HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Salvation Army’s Fight to End Trafficking Program (SAFE-T)
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SAFE-T’S MISSION

Help survivors of all forms of trafficking build their lives in a way that is empowering and meaningful to them.
TERMS

• Youth missing from care
• Children who are trafficked
• Bottom
• Stable
• Pronouns
TRAFFICKING DEFINITIONS
LABOR TRAFFICKING
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.

Source: The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)
SEX TRAFFICKING

- 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.

- Under U.S. federal and Nebraska state law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)
Sex acts exchanged for

Money  Substance Addictions  Protection  Shelter  Transportation  Food
PROSTITUTION & TRAFFICKING

• Selling sex does not equal trafficking
• Force, fraud, coercion
• Various forms of compensation or payment
• Under 18

• LB 843 gives immunity for prosecution against prostitution
• Both have the potential for commercial sexual exploitation
TRAFFICKING STATISTICS
**1 in 5** children missing in 2015 were likely sex trafficking victims (that’s up from 1 in 7 in 2013)

74% of children missing were in foster care or with social services when they ran

**1 in 3** youth missing from care will be approached within **72 HOURS**

Source: National Center for Missing and Exploited Youth
NEBRASKA'S COMMERCIAL SEX MARKET
BACKPAGE RESEARCH

• BACKPAGE AND "JOHN" BOARDS.
  • 5 LOCATIONS

• CREIGHTON’S DATA SCIENTISTS THROUGH THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE.

• THIS IS ANALYSIS OF THE ONLINE MARKET.
Every month, 900 individuals are sold for sex, often multiple times in Nebraska.
Of individuals sold for sex in Nebraska show some sign of being underage or controlled by a third party.

Are conservatively designated as “high risk” by researchers.
The Omaha “Market”: Potential Victims

- **White**
  - US Pop: 62%
  - Omaha Pop: 73%
  - US Backpage: 44%
  - Omaha Backpage: 34%

- **African American**
  - US Pop: 13%
  - Omaha Pop: 13%
  - US Backpage: 33%
  - Omaha Backpage: 33%

- **Hispanic**
  - US Pop: 17%
  - Omaha Pop: 13%
  - US Backpage: 13%
  - Omaha Backpage: 15%

- **Asian**
  - US Pop: 5%
  - Omaha Pop: 2%
  - US Backpage: 10%
  - Omaha Backpage: 3%
Average number of Individuals Sold for Sex per Month

- 675 OMAHA
- 200 LINCOLN
- 65 GRAND ISLAND
- 15 NORTH PLATTE
- 10 SCOTTSBLUFF
NEBRASKA DEMAND

Individuals Sold for Sex per 100,000 Inhabitants by Advertised Location

- GRAND ISLAND: 200
- OMAHA: 182
- SCOTTSBLUFF: 146
- GRETNA: 143
- NORTH PLATTE: 135
- LINCOLN: 97
- COUNCIL BLUFFS: 95
- YORK: 75
VULNERABILITIES AND CONSEQUENCES
Vulnerabilities

- Age
- Homelessness
- Mental Health
- Developmental and cognitive delays
- Substance Abuse
- Institutionalization
- LGBTQ+
- Previous Abuse
- Poverty
- Undocumented workers
- Unloved
- Immigrants & Refugees
CONVICTED SEX TRAFFICKERS IN NEBRASKA
PREY ON THE WEAK

Law 5

Prey on the Weak

“Weakness is the best trait a person can find in someone they want to control. If you can’t find a weakness, you have to create one. You have to tear someone’s ego down to nothing before they will start looking to you for salvation.” – Pimpin’ Ken
CONSEQUENCES

• Physical harm
• Isolation
• Shame
• Trauma-Bonding or “Brain Washing”
• Trauma symptoms
• Death
98.1% of victims suffer psychological harm

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (54.7%)

At least 1 suicide attempt (41.5%)
92.2% EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE

- Strangulation
- Stabbing/Gun shot
- Cigarette burns
- Forced sex

OBSERVATIONS AND QUESTIONS
MANIPULATION

• Many times there are no physical chains
• Survivors don’t always recognize they are/were victims
• Difficult to stay out
Evidence of being controlled

Disoriented

Excessive work hours and paid very little

Not in possession of identification documents

Works in the sex trade industry

Difficulty focusing, persistent fear, submissive behavior

Depression and/or anxiety

Flat Affect

Accompanied by older person

“RED FLAG” OBSERVATIONS
ENGAGING SUSPECTED VICTIM/SURVIVOR

Create A Safe Space
- Separate from suspected trafficker
- Offer choices
- Inform on limits of confidentiality

No Judgement
- Normalize dynamics
- Be comfortable hearing their story
- Believe what you are told

Incremental
- Don’t push or rush information
- Allow for breaks
- Know your role
- Do not overpromise
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<td>What would happen if you left your job (or employer, boyfriend, etc)?</td>
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<td>How do you make money for yourself or your family?</td>
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<td>Have you ever been asked or told to have sex or perform sex acts for money, housing, or favors?</td>
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<td>Do you feel unsafe or threatened in your life or do you feel your family is threatened?</td>
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POSITIVE SCREEN

**Minors**
- CPS/CAN Hotline
- Child Advocacy Center Referral
- Potential DHHS Case

**Adults**
- 911 or 888.3737.888
- Local Law Enforcement
- The Salvation Army
HELPING EFFECT CHANGE

Motivation to change happens when there is a realized discrepancy between where the survivor is and where they would like to be.
SURVIVORS SAY THEY NEED

**Survivors Say Services Should Be**

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SELF DETERMINATION

The right to make decisions about one’s own life.
Stages of Change

Pre-Contemplation

Contemplation

Preparation

Action

Maintenance

Relapse

Prochaska and DiClemente
PRE-CONTEMPLATION

• Survivor does not believe there is a problem

• Professional’s job
  • Focus on building relationship
  • Educate on the issue
  • Encourage self-exploration
  • Develop a reason for change
CONTEMPLATION

• Survivor is “on the fence”

• Professional’s job
  • Help victim explore the pros and cons of change
  • Help victim review their values in relationship to change
  • Elicit self motivational statements and commitment
PREPARATION

• Survivor is planning to make the change

• Professional’s job
  • Praise their decision
  • Anticipate and problem-solve barriers to change
  • Offer a variety of options
  • Encourage small steps
  • Identify additional social supports
THE PLAN

• **The survivor creates their plan with collaboration from the professional in a way that seems reasonable and doable.**

• **Have the survivor tell someone (if safe).**

• **Relapse is part of the plan.**
This healing is a lifelong process

- Many will need a new support system
- They will need breaks in treatment
- They will go back
- There will be new triggers
- There will be new life events where they will need support
HOW CAN WE HELP?

- Training requests
- Technical assistance
- 24/7 hotline
- Intake
- Case coordination
- Case management
- Collaboration with law enforcement and prosecution
NHTTF OPERATIONAL COMPONENTS

- Attorney General
- Salvation Army
- State Response Team
- Regional Response Team
- NHTTF Coordinator (Enforcement)
- NHTTF Coordinator (Services)

(Local Response Team)
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WHAT ARE YOU SEEING?