

# **HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**

**The Nightmare Next Door**

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## **Objectives**

- Participants will be able to distinguish between Human Smuggling and Human Trafficking
- Participants will be able to identify at least 3 types of human trafficking
- Participants will be able to identify at least 3 warning signs of a trafficking victim

## **Human Smuggling vs. Human Trafficking** Human Smuggling

- Involves the provision of a service
  - Transportation
  - Fraudulent documents
  - Bringing illegal aliens into the US
  - Harboring illegal aliens
- Voluntary
- A crime against a national border
- Transportation based

## **Human Smuggling vs. Human Trafficking** Human Trafficking

- A crime that exploits men, women, and children
- Force, fraud, or coercion
- Forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation.
- Exploitation based
- Crimes include sex trafficking and/or labor trafficking

## **Human Smuggling vs. Human Trafficking**

- Human smuggling is often deadly and can quickly turn into human trafficking

## Human Trafficking Types

### Organ Trafficking

- According to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) there are 115,000 people waiting for organ donations in the United States
- Approximately 20 die each day due to a shortage of available organs

## Human Trafficking Types

### Organ Trafficking

- The United States and many other countries take great steps to ensure that there are no ethical or legal dilemmas to be resolved related to organ procurement

## Human Trafficking Types

### Organ Trafficking – “black market” organs

- Transplant Tours – those in need of organs travel to other countries to receive them
  - This practice was made illegal following the Human Organ Transplantation Act of 1994

## Human Trafficking Types

### Organ Trafficking – “black market” organs

- Organ exporting countries include India, Pakistan, Philippines, Egypt, Iraq
- Organ importing countries include Australia, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Japan, and United States

## Human Trafficking Types

### Child Soldiers

- UNICEF – Child soldier is anyone under the age of 18 used in any type of armed conflict
- Combatants, porters, messengers, cooks, human shields, suicide bombers, minesweepers, sex slaves
- Why? Trusting, vulnerable, daring, tenacious, and easily manipulated

## Human Trafficking Types

### Child Soldiers

- Where? Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Uganda, Afghanistan
- Some are as young as 7 or 8 years old

### **Human Trafficking Types**

#### **Child Marriages**

- **UNICEF – formal or informal union where at least one party is under age 18**
- **Where? Globally it's common in Niger, Chad, Bangladesh, Central African Republic, Iraq, Syria**

### **Human Trafficking Types**

#### **Child Marriages**

- **In the United States, legal in all 50 states with parental consent**
- **Disproportionately affects girls, worldwide**

### **Human Trafficking Types**

#### **Forced Marriages**

- **What? Marriage in which one or both parties do not enter into the marriage willingly**
- **Where? Globally - Southeast Asia, Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa**
- **United States – practiced in some restrictive and/or isolated religious communities**

### **Human Trafficking Types**

#### **Forced Labor, Child Labor and Debt Bondage**

- **Where? South Asia, Myanmar, Nepal, India, New Delhi, Brazil, Peru, Middle East, United States**
- **How? Inherited debt, indentured servants, threats of violence, extreme poverty, lies and other forms of coercion, kidnapping**

### **Human Trafficking Types**

#### **Forced Labor, Child Labor and Debt Bondage**

- **Types of work include domestic servitude, farm workers, nail salons, restaurants, massage parlors, textiles, manufacturing, mining**

### **Human Trafficking Types**

#### **Sex Trafficking**

- **The use of force, fraud, or coercion to cause a commercial sex act to occur**
- **A commercial sex act includes prostitution, pornography, and/or sexual performance in exchange for any item of value such as money, food, shelter, clothing, drugs, etc.**

## Human Trafficking Types

### Sex Trafficking

- Occurs around the world, including all 50 states
- The sex trafficking 'superhighway' is I-20 between Atlanta, Georgia and Birmingham, Alabama

## Human Trafficking Types

### Sex Trafficking

- Traffickers are skilled at identifying the most vulnerable and preying on their weaknesses
- Many victims are from the foster care system

## Human Trafficking Types

### Sex Trafficking

- Many become trapped as young teenagers
- Death frequently occurs due to suicide, homicide, and drug overdose

## Human Trafficking Globally

- Over 20 - 40 million trafficking victims worldwide in 2016
  - 25 million in forced labor
  - 8 million in debt bondage
- \$150 BILLION industry (labor and commercial sexual exploitation)

## Human Trafficking Globally

- Most are in forced labor
  - Agriculture, manufacturing, mining, hotels, domestic servitude
- 25% are children
  - International Labor Organization and US Department of Labor

## Human Trafficking Globally

- It is now the second largest criminal activity in the world – second only to the illegal drug trade. It's only a matter of time before it takes over the number one spot.
- Fastest growing industry in the world!
  - According to End It Alabama

## **Human Trafficking in the United States**

### **Polaris Project**

- The project is named for the North Star that guided slaves to freedom in the United States
- Works to eradicate human trafficking around the world

## **Human Trafficking in the United States**

### **Polaris Project**

- Has run the National Human Trafficking Hotline since 2007
  - 888-373-7888 or 888-3737-888
- Has run the BEFREE text line for survivors and private citizens
  - 233733

## **Human Trafficking in the United States**

- Over 40,000 cases of human trafficking have been reported to the Polaris Project in the last 10 years
- Multiple reports are received every year from every state
- The national hotline receives an average of 90 calls per day
- 20% of texting conversations on the BEFREE text line are with survivors

## **Human Trafficking in Alabama**

- From the Polaris Project National Hotline for 2017
  - 184 calls
  - 68 cases were reported
    - Sex trafficking - 49
    - Labor trafficking - 11
    - Sex and Labor - 5
    - Unspecified - 3

## **Human Trafficking in Alabama**

- The Alabama Fusion Center
  - (334) 517-2660
- Fusion Centers are a part of the Department of Homeland Security
- Developed after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001

## **Human Trafficking in Alabama**

- 'Fuse' information and analysis for local, state, and federal agencies
- Provide information and education on various topics
- Focus on threats, major criminal activity, cyber attacks, drug rings, human smuggling, human trafficking, etc

### **Signs of Human Trafficking**

- Unable to leave or come and go as they please
- Unpaid, paid very little, or paid only in tips
- Working in the sex industry and has a pimp/manager
- Is under 18 years old and working in the sex industry

### **Signs of Human Trafficking**

- Works excessively long hours, rarely allowed breaks or days off
- Owes a large debt they can't pay off
- High security measures at the work place
- Has few or no personal possessions

### **Signs of Human Trafficking**

- Very fearful when law enforcement mentioned
- Not in control of their own identification documents
- Shows signs of abuse, restraint, confinement, or torture
- Not allowed to speak for themselves.
- Avoids eye contact

### **Signs of Human Trafficking**

- Not in control of their own money
- Claims to be 'just visiting' or unable to clarify where they live
- Loss of sense of time

### **Hotlines:**

- ICE Tip Line for Trafficking and/or Smuggling:  
1-866-DHS-2-ICE (866-347-2423)  
– (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)
- Human Trafficking National Hotline:  
1-888-373-7888 (888-3737-888)
- Befree Textline: 233733  
(text HELP or INFO)

### **Hotlines:**

- [www.humantraffickinghotline.org/chat](http://www.humantraffickinghotline.org/chat)
- Alabama Fusion Center:  
– (334) 517-2660

**Resources:**

- [www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)
- [www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign](http://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign)
- International Labor Organization
- [www.PolarisProject.org](http://www.PolarisProject.org)
- [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov)
- Alabama Fusion Center
- End It Alabama

**Resources:**

- [www.iwhc.org](http://www.iwhc.org)
- [www.unodc.org](http://www.unodc.org)
- [www.americantransplantfoundation.org](http://www.americantransplantfoundation.org)
- United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)
- Shared Hope International  
([sharedhope.org](http://sharedhope.org))