

Human Trafficking 101:

What?

Who?

Where?

How?

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery; the buying and selling of humans. We only thought slavery ended with the Emancipation Proclamation. It's alive and well today with more slaves than at any point in history. In fact, there are twice as many slaves today as during the entire trans-Atlantic slave trade. The two most common forms of human trafficking are sexual slavery and forced labor.

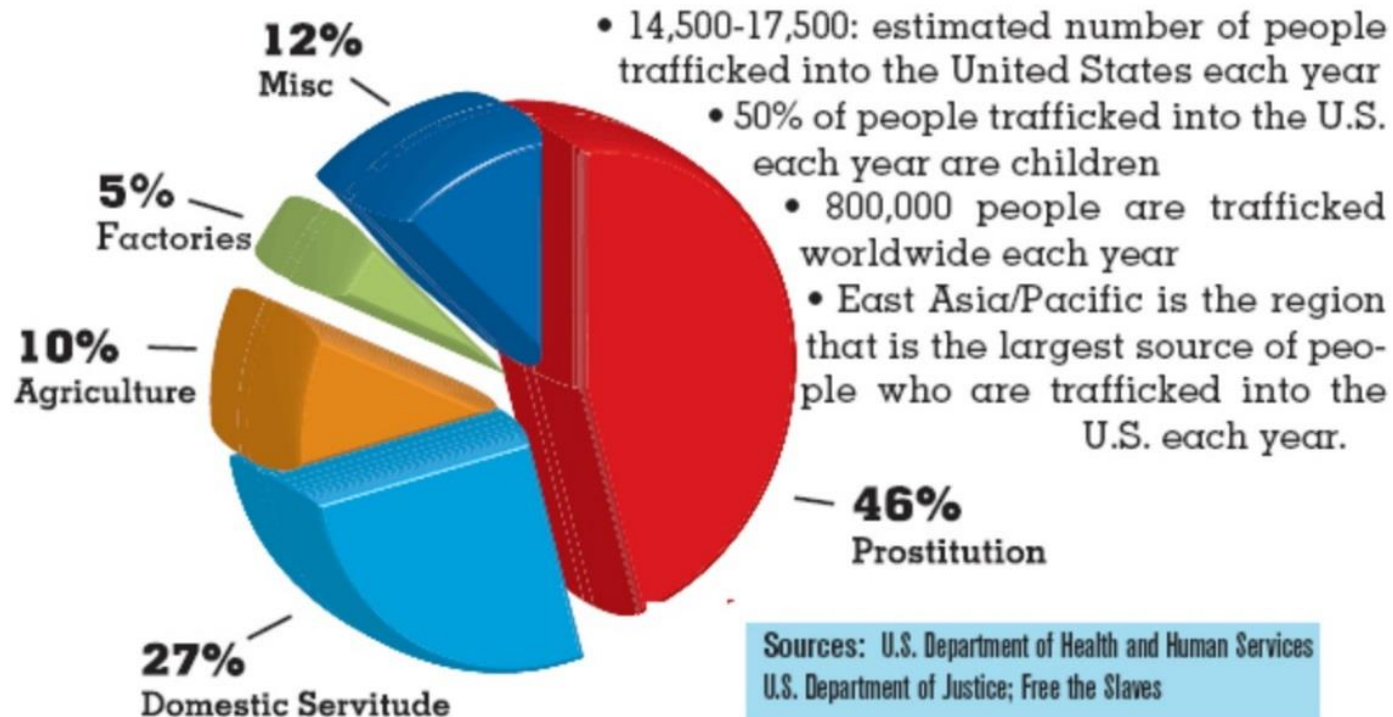


What is sex trafficking?

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining 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.

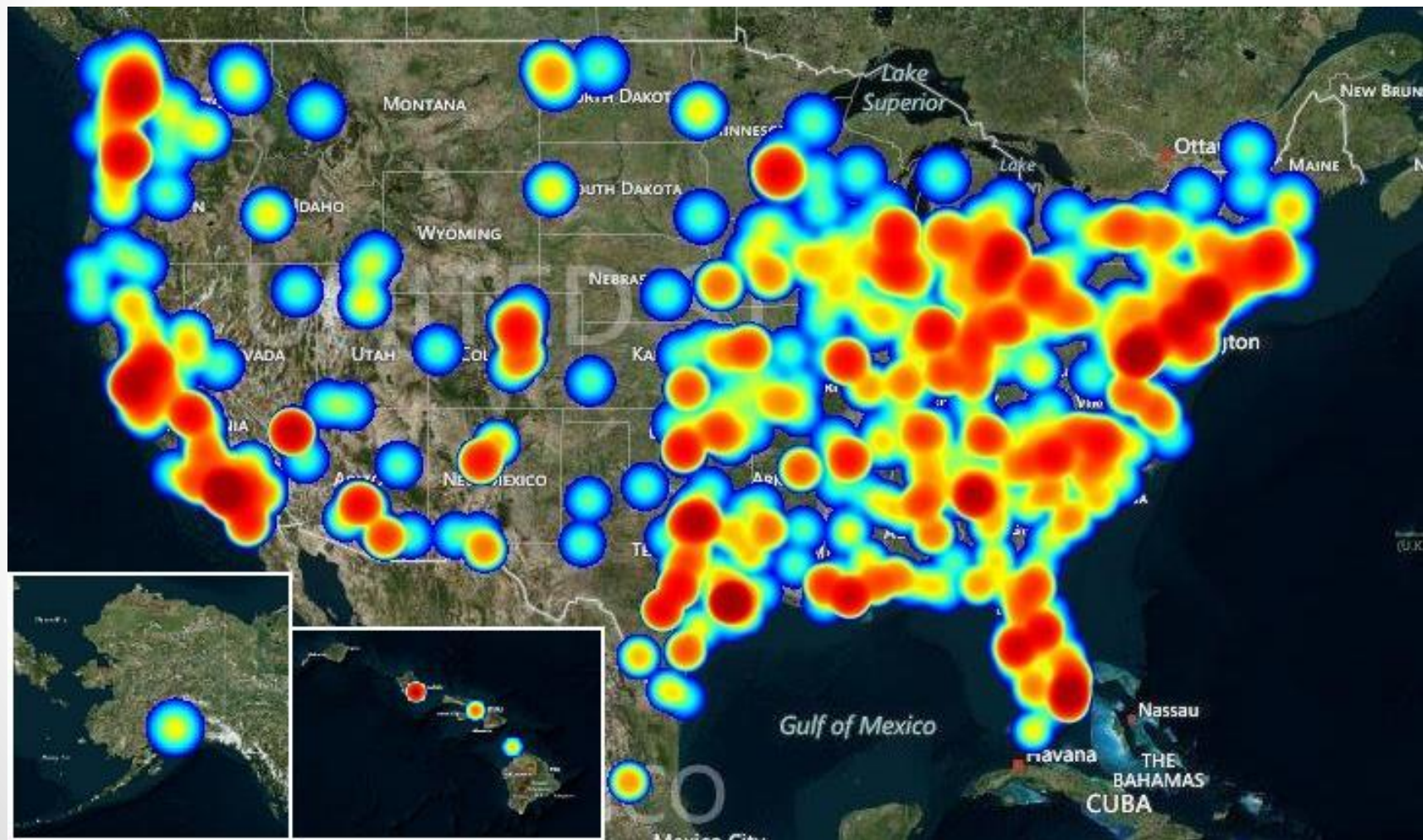
What is labor trafficking?

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.



Child Trafficking in the U.S.

(12/2007 – 9/2014)



Key Statistics

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

- 1 in 7 endangered runaways reported to them were likely sex trafficking victims.

State of Texas (since 2007)

- Total calls: 9,253
- Total cases: 2,035
- Total victims: mod- 2,452- high 2,267

The Facts...

**Average age 12 -13

No Discrimination

Victim's Average Life
Span
is 7 years

1 out of 3 Runaways at
RISK within 48 Hours

Who Is Vulnerable?

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Victim of prior
abuse or
domestic
violence

**Foster Care
Youth**

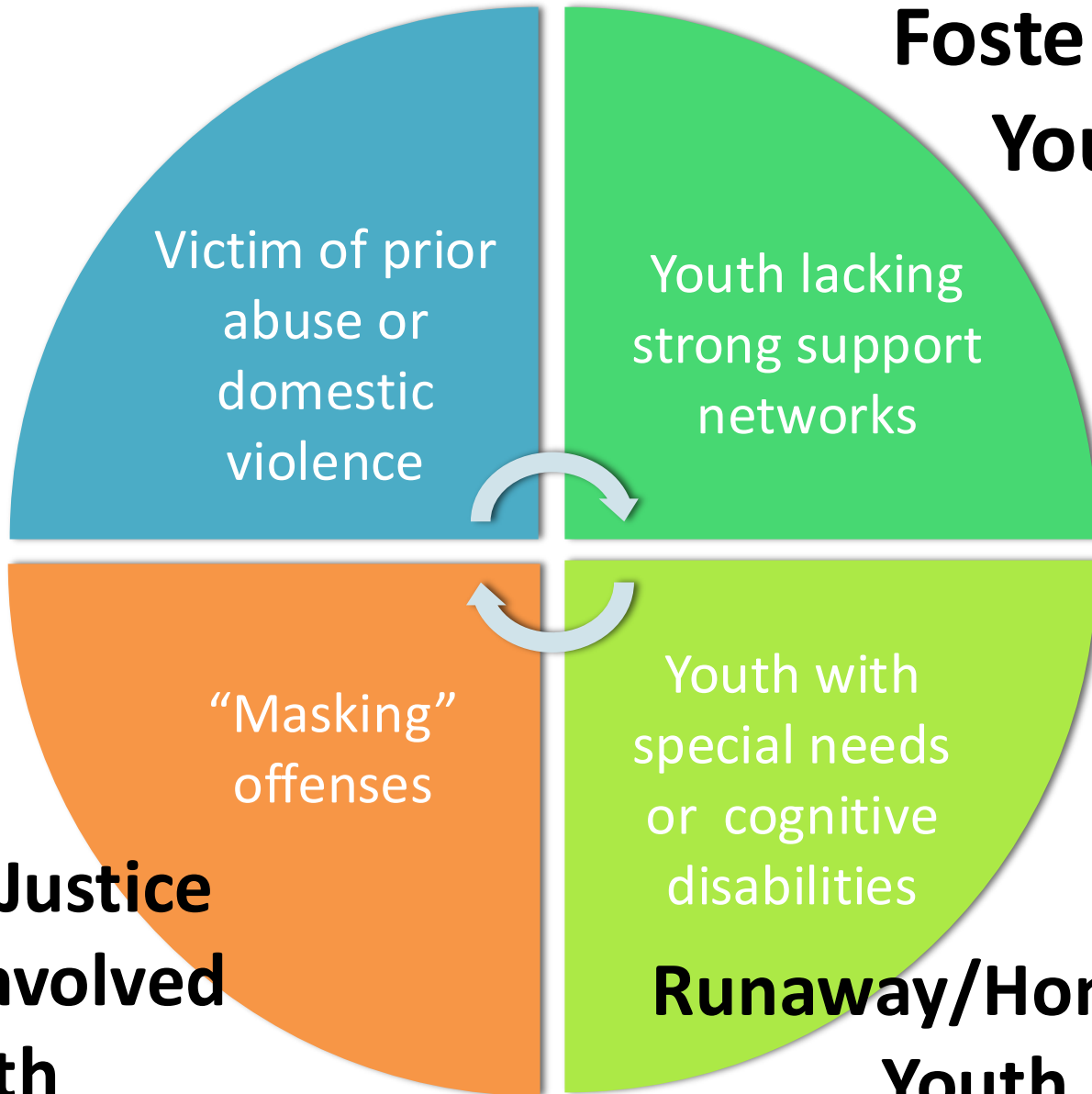
Youth lacking
strong support
networks

**Juvenile Justice
System involved
Youth**

“Masking”
offenses

Youth with
special needs
or cognitive
disabilities

**Runaway/Homeless
Youth**



Who Is Vulnerable? (cont.)

Contributing Family Factors

- History of domestic violence/abuse/neglect
- Unstable home life
- Parent-child conflict
- Poor communication patterns
- History of addiction
- Poor parenting skills
- Codependency within the family
- Low socio-economic status
- Parent incarceration



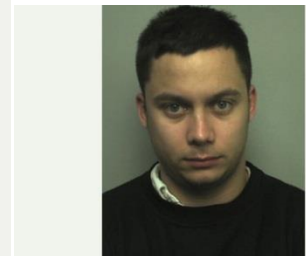
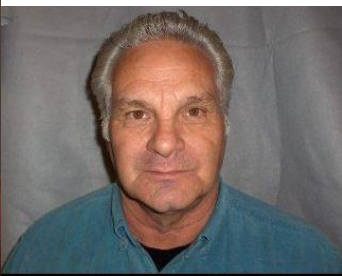
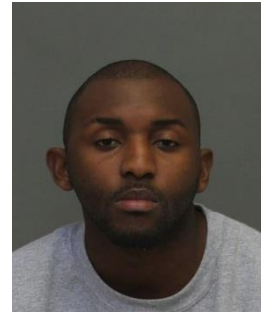
Who Are The Traffickers?

Traffickers are people who **exploit others** for **profit**.



- Pimps
- Gangs
- Criminal Networks
- Intimate Partners
- Family Members
- Businesses

Who Are The Traffickers?



Means

Force

Physical assault
Sexual assault, rape
Physical confinement or isolation

Fraud

Fraudulent employment/offers
False promises about work/living conditions
Withholding wages

Coercion

Threats of harm/arrest/deportation
Debt bondage
Withholding legal documents
Psychological manipulation

Where Does Recruitment Occur?

- Bus stops
- Malls and social hang outs
- Parties
- Schools
- Online and social media
- Neighborhood
- Girlfriends of gang members/mutual friends
- Jails/Detention Centers



Where Does Trafficking Occur?

- Street prostitution
- Commercial front brothels
- Private residences
- Escort services
- Online exploitation
- Hotels and motels
- Truck stops
- Strip clubs and bars
- Major sporting events



3 OUT OF 4 VICTIMS ARE TRAFFICKED ONLINE

Over three-quarters of underage sex trafficking victims we spoke with said they had been advertised or sold online. The Internet simplifies illegal transactions for johns, and helps create new opportunities for pimps who profit from the sexual victimization of children.

Source: Thorn Survivor Survey



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Human Trafficking in Texas

- The Texas Triangle

When we consider human trafficking, many of us think of a heinous crime that exists only in dark corners around the globe, far from home.

To the contrary, modern-day slavery is a very real and growing problem taking place across the United States, with a large percentage of the cases occurring in Texas.

John Cornyn, United States Senator



THE VICTIMS

RED FLAGS/SIGNS TO LOOK FOR

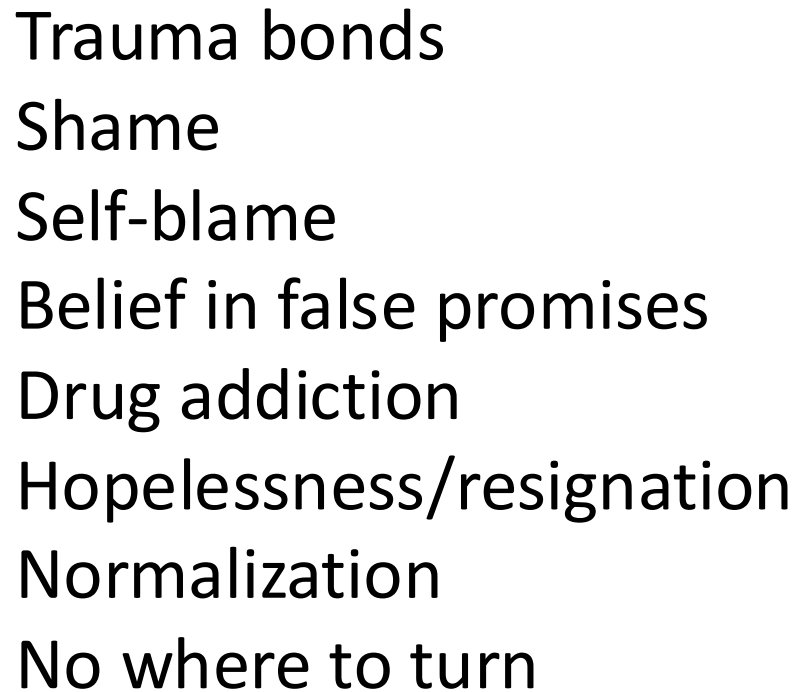
UNDERSTANDING
THE VICTIM'S MINDSET

What are the Red Flags?

- Scripted answers
- Inconsistencies in story
- Branding or tattoos, especially that reflect ownership or money
- Bruising with varied stages of healing with black, purple, blue, yellow shades
- Cigarette burns, rope burns, scars, cuts or other physical abuse
- Travels to other cities frequently
- Uses terms common to the sex industry
- Appears helpless, shame, malnourished
- Inability or fear of making eye contact
- Chronic runaway; homeless youth
- Dating much older, abusive, or controlling men
- Not attending school or numerous absences
- Sudden change in attire, possessions, behavior.



On its own, one of these signs might not indicate trafficking, but 2-3 together are a good indication.



National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

- CyberTipline at www.cybertipline.com
 - allows parents and children to report child pornography and other incidents of sexual exploitation of children by submitting an online form.
- NCMEC 24-hour hotline 1-800-THE-LOST
- Website- www.missingkids.com

