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Human Trafficking in Nevada



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A close-up photograph of a fountain pen with a dark, textured barrel and a silver-colored nib, positioned at the start of the word 'Disclaimer' written in a black, cursive script on a white notepad. The notepad is bound with metal rings on the left side. The background of the entire image is a blue geometric pattern of overlapping triangles.

Disclaimer

We will be discussing sensitive issues like Sex Trafficking, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Intimate Terrorism, Stalking, and Exploitation.

These topics can be tough and stir up deep emotions, please, if at any time you need to step away know that is okay to do so and we welcome you to return whenever you feel ready.




"Crash Into Reality" - DHS Blue Campaign PSA on Human Trafficking (June 14, 20...



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Watch on  YouTube

Human Trafficking 101

Be familiar with the landscape of trafficking in Nevada.

Identify recruitment tactics.

Understand the impact of myths regarding human trafficking.

Identify vulnerabilities and screening tools.

Labor Trafficking

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of **force, fraud, or coercion**.

Forms of Labor Trafficking:

- Bonded labor or debt bondage
- Forced labor
- Child labor
- Involuntary or domestic servitude
- Peonage
- Slavery
- Mail-Order Bride

SMUGGLING VS. TRAFFICKING



HUMAN SMUGGLING

- A crime against a country's sovereignty
- Illegal border crossing
- Element of consent
- Often transportation only
- Ends with arrival at a destination
- Can be a gateway to human trafficking

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- A crime against a person
- Involved forced labor or commercial acts
- Can enter legally or illegally
- No consent
- Transportation can be an element, but it is NOT required
- Smuggling debt can be used as a means of control

****During the process of human smuggling victims may be placed at greater risk for experiencing violence and exploitation, including human trafficking. ****

Avenues and Industries for Exploitation and Trafficking

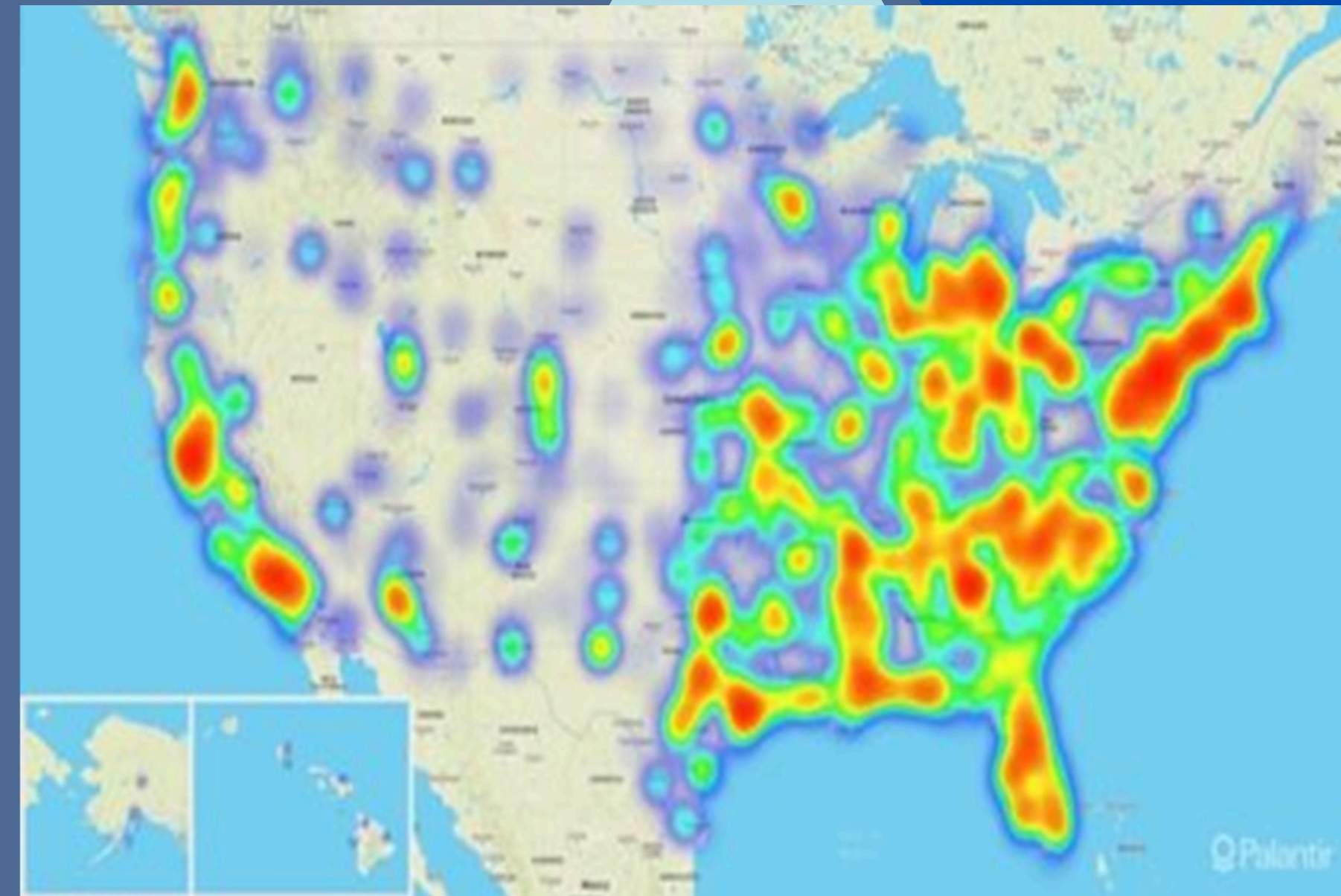
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BARS, STRIP CLUBS, & CANTINAS	PORNOGRAPHY	TRAVELING SALES CREWS	RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE	PEDDLING & BEGGING
AGRICULTURE & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY	PERSONAL SEXUAL SERVITUDE	HEALTH & BEAUTY SERVICES	CONSTRUCTION	HOTELS & HOSPITALITY
LANDSCAPING	ILLCIT ACTIVITIES	ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT	COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICES	FACTORIES & MANUFACTURING
REMOTE INTERACTIVE SEXUAL ACTS	CARNIVALS	FORESTRY & LOGGING	HEALTH CARE	RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

What is Sex Trafficking?

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act where such an act is induced by

FORCE, FRAUD, or COERCION

EXCEPTION: when the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age



A person who **WITHOUT** physical force or the immediate threat of physical force induces an adult to unlawfully become a prostitute or to continue to engage in prostitution

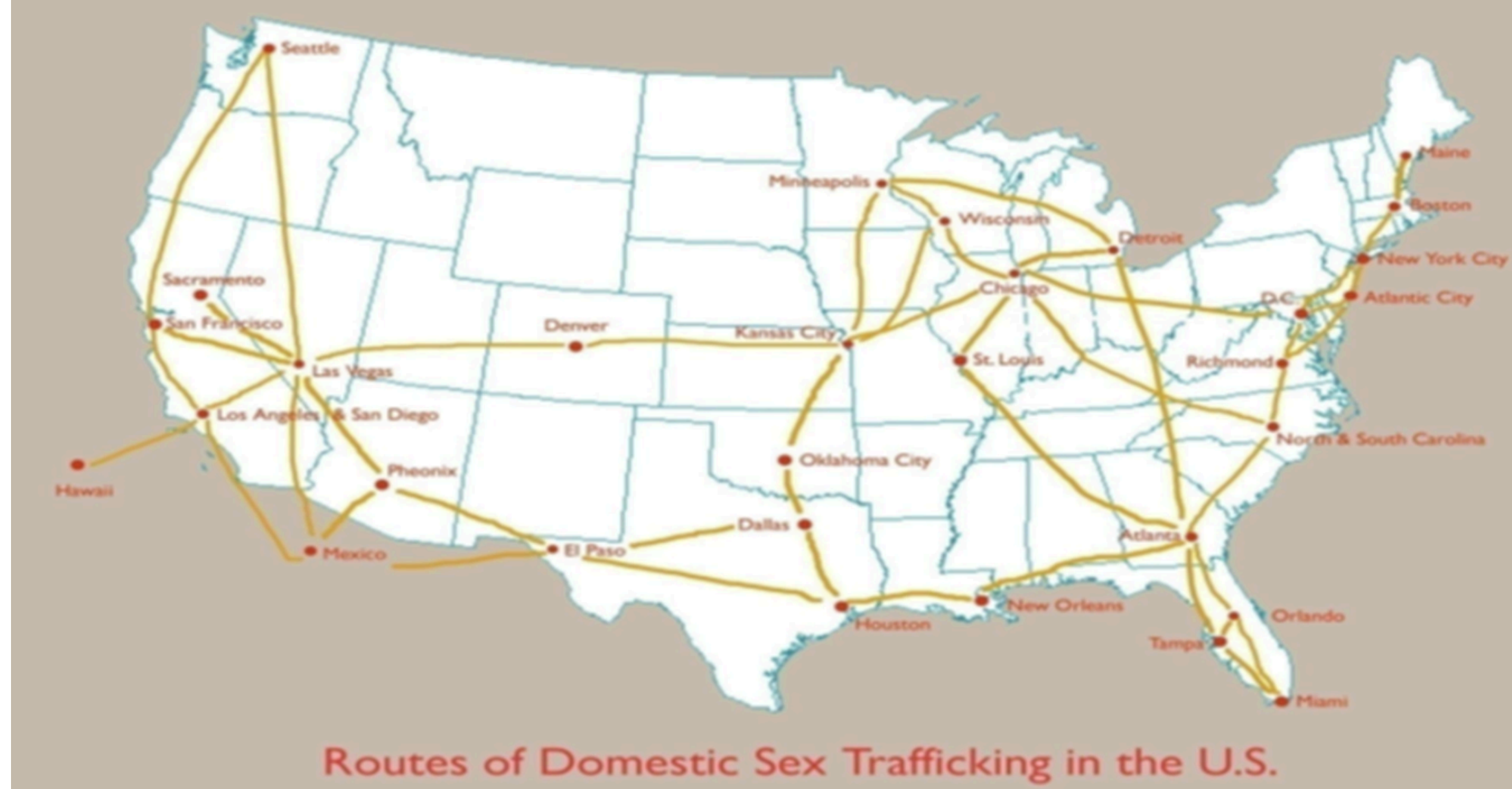
Or to enter any place within this State in which prostitution practiced, encouraged or allowed for the purpose of sexual conduct or prostitution (NRS 201.300)

Pandering activities can include:

- Offering customers to a person to entice them into “the life”
- Requesting that a person become involved in prostitution
- Suggesting that a person could “earn money” if they get involved in “the life”



**WHAT IS
PANDERING?**



The Demand

The endless demand continues to drive the sexual exploitation of adults and children through sex trafficking

- The 2nd largest criminal industry in the world, behind drug trafficking
- Fastest growing criminal industry in United States

Vulnerabilities

HISTORY OF
CHILDHOOD
PHYSICAL OR
SEXUAL ABUSE

MENTAL
HEALTH
CONDITIONS

FAMILY REJECTION
RELATED TO RELIGION
OR 2SLGBTQIA+
IDENTIFICATION/
ORIENTATION
(REGARDLESS OF
SOCIOECONOMIC
STATUS)

INVOLVED IN,
OR TARGETED
BY GANGS

FAMILY
MEMBERS WHO
HAVE BOUGHT
SEX OR BEEN
INVOLVED IN
PROSTITUTION

PARENTAL/
PERSONAL
SUBSTANCE
USE

POVERTY

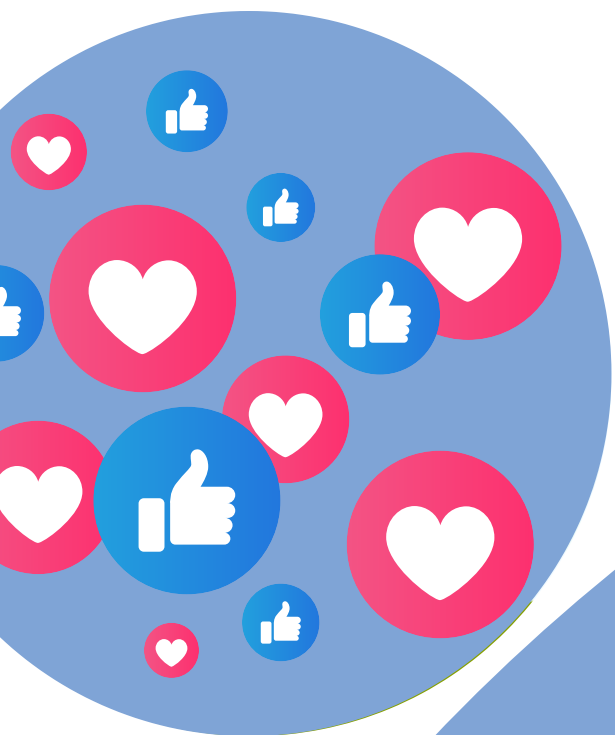
TARGETED BY
TRAFFICKERS
BECAUSE OF THEIR
NEED FOR LOVE,
AFFIRMATION,
AND PROTECTION

RUNAWAY,
HOMELESS,
UNHOUSED,
FOSTER
CARE/GROUP
HOME STATUS

CPS OR
SYSTEM
INVOLVEMENT

DISPLACED OR
RELOCATED DUE TO
NATURAL
DISASTERS, WAR,
CIVIL UNREST, OR
DESIRE FOR
OPPORTUNITIES

The Recruitment



Recruitment Tactics



**Grooming
Phase/Be-
Friending**



Gain Trust



Desensitize



Isolate



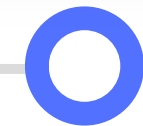
Love Bomb



**Control
(Force, Fraud,
Coercion)**



Capitalize



North Las Vegas man held in sex trafficking of missing teen girl

California man faces Las Vegas sex trafficking charges

Sex-trafficking charge added against North Las Vegas bailiff

North Las Vegas woman, 19, accused of sex trafficking of minor

'Making the Band' Star Chopper
Reportedly Facing Sex Trafficking Charges in Las Vegas

Las Vegas police arrest firefighter
accused of recruiting for prostitution on the Strip

The Traffickers

WORK INVESTIGATORS SPECIAL REPORTS
I-Team: Las Vegas siblings
accused of sex trafficking minor, living off earnings

by: David Charns
Posted: Feb 10, 2021 / 10:33 AM PST

The Trafficker

- Predator
- Invests their efforts in manipulation
- Uses levels of insulation (via victims)
- Supplier portion of the equation

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: NOT JUST ONE CRIME & INTERSECTS WITH OTHERS



Domestic Violence



Sexual Assault



Robbery/Burglary



Financial Crimes

**In Las Vegas, 90% of prostituted women and girls
are controlled by pimps.**



Impacts of Trafficking

- **Trauma**
- **Housing instability**
- **Loss of family connections**
- **Financial instability**
- **Loss of community**
- **Shame and embarrassment;
low self-esteem/self-worth**
- **Physical health issues**
- **Trouble finding stable
employment**
- **System involvement**

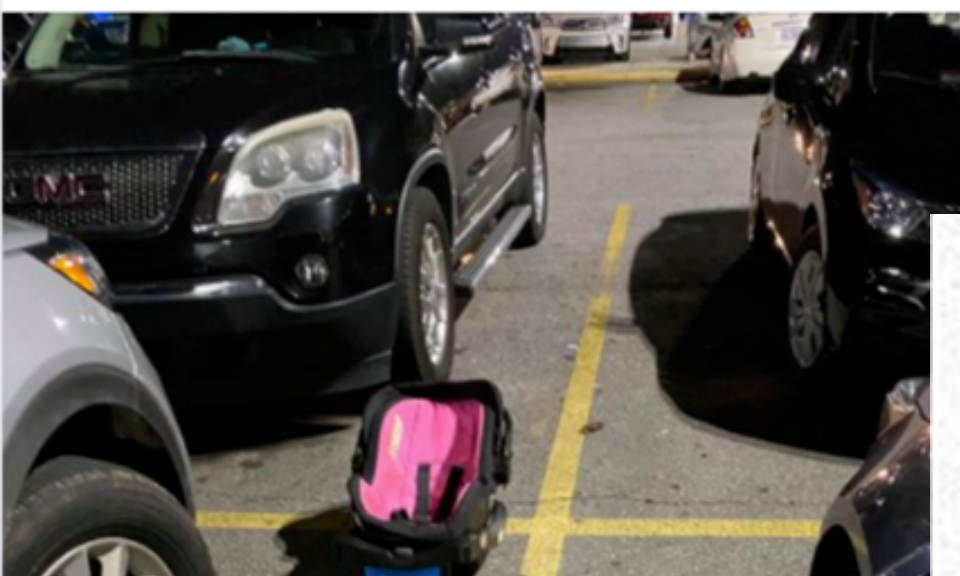
DISPELLING MYTHS AND SENSATIONALISM

October 9 at 8:59 PM · 🌐

Y'all if you ever go to the Walmart in the wilkesboro location please be careful sex traffickers use this method to lure you in and snatch you up this is what I found on the outside of my car something told me to follow my first mind and not touch it so I didn't I didn't bother taking my daughter out the car I just got back in my car and pulled off.

🔴 THIS SHIT IS GETTING REAL !!

P.S another man also getting into his car stated that wasn't there when he went in the Walmart either !!



Okay so I saw a post about something similar to this the other day but never thought it would happen here in Lubbock and at Sam's at all places.

🔴 WATCH YOUR SURROUNDING AND BE VIGILANT 🔴

It's crazy world out there. Better to be safe than sorry.



recently saying "a friend has complimented you in IRL" With a link attached below it, DO NOT open the link!

It is linked to sex trafficking. All your information, (including location) can

some smoothies. Once we were done we were walking out and a younger-middle aged man was talking on the phone discreetly staring at us very oddly and when we passed, he turned around and proceeded to try to follow us out to the parking lot so my friend and I turned around noticing the strange activity and went through Dick's back to the food court around more people to forever 21 where he then followed us in there... getting closer and closer when a mall cop saw what was finally going on he talked to us about it and walked us all the way out to our car saying that a lot of sex trafficking happens here and they will follow you all the way out to your car and call others and work as a team

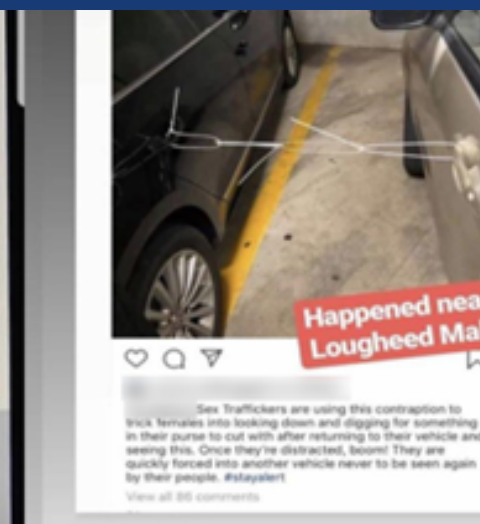


This shit is friggin ridiculous. A friend just told me her sister was at Northgate mall and when she went back to her car there was a \$100 bill wrapped with a red ribbon on her door handle. She noticed there was a man in a van watching her so she went back inside and called the police and they told her to not go to her car and that it is a ploy sex traffickers are using to kidnap women and children! Please watch your surroundings and don't touch anything left on your vehicle as it could be laced with something that would absorb into your skin and make you groggy or even pass out. Tell all of your female friends and family this is happening here in Northgate. Not somewhere else, here! I copy and pasted this, better safe than sorry 🍋

Please read and share

PSA!!!!!!

NORTHGATE VILLAGE



IF U SEE ANY VANS LIKE THIS CALL 911 THIS IS UTILIZED FOR SEX TRAFFICKING



A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

Public health is **“what society does collectively to assure the conditions for people to be healthy.”**

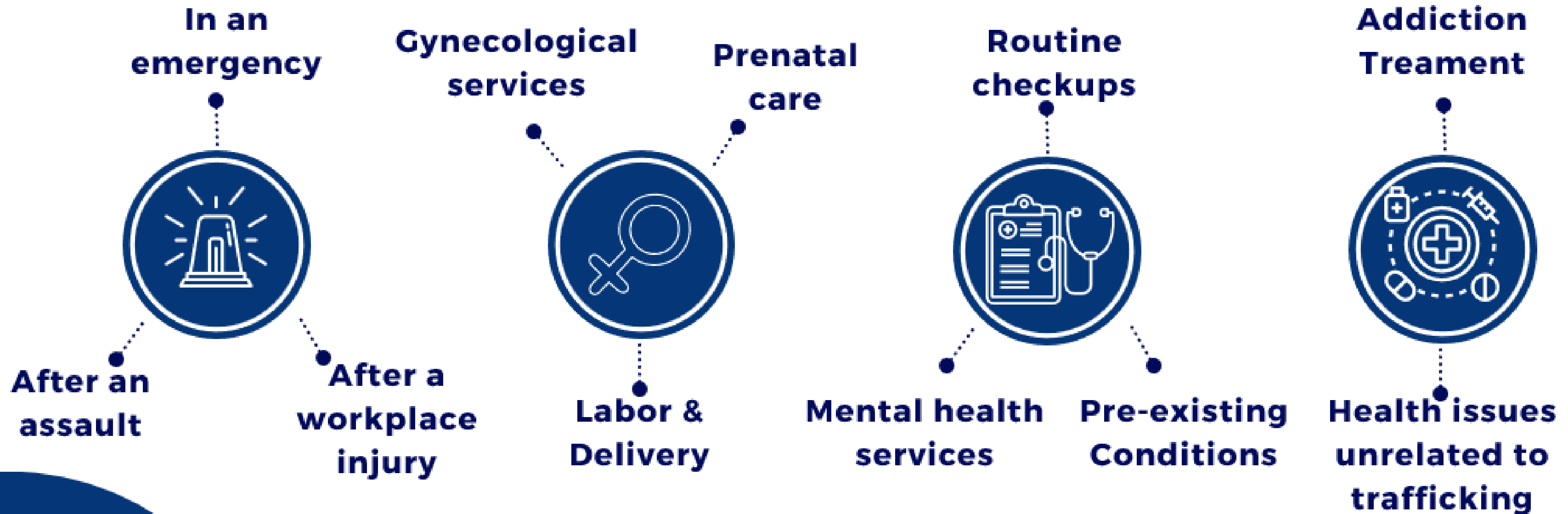
This population experiences:

- *Unsanitary and dangerous work environments*
- *Poor living conditions*
- *Substandard nutrition, malnutrition*
- *Exposure to STD/STI's*
- *Denial of access to health care*

***“Health care providers are one of the few groups of professionals who interact with victims while they are still under the control of their abuser or the person profiting from their abuse”...
and many report never being identified..”***



When Individuals May Seek Medical Services



Human Trafficking



10 Red Flags that Your Patient Could be a Victim



HOSPITALS
AGAINST
VIOLENCE

- 1 Clinical presentation and oral history don't match up
- 2 Oral history is scripted, memorized or mechanical
- 3 Someone with the patient exerts an unusual amount of control over the visit
- 4 Patient appears fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, hyper-vigilant or paranoid
- 5 Patient is concerned about being arrested or jailed
- 6 Patient is concerned for his/her family's safety
- 7 Evidence that care has been lacking for prior or existing conditions
- 8 Tattoos or insignia's indicative of ownership
- 9 Occupational-type injuries or physical ailments linked to their work
- 10 Sexually transmitted infections

Possible Physical Sex Trafficking Indicators

- Evidence of sexual trauma
- Cigarette burns
- Fractures
- Bruises and/or contusions
- Tattoos found on the body (may serve as a “brand” that victim belongs to trafficker)
- Respiratory infections
- Drug related health issues (asthma, hepatitis C, skin infections)
- Tension headaches, back pain, stomach pain
- Malnutrition and poor diet
- Dehydration
- Unexplained scars
- Injuries to head and mouth
- Bladder damage, injury or infection
- Temporal Mandibular Joint problems from oral sex
- Bite marks
- Stab or gunshot wounds
- Hearing loss from head trauma
- Traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Bald patches from having hair pulled
- Dental problems

(Dovydaitis, 2010; Sabella, 2010 & 2013)

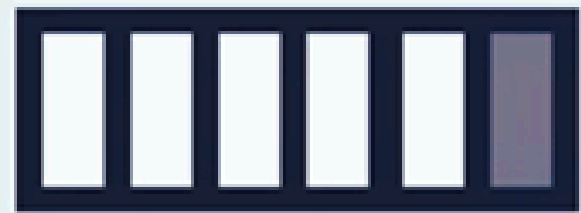
What Physical Health Problems Do Labor Trafficking Victims Present With?

- Physical injuries and wounds, including burns, occupational injuries, injuries from falls, or from violence and abuse
 - 49% of 65 labor trafficking victims in US study experienced physical assaults
- Acute tendonitis
- Inhalation injuries
- Acute chemical intoxication
- Heat stress, cold stress
- Untreated infections

(Hopper & Gonzalez, Ronda-Perez 2017, Baldwin 2011)

LOCAL TRENDS:

Non-fatal Strangulation in Sex Trafficking



1 OUT OF 6

(n = 128, 16.1%)

of the sex trafficking case reports in this study included a victim report of non-fatal strangulation by the sex trafficker.

24 VS 22.2

The victims reporting the non-fatal strangulation were older than the victims that did not report non-fatal strangulation.

Victims of sex trafficking who reported non-fatal strangulation were:

2x more likely to report being threatened with a weapon (gun or knife) by their trafficker.

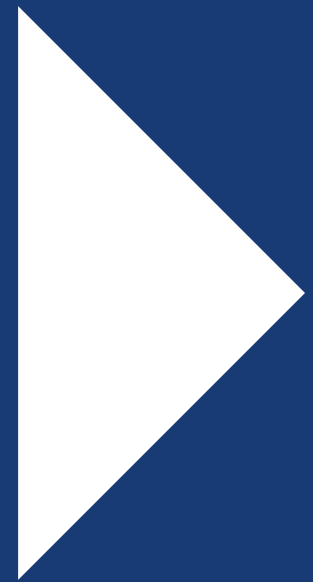
$\chi^2 = (1, N = 586) = 9.47, p = .002,$
 $OR = 2.04, 95\% CI [1.29, 3.24]$

2x more likely to report being brought across state lines for prostitution.

$\chi^2 = (1, N = 660) = 11.3, p = .001,$
 $OR = 2.05, 95\% CI [1.34, 3.12]$

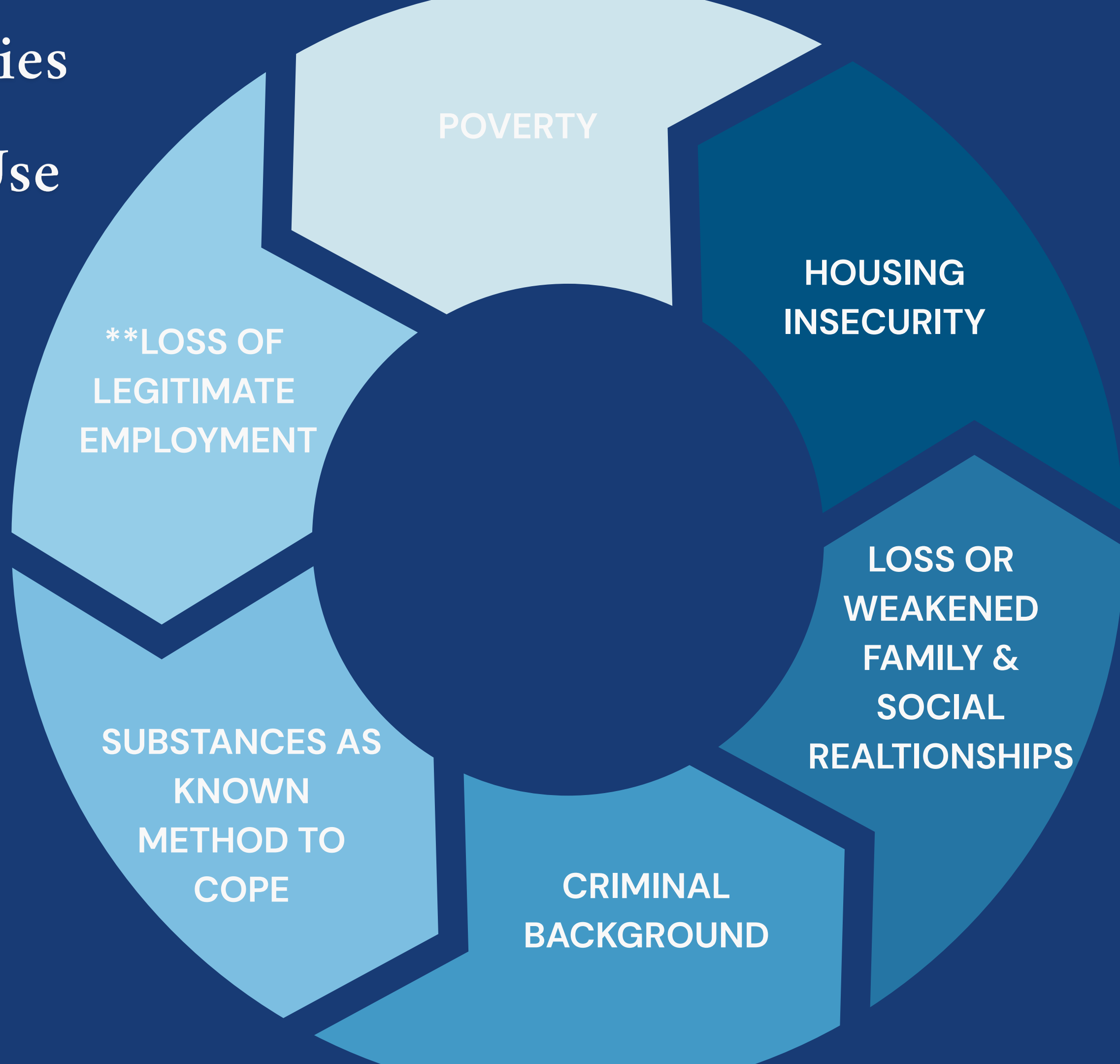
2.8x more likely to be reported by victims of sex trafficking who were recruited by their trafficker using romance rather than through social media, through friends, or through promises of money.

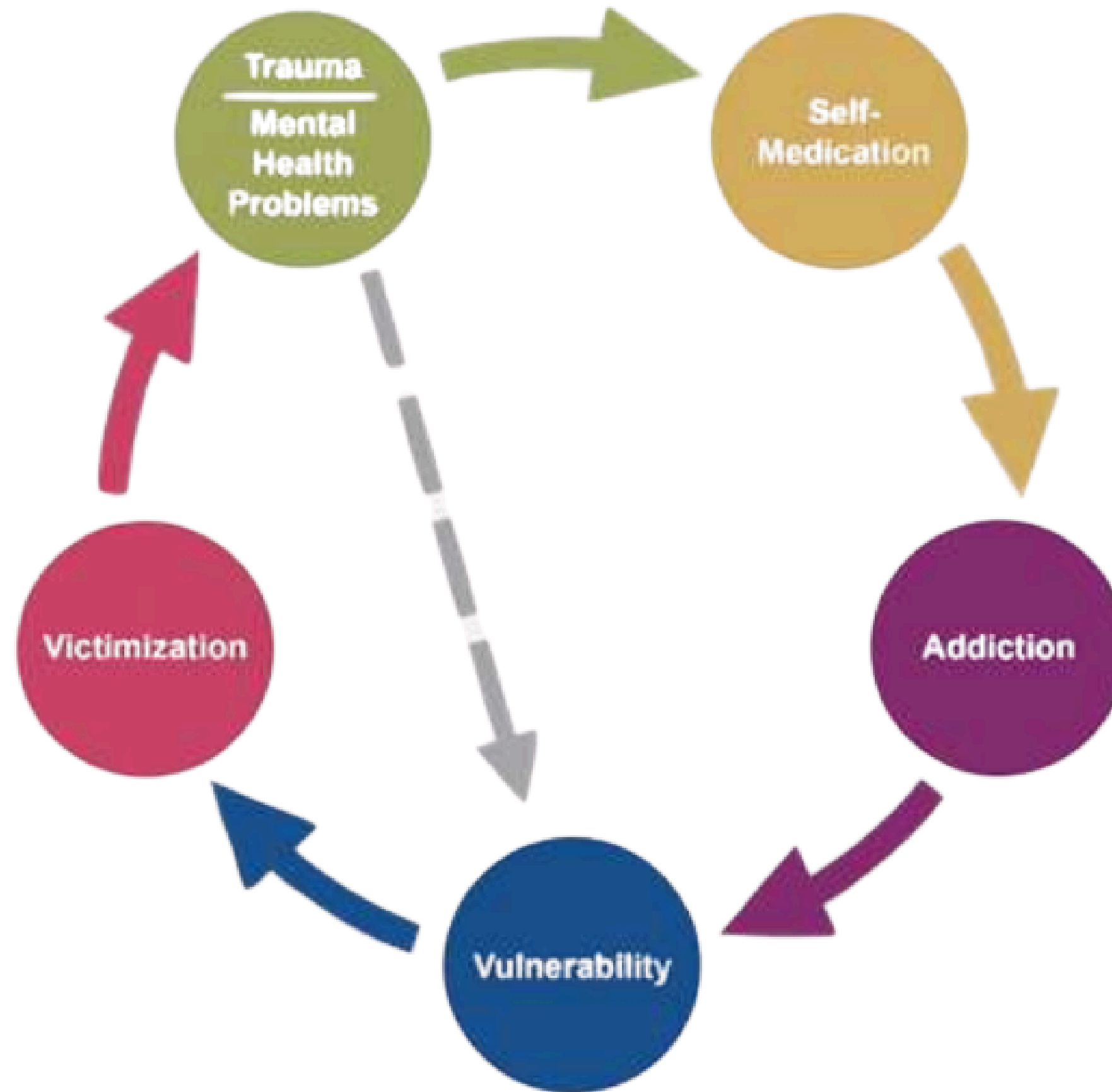
FORCED SUBSTANCE USE BY TRAFFICKERS



- Guarantees dependence; withdrawal as leverage; reward and punishment; exacerbates their vulnerabilities
- Drug dependencies create debt to the trafficker; helpful for recruitment as traffickers may entice or lure
- Recruitment from hospitals, detox centers, or AA/NA groups
- Incapacitating into compliance and maintaining control; forced consumption of addictive substances
- Enables individual to work harder and/or for longer hours; coping mechanism
- Aids in influencing an individual to stay/remain trauma bonded
- Lowers the perception of credibility; forced criminality

Vulnerabilities to Substance Use





What is harm reduction?

Harm reduction focuses on drug use and sexual behaviors (especially sex work), as these are often criminalized and are highly stigmatized.

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL: harm reduction expands choices, increases access, and promotes opportunities to assist people be safer (particularly when engaging in culturally stigmatized behaviors—such as drug use and sex).

INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL: harm reduction aims to shift organizations/ systems (and our broader culture) to be safer for both individuals and communities.

Society, and the systems within it, have historically increased harm to people who use drugs or engage in sex work through oppressive policy and stigmatizing culture.

What are harm reduction services?

What IS harm reduction

- Meeting people where they're at, but not leaving them there
- Avoiding placing judgment on individuals
- Acknowledging the significance of *any* positive change
- Creative and flexible
- Engaging in radical love
- Redistributes power!
- Backed by scientific evidence (and common sense!)

What IS NOT harm reduction

- HR is not simply risk reduction
- HR is not about giving directives/ instructions
- HR is not one size fits all
- HR teaches us that oppressive or coercive policies are harmful
 - This doesn't mean you can't have expectations or rules or that you can't set boundaries
- HR is not sunshine and rainbows all the time

Trauma Informed Care

Emphasis on **Safety**

- *Let the victim know that their safety is your first priority*

Privacy, confidentiality, and mutual respect

- *Outline what confidentiality looks like with your role*
- *If you have to violate privacy, explain process up front*

Be aware of power and control dynamics

- *Take time to learn victim's perspective*

Establish clear roles and boundaries

Collaborative decision-making process

- Provide education and local resources

Awareness of triggers

Celebrate small successes



Sample messages to use with a victim to gain trust:

"You can trust me."

"I am here to help you."

"My first priority is your safety."

"We will give you the care you need."

"We can help you find a safe place to stay."

"No one has the right to hurt you or make you do things against your will"

**DISCLOSURE IS
NOT THE GOAL.**

**PREVENTION
SHOULD BE PART OF
ANY PUBLIC HEALTH
STRATEGY TO ADDRESS
HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

CONDUCTING ASSESSMENT

- ☐ Conduct assessments individually, in a safe private location.
- ☐ Assess the patient's immediate safety.
- ☐ Use language understandable to the patient.
- ☐ Do not ask for unnecessary information.

If additional information is not needed to better treat a patient, do not ask.

Where it all Begins

Sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, sexual assault and intimate terrorism happens everyday.

We challenge you to look deeper and see beneath the surface of the people in your community.

There you will find the issues we at Xquisite fight.
These injustices happen right here in our local neighborhoods.



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What is the difference between a Victim and Survivor?



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A victim is
someone who is under the control of a
trafficker and/or abuser that suffers
directly from physical and
psychological terror.



A survivor is
someone who continues to live while
overcoming challenging or dangerous
experiences.



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Offender Relationship to Victim

- Biological Parents 16%
 - Stepparent 14%
 - Other relative 16%
 - Friend of Parent 26%
 - Person in authority 22%
 - Stranger .05%
- } 72%

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Hout



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The national average age of entry into sexual exploitation is 13 years old.

The youth coming to Xquisite have an average age of 12 years old with trafficking indicators.

One statistic is intrinsically present in approximately 97% of the people we have talked with, they have experienced sexual exploitation at 3 years old.



What Makes a Survivor at Risk for Sexual Exploitation?



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It can happen to anyone, no matter of economic status, race, age, or gender.

Some risk factors that may increase vulnerability: childhood sexual abuse, lack of social support, recent relocation, substance use, mental health concerns, unstable home life, being a runaway or homeless.

Often, traffickers identify and leverage their victims' vulnerabilities in order to create dependency.



Pornography is not without
increased violence and
degrading behaviors or a
victimless crime



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Is prostitution legal throughout the entire state?



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NO!

It is only legal in 7 counties:
Elko, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Storey, and
White Pine

in a licensed brothel.

Nevada is the only state in our country where
prostitution is still legal, this creates a breeding
ground for sex traffickers to hide victims in plain
sight, without consequences.

Legal prostitution is not SAFE!



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Stalking

Involves both emotional and psychological abuse.

Stalking is the persistent and unwanted pursuit of another person

Watching from a distance

Breaking into the home

Berating with constant messages, calls, ext.

Reading their mail

Following the other person through daily activities

Violating restraining orders

Hidden tracking devices



There is a direct link between Stalking and Homicide.



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Knowing:

What we see on the surface is not always what they are experiencing on the inside.

Asking the right questions could lead you to a deeper understanding and stronger connection of what's really going on.



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It's Not Only Knowing the Signs – It's Knowing
the Story

Each Survivor's Story is Unique

We believe that a survivor must be a part of their
journey to freedom and always keep our hand
extended

We believe in a survivor's value, purpose and
dignity



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1. Assess the situation and level of urgency:



Low: Contact Crime Stoppers 702.385.5555 (Anonymous)

Medium: VICE: [702.828.3455](tel:702.828.3455) or vice@lvmpd.com

***(Not anonymous or monitored 24/7)**

High: Call 311 if no imminent danger or 911 in an emergency



2. Be Aware of and document relevant information. Be a good witness.



3. Call RISE Advocate Hotline for local services/resources [702-936-4004](tel:702-936-4004)



4. Do not put yourself in danger by trying to intervene.

**See Something,
Say Something:
ABCD**



SOUTHERN NEVADA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE



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CALLS TO ACTION

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



LVMPD Human Trafficking
Task Force



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USE YOUR SKILLS

Volunteer with us, hire
survivors to help them
integrate

DONATE

Organize donation or resource
drive with your community
group.

SPREAD THE WORD

Share human trafficking
awareness content, educate
others about the red flags.

RAISE YOUR VOICE

Challenge misconceptions &
myths, be a good bystander
and witness – “See Something,
Say Something”, (report a tip),
be knowledgeable and involved
in legislative issues

CALLS TO ACTION

Northern Nevada

**Contact the Washoe County Sheriff Office
Human Exploitation and Recovery Operations Unit
(HERO)**

Request Educational Training at unr.edu/police