

Ending Child Sex Trafficking



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The Impact



Overview

- The definition of sex trafficking
- The scope of the problem
- Who, where, and why?
- Identifying victims
- Trauma-informed care
- Resources
- Protocol development

Definition

- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose 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 (Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000)
- Force, fraud, coercion NOT required in minors

The Numbers

- Estimated \$150 billion industry
- 300,000 kids are being trafficked on any given day
- Average age of entering the life: 13 nationally
- 80% of victims have contact with a health care professional
- Estimated 1 out of 7 kids who run away are sex trafficked
- Takes 3-7 attempts before actually leaving the life
- Google NHTRC statistics for state specific data

Myths Debunked

- Myth #1 Trafficking only happens overseas
- Myth #2 Only foreign nationals are trafficked
- Myth #3 Trafficking is not the same as human smuggling
- Myth #4 Everyone engaged in the life is doing so by choice
- Myth #5 Victims will reach out for help
- Myth #6 Only girls are victims
- Myth #7 Can never occur in my own community

Who?

- Male, female, all races, all socioeconomic backgrounds
- More increasingly, male and transgender
- Minors
- Hx of abuse, broken homes, foster care, runaways, low self esteem
 - Within 48 hours of running away, 50% of kids are approached by trafficker

Risk Factors

Figure 6: Top 10 Risk Factors Reported by Survivors

The data reflects only survivors who elected to disclose this information and is not the result of a systematic survey.

Self-Reported to NHTRC and BeFree

1. Poverty
2. Homelessness
3. Substance Use
4. Sexual Abuse/Assault
5. Child Abuse/Neglect
6. Runaway
7. Youth Involved with the Child Welfare and/or Juvenile Justice System
8. Domestic Violence
9. LGBTQ
10. Mental Health Concerns

Self-Reported by Polaris Clients

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3. Runaway
4. Sexual Abuse/Assault
5. Domestic Violence
6. Poverty
7. Youth Involved with the Child Welfare and/or Juvenile Justice System
8. Mental Health Concerns
9. Substance Use
10. Other Type of Trauma

**Survivors and clients may reference multiple risk factors or may not provide this type of information. This chart provides data about the number of survivors who indicated that these risk factors applied to them prior to the start of their trafficking situation. The variables tracked in this category were selected based on Polaris's knowledge of common risk factors associated with trafficking and are not an exhaustive list of all factors which may make an individual vulnerable to trafficking.*

Where?



Why?



Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Recruitment



Sex Trafficking in the U.S.: A Closer Look at U.S. Citizen Victims

Figure 4: Estimated Age at Time of First Commercial Sex Act Reported to NHTRC and BeFree Textline by Survivors; N=123

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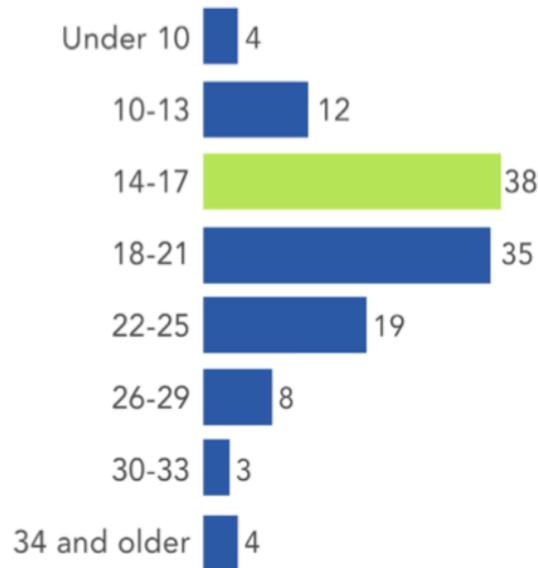
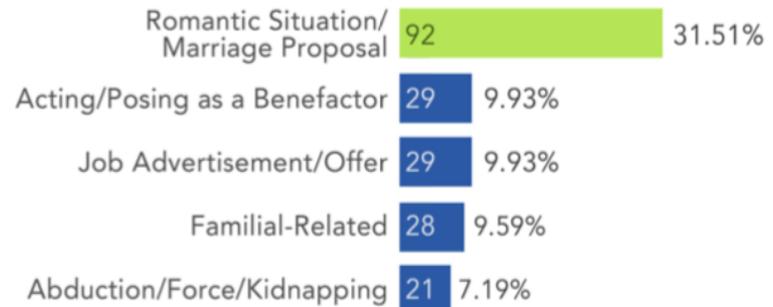


Figure 5: Recruitment Methods Reported to NHTRC and BeFree Textline by Survivors*; N=292

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Recruitment



Identifying Victims

Red Flags

- General: companion, lack of ID, “visiting the area”, homeless, time of visit, clothing, malnourishment
- CC: trauma, fractures, UTIs, STIs, GU, headache, non-fatal strangulation, oral trauma
- Behavior: hyperalert/vigilant, irritable, outbursts, feelings of shame, emotional numbing, distant
- Recognize behavior vs assuming difficult patient
- History: abuse, neglect, runaway, drug-related issues, mental health
- Sexual Health: multiple STIs, UTIs, pregnancy, abortion complications, sexual trauma
- Physical: bruises, tattoos/branding

Risk Factors

- History of sexual, physical, emotional abuse
- Broken/dysfunctional homes
- Runaways
- Foster care
- Low self-esteem
- Drug use
- Mental health issues
- Homelessness
- LGBTQ
- Relationships on social media

Screening Questions

1. Have you used drugs or alcohol in the past 12 months?
2. Have you ever run away from home?
3. Have you ever been involved with the police?
4. Have you ever been knocked unconscious?
5. If you've had sex before, how many partners have you had?
6. Have you ever had an STI before?

Specific Questions

- Where are you staying? Can you come and go as you please?
- Have you ever had to do something to get food or shelter?
- Did anyone ever pressure you to engage in any sexual acts against your will?
- Has your bf, gf, or anyone else ever asked you to do something sexual with someone else ?
- Tell me about that tattoo.
- Did anyone ever take photos of you and if so, what did they use them for? Were these photos ever sent to other people or posted on an online forum (Snapchat, Instagram)?
- Did anyone ever force you to engage in commercial sex through online websites, escort services, street prostitution, informal arrangements, brothels, fake massage businesses or strip clubs?
- Were you ever transported to different locations to engage in commercial sex?

Physical Exam

- Be sensitive!
- Put your patients in gowns
- Make the story fit

- Bruises, burns, scars, bald patches
- Tattoos
- Impacted items
- Malnutrition/dehydration
- Discrepancy in age

Trauma Informed Care

- Understand trauma and how it affects people
 - Trauma triggers
 - Trauma bond
 - Avoid re-traumatization
 - Victim-centered Care
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- ACEs
 - Caring for survivors

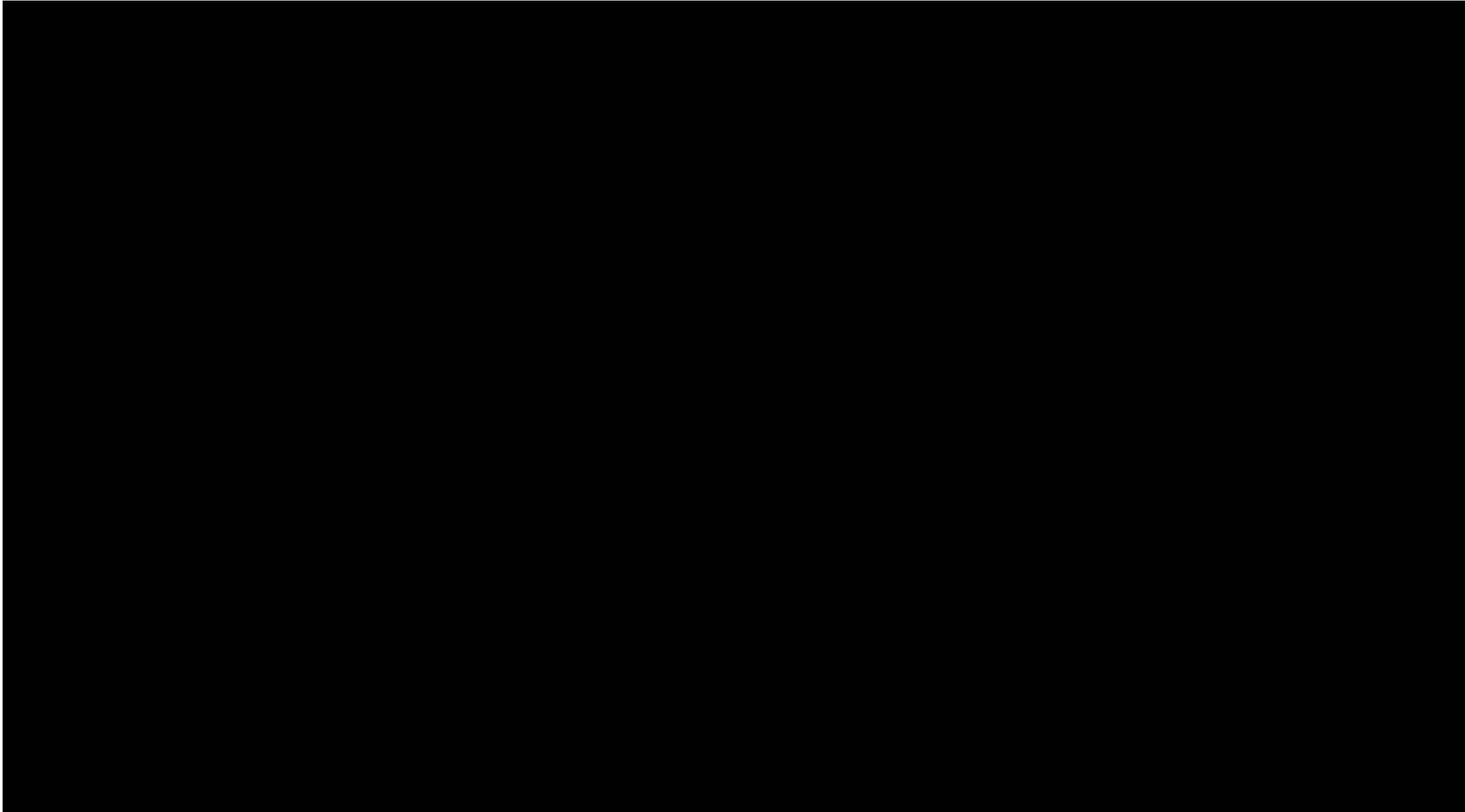
Communication is Key

- Know the language:
 - Daddy, pimp
 - John, Trick
 - Bottom Girl
 - The Life
- Refrain from judgement
- Don't push it
- Provide resources in generalized manner

EMPOWER

- Disclosure takes time
- Engender trust
- EMPOWER (don't rescue)
- Refrain from judgement
- Trauma bonding
- Hard to leave the life

Survivor Advice to the Medical Community



Documentation

- Thoroughly document in the chart what you asked and what the patient said—quote the patient verbatim
- Note the date and time of the encounter
- Document the patient’s description of the violence, abuse, and/or exploitation
- Document clinical observation of any injuries that are present: record size, appearance, color of injuries or marks; use photo documentation of injuries and/or body map
- Document what treatment was required
- Document what information was given to the patient and the referrals made
- Document involvement of law enforcement, DCFS (if a minor) or APS (if a vulnerable adult) as appropriate

Resources

- National HT Hotline: 888-3737-888
- UTiP(Utah Trafficking in Persons)
 - Find out state task force contact
- Be able to provide resources in your area(ex. shelters, mental health services)
- Text HELP to 233733
- National Runaway Safeline for Youth: 1-800-RUNAWAY(786-2929)

Generic Resource Sheet



Life Threatening Emergency

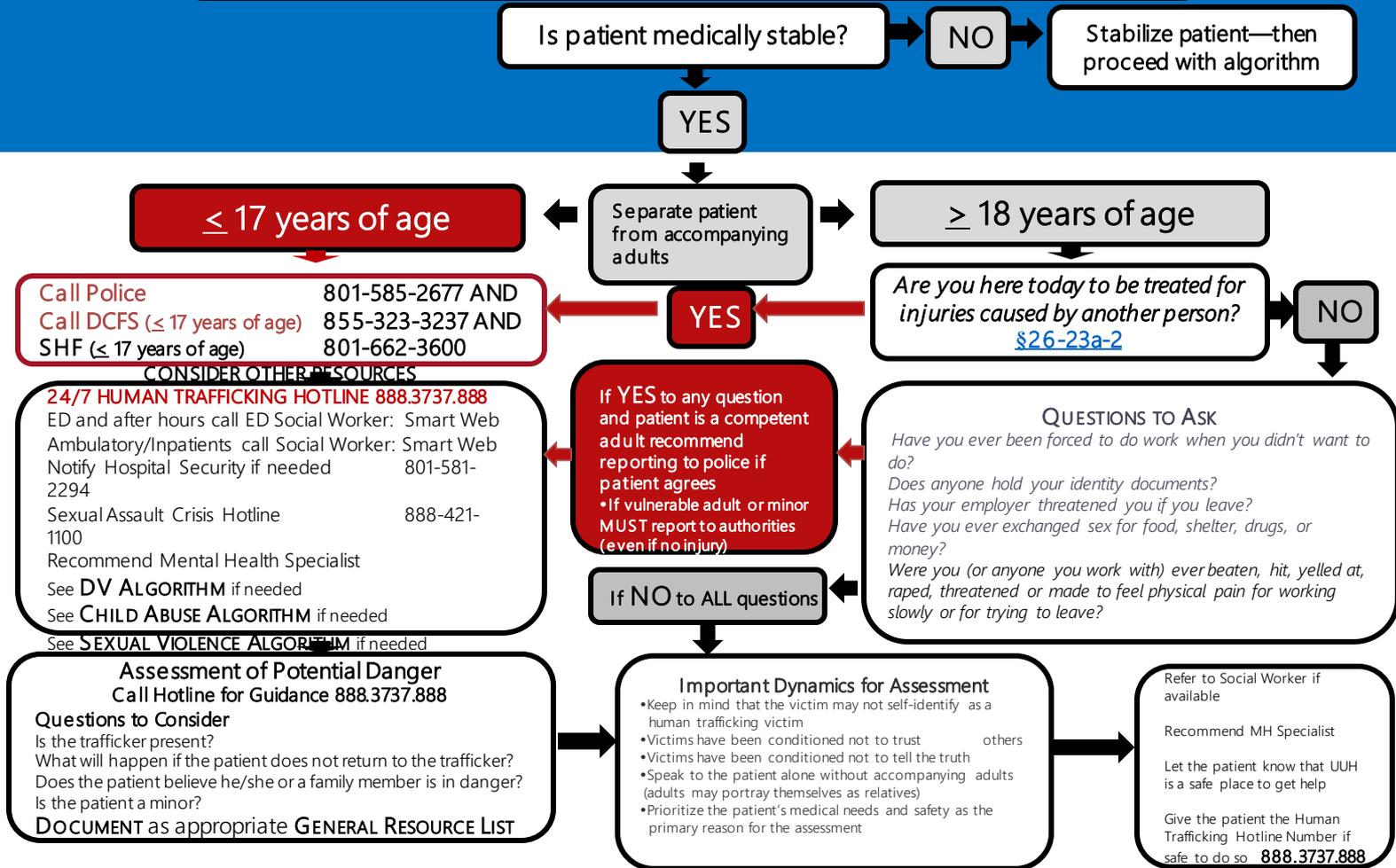
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CRISIS HOTLINE NUMBERS	
Adult Protective Services	800-371-7897
Child Protective Services	855-323-3237
Crisis/Suicide Prevention	801-587-3000
Domestic Violence Hotline	800-897-5465
National Suicide Prevention	800-273-8255
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Rape Recovery Crisis	801-467-7273
Sexual Assault Hotline	888-421-1100
Utah Human Trafficking Hotline	888-373-7888
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES	
Children's Justice Center	385-468-4560
Guardian Ad Litem	801-578-3962
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES	
Domestic Violence Hotline	800-897-5465
Family Justice Center	801-236-3370
Legal Aid Society of Utah	801-328-8849
Utah Office of Crime Victims	801-238-2360
YWCA DV Shelter	801-537-8600
EDUCATION	
Horizonte Instruction	801-578-8574
Salt Lake Community College	801-957-4111
English Skills Learning Center	801-328-5608
EMPLOYMENT/JOB TRAINING	
Department of Workforce Services	801-526-0950
Deseret Industries	801-240-7240
Labor Commission	801-530-6800
People Helping People	801-583-5300
FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES	
Family Crisis Nursery	801-955-9110
Division of Child & Family Services	855-323-3237
Parenting Classes & Support Groups	2-1-1
Care About Childcare	855-531-4268
Postpartum Support International	800-944-4773
Erikson Fussy Baby Network	888-431-2229

FINANCIAL COUNSELING	
University of Utah Financial Advocates	801-581-2957
AAA Fair Credit Foundation	800-351-4195
Cornerstone Financial Education	800-663-1662
NeighborWorks Salt Lake	801-539-1590
Take Care Utah (Insurance Info)	2-1-1
FOOD ASSISTANCE	
Food Pantries	2-1-1
Food Stamps	801-526-0950
Home Delivered Meals (Seniors)	385-468-3200
Utah Food Bank	801-887-1275
WIC (Women, Infants & Children)	801-942-5437
HOUSING ASSISTANCE	
Family Promise Shelter	801-961-8622
Housing Authority	801-487-2161
The Road Home	801-359-4142
Youth Services	385-468-4500
IMMIGRATION SERVICES	
Catholic Community Services	801-977-9119
Refugee & Immigration Center	801-467-6060
MENTAL HEALTH	
Salt Lake County Crisis	801-587-3000
UNI	801-583-2500
Valley Behavioral Health	801-270-6500
NAMI	801-323-9900
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	
711 Relay Utah	7-1-1
Sego Lily Center for the Abused Deaf	888-328-5486
Services for People with Disabilities	877-568-0084
Utah Parent Center (Autism Info)	801-272-1051
Work Activity Center	801-977-9779

Human Trafficking Algorithm **University Hospital**

PRESENTATION CONCERNING FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING PHYSICAL FINDINGS CONCERNING FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Further Training

- AMWA PATH (contact me)
- HEAL Protocol Toolkit (www.healtrafficking.org)

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QUESTIONS?

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