

SAFE FUTURES

Understanding Human Trafficking

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- 2-24 Hour Hotlines
- 24 Hour Law Enforcement Lethality Assessment (LAP) Line
- 15 Bed Emergency Shelter
- 9 Unit Transitional Living Program
- 4 Scattered Site Transitional Living Apartments
- 7 Unit Permanent Supportive Housing
- Criminal Court Advocates -New London Superior Court
- Criminal Court Advocates- Norwich Superior Court
- Civil Court Advocate – Norwich Superior Court
- Walk in Counseling - New London
- Walk in Counseling Norwich
- VALE Advocate -Norwich Police Department
- Child Advocate
- Violence is Preventable Educators in 21 schools
- State Trainers Lethality Assessment Program
- Restorative Practices and Engaging Men
- Essentials Donation Center
- Luna- Therapy Dog
- Jack and Jill, Shelter Therapy Cats

Clients Served 2017

- Served 6,865 total victims, 4000 being new
- Sheltered 156 women, children and men in our Emergency Shelter
- Paid for additional 496 hotel nights
- 43 women and children served in our Transitional Housing
- Assessed 312 victims (LAP) Law Enforcement as High Risk
- Served 3,300 victims in Criminal and Civil Court
- Taught 5,515 children and educators in 21 schools
- Trained 250 Law Enforcement on LAP and Strangulation
- Served 501 individuals, including 173 families Holiday Wish List Program donation center

Human Trafficking

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for...

ACTION

MEANS

PURPOSE

Sex Trafficking

...a commercial sex act, in which a 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.

“Commercial Sex Act” means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.

Labor Trafficking

...labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.



Escort Services
Illicit Massage, Health, & Beauty
Outdoor Solicitation
Residential
Domestic Work
Bars, Strip Clubs, & Cantinas
Pornography
Traveling Sales Crews
Restaurants & Food Service
Peddling & Begging
Agriculture & Animal Husbandry
Personal Sexual Servitude
Health & Beauty Services
Construction
Hotels & Hospitality
Landscaping
Illicit Activities
Arts & Entertainment
Commercial Cleaning Services
Factories & Manufacturing
Remote Interactive Sexual Acts
Carnivals
Forestry & Logging
Health Care
Recreational Facilities

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Connecticut Chapter Against Domestic Violence

Polaris Project, <http://polarisproject.org/typology>

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) is
the exchange of any sex act of a minor (child
under 18) for anything of value.

- Internet Based Prostitution
- Street Prostitution (increasingly less common)
- Stripping - “Gentlemen’s Club?”
- Pornography
- Escort Services
- Casinos/Clubs
- Private Parties
- Interfamilial Pimping
- Survival Sex
- Sex for Drugs
- Gang Based Prostitution

Connecticut DMST Referrals....

2008 to present – Over **800** children and youth referred

202 children were identified in 2016 alone.

Children of all ages are victimized.

- Breakdown by Age (data for the 202 identified in 2016):

- under 10: 1
- 11-12: 12
- 13-14: 44
- 15-16: 75
- 17-18: 60
- over 18 or unknown: 10

Children of every racial and ethnic group are victimized.

- Breakdown by Race (data for the 202 identified in 2016):

- Caucasian: 74
- African-American/black: 57
- Hispanic: 48
- Multi-Racial: 16
- Other or unknown: 7

Children of all genders/gender identities are victimized.

-Breakdown by Sex/Gender Identity (data for the 202 identified in 2016):

- Female: 184
- Male: 17
- Transgender: 1

VICTIM PROFILE

- Youth of any ethnicity, race, or religion
- Youth of any socio-economic class
- Youth both male and female
- Youth of any sexual orientation
- Youth of all ages, including teenagers
- Vulnerable youth
- Youth with histories of abuse
- Homeless, Runaway Youth
- Youth within the Foster Care System
- Youth lacking a Safety Net

AT A HIGHER RISK FOR VICTIMIZATION

- Females
- Children involved with DCF
- Children from low income communities
- LGBTQI Youth

RISK FACTORS/ VULNERABILITIES AS A RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO TRAUMA

Children with a history of traumas such as...

- Physical Abuse/Neglect
- Emotional Abuse/Neglect
- Sexual Abuse
- Deprivation of Necessities
- Separation of Family/Community
- Rejection by Peers and/or Family
- Bullying
- Community Violence

...are at higher risk and more vulnerable for victimization of DMST.

THE TRAFFICKER

- Can be a boyfriend, father, mother, brother, uncle, a police officer, clergy, a coach, a teacher or anyone exerting control over a minor, even a peer.
- Not always organized criminals.
- Both men and women of varying ages.
- Any ethnicity or race.
- Anyone who benefits from the commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or facilitates the commercial sexual exploitation of a minor.



WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?

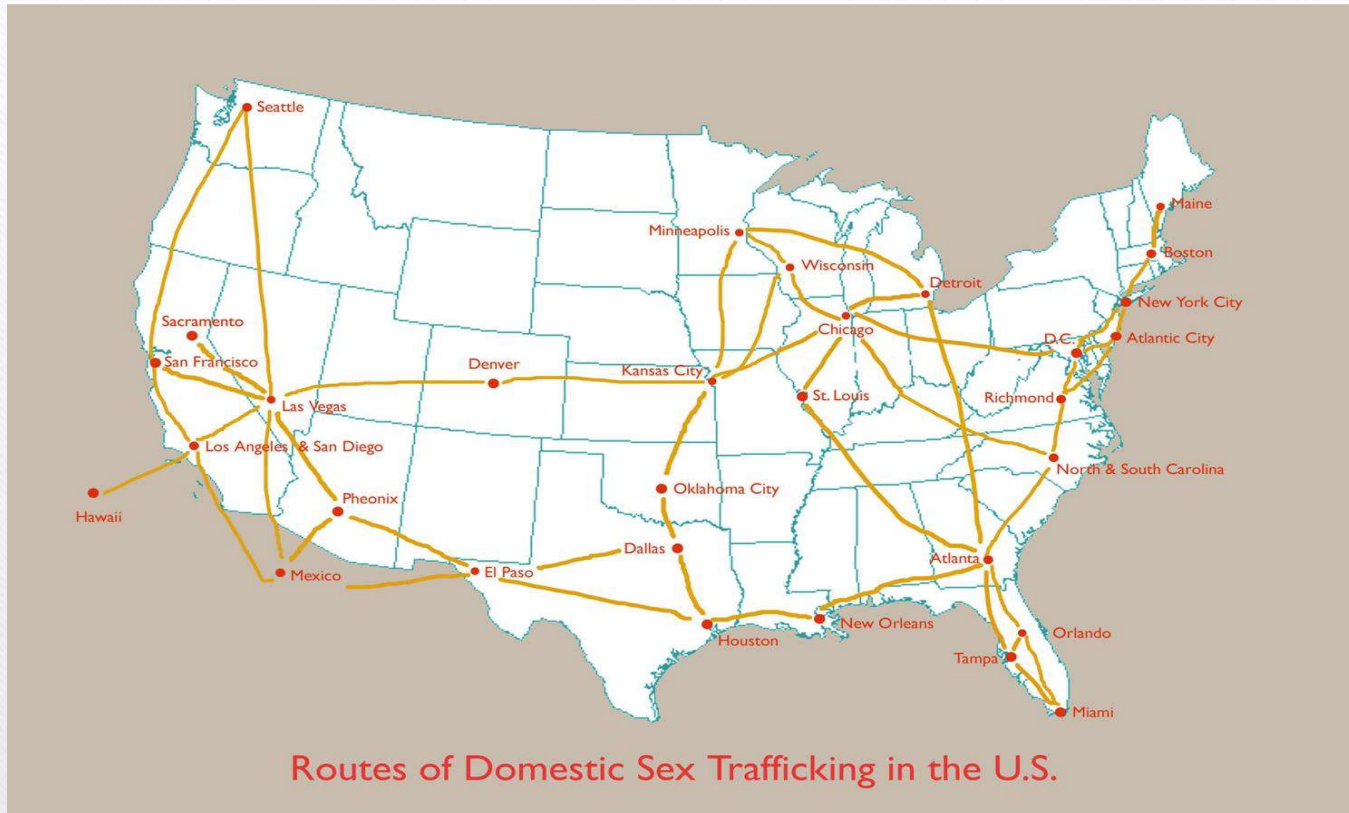
Less Organized



More Organized

- **Individuals**
- Pimps
- Neighbors, friends, relatives, intimate partners
- Foreign diplomats and international organizations
- Labor recruiters/brokers
- **Informal Criminal Operations**
- Family or extended family
- Pimp networks
- Gangs
- **Businesses (Small or Large)**
- Small contractors/agents
- Labor recruiters
- **International Organized Crime Syndicates**

IN CONNECTICUT...



THE TACTICS

- **Force** = Violence
- **Fraud** = Seduction, Grooming
- **Coercion** = Threats of Violence
 - Infiltrating a congregate care setting with a “bottom bitch”
 - Scouting a schools, train and bus stations, malls, cinemas, ANYWHERE THAT CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPEND TIME
 - Looking for weaknesses



WHY DO VICTIMS STAY

- Fear, distrust of health providers, government, police
- Unaware what is being done to them is a crime
- May develop loyalties, positive feelings toward trafficker as coping mechanism
- May not know where they are, because traffickers frequently move them to escape detection.
- Fear for safety of family due to threat of violence.
- Fear of safety for oneself

Trauma Bonding: Definition & Indicators

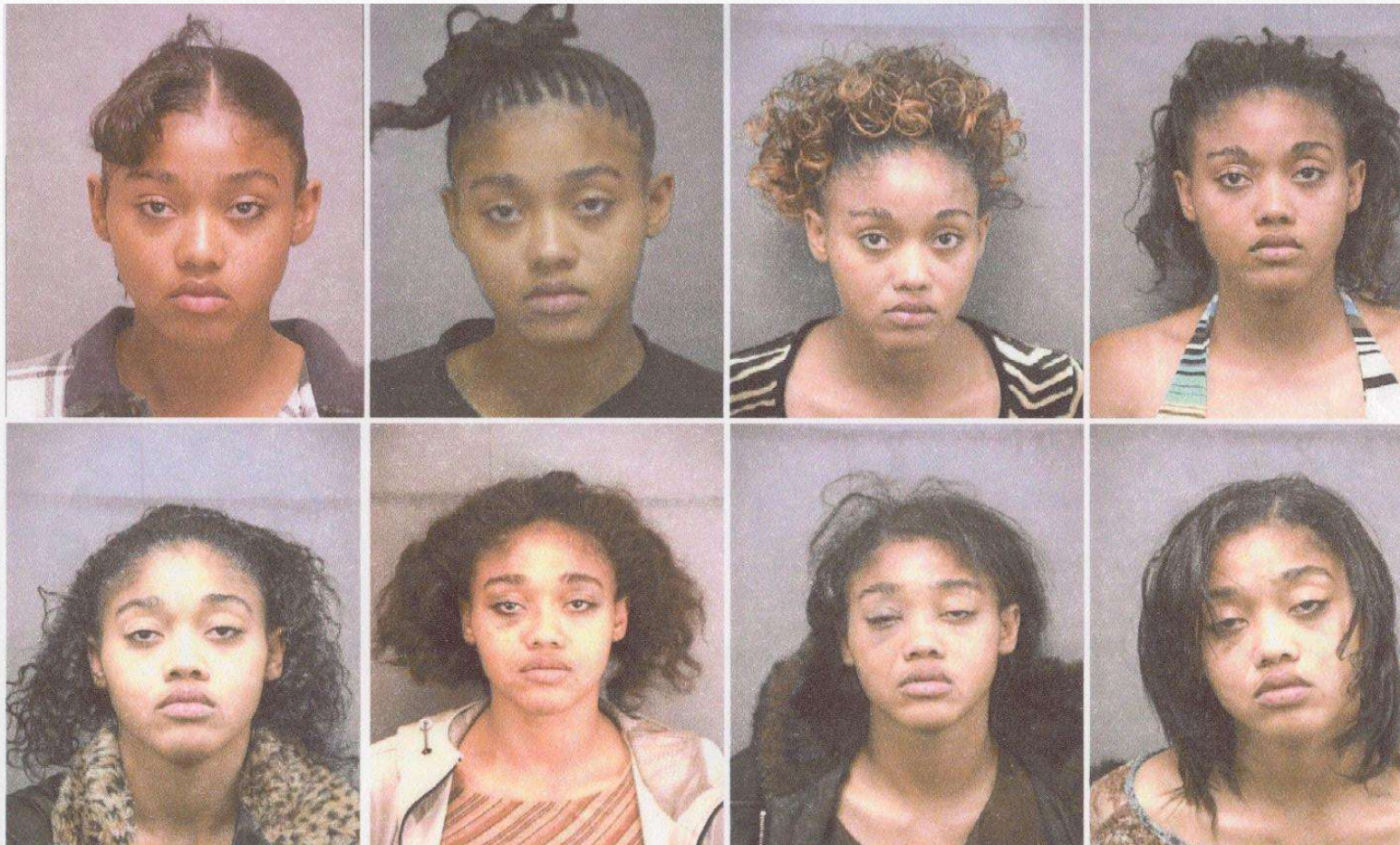
A trauma bond is a strong psychological and emotional connection between a victim of abuse and his/her abuser. Victims may be so attached that they believe they cannot survive or are worthless without their abuser.

- Intensely grateful for small kindness;
- Denies/Rationalizes violence;
- Believes she has some control over abuse;
- Self-blame for situation and abuse;
- Seeks to keep the exploiter happy;
- Sees outside authorities/providers as bad guys;
- Sees the pimp as the good guy/protector;
- Thankful and grateful that the pimp has not killed her;

DAMAGE TO THE VICTIM

- Sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, pelvic pain, rectal trauma and urinary difficulties.
- Unwanted pregnancy, resulting from rape or prostitution.
- Infertility from chronic untreated sexually transmitted infections or botched or unsafe abortions.
- Substance abuse problems or addictions.
- Psychological trauma from daily mental abuse and torture.
- Malnourishment and serious dental problem.
- Undetected or untreated diseases, such as diabetes or cancer.
- Bruises, scars and other signs of physical abuse and torture.

THIS WAS A CHOICE?



DMST Laws & Procedures in Connecticut

- Minors under the age of 18 cannot be arrested for prostitution.
- Minor victims of sex trafficking are guaranteed an affirmative defense, and have the right to vacate related juvenile records.
- Minor victims of trafficking can be classified as “uncared for” in order for DCF to provide services.
- Suspected cases of minor trafficking (sex and labor) shall be reported to the DCF Careline (800-842-2288).
- Minor trafficking cases are to be addressed through Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs).

Red Flags

- Lack of knowledge about whereabouts
- Hotel business cards, escort service business cards, hotel keys, a number of condoms, excess amount of cash
- Presence of overly controlling or abusive boyfriend
- Chronic runaway/homeless youth
- Signs of branding (tattoo/ jewelry)
- Unexplained gifts
- Language of The Life

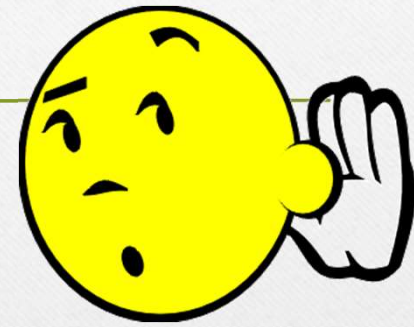


Red Flags cont....

- One or more cell phones
- Inconsistency in stories
- Inability or fear to make eye contact
- Injuries/signs of physical abuse/torture
- Restricted/scripted communication
- Attitude – defensive, rude, evasive, aggressive
- Demeanor – fear, anxiety, depression, submissive, tense, nervous
- Little knives or some kind of weapon

Show Very Young Girls

Engagement Techniques



- **Listen**
- Use open-ended questions
- Do not identify the client as “victim”
- Don’t assume anything
- Be sensitive to asking too much too soon-particularly about the enforcement used
- Try to spread talks over several sessions
- Be non-judgmental (watch facial expression and exclamation)
- Encourage own agency (when you’re ready, can I help you..., etc..)
- Self designed safety plans: do you have anyone who you could call if you were in trouble? Are those numbers programmed into your phone?

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IN A YEARS TIME...

315 DAYS PER YEAR

20 BUYERS PER NIGHT

\$1,000 PER NIGHT QUOTA=

6300 BUYERS IN LESS THAN A YEAR

EARNING \$315,000 TAX FREE DOLLARS

NONE OF WHICH SHE/ HE WILL KEEP.

Resources

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

Futures Without Violence

Trafficking in Persons Council

Love 146

International Institute of Connecticut

Alliance to End Sexual Violence

Salvation Army

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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