# ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING



# Identification: Potential Indicators

- Is under 18 and is involved in commercial sex
- Is under 18 and dating a much older, abusive or controlling partner
- Has visible signs of abuse (bruises, cuts, marks)
- · Exhibits behaviors of fear, anxiety, depression
- · Shows evidence of controlling relationships
- Lack of awareness of city or state where currently located
- · Has a tattoo (s)he is reluctant to explain
- Is not in control of own money or identification
- Has new clothing, possessions without financial means to purchase items
- Accompanied by "translator" who answers for the individual
- · Owes a large debt

# Screening Questions

- · What is your job like?
- · Can you leave your situation/job if you want?
- Are there rules at your job? What happens if someone doesn't follow the rules?
- Has anyone harmed (or threatened to harm) you or your family in order to make you do something that you did not want to do?
- Has anyone threatened to call the police/immigration on you in order to make you do something you did not want to do?
- Are you allowed to talk to people outside of your home/job?
- Have you ever exchanged sex for something of value?
- Do you have an ID? Does someone else hold your ID?
- · Do you have control over the money you earn?
- Is anyone forcing or pressuring you to do anythin you do not want to do?
- · Do you feel safe where you are living?
- Can you come and go as you please?

### **How To Respond**

- DO put all judgments/presumptions aside
- DO support the person's right to make their own choices.
- DO help the person with safety planning:
- · Do they have a pimp? Is s/he outside waiting?
- · Do they have a safe support system?
- · Do they have a safe place to go?

- DO know your child welfare reporting requirements (see below).
- DO NOT try to persuade them to stop or leave.
  These actions could put the person in great danger from their trafficker.
- DO NOT attempt to "rescue" the victim. Our role is to help victims identify and choose the safest and best options.

### Is the Person Interested in Getting Help?

#### a Yes

- Discuss current needs of individual
- Consult with supervisor about resources/ capacity/ability to meet these needs.
- If there is a local TSA Anti-Trafficking program, refer for support.
- If unable to meet needs at TSA, refer to other community anti-trafficking program. Contact the National HT Hotline to identify local resources: 888.3737.888
- 5) If the person is a minor: Trafficking of a minor (anyone under 18) for either sex or labor is child abuse. If a minor discloses a trafficking experience, follow your location's procedure for reporting child abuse/neglect to Child Protective Services.

### b No

# Is the Person Under 18?

### a Yes

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### b No

- Consult with the Divisional Human Trafficking Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_ for planning/support.
- Ask if it is safe to give them the National HT Hotline so they can receive help when they are ready: 888-3737-888.



