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# Human Trafficking 101 for Professionals

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# Objectives

- Participants will obtain basic knowledge of human trafficking
- Participants will be able to identify potential victims of sex and/or labor trafficking
- Participants will be able to understand Kentucky statutes regarding human trafficking
- Participants will be able to adequately screen and assess victims of trafficking by utilizing red flags and a screening questions

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- Sensitive subject matter
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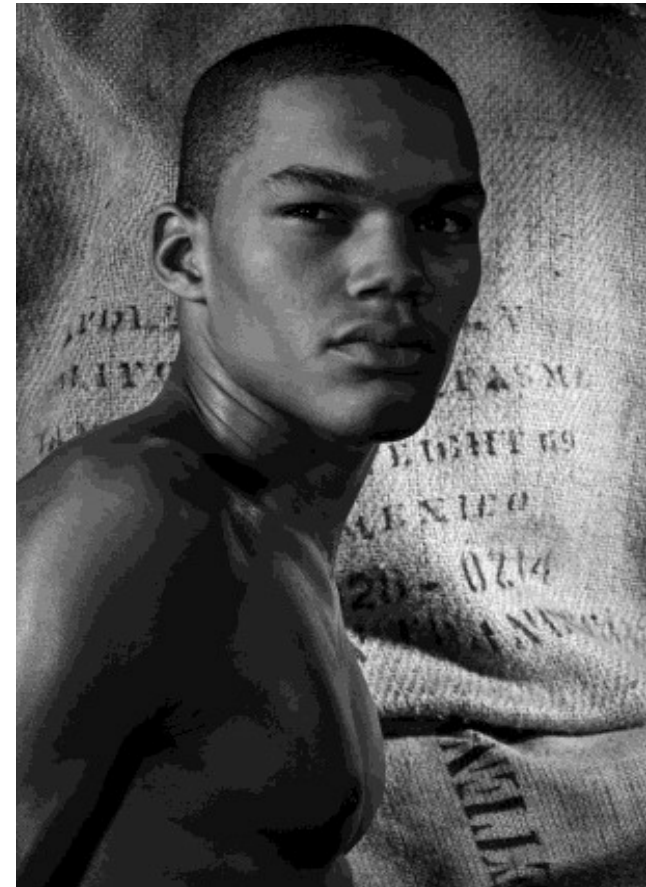
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# Background

- Human Trafficking is a form of “modern day slavery” \*getting away from this term
- Human trafficking is any form of extreme exploitation of one human being by another for commercial gain
- **20.9** million victims globally
- **150** billion dollar a year industry worldwide
- DOJ estimates close to **300,000** children are at risk of being trafficked in the U.S. right now

***After drug dealing, human trafficking is tied with the illegal arms trade as the second largest criminal industry in the world, and it is the fastest growing.***



# Why Trafficking Exists

- **Low risk – High profit margin** = worth the risk of detection, lack of government and LE training, low community awareness, ineffective or unused laws, lack of LE investigation, social blaming of victims, and scarce resources for victims
- **High profits** – When individuals are willing to buy commercial sex a market is created, makes exploitation profitable. When consumers are willing to buy goods and services from industries that rely on forced labor, they create a profit incentive for labor traffickers to maximize revenue with minimal production costs

# Types of Human Trafficking

- Forced Labor – panhandlers, magazine and candy sales
- Sex Trafficking – prostitution, pornography, stripping, live sex shows, mail-order brides, and more.
- Bonded Labor/debt bondage – labor in repayment of loan or service
- Involuntary Domestic Servitude
- Forced Labor – forced to work against will, including panhandling
- Forced Child Labor – magazine and candy sales
- Child Soldiers – other countries
- Child Sex Trafficking
- Familial Sex Trafficking of Minors



# Sex Trafficking Defined

- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act that is induced by force, fraud, or coercion \*commercial sex act means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person  
or
- When the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age

# Labor Trafficking Defined

- 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.



# Force, Fraud, Coercion Defined

## Force

Physical assault

Sexual assault, rape

Physical confinement or isolation

## Fraud

Fraudulent employment offers

False promises about work and living conditions

Withholding wages

## Coercion

Threats to life, safety, family members, pets or others

Threats of deportation or arrest

Debt bondage

Withholding legal documents

Psychological manipulation

# Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

- Nationally as many as **2.8** million children live on the streets and **450,000** children run away from home each year.
- Which means that 1 out of every 3 teens on the street will be lured toward trafficking within **48** hours of leaving home.
- 13 is the average age of entry into pornography and sex trafficking in the U.S.
- 86% were in foster care or in care of social services when they ran away.

*National Poverty Center (2012), One by One Project (2017), NCMEC (2012)*

# Familial Sex trafficking of Minors

- Limited research
- More common in rural areas
- Intergenerational
- Age range 6-17
- Female
- White
- Mother is most common trafficker
- Increased suicide risk
- Psychological and social damage inflicted may more severe and enduring
- Multiple ED visits yielded no suspicion in multiple cases

# TVPA

- Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000: Established several methods of prosecuting traffickers, preventing human trafficking and protecting victims and survivors of trafficking
- TVP Reauthorization Act 2003: Enabled victims to be able to sue their traffickers, added provisions for protection of victims and families from deportation, increased federal reporting

# TVPA

- The law has been reauthorized and updated five times, most recently in January 2019 with strong bipartisan support. In FY19, Congress appropriated \$250 million toward these efforts. The TVPA is based on a three-pronged “3P” approach to fighting sex trafficking and labor trafficking – prevention, prosecution, protection.

# Kentucky Legislation

- In 2007, KY was the 28<sup>th</sup> state to pass an anti-trafficking law
- Senate Bill 43 made participation in HT a felony offense and provided certain protections for HT victims (freedom from incarceration, right to counseling, right to an interpreter)
- Law lacked teeth
- Law enforcement lacked training
- Really only put trafficking on radar



# Kentucky Safe Harbor Law

*(HB 3: Human Trafficking Victims Rights Act Effective Date: June 26, 2013)*

- Comprehensive
- At time of passage was most protective in country
- Court Designated Workers can screen for trafficking
- When child victims of HT in detention are discovered, triggers notice to their attorney and hearing to consider release
- Children under 18 cannot be charged with prostitution or loitering for prostitution (there are no “child prostitutes”)
- Child victims of HT cannot be charged with or adjudicated guilty of status offenses (runaway, truancy)

# Kentucky Safe Harbor (Cont'd)

- Mandatory reporting of minor HT regardless of perpetrator (can be other than family member/custodian)
- Cabinet must provide appropriate services to minor HT victims
- Cabinet must develop state plan, regulations and provide annual report
- Children receive treatment at Child Advocacy Centers

# Kentucky Penalties

- Human Trafficking is Class B Felony, 10-20 years, \$1K-10k fine
- Unlawful Transaction with a Minor 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Class A Misdemeanor, max sentence 1 year, max fine \$500
- Possession of child porn, Class D Felony, 1-5 years, fine \$1k-10k

# How Bad Is it In Kentucky?

- National Human Trafficking Hotline 2,630 KY calls since 2007
- 2016 CHFS report: Since 2013, 787 reported incidents involving 949 alleged child victims
- 2018 204 reported incidents involving 251 victims (6 labor/198 sex)
- 204 females, 44 males
- Infant thru age 17
- Most victims between 14-17
- Youngest KY victim 2 months old
- Jefferson and Cumberland top regions
- Caretaker alleged perpetrator in 150 cases



# The Recruitment Process

- Earn money to help support family
- Work in entertainment industry
- Go to school to receive a high quality education
- Get adopted or married
- Play on vulnerabilities



# Grooming

Perfect victims: foster care youth, runaway homeless youth,  
victims of abuse and neglect, addicted

Trafficker offers love, support, family.....

.....at first

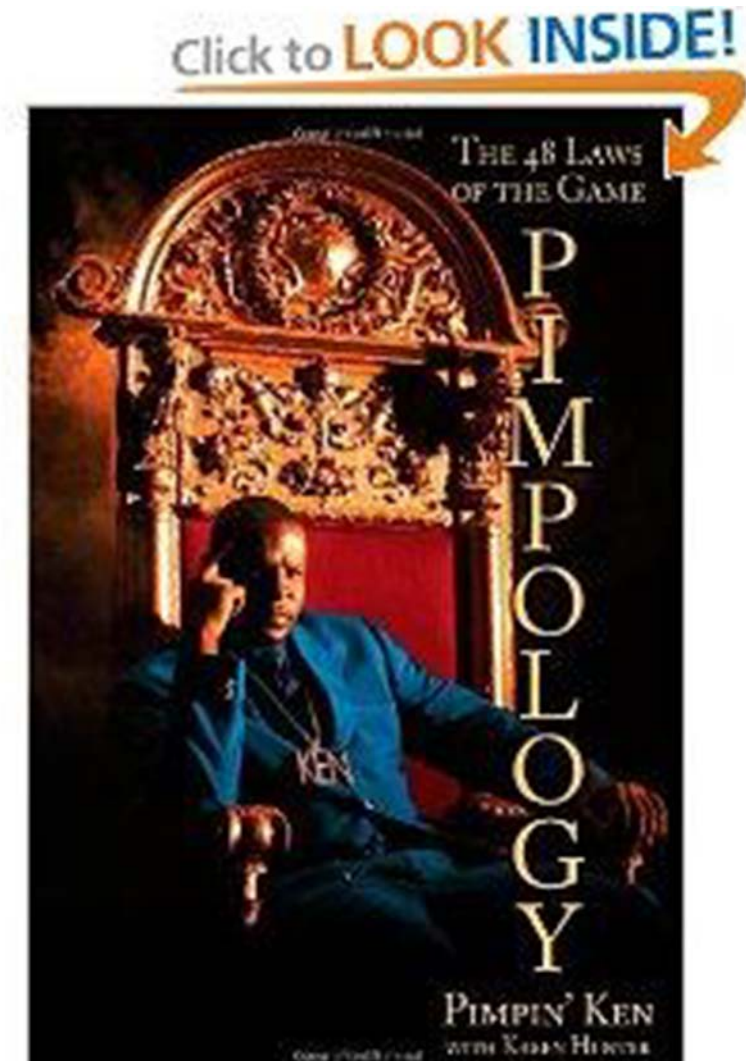
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So where does a potential sex trafficker learn how to recruit girls?

# The Internet

## Pimpology: The 48 Laws of the Game

- Pimpin' Ken
- Complete with 229 customer reviews
- 4.3/5 star rating





# Where are humans sold?

Once the girls are recruited into “prostitution”...  
They are not usually sold on the street...but on the  
“new street” ...

The Internet!

# Top Kentucky Venues

- Kentucky Derby
- Keeneland
- Truck Stops
- Bengals games
- Any event bringing large crowds (solar eclipse 2017)
- Illicit massage businesses
- Online ads



# Who Are the Pimps?

- Teachers
- Pastors
- Medical professionals
- Cops
- Judges
- Classmates
- The guy next door
- Family members

# Who Are the Buyers?

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- Pastors
- Medical Professionals
- Cops
- Judges
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- Family members
- 1 in 5 have a job working with children

# Who Are the Buyers?



# Pimps

- Income is \$150,000 to \$250, 000/year/person being trafficked
- Average victim of sex trafficking is forced to have sex an average of **20-48** times per day.



*Polaris Project (2017)*

# Types of Pimps

- Gorilla – control with violence
- Romeo – control with love and affection
- Mack – Top of their game, successful, lots of girls
- Players – Average stable, well-respected, make good living
- Popcorn – one or two girls, bottom of the hierarchy

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# Identification and Assessment

- Potential victim is accompanied by another person who seems controlling and/or insists on speaking for the victim
- Frequent relocation/unable to give address/does not know current city
- Discrepancy between history and clinical presentation
- Neglected healthcare needs
- Are not in control of their own money
- Lack of control of identification documents
- Individual is using false identification papers
- Restricted or scripted communication
- Uses term “The Life”

# Identification and Assessment

- Provides sex acts for something of value (food, shelter, drugs, money or protection)
- Unusually high number of sexual partners
- Late presentation for injury/illness (often very ill before seeking treatment)
- Carrying large amount of cash
- Appearance younger than stated age

# Health Indicators

- Malnourishment/dehydration
- Addiction to drugs and/or alcohol
- Signs of physical abuse
- Bruises
- Black Eyes
- Burns
- Cuts
- Broken and/or missing teeth
- Multiple scars
- Missing hair
- Genital and/or rectal trauma
- Human bite marks
- Evidence of trauma
- Poor Dental Hygiene

# Health Indicators

- Branding/tattoos
- Unusual infections/immunizable diseases
- Multiple STIs
- Multiple pregnancies/abortions
- Unusual occupational injuries
- Evidence of intercourse during menses (gauze or other foreign bodies in vagina)

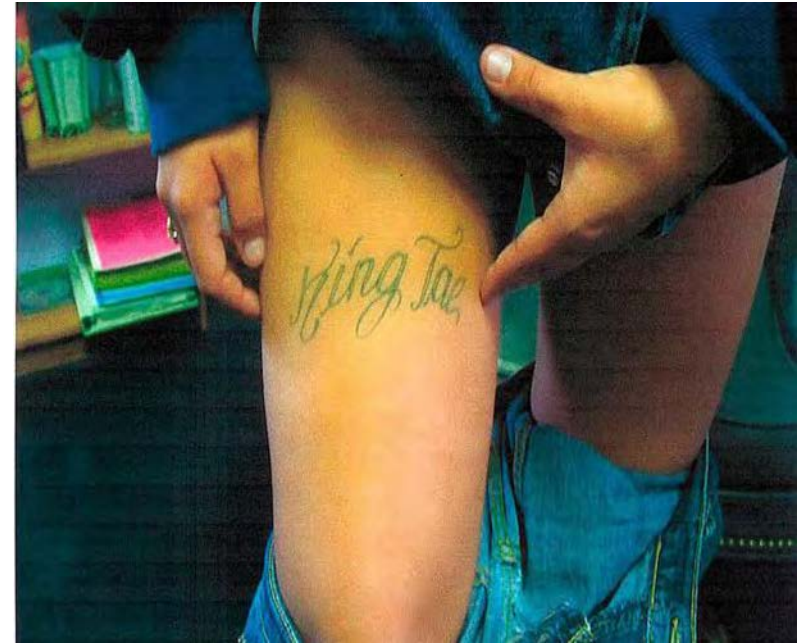
# Psychological Indicators

- Depression
- Anxiety
- PTSD
- Suicidal Ideation or attempts
- Panic Attacks
- Stockholm Syndrome
- Fear/Distrust
- Poor self esteem
- Agoraphobia

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# Don't Forget Males

- Lack of Identification
- Unwillingness of males to self-identify as sexually exploited due to shame and stigma about being gay or perceived as gay by family and community.
- Lack of screening and intake by law enforcement and social services agencies rooted in the belief that males are not victims of trafficking.
- Outreach by anti-trafficking organizations is less focused on areas, venues and tracks known for male sex trafficking.

# Terminology

- “The Life”
- Bottom or Bottom bitch
- Track/Stroll/Blade
- Kiddie Stroll
- Stable
- Trick
- Daddy
- Survival Sex
- Staying in Pocket or Out of Pocket
- Grooming/Seasoning
- Boyfriend/Romeo
- P.I.M.P. (Person Into Marketing Prostitutes)
- Choosing up (often uses a pimp circle)
- Quota
- Wifey/wife-in-law/sister

# Terminology

- Automatic – routine when pimp out of town
- Caught a case – pimp or victim arrested
- Exit fee
- John, Buyer or Trick
- Renegade
- Squaring up – attempt to exit

# Barriers to Self- Identification

Control of movement by exploiter	Fear of retribution by exploiter	Distrust of Authority; Learned "Loyalty"	Fear of arrest, incarceration or deportation
Accompanied/monitored by exploiter	For Minors: Fear of being returned to family	Language and social barriers/Unfamiliarity	Shame, Self-Blame
Isolation	For Minors: Fear of placement with social services	No personal ID or documents	Hopelessness, Resignation

# Communicating With Victims

## ICE Technique

- Isolate the victim
- Confidentiality is paramount
- Enlist an interpreter

# Communicating With Victims

- Enlist a third-party interpreter who also understands the victims cultural needs
- Enlist the help of forensic interviewers
- Probe indirectly and sensitively to determine if a trafficking victim
- Phrase “trafficking victim” will have no meaning

# Personal Safety



# Questions for Minor Victims

- Where are you living?
- Tell me about your tattoo
- Has anyone ever threatened to harm your family or pets?
- When was the last time you saw your parents?
- How do you get money to buy food and clothes?
- Do you have a boyfriend? If so, what is his name and age?
- How many sexual partners have you had?
- Has he/she ever suggested or forced you to have sex with other men for money?
- Has anyone ever given you money/drugs/food/shelter in exchange for sex?
- Has anyone ever taken pictures of you?
- Are you afraid of the person who brought you here?
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# ACTION

- If a minor you are required by law to report to DCBS AND law enforcement
- If age 18 or older and gives consent report to law enforcement and call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888
- If age 18 or older and does not give consent, make sure they know their rights (even if illegal immigrant) and offer help when they are ready. If able to do so discreetly, give them the hotline number

# What Else Can I Do To Help

- Find or start a local task force
- Report suspected trafficking to authorities if a minor
- Provide safety info for adults

# ICD-10 Codes for HT

- T74.51\* Adult forced sexual exploitation, confirmed
- T74.52\* Child sexual exploitation, confirmed
- T74.61\* Adult forced labor exploitation, confirmed
- T74.62\* Child forced labor exploitation, confirmed
- T76.51\* Adult forced sexual exploitation, suspected
- T76.52\* Child sexual exploitation, suspected
- T76.61\* Adult forced labor exploitation, suspected
- T76.62\* Child forced labor exploitation, suspected
- Y07.6 Multiple perpetrators of maltreatment and neglect
- Z04.81 Encounter for examination and observation of victim following forced sexual exploitation
- Z04.82 Encounter for examination and observation of victim following forced labor exploitation
- Z62.813 Personal history of forced labor or sexual exploitation in childhood
- Z91.42 Personal history of forced labor or sexual exploitation

# Resources

- National Human Trafficking Resource Center 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733).
- The Bakhita Empowerment Initiative (Formerly KY Rescue and Restore).
- Polaris Project [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org)
- G.E.M.S. [www.gems-girls.org](http://www.gems-girls.org)
- Lexington Human Trafficking Task Force [www.freedomlex.org](http://www.freedomlex.org)
- P.A.T.H. (Partnership Against the Trafficking of Humans) [www.pathnky.org](http://www.pathnky.org)
- H.O.P.E. for Children Campaign Lexington Human Trafficking Task Force Facebook Page
- Not For Sale [www.notforsalecampaign.org](http://www.notforsalecampaign.org)
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- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) 1-800-THE-LOST
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# Questions

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