

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

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OBJECTIVES

- 
- Define and understand sex and labor trafficking,
 - Recognize indicators of human trafficking, with a focus on the risk factors or vulnerabilities,
 - Recognize venues for potential sex or labor trafficking in your community
 - Review The Salvation Army's Rapid Response Protocol



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/// WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING? ///

- Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2019:
 - **Sex trafficking** is the recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, obtains, advertises, maintains, patronizes, or solicits of a person for the purposes 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 (22 USC § 7102).
 - **Labor trafficking** is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery, (22 USC § 7102).

Act

- Recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, obtains, advertises, maintains, patronizes or solicits
- Or... knowingly financially benefits, or receives anything of value for facilitating those acts

Means

- Force, fraud, or coercion
- Not an element of the crime if victim is a minor

Purpose

- Sexual servitude/commercial sex act
- Involuntary servitude



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THE ACT

- Recruits,
- entices,
- harbors,
- transports,
- provides,
- obtains,
- advertises,
- maintains,
- patronizes
- solicits



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MEANS DEFINED

Force

Beating and slapping

Beating with objects (bat, tools, chains, belts, hangers, canes, cords)

Burning

Sexual assault

Rape and gang rape

Confinement and physical restraint

Fraud

False promises

Deceitful enticing and affectionate behavior

Lying about working conditions

Lying about the promise of a better life,
“selling a dream”



Coercion



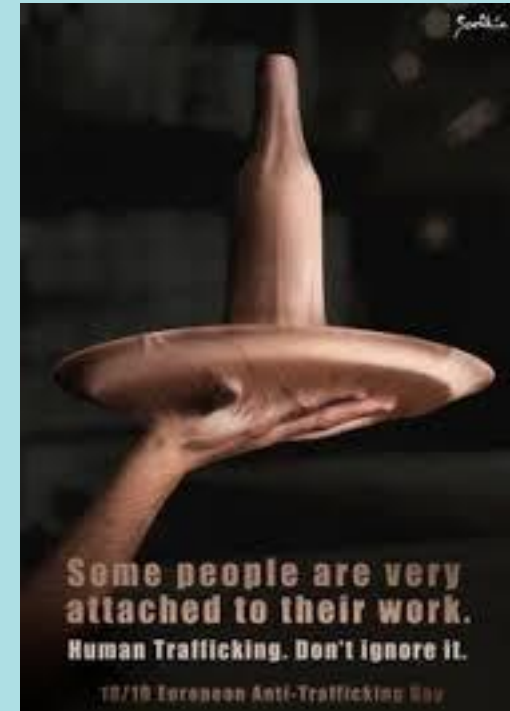
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PURPOSE

• EXPLOITATION

Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services.

In the TVPA, the term “commercial sex act” means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.



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Table 1. Definitions of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants

	<i>Trafficking in persons (adults)</i>	<i>Trafficking in persons (children)</i>	<i>Migrant smuggling</i>
<i>Victim's age</i>	Over 18	Below 18	Irrelevant
<i>Mental element</i>	Intention	Intention	Intention
<i>Material element</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act • Means • Exploitative purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act • Exploitative purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act: Procurement of illegal entry • Purpose: For financial or other material benefit
<i>Consent of the trafficked or smuggled person</i>	Irrelevant once the means are established	Irrelevant. Means do not need to be established	The smuggled person consents to the smuggling
<i>Transnationality</i>	Not required	Not required	Required
<i>Involvement of an organized crime group</i>	Not required	Not required	Not required



WHAT DO YOU THINK WHEN YOU HEAR THE
WORD “PROSTITUTE?”



HOW ABOUT THE PHRASE “PERSON
INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION?”



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INDUSTRIES FOR SEX TRAFFICKING

Escort Services

In calls /outcalls

Street forced prostitution

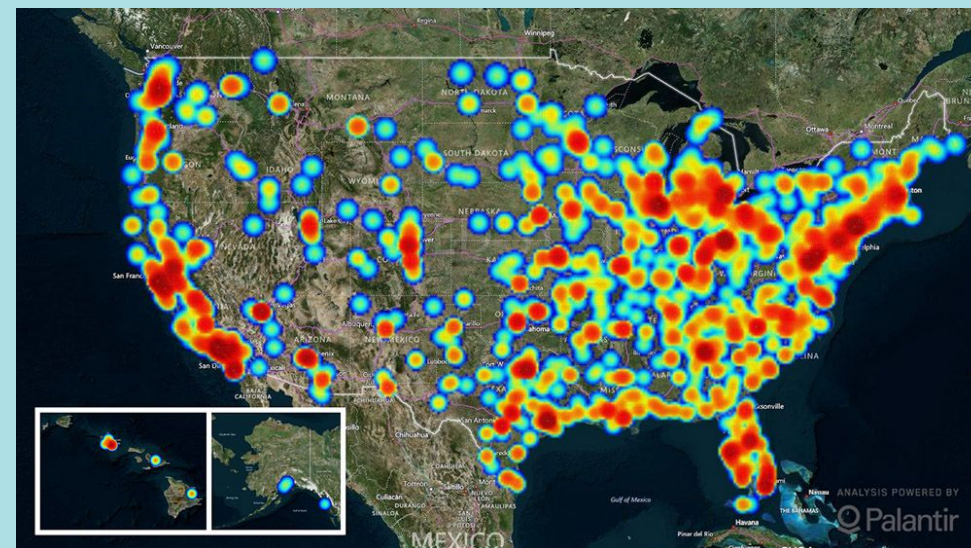
Hotels/motels

Private homes

Commercial front brothels

Massage parlors

Strip Clubs



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INDUSTRIES FOR LABOR TRAFFICKING

Agriculture

Nail salons/hair salons

Restaurants

Hospitality Industry

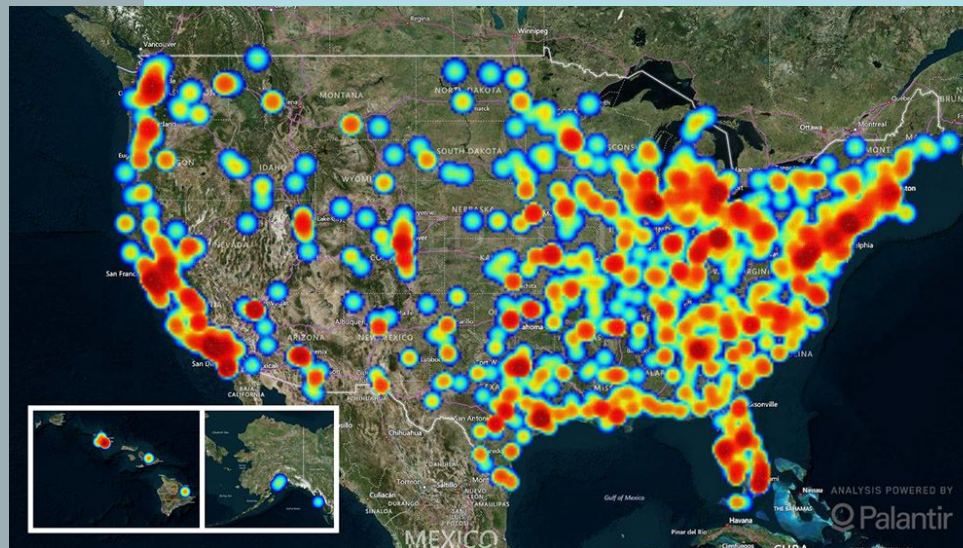
Landscaping

Massage parlors

Factories

Construction

Traveling Sales Crews



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RISK FACTORS/VULNERABILITIES



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What is
ACE
and Why is it
Important to **You?**

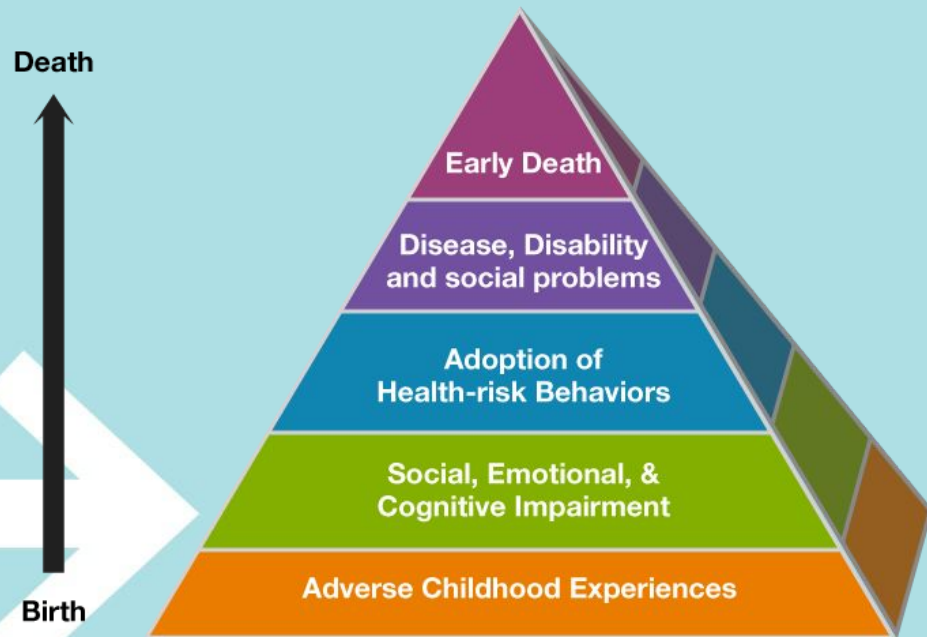


ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES



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ACES



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) refer to some of the most intensive and frequently occurring sources of stress that children may suffer early in life. Such experiences include multiple types of abuse; neglect; violence between parents or caregivers; other kinds of serious household dysfunction such as alcohol and substance misuse; and peer, community and collective violence.



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The Pair of ACE's

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

Maternal Depression

Emotional &
Sexual Abuse

Substance
Abuse

Domestic Violence

Physical &
Emotional Neglect

Mental Illness

Divorce

Incarceration

Homelessness

ADVERSE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS

Poverty

Discrimination

Community Disruption

Lack of Opportunity, Economic Mobility & Social Capital

Violence

Poor Housing
Quality & Affordability



Ellis, W., Dietz, W (2017) / A new framework for addressing Adverse Childhood and Community Experiences: The Building Community Resilience (BCR) model. Academic Pediatrics. 17 (2017) pp. 586-593. DOI information: 10.1013/j.acap.2016.12.C11

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Adverse Childhood Experience* Categories	Impact of Trauma and Health Risk Behaviors to Ease the Pain	Long-Term Consequences of Unaddressed Trauma (ACEs)
<p><i>Abuse of Child</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Recurrent Severe Emotional abuse■ Recurrent Physical abuse■ Contact Sexual abuse <p><i>Trauma in Child's Household Environment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Substance abuse■ Parental separation or divorce -■ Chronically depressed, emotionally disturbed or suicidal household member■ Mother treated violently■ Imprisoned household member■ Loss of parent – (by death, by suicide, - or by abandonment) <p><i>Neglect of Child</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Abandonment■ Child's basic physical and/or emotional needs unmet <p>* Above types of ACEs are the “heavy end” of abuse.</p>	<p><i>Neurobiologic Effects of Trauma</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Disrupted neuro-development■ Difficulty controlling anger-rage■ Hallucinations■ Depression■ Panic reactions■ Anxiety■ Multiple (6+) somatic problems■ Sleep problems■ Impaired memory■ Flashbacks■ Dissociation <p><i>Health Risk Behaviors</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Smoking■ Severe obesity■ Physical inactivity■ Suicide attempts■ Alcoholism■ Drug abuse■ 50+ sex partners■ Repetition of original trauma■ Self Injury■ Eating disorders■ Perpetrate interpersonal violence	<p><i>Disease and Disability</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ischemic heart disease■ Cancer■ Chronic lung disease■ Chronic emphysema■ Asthma■ Liver disease■ Skeletal fractures■ Poor self rated health■ Sexually transmitted disease■ HIV/AIDS <p><i>Serious Social Problems</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Homelessness■ Prostitution■ Delinquency, violence, criminal behavior■ Inability to sustain employment■ Re-victimization: rape, DV■ compromised ability to parent■ Intergenerational transmission of abuse■ Long-term use of health, behavioral health, correctional, and social services

TRAUMA HISTORIES IN TRAFFICKED YOUTH FROM THE FIELD CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S POLICY AND PRACTICE

22%

of those homeless youth who
were approached for paid sex
had this happen on their very
first night of being homeless

67%

of sex trafficked victims
had not graduated from
high school

1 of 5

were victims of human
trafficking

95%

of those who were sex
trafficked had a history of child
maltreatment

41%

of those who were sex
trafficked had at least one out-
of-home placement at some
point in their lives, and many
experienced frequent moves



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GENERAL VULNERABILITIES

- Age
- Emotional vulnerability; feeling scared, lonely desperate to belong
- Lack of resources/poverty
- Aspects that make the person different
- Limited supports
- Prior traumatic experiences
- Immigration Status
- Substance use/misuse
- LGBTQIA+
- Mental health



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RURAL COMMUNITIES

- Farming/agricultural industries
- Sometimes tourist destinations (Skiing, outdoor recreation)
- Trucking routes
- Cultural differences—small towns, close knit
- Isolation is easier for a trafficker
- Stigma, stereotypes
- Lack of resources for services
- Transportation
- Higher rates of poverty
- Work opportunities may be more spread out
- Demand



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RED FLAGS

- Is not free to leave or come and go as they wish
- Is under 18 and is providing commercial sex acts
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Poor Physical Health
- Lacks health care
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture
- Has few or no personal possessions



Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Is not in control of their own money, no financial records, or bank account





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LABOR TRAFFICKING: CASE EXAMPLE



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“A man called the NHTRC hotline with concerns about his employment situation. This man was working as a herder in the western mountain states, though he was unsure of his current location. He was several hundred miles from the nearest town and had to go to a specific location in order to get cell reception. He was on an H-2A visa, a temporary work visa for agricultural workers. He was unsure of the employing farm’s business name and his documents had been confiscated, so he could not confirm. He had been in the United States for six weeks and had only been paid once. This payment was significantly lower than what he expected before he accepted the job, but had been unable to read the employment contract to know what was legally agreed upon. In addition to the low payment, most of his pay had been retained by the employer to cover living expenses.



He reported that he lived in a small trailer, without electricity and plumbing. He had recently been injured in a rock slide, but had yet to be able to see a doctor, since he relied on the employer for transportation and finding another herder to relieve him to see the doctor. When he had called his supervisor to ask to see the doctor, the supervisor had rebuked him and threatened that if he wanted to leave his post, then they could just call immigration and have him deported.”

Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline



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DISCUSSION


- Is this trafficking? Why or why not?
- What elements of force, fraud or coercion are present?



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A female obtained employment at a grocery store under the condition that she move in with the store owner ... Outside of the store, she was required to clean, provide childcare, and have sexual relations in the home.



Seventy-three percent of labor trafficking victims identified as male, as opposed to 31% of sex trafficking victims.



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CHALLENGES IN IDENTIFICATION

- Victims typically do not self identify
- Language barriers*
- Isolation* (physical and psychological)
- Accessibility /transportation*
- Resources
- Training for providers
- Cultural barriers
- Societal stereotypes
- Need for a Paradigm shift

"I just wish I would have had somebody to keep me on the straight and narrow before I made these terrible choices. Somebody like a mentor or something, or somebody to just stay on my back."

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*Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline



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SEX TRAFFICKING: CASE EXAMPLE



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Gabriella grew up in Atlanta, Georgia with her mom. She did not know her father, but her mother worked hard to care for her and her two siblings. At age 14 she started to be bullied at school and turned to online chat rooms to find friendships. Soon thereafter she met a man named Dave who began to make her feel pretty, and accepted. He began to “groom her,” but all she knew was that he cared for her and wanted to be her boyfriend. One day he asked to meet at the mall so he could take her out on a real date. She was flattered and complied. When she met him in person he told her how beautiful she was and that he was going to take care of her. As they started dating he asked her to send him pictures of herself that would only be for the two of them, because they were in love. Then one day when they were at his house, he brought a strange man in and said she needed to sleep with him. He told her that if she didn’t comply he would post all the pictures on facebook that she had sent of herself naked. He also said he would give them to her mom. Gabriella was terrified and did as was told her to do. Eventually he brought in more men, after seven men raped her, she lost count and passed out. She had nowhere to go, and felt completely alone. He said if she left he would get her little sister to do this instead. Gabriella could not fathom her sister going through this and so she stayed and lost touch with her family for weeks, months and eventually years as Dave moved her around and trafficked her up and down the East Coast. Eventually Gabriella turned 18, and had a run in with law enforcement. She was arrested during a prostitution sting.



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UNDERSTANDING PIMP CONTROL AND TRAUMA BONDING

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

Dr. Judith Herman, Trauma and Recovery, 1992



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PIMP CONTROL

- Recruitment Process
 - Finesse Pimp vs. Gorilla Pimp
- Grooming process
- “Daddy”
 - Security
 - Coercion
- Turning out process
- Barrier to leaving becomes the psychological bond between the trafficker or “pimp” and their victim (e.g.: Stockholm Syndrome)



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TRAUMA BONDING

- Psychological response to abuse in which the person experiencing abuse may develop sympathy for the abusive person, reinforced by cycle of abuse.
- Trauma Bonds can develop if a person:
 - Perceives a real threat of danger from their abuse;
 - Experiences harsh treatment with small periods of kindness;
 - Is isolated from other people and their perspectives;
 - Believes they cannot escape.



<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/trauma-bonding#signs>



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SIGNS OF TRAUMA BONDS

Survivors may...

- Try to justify or defend the abuse;
- Agree with the traffickers response for treating them badly;
- Try to cover for the trafficker;
- Argue with or distance themselves from people trying to help;
- Become hostile if someone intervenes;
- Be reluctant or unwilling to take steps to leave the trafficking situation.

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IMPACT ON VICTIM'S BELIEFS


- This is my fault
- I'm bad
- Should have known better
- People use me
- Don't feel – love hurts
- This is what I deserve
- This is as good as it gets
- I am not a victim



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HOW THIS IMPACTS OUR WORK

- 
- Mistrust is prevalent
 - Survivors may be unable to remember certain events or may confuse
 - Manipulation and dishonesty are adaptive trafficking survival strategies
 - Trauma bonding may be strong
 - Survivor may return to trafficker multiple times before leaving for good



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Working from a strengths perspective is critical

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

RAPID RESPONSE



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1 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

2 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 anything you do not want to do?
- Do you feel safe where you are living?
- Can you come and go as you please?

3 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.

4 Is the Person Interested in Getting Help?

a Yes

- 1) Discuss current needs of individual
- 2) Consult with supervisor about resources/ capacity/ability to meet these needs.
- 3) If there is a local TSA Anti-Trafficking program, refer for support.
- 4) 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

5 Is the Person Under 18?

a Yes

- 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

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



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QUESTIONS?



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