

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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OBJECTIVES

- 🔗 Define human trafficking
 - ✂ Including the different forms of human trafficking
- 🔗 List at least two characteristics of human trafficking victims which could assist with identification
- 🔗 List steps to take and resources to utilize when you suspect a patient is a victim of human trafficking
- 🔗 Recognize the physical and mental health effects for victims of human trafficking
- 🔗 Identify local resources for victims of human trafficking



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Modern-day slavery

- ✂ Exploitation of men, women and children for commercial sex or labor purposes
- ✂ The second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world





**IT'S BEEN 150 YEARS SINCE THE EMANCIPATION
PROCLAMATION.....**



INTERNATIONAL SCOPE OF TRAFFICKING

✂ The International Labour Organization estimates that there were **40.3 million** victims of human trafficking in the world in 2016

- ✂ Estimated **20 million** victims of labor trafficking
- ✂ Estimated **4.8 million** victims of sex trafficking
- ✂ Estimated **15.4 million** people living in forced marriage



NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE CALLS FROM OHIO

📞 National Human Trafficking Hotline Ohio Statistics (since 2007):

- ✂ 6,206 calls
- ✂ 1,569 reported cases
- ✂ 1,446 victims of human trafficking identified



TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT (TVPA)

Signed into law in October of 2000

Legal Definitions:

- ❧ **Sex Trafficking** is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, **or** in which the person forced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years.
- ❧ **Labor Trafficking** is defined as 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.



Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA)

Goals:

✧ Prevention- international and domestic

✧ Protection for victims

✧ Prosecution of traffickers



JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT (JVTA)

- ✂ Signed into law on May 29, 2015
- ✂ Federal fine of \$5,000
- ✂ Creates the Domestic Trafficking Victims' Fund
- ✂ Establishes the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking



STATE LAW - END DEMAND ACT (2014)

- ⌘ Increases the penalty for purchasing sex from a minor to a felony
- ⌘ Requires offenders of a child (<15 years) or an individual with developmental disabilities to register as sex offenders
- ⌘ Broadens Ohio's definition of trafficking to include fraud
- ⌘ Terminates parental rights for those found trafficking their children or other minors

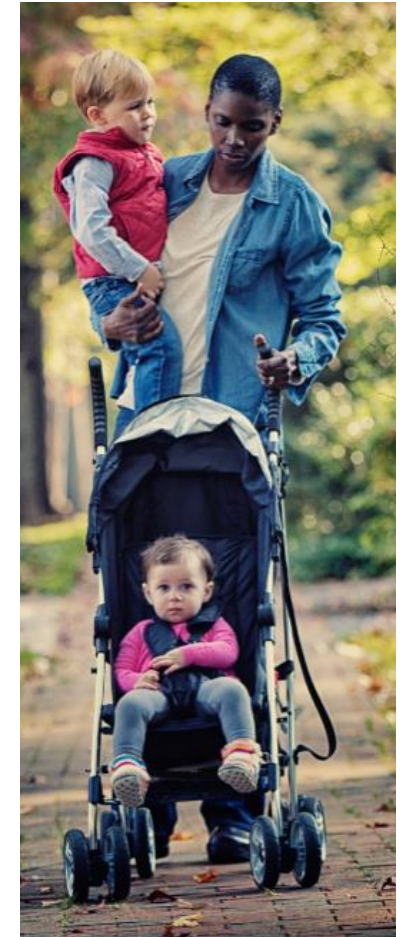


WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?

- ⌘ Organized crime
- ⌘ Neighbors, friends, family members, village chiefs
- ⌘ Agricultural operations
- ⌘ Business owners
- ⌘ Boyfriend
- ⌘ Pimp



WHAT IS LABOR TRAFFICKING?



EXAMPLES OF LABOR TRAFFICKING

🔗 Domestic service

🔗 Sweat shops/factories

🔗 Agricultural work

🔗 Massage parlors

🔗 Nail salons

🔗 Restaurants

Four charged with human-trafficking organization that brought Guatemalan minors to work on Ohio egg farms



Four people have been indicted and charged with participating in a human-trafficking organization that brought Guatemalan minors to the United States to work on egg farms in Ohio. (File photo)



By Eric Heisig, Northeast Ohio Media Group

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CLEVELAND, Ohio — A grand jury in Cleveland charged three Ohio residents and a Texas man with participating in a human-trafficking organization that smuggled children from Guatemala and forced them to work on egg farms.

Aroldo Castillo-Serrano, 33, of Pecos, Texas; Conrado Salgado Soto, 52, of Raymond; Ana Angelica Pedro Juan, 21, of Columbus and Juan Pablo Duran Jr., 23, of Marysville, are each charged with playing a role in the operation.

The trafficking conspiracy began in 2011 when the defendants and others brought the workers as young as 14 to the United States under the false premise that they would attend school, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office.



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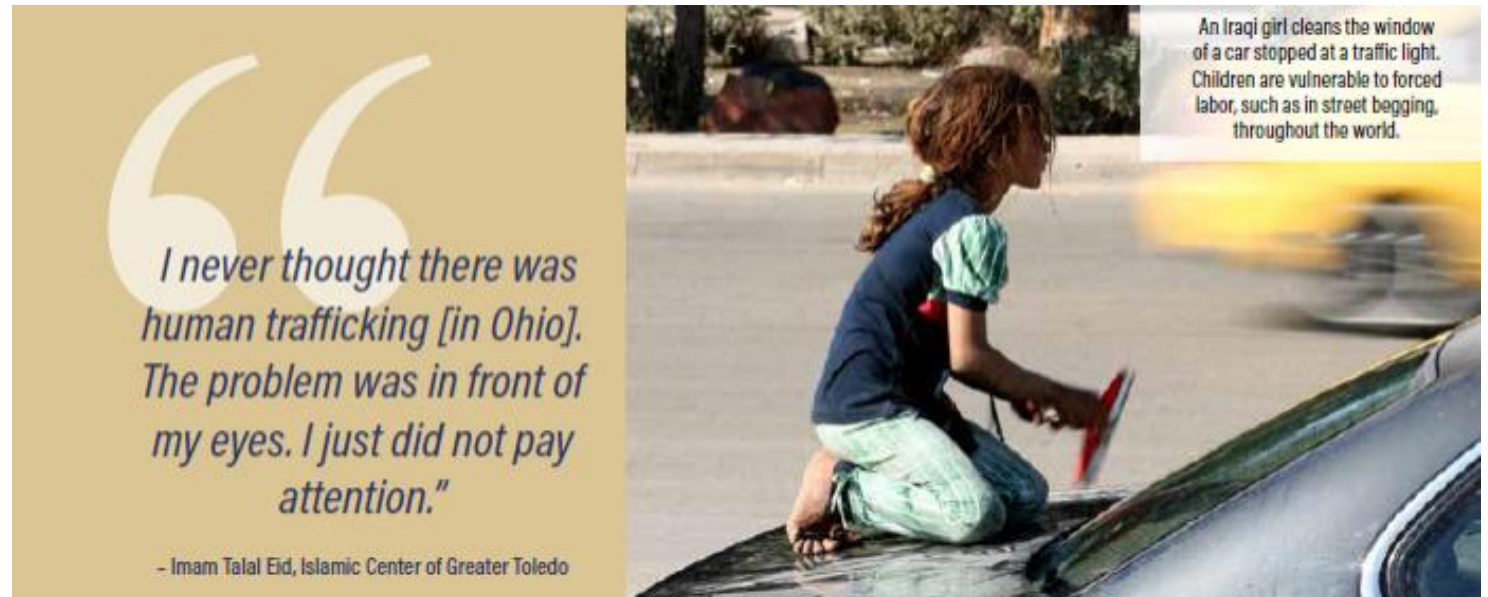
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LABOR TRAFFICKING: VULNERABILITY FACTORS

- ⌘ High unemployment
- ⌘ Poverty
- ⌘ Crime
- ⌘ Discrimination
- ⌘ Corruption
- ⌘ Political conflict
- ⌘ Cultural acceptance of practice



FORMS OF LABOR TRAFFICKING

Forced Labor

- ✂ Victim forced to work against their will
- ✂ Threat of violence
- ✂ Freedom restricted
- ✂ Degree of ownership

Debt Bondage

- ✂ Victims must reimburse his/her traffickers
- ✂ Amount to be repaid set by the trafficker
 - ✂ Amount to be repaid is always increasing so the victim can never fully repay the trafficker

Child Labor

- ✂ Work likely to be hazardous to the health and/or development of children
- ✂ 246 million exploited children between 5-17 years of age (ILO)



PREVALENCE OF LABOR TRAFFICKING

✂ 139 goods produced in 75 countries



WEBSITES TO CHECK IF PURCHASED GOODS ARE LINKED TO LABOR TRAFFICKING

🔗 How many slaves work for you?

✂ www.endslaverynow.org

🔗 Shop Ethical <http://www.ethical.org.au/3.4.2/>

🔗 Mashable- 5 tools to check if your clothing is ethically made

✂ http://mashable.com/2015/04/24/ethical-fashion-tools/#K_ZOIg9cFuq4



SEX TRAFFICKING

Commercial sex act induced by force, fraud or coercion



EXAMPLES OF SEX TRAFFICKING

- ✂ Prostitution
- ✂ Pornography
- ✂ Stripping
- ✂ Lap Dancing
- ✂ Live-Sex Shows
- ✂ Mail-order Brides
- ✂ Child Brides



SEX TRAFFICKING BY THE NUMBERS IN THE U.S.

🔗 Over 28,000 cases of sex trafficking reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline from 2007-2017

✂ 6,081 cases of sex trafficking reported in 2017; 288 were from Ohio

✂ More than 1,600 survivors reached out for help in 2015

⑩ 24% increase over 2014



SEX TRAFFICKING BY THE NUMBERS IN THE U.S.

- 🔗 In 2017, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children responded to 10,093 reports regarding possible child sex trafficking
- 🔗 Of the nearly 25,000 runaways reported to NCMEC in 2017, 1 in 7 were likely victims of child sex trafficking
 - ✂ 88% of these were in the care of social services when they went missing



FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

- ✧ Runaway children
- ✧ Adult prostitution markets
- ✧ Prior history of sexual abuse
- ✧ Poverty



RECRUITMENT INTO SEX TRAFFICKING

- ✂ Malls, corner stores
- ✂ Streets
- ✂ Friend's house
- ✂ Truck stops
- ✂ Sporting events
- ✂ Outside juvenile justice center
- ✂ Online gaming communities



FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

- ❧ Large numbers of unattached/transient males
- ❧ Membership in gangs
- ❧ Promotion of child prostitution by family/friends
- ❧ Organized crime





TRAFFICKERS EXPLOIT VULNERABILITY

- ✂ Identify vulnerable
- ✂ Befriend them
- ✂ Show love and affection
- ✂ Isolate from family/friends
- ✂ Control/exploit



PIMP CONTROL/TRAFFICKERS

- ❧ Masters of the art of seduction
- ❧ Torture tactics
 - ❧ Physical
 - ❧ Psychological
 - ⑩ Trauma Bond



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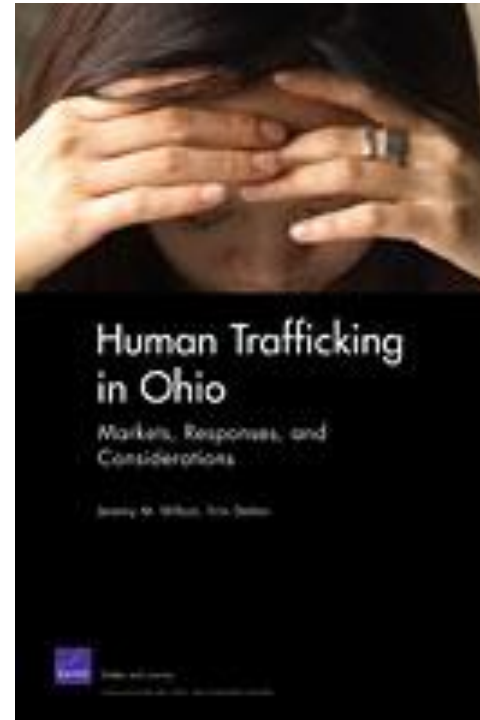
- “The Stable”, “The Family” ~ The circle of women being commercially sexually exploited
- “He was just a John/trick/date” ~ Male paying for sex from a woman who is being commercially sexually exploited
- “Dope boy”; “Boyfriend”; “Dad”; “Brother” ~often play the role of a pimp/trafficker
- All social media sites can be used by traffickers (i.e. Backpage, Kik, Snapchat, and Facebook)



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OHIO

"Ohio is not only a destination place for foreign-born trafficking victims, but it's also a recruitment place"

-Celia Williamson, associate professor
University of Toledo



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OHIO

*In 2016 and 2017, Ohio reported the **fourth** highest number of human trafficking cases to the National Human Trafficking Hotline*



EXAMPLES OF TRAFFICKERS

David Nelms:

- ⌘ 39 year old from the North Side of Columbus

- ⌘ June 2013: 12 year sentence for forcing drug-addicted women into prostitution

- ⌘ Upscale hotels in Delaware and Franklin counties



EXAMPLE OF THE BUYERS

- ⌘ One 2012 human trafficking case in Toledo identified:
 - ✕ A member of the Toledo Opera Guild
 - ✕ A business man
 - ✕ A lawyer
 - ✕ A builder

There is no profile for a buyer of commercial sex



THE IMPACT OF TRAFFICKING ON VICTIMS

*“They didn’t see us as human beings, but just as wh*r*s, just as flesh that they could use. That’s all.”*

- Human Trafficking Survivor



- Videos:
 - The Making of a Girl
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvnRYte3PAk>
 - Harmony's Story
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=un8iVJAwx8I>



CURRENT RESEARCH IN U.S.

2012 Research Study Background:

✂ 107 survivors of domestic sex trafficking

✂ Ages 14-60

✂ 12 cities

Lederer, L. J., Wetzel, C. A. (2014). The health consequences of sex trafficking and their implications for identifying victims in healthcare facilities. *Annals of Health Law*, 23, 61-91.

Common Forms of Violence/Abuse

Forced sex	82%
Punched	74%
Beaten	69%
Kicked	68%
Forced unprotected sex	68%
Threatened with a weapon	66%
Strangled	54%
Abused by person of authority	51%

Category	% Reporting at least one symptom
Any physical health problem	99%
Neurological	92%
General Health	86%
Injuries	69%
Cardiovascular/Respiratory	69%
Gastrointestinal	62%
Dental	54%

Psychological Health Problems	
Depression	89%
Flashbacks	68%
Shame/Guilt	82%
PTSD	55%
Attempted suicide	42%

ANY CONTACT WITH HEALTH CARE?

88%

- ✂ Had contact with some form of health care
 - One Assessment of Emergency department personnel demonstrated
 - **13%** felt confident in identifying a victim
 - **3%** had training



HEALTH CONCERNS

- ❧ Preventive health care non-existent
- ❧ Health problems not treated in early stages
 - ✧ *Tend to fester until they become critical, life-endangering situations*



PHYSICAL HARMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- ✂ Older broken bones
- ✂ Bed bugs
- ✂ Traumatic brain injury
- ✂ Burns, bruising, bite marks
- ✂ Rape, vaginal/anal tearing
- ✂ Stab wounds, torture



PHYSICAL HARMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- ✂ Reproductive Health Problems
- ✂ Alcohol/drug use
- ✂ Chronic back, visual or respiratory problems



HEALTH ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH VICTIMS

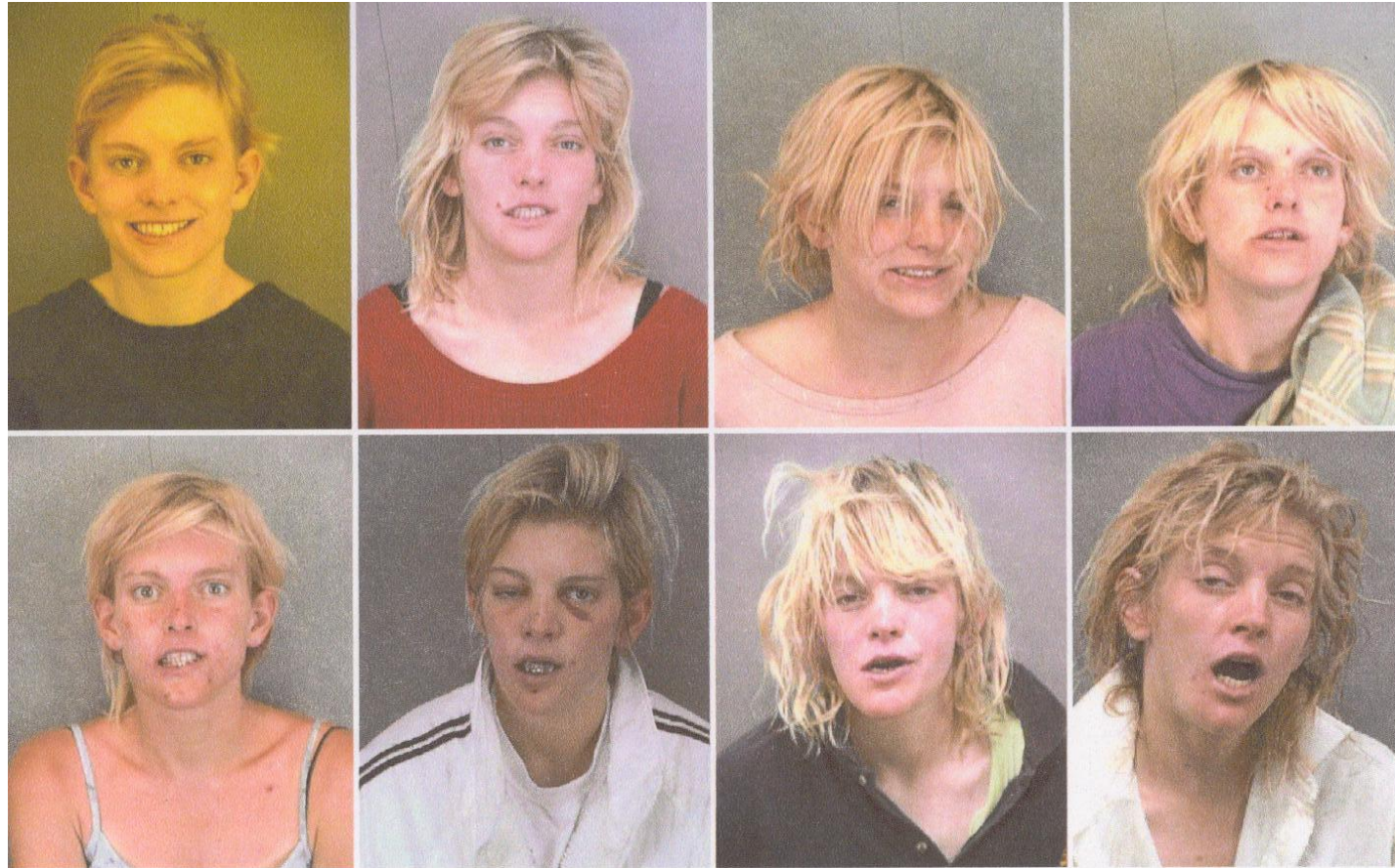
- ⌘ Malnourishment
- ⌘ Poor dental hygiene
- ⌘ Unusual infectious diseases
 - ⑩ May not have had immunizations



IDENTIFYING TRAFFICKED PERSONS



FACES OF "PROSTITUTION": GRACE



IDENTIFYING VICTIMS

- Frontline health providers play an important role
- Many victims are in plain sight
- Opportunities to intervene:
 - ✧ Law enforcement & Health care



IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- ✂ Accompanying person seems controlling
- ✂ Physical abuse
- ✂ Submissive or fearful
- ✂ Withdrawn
- ✂ Inconsistent history
- ✂ Repeated STI testing
- ✂ Discloses many sexual partners
- ✂ Addiction
- ✂ Communication difficulties
 - ✂ Language Barrier (Do not let a family member interpret when asking screening questions)
- ✂ Lack of identification



BARRIERS TO IDENTIFICATION

- ⌘ Watched, escorted or guarded
- ⌘ Coached answers
- ⌘ Unaware of what is being done to them is a crime
- ⌘ Loyalty toward trafficker as coping mechanism



BARRIERS TO IDENTIFICATION

- ✂ Moved frequently
- ✂ Fear for safety of family
- ✂ Fear and shame
- ✂ Self-blame, hopelessness
- ✂ Dependent on trafficker



IF YOU HAVE A SUSPICION OF TRAFFICKING....

✧ Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at **888-373-7888 (TTY: 711)**

or

✧ Text National Hotline “**HELP**” or “**INFO**” to **233733**

or

✧ Use the Live Chat function at
www.humantraffickinghotline.org



COMMUNICATING WITH VICTIMS

- ❧ If you choose to question a potential trafficking victim:
 - ❧ **Isolate** without raising suspicions
- ❧ Many require an interpreter



COMMUNICATING WITH VICTIMS

❧ Strict confidentiality

- ❧ *Ask questions in safe, confidential and trusting environment*
- ❧ *Limit number of people in contact with victim*

❧ Indirect and sensitive

- ❧ *May deny being a victim, so best not to ask direct questions*
- ❧ *Phrase “trafficking victim” will have no meaning*



COMMUNICATING WITH VICTIMS

❧ *Questions to ask:*

- ❧ Can you leave your job or situation if you want?
- ❧ Can you come and go as you please?
- ❧ Have you been threatened if you try to leave?
- ❧ Have you been physically harmed in any way?
- ❧ What are your working or living conditions like?
- ❧ Have you ever had to exchange sex for food, shelter or drugs?



COMMUNICATING WITH VICTIMS: MESSAGES

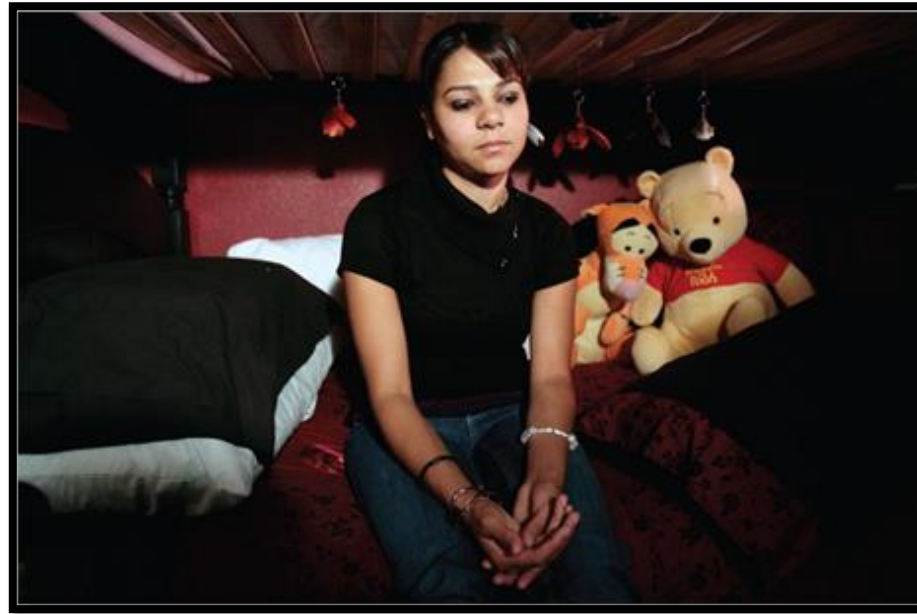
- ✂ Gaining victim's trust
- ✂ Support the patient's choice
 - ✂ Ask if he or she would like help, don't just assume
- ✂ Sample messages to convey:
 - ✂ *We are here to help you*
 - ✂ *Our first priority is your safety*
 - ✂ *We are not in the business of deportation*
 - ✂ *We will give you the medical care that you need*



Helping Victims of Trafficking

“The function of freedom is to free someone else.”

– Toni Morrison





COALITIONS

Ohio's Anti-Human Trafficking Coalitions

<http://humantrafficking.ohio.gov/coalitions.html>



CENTRAL OHIO RESCUE AND RESTORE COALITION



TRAINING ON VICTIM IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING PROTOCOLS

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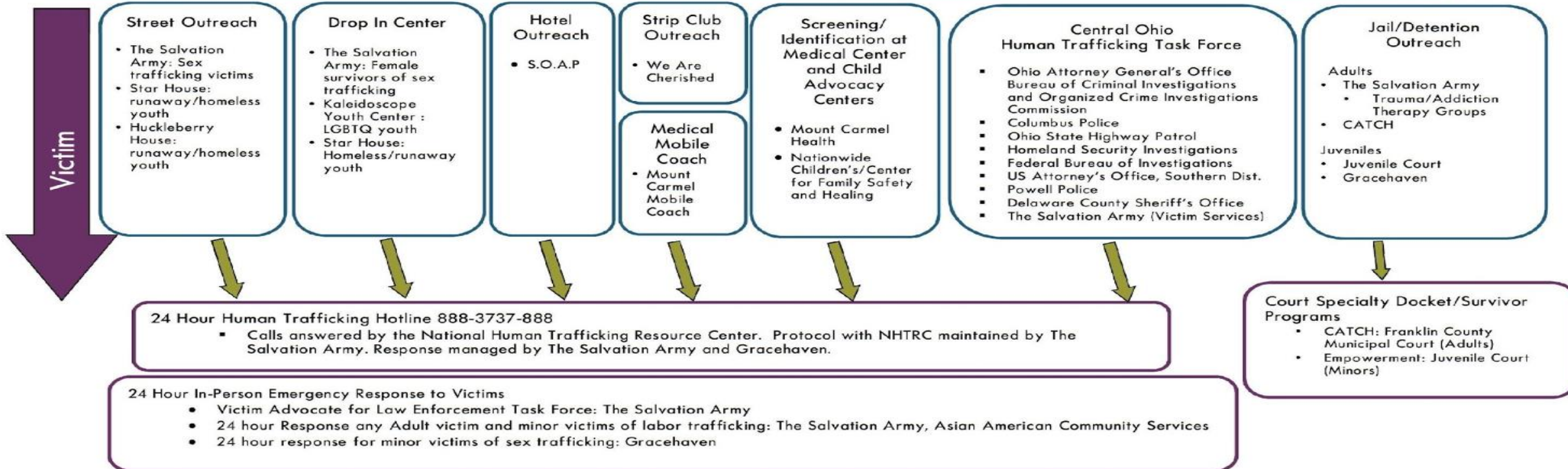
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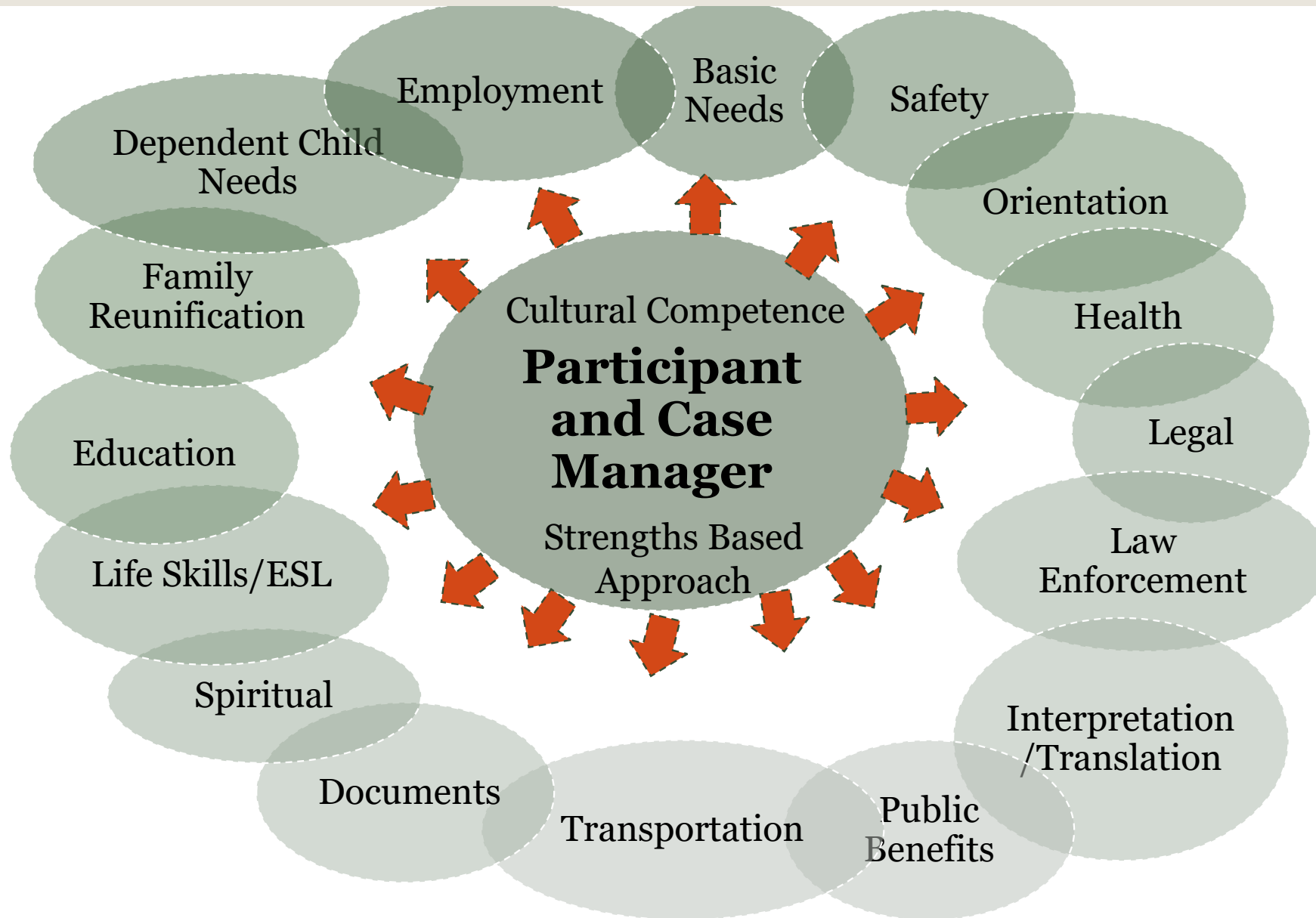
State HT Coordinator's Office/Dept. Of Public Safety
The Salvation Army
Traffickfree/S.O.A.P.

Forensic Healthcare Consulting

OUTREACH, VICTIM IDENTIFICATION AND ENGAGEMENT



HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE MANAGEMENT MODEL



HEALTHCARE RESPONSE-CENTRAL OHIO

- ❧ Collaborating with Salvation Army and Central Ohio Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Task Force
- ❧ Acute triage to determine immediate medical needs
- ❧ Acute detox services
- ❧ Coordination of health care organizations and providers for non-acute medical needs



WHAT WILL CORRC PROVIDE?

- ✧ Comprehensive case management
 - ✧ Adults served by The Salvation Army
 - ✧ Youth served by Gracehaven



Alone no more,
I closed that door,
I filled the void,
With love and joy.

I look ahead,
without dread,
I just see love,
when I look above.

The sun shines now,
and I will vow,
To break the chain,
Walk though the rain.

There's no more rage,
no more cage,
I see the light,
and I will fight.

To save myself,
no more shelf,
you can't hurt me,
I'm finally free

Shelley - Survivor

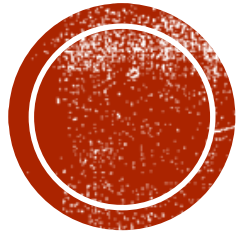


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QUESTIONS?



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