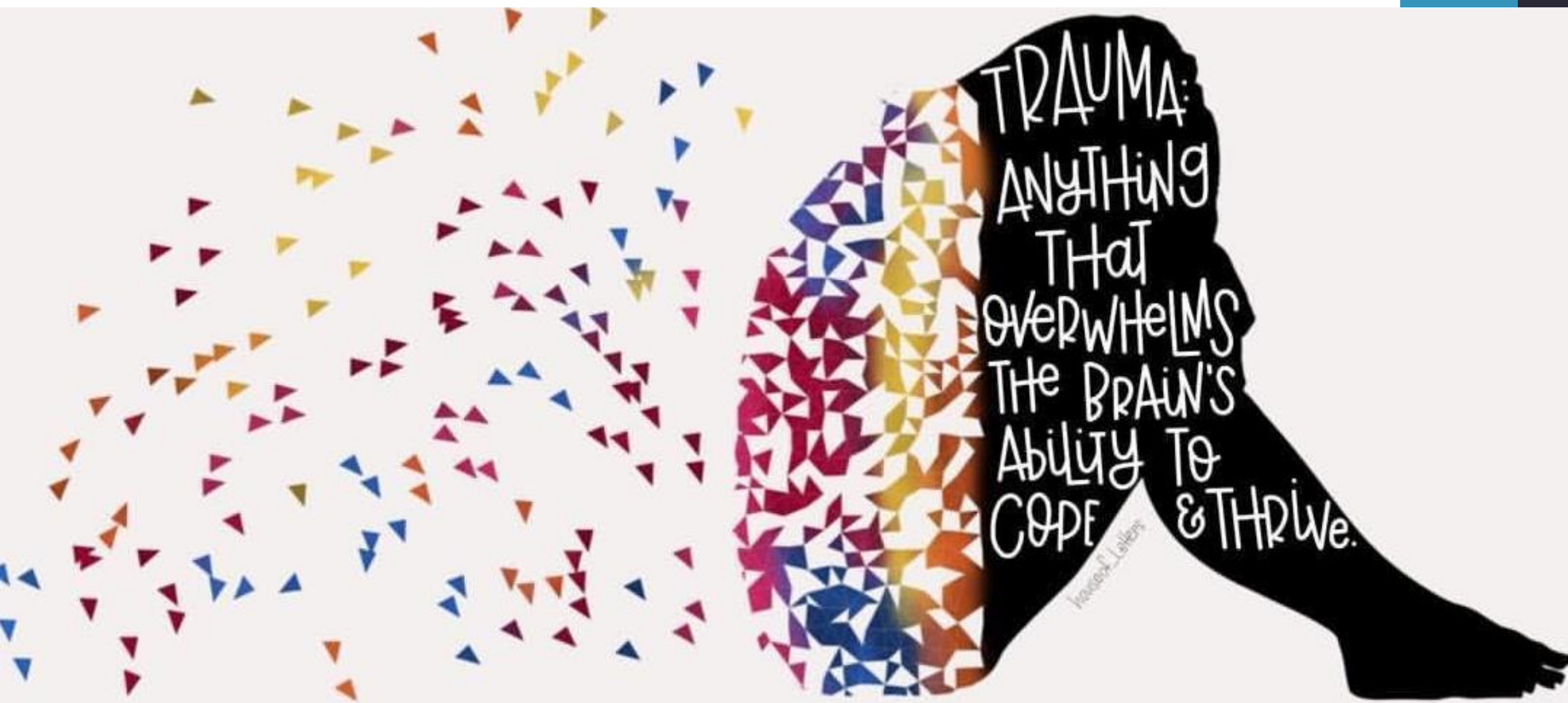
Red Flags

- Sketchy about location
- Story doesn't make sense
- Style Change
- Detached/ Isolated
- Hangs with Significantly older people
- Physical Change
- Always on the go
- Drugs/ Alcohol
- Hotel Keys/ Bottles
- Tattoos



Why don't they just leave???



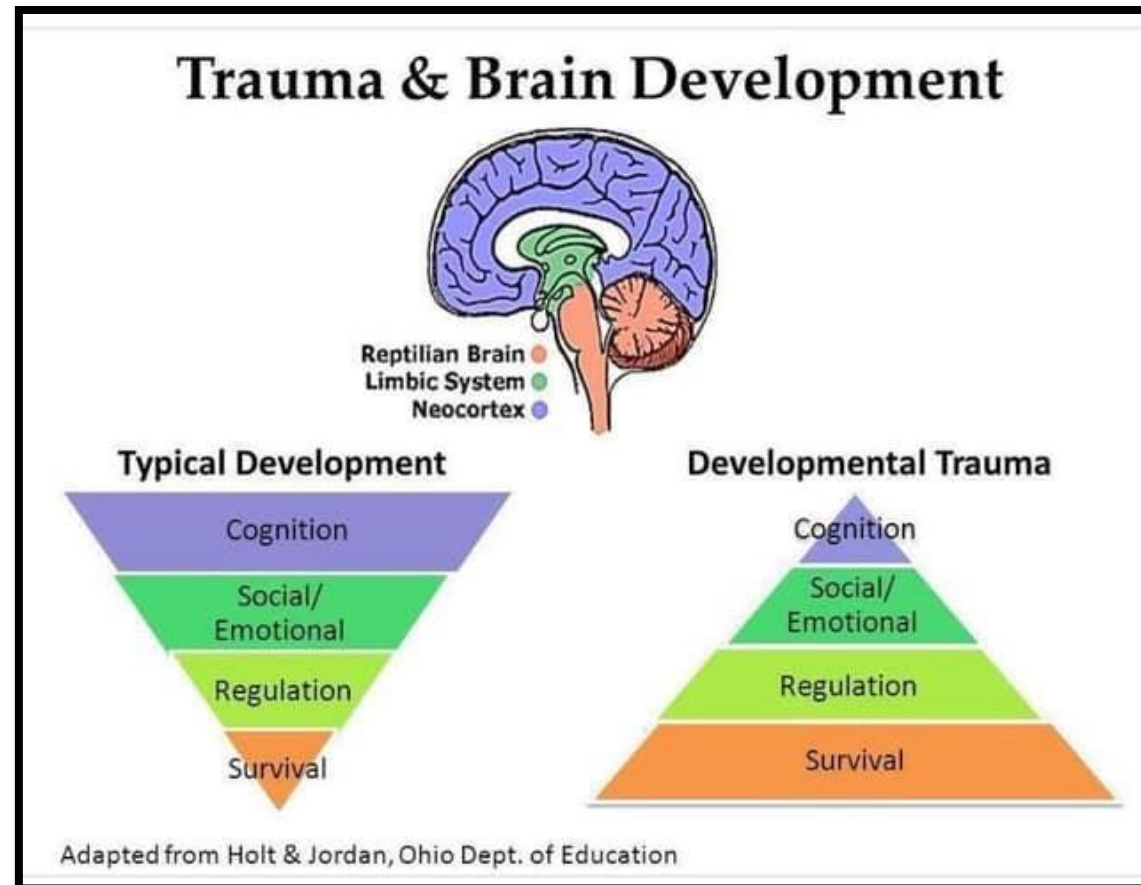


Impact of Trauma on Human Needs



Maslow's hierarchy of needs

Impact of Trauma on Child Development

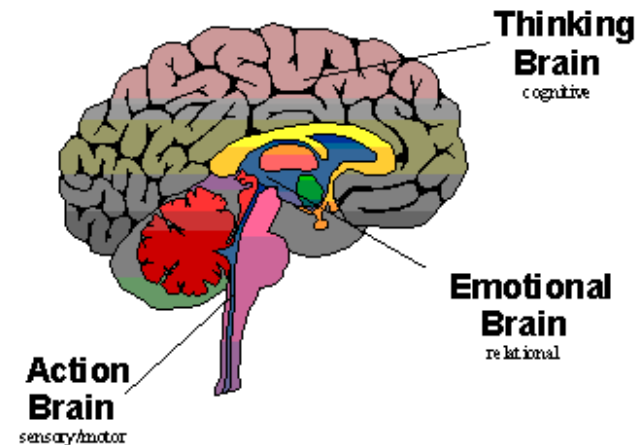


Trauma Bond/ Stockholm Syndrome

- Trapped in a relationship: A psychological phenomena in which the perpetrator alternates between love/affection and threats/trauma.

Someone in this type of relationship may believe:

- Being treated bad is normal or deserved
- Not being abused is an act of kindness
- Repetitive fighting and arguing is ok
- Defend the abuser
- Loss of free will
- In love with fantasy and not reality



Understanding the 3 stress responses



Fight



Flight



Freeze

Dissociation:

It is a psychological experience in which people feel disconnected from their sensory experience, sense of self, or personal history.

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What does dissociation look like?

Amnesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No memory of long periods of time in their childhood• In day to day life, the child may have memory lapses for seconds, minutes or hours of time
Derealisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A feeling that everything around them is unreal, like they are in a dream• Feeling as if other people are not real, or that they are like robots.
Depersonalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Having an out of body experience and looking down on themselves from above• Feeling disconnected from their body as if their body belongs to someone else• Feeling as if they are floating away
Identity Confusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaking in different voices with different ages• Feeling as if they are losing control to 'someone else' inside them• Acting like different people from moment to moment• Feeling as if there are different people inside them

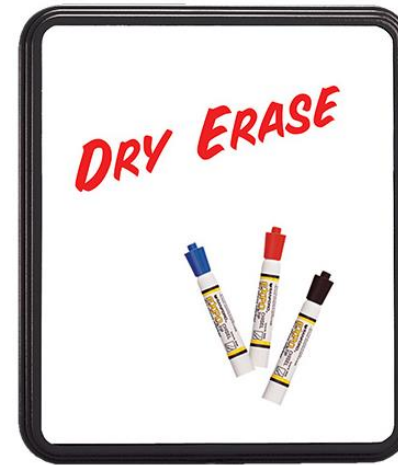
Working with survivors of human trafficking

A systems approach

Human Trafficking Assessment

Referral Information:

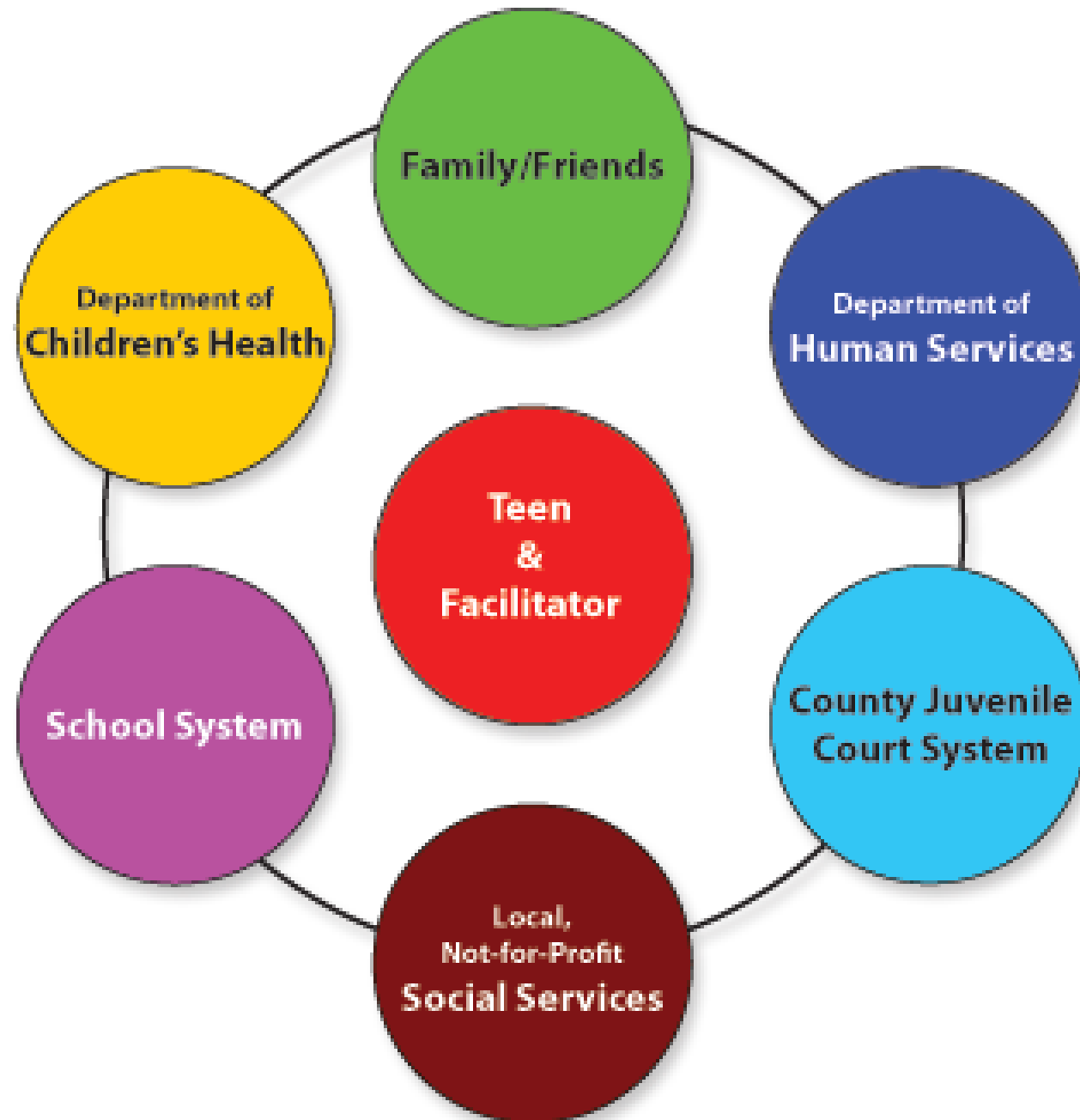
- Referral from court worker for trafficking concerns
- Youth is 17 years old, resides in a foster home in Akron
- Youth was placed in the custody of Children Services at the age of 15
- Frequently goes AWOL
- Children services worker reports various older men pick the youth up in the middle of the night



Key questions/topics to cover:

- Living Situation
- Relationships
- AWOL History/Supporting Oneself
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse
- Children Services Involvement
- Trauma History
- Tattoos/Scars
- Internet Usage
- Strengths

Wraparound Concept



Treatment Approaches

- Psychoeducation
- Trauma Informed Care
- Sensory Interventions
- Traditional Models
- EDMR Therapy

What to do...

- If you have a relationship with the youth
- If you don't have a relationship with the youth
- Training
- Protocols/ tools
- Mandatory reports
- Talking with parents

Barriers to Success

- Complex Cases
 - Prior abuse, neglect, dependency cases
 - Current delinquency charges
 - Complex trauma
- Family/ Home Life
 - Family permits or participate in the child's trafficking
 - Poverty
 - Crisis Focused



What not to say

- “Why did you do that?” (or any other why question)
- “Was he your pimp?”
- “I know you are involved in trafficking, just admit it.”
- “I’m referring you for a human trafficking assessment.”

Restore

- 1st juvenile human trafficking docket certified by The Supreme Court of Ohio
- 3 Phases
- Regular Review Hearings, Regular Treatment Team meetings
- Random Drug Testing
- Mentoring
- Counseling
- HT Education
- Service Projects
- Sanctions & Incentives
- Graduation
- Case Management



Case Management



Local and National Resources



Collaborative Against Human Trafficking

• SUMMIT COUNTY •

- Founded in 2009 by multiple agencies
- Direct Services Committee
- Education and Outreach Committee
- Service Matrix/ Continuum of Care
- Goals of the Collaborative
- www.endslaverysummitcounty.org/resources/

Community and Professional Training on Victim Identification

Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking
Rape Crisis Center of Medina and Summit Counties
Rahab Ministries

Victim Assistance Program
Restore Court
Cleveland Clinic-Akron General PATH Center

How is a victim identified?

Outreach

Rahab Ministries Street
Outreach/
Drop in Center

Shelter Care Street
Outreach/
Drop in Center

Criminal Justice System

Restore Court-Specialty
Docket for Youth

RISE Court- Specialty
Docket for Adults

Summit County Children Services

Intake

Case Managers

Law Enforcement

APD: Sgt. John Ross

FBI

Summit County Sheriff's
Office

24/7 Hotlines/Victim Advocacy Organizations

NHTRC 24/7 Hotline

VAP 24/7 Hotline

RCC 24/7 Hotline

BWS 24/7 Hotline

Hospitals

Local Hospital or
Emergency Room

PATH Center at Akron
General

Akron Children's ED

Summa Health System

CONTACTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

If you need immediate on scene response
or would like to make a report 24/7:

Summit County Sheriff's Office:
330-252-2614

24 HOUR IN PERSON RESPONSE TO VICTIMS

Rape Crisis Center of Medina & Summit Counties:
Adult/Minor/Sex
330-434-7273

Victim Assistance Program: Adult/Minor/Sex/Labor
330.376.0040

Summit County Children Services Hotline:
330- 434-5437

MEDICAL NEEDS

Transport survivor (13+) for a forensic
medical exam 24/7: Cleveland Clinic

Akron General PATH Center

330-364-6000

1 Akron General Ave

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

If you want to report a tip or you suspect
trafficking and don't need an immediate
local response please call:

1-888-373-7888

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Scared—Out of Control—Concerned about something—
Hurt—Annoyed—Ashamed—Confused—Anxious—
Embarrassed—Hopeless—Guilty—Like you want to hurt
yourself—Withdrawn—Helpless—Unloved—Discouraged
Unhappy—Empty—or just need to talk to someone.
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