Human Trafficking
Modern Day Slavery
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Who is APD?

- APD provides Home and Community-Based Waiver Services (HCBS) to individuals with developmental disabilities
  - Autism
  - Cerebral palsy
  - Down syndrome
  - Intellectual disabilities
  - Prader-Willi syndrome
  - Children age 3-5 who are at a risk of a developmental disability
  - Spina bifida
  - Phelan-McDermid syndrome
Human Trafficking


Severe forms of human trafficking –

- a) Sex trafficking 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; or
- b) 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

- Florida Statute Chapter 787.06(2)(d)
  - Transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing, enticing, maintaining, or obtaining another person for the purpose of exploitation of that person
Human Trafficking

Is this horrific crime actually a problem?

Yes

$150 Billion Industry

Approximately 30 million people enslaved worldwide
Human Trafficking

Florida is ranked number 3 in the nation

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<th>States with most reports of potential human trafficking</th>
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Human Trafficking

**FORCE**
- Beating
- Burning
- Torture practices
- Sexual assault
- Seasoning/initiation

**FRAUD**
- False promises
- Withholding wages
- Blackmail/extortion
- Deceitful behavior
## Human Trafficking

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Things to know:

1. People are trafficked into many industries.
2. Trafficking is visible; trafficking is accepted.
4. “People smuggling” is not considered human trafficking.
5. As many as one in five trafficking survivors fell prey a second time.
6. Boys and men are trafficked too. Boys enter the human trafficking world at age 9-11. There is more shame with males than females.
7. Disability is attractive to traffickers.
8. There is no one “profile” of a trafficker.
Human Trafficking

Some Types of Trafficking

- Labor
  - Agriculture
  - Begging
  - Tourism
  - Nail Salon
  - Factory Labor

- Sex
  - Prostitution
  - Brothels
  - Clubs
  - Massage Parlors
  - Escort Services

- Domestic Servitude
  - Nanny
  - Live-in Maid
  - Cook
  - Landscaper
  - Butler
Human Trafficker

Traffickers do not have one profile

• Potential Traffickers:
  – Pimps
  – Intimate partners/family members
  – Gangs and criminal networks
  – Brothel and fake massage business owners and managers
  – Growers and crew leaders in agriculture
  – Labor brokers
  – Employers of domestic servants
  – Small business owners and managers
  – Large factory owners and corporations
Becoming a Victim

**• Recruiting a Victim**

- Purposeful targeting
- Warmth, gifts, compliments, and sexual and physical intimacy
- Selling of false love and “The Dream”
- Elaborate promises of a better life, fast money, and future luxuries
Becoming a Victim

• “Grooming,” “Breaking-down,” or “Seasoning”

• Often Involves:
  • Beating/slapping/whipping
  • Burning
  • Sexual assault
  • Confinement
  • Other torture techniques
  • Emotional abuse
  • Re-naming

• Branding
• Creating a climate of fear
• Removal from familiarity and support structure
• Document confiscation
• Forced sexual education
Victims of Human Trafficking

• Anyone can be a victim
• Some populations are more vulnerable to victimization
  – These may include: undocumented immigrants; runaway and homeless youth; victims of trauma and abuse; individuals with intellectual disabilities; refugees and individuals fleeing conflict; and oppressed, marginalized, impoverished groups and individuals, and/or individuals with low self-esteem
Disabilities and Victimization

- Persons with disabilities are almost **twice** as likely to be victims of violent crimes
  - Persons with cognitive disabilities are 30% more likely to be victims of violent crimes
- 68% of children with disabilities were victims of sexual violence
- 32% of children with disabilities were victims of physical violence
- **People with intellectual, cognitive, or developmental disabilities are 7 times higher risk of becoming victims** [6]
Disabilities and Victimization

- In 2007 in China, around 1,340 people were delivered from forced labor in brick kilns in a series of government-investigated rescues. Many were children, and nearly one-third of them had intellectual disabilities.
Increased Vulnerability

People with developmental disabilities are more likely to be victimized because of **social stigma**.

- Unable to report the crime
- Not considered credible reporters
- Unable to differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate touching
- May be socially isolated
- Dependence on others for long-term care
- Lack of economic independence
- Lack of participation in abuse awareness and personal safety programs
- Less education about sexuality and healthy intimate relationships
- Communication challenges
- Physical barriers to accessing supports and services
- **Victims of sexual, physical, or mental abuse** [1]
Case files / FBI

U.S. v. Carlos Monsalve & U.S. v. Jorge Melchor

- Part of cartel
- Close to 20 brothels operated by a cartel around Florida
- Melchor was regional pimp for NW Florida & distributed business cards
- Prostitution delivery service
- Required at least four johns (15 min each) per call
- 25-40 sex transactions a night per victim
Red Flags Of Human Trafficking

Common Work and Living Conditions:

- Is under 18 and is providing commercial sex acts
- Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp/manager
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work
- High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.)
Red Flags Of Human Trafficking

Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior:
- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement
- Avoids eye contact

Poor Physical Health:
- Lacks health care
- Appears malnourished
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture
Red Flags Of Human Trafficking

Lack of Control:

• Has few or no personal possessions
• Is not in control of his/her own money; no financial records or bank account
• Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport)
• Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)
Red Flags Of Human Trafficking

Other:

- Claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where he/she is staying/address
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or do not know what city he/she is in
- Loss of sense of time
- Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story
- New commodities (cell phone, clothes, etc.)
- Suddenly manicured nails, hair, and jewelry
Behavioral Signs of Abuse

- Changes in the way affection is shown, especially if unusual or inappropriate
- Suddenly fears being touched
- Sudden onset of nightmares
- Changes in sleep patterns; difficulty sleeping
- Sudden regression to childlike behaviors (i.e., bed-wetting, thumb-sucking)
- Sudden unusual interest in or knowledge of sexual matters (including excessive masturbation)
- Cruelty to animals
- Sudden fear of bathing or toileting
- Sudden fear of a person or place
- Depression, withdrawal, or mood swings
- ANY UNEXPLAINED CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR
Signs of Sexual Abuse

- Frequent urinary tract infections or yeast infections
- Painful urination
- Abrasions, bleeding, or bruising in the genital area
- Incontinence in someone who was previously toilet-trained
- Frequent sore throats
- Sudden onset of psychosomatic complaints (males most frequently complain of stomach aches while females most frequently report headaches)
- Sudden difficulty walking or sitting
- Vaginal or rectal pain
Signs of Exploitation

- Sudden decrease in bank account balances
- Sudden change in banking practices (such as making several large withdrawals from a bank account or ATM over a period of several days instead of one small withdrawal each week)
- Sudden problems paying bills or buying food or other necessities
- Sudden changes in wills or other financial documents
Hard to Recognize

- Victim does not recognize abuse, neglect, or exploitation
- Communication challenges
- Some symptoms may be interpreted as behavioral problems or traits of their disability
- Victims may be coerced and not appear to be a victim
- Fear and training prevent disclosing
Protection and Prevention from Human Trafficking:

– Enhance participation within the community
– Ensure children with disabilities are at school or in other ways visible to their communities
– Recognize and address stigma and discrimination that exists
Protection from Disability Trafficking:

- Learn the “red flags”
- Report suspected human trafficking
- Get involved with your local task forces
- Meet with or write your local, state, and federal government representatives
Responding to a victim

Separate victims from trafficker

- I believe you.
- It is not your fault.
- You are not alone.
- I want to help you.
- You are safe now.
- You have rights.
- You can trust me.
- You are a victim/survivor.
- You are not in trouble.
- We can help you.

More information at:
Reporting Suspected Human Trafficking

• Call DCF Abuse Hotline
  1-800-962-2873

• Call National Human Trafficking Hotline
  1-888-373-7888

• Department of Homeland Security
  1-866-347-2423 or at www.ice.gov/tips

• Contact local law enforcement
Mandated Reporters

• **Everyone** in Florida has a responsibility to report known or suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation

• Failure to report known or suspected cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation is a 3rd degree felony
  
  – Changed with the passage of HB1355/SB 1816 (impacting Chapter 39.205(1) Florida Statute)
Mandated Reporters

Professionally Mandated Reporters

- Physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner, chiropractic physician, nurse, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons
- Health or mental health professional
- Practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for healing
- School teacher or other school official or personnel
- Social worker, day care center worker, or other professional child care, foster care, residential, or institutional worker
- Law enforcement
- Judge

Chapter 39.201(1)(d) Florida Statute
Resources


3. Ibid., 4.


QUESTIONS?