



Human Trafficking Awareness



Key Purpose

- ▶ Gain an understanding of what constitutes Human Trafficking
 - Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
 - Domestic Minor Sex-Trafficking (DMST)
 - Labor Trafficking
- ▶ Recognize indicators of human trafficking
- ▶ Current prevention efforts / training / services
- ▶ What to do when you suspect that a youth is involved in human trafficking

What is Human Trafficking?



The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of an individual for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion.

Under federal law, sex trafficking (such as prostitution, pornography, exotic dancing, etc.) does not require there to be force, fraud, or coercion if the victim is under 18.

What is DMST and CSEC?

- ▶ “Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking” or “Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children” occurs when a U.S citizen who has not attained 18 years of age is engaged in a commercial sex act.
- ▶ “Commercial Sex Act” means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person. This includes:
 1. Prostitution
 2. Exotic dancing/stripping
 3. Pornography

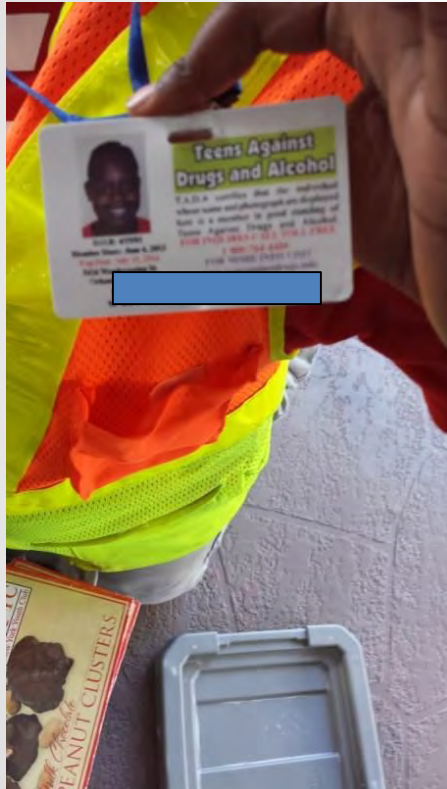
This definition is from the Trafficking Victims protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2005



Labor Trafficking / Modern Day Slavery - US / Globally

- ▶ people forced to work in homes as domestic servants,
- ▶ farmworkers coerced through violence as they harvest crops,
- ▶ factory workers held in inhumane conditions.
- ▶ Traveling sales crews - door-to-door sales,
- ▶ restaurants, construction work, carnivals, health and beauty services.
- ▶ Traffickers - false promises, work long hours little to no pay, physical abuse, debt bondage, confiscation of passports or money, psychological control

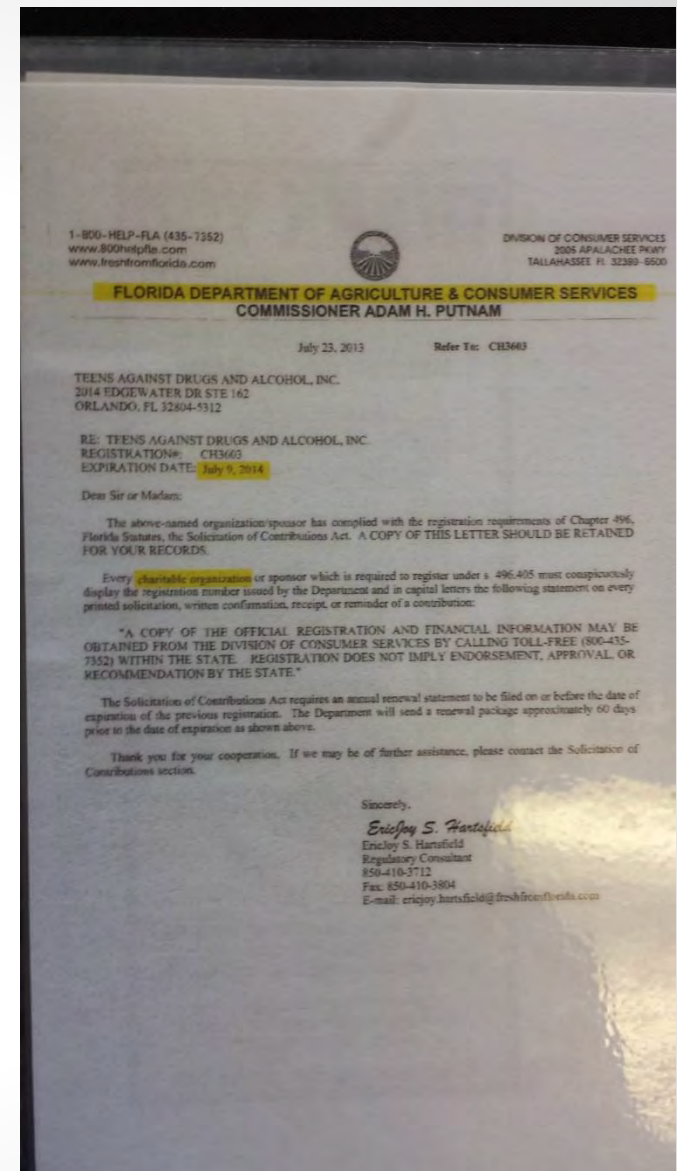
Do you know the Labor Laws?



Under 14 – MAY NOT WORK

14 and 15 may work up to 15 hours per week.

Door to Door sales is an Hazardous Occupation and 14 and 15 years old must be supervised at all times!



HUMAN TRAFFICKING is a real risk for more than 23,000 of Florida's children each year.

The Sunshine State is ranked 3rd in the country for this dark trend that is **stealing our children** and subjecting them to a **life of slavery** in the shadows.

A tragedy no child should endure.

**Keep watch. Follow your instincts.
Make the call.**

**FLORIDA ABUSE HOTLINE
1-800-962-2873**

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May 2009, DCF added Human Trafficking to the Maltreatment Index

If anyone suspects trafficking of minors, call the Abuse Hotline at:

1-800-96-ABUSE



Human Trafficking Intakes 2014 - 2016

Central Region	2014	2015	2016
Brevard	24	43	55
Citrus	2	6	4
Hardee	0	0	0
Hernando	2	12	12
Highlands	4	13	6
Lake	22	12	18
Marion	15	16	28
Orange	136	108	139
Osceola	10	16	16
Polk	27	52	57
Seminole	19	24	39
Sumter	1	3	5
Total	262	305	379

Across the U.S.

- ▶ 1.5 – 2 million kids will going missing this year
- ▶ 5,000 will die
- ▶ 70% are victims of crime or will commit a crime while missing
- ▶ 2/3 of all runaways are recruited into the sex industry after 48 hours on the streets*
- ▶ In Brevard County 2016 – 1,188 juvenile runaway

*Klaas Kids Foundation

Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking

Look
the **Beneath**
Surface

Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery

Any child engaged in commercial sex is the victim of human trafficking. Children made to work against their will (such as in farm labor, domestic servitude or sweatshop factories) are victims of human trafficking.

There are safe housing, health, immigration, food, income, employment, legal and interpretation services available to child victims, but first they must be identified.

If you think a child may be a victim of human trafficking, call toll-free **1.888.3737.888**.
For more information about human trafficking visit www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking.

While trafficking is largely a hidden social problem, victims are in plain sight if you know what to look for.

Targets of HT / Vulnerabilities

- Avg. age in Florida 15
- Unstable home life
- Chronic runaway
- History of prior sexual abuse and/or physical abuse
- Neglected, Vulnerable youth
- Approached by pimp near school
- Seduced by a “pimp”
- Coerced to perform sexual acts
- Given drugs/alcohol by pimp
- Forced to turn over all money and threats
- Sexual and physical violence
- Infected with STDs
- LGBTQ+ Children at increased risk

Where does “recruiting” occur?

- ▶ Junior High and High Schools
- ▶ Hallways of court buildings
- ▶ Bus Stations
- ▶ Homeless Shelters
- ▶ Restaurants and Bars
- ▶ Malls (food courts), strip malls
- ▶ Coffee Shops
- ▶ Foster homes
- ▶ Group homes
- ▶ Halfway houses
- ▶ Parks and Playgrounds
- ▶ Truck stops, gas stations

Examples of Minor Sex Trafficking

- ▶ A minor trading a sex act with an adult in exchange for a place to sleep.
- ▶ A pimp prostituting out an adolescent.
- ▶ A father trading his underage daughter for crack.
- ▶ A mother allowing her landlord to have sex with her child as rent payment.
- ▶ A fifteen year old trading a sex act with an adult for money
- ▶ A nightclub owner providing shelter and food for minors in exchange for exotic dancing.

Potential Indicators of sex trafficking of minors ***Includes exotic dancing, pornography and prostitution***

- ▶ Hotel/escort business cards, hotel keys, a number of condoms, cell phones.
- ▶ Presence of an overly controlling or abusive “boyfriend”/”girlfriend” or older companions.
- ▶ Excess amount of cash/prepaid credit cards/Green Dot cards and/or new clothing and accessories without explanation.
- ▶ Sudden change in possessions.
- ▶ Chronic runaway/homeless youth and/or unexplained absences from school.
- ▶ Signs of branding (tattoos/jewelry.)
- ▶ Unusual attachment to cell phone
- ▶ References to sexual situations beyond what is appropriate for age
- ▶ Inconsistency in stories; child lying about age; restricted/scripted communication.

Potential Indicators of sex trafficking of minors cont'd

- ▶ Sexual activity; history of sexually transmitted diseases.
- ▶ References frequent travel to other cities
- ▶ Signs of violence and/or psychological trauma; signs of physical abuse/inability or fear to make eye contact.
- ▶ Police reports of child located in areas known for prostitution.
- ▶ Small knives or some kind of weapon (used to keep themselves safe.)
- ▶ Indications of drug or alcohol use.
- ▶ Provocative style of clothing/shoes.
- ▶ Excessive internet activity.

Identify a Victim?

- ▶ *“Do not at any time attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to your suspicions.”*
- ▶ *“If you see something say something”*
 - Source: Homeland Security
- ▶ Contact Local Law Enforcement directly (911 or non-emergency)
- ▶ Tip lines
- ▶ If you suspect a child is a victim of human trafficking, it is important that you report the information to the Abuse Hotline.
1-800-96ABUSE (962-2873)

Current State of Affairs

Brevard County

- ▶ Space Coast Human Trafficking Taskforce
 - Upcoming January symposium / training catalogue
 - speakers
- ▶ Brevard County Schools posters & upcoming training
- ▶ Services for youth through DCF / CBC.
- ▶ Devereux Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Program. Continuum of Services –
 - ***DELTA program***, an enhanced clinical specialty track, provides therapeutic services to specifically address the trauma related to human trafficking.
- ▶ *Specially trained foster parents.*

Resources....

- ▶ Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign - <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign>
- ▶ National Runaway Safeline - www.1800Runaway.org
- ▶ National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) – www.missingkids.com
- ▶ Shared Hope International - www.sharedhope.org
- ▶ Center for Advancement of Child Welfare Practice - www.centerforchildwelfare.org
- ▶ National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline – 1-888-3737-888
- ▶ The Polaris Project - www.PolarisProject.org
- ▶ Office on Trafficking in Persons - www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking

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