



# Human Trafficking: Identification and Collaborative Support for Victims and Survivors





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# **Indiana Youth Services Association**

Indiana Youth Services Association advocates for children and families of Indiana by enhancing its members' ability to implement the core roles of:

- Youth advocacy
- Delinquency prevention
- Information and referral
- Community education



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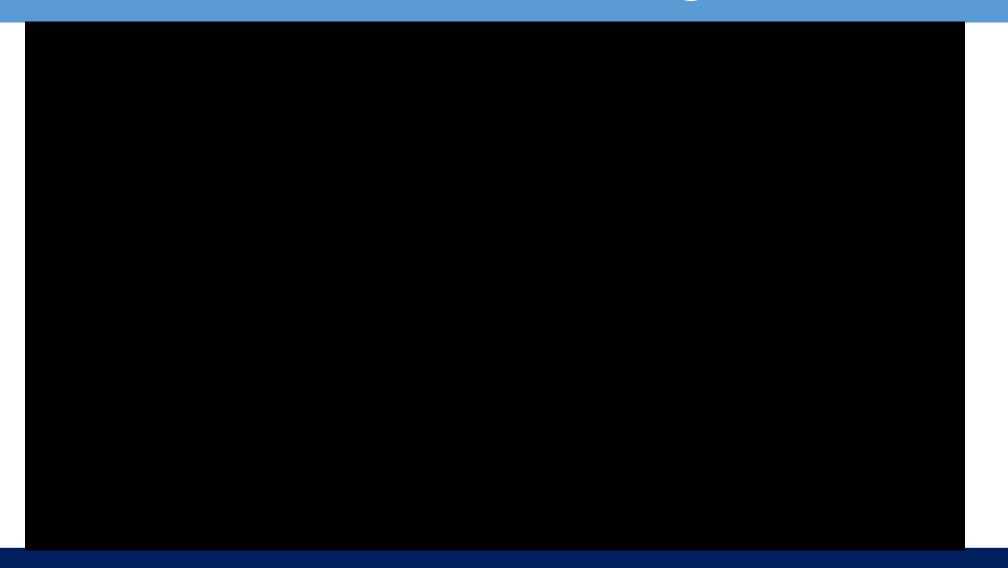
indysb.org; acesindiana.org; thejourneyonline.org;

# **Presentation Objectives**

#### 1. Define human trafficking

- 2. Outline key components of the **Actions, Means, & Purpose** (AMP) model
- 3. Highlight new **CHINS designation**
- 4. Identify **youth populations most vulnerable** to human trafficking
- 5. Recognize **red flags** that identify potential trafficking victims
- 6. Identify ways in which **ITVAP can support** your agency

# **Faces of Trafficking**



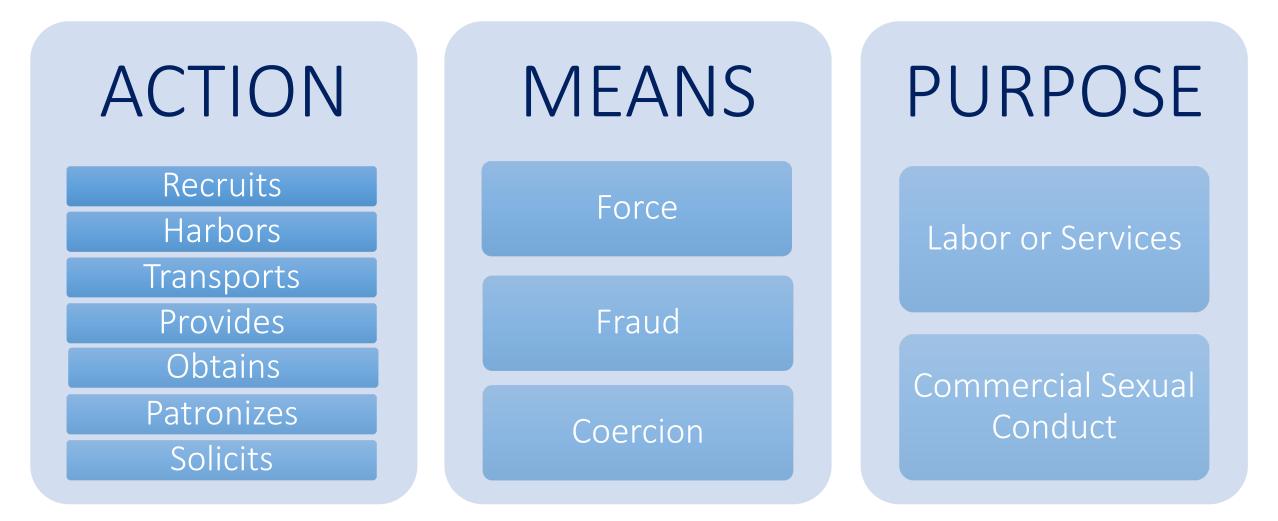
Office of Victims of Crime, 2015

## **Human Trafficking Defined**

The use of force, threat of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into any form of work or service against their will.

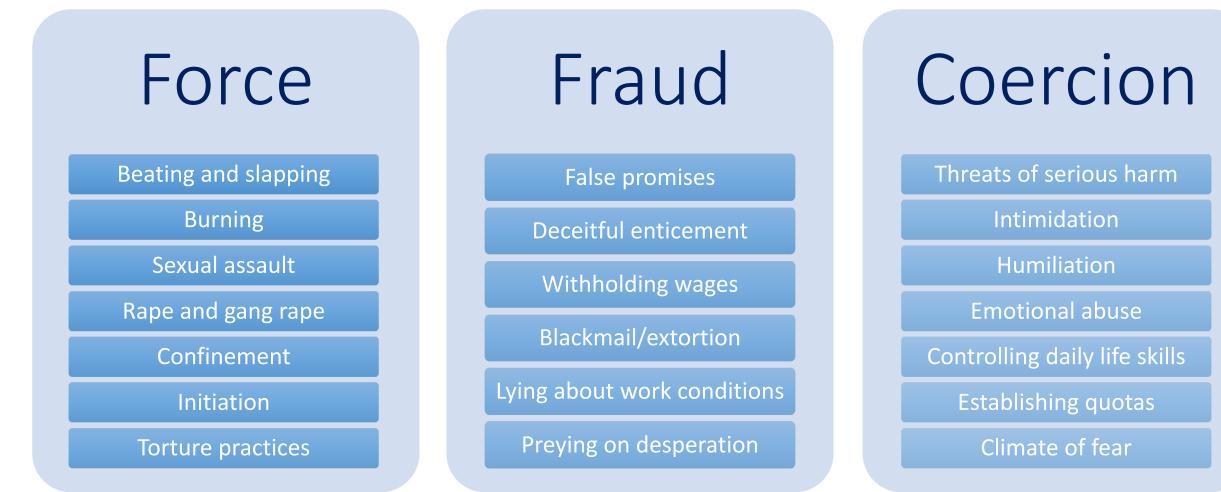
Adapted from TVPA, 2019 and IC 35-42-3.5-1 – IC 35-42-3.5-4

#### **A-M-P Model**



Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA, 2000; Reauthorized in 2003, 2005, 2008, 2013, 2019)

#### **A-M-P Model**



Polaris Project Report (2006)

# **Human Trafficking Defined**

**Sex Trafficking:** The recruiting, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose 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 is under 18 y.o.

Labor Trafficking: The recruiting, 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.

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#### Indiana Law

- Five separate offenses (IC 35-42-3.5-1 35-42-3.5-4):
  - Promotion of Human Sexual Trafficking
  - Promotion of Human Labor Trafficking
  - Promotion of Child Sexual Trafficking
  - Child Sexual Trafficking
  - Human Trafficking (applicable to buyers)
- Human Trafficking of a minor is considered child abuse in IN (IC 31-34-1-3.5)

#### Indiana Law: Promotion of Human Sexual Trafficking

A person who knowingly or intentionally uses force, threat of force, coercion, or fraud to recruit, entice, harbor, or transport an individual with the intent of causing the individual to:

- (1) marry another person;
- (2) engage in prostitution; or
- (3) participate in sexual conduct;

Commits promotion of human sexual trafficking, a Level 4 felony.

#### Indiana Law: Promotion of Human Labor Trafficking

A person who, by force, threat of force, coercion, or fraud, knowingly or intentionally recruits, harbors, provides, obtains, or transports an individual to engage the individual in labor or services, a **Level 4 felony.** 

#### Indiana Law: Promotion of Child Sexual Trafficking

A person who knowingly or intentionally recruits, entices, harbors or transports a child less than 18 years with the intent of causing the child to engage in:

- prostitution or juvenile prostitution; or
- a performance or incident that includes sexual conduct in violation of IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c) [child exploitation].

#### *...it is <u>not a defense</u>...that the:*

- child consented to engage in prostitution or to participate in sexual conduct
- intended victim of the offense is a law enforcement officer

#### Level 3 felony

Any minor engaged in commercial sexual conduct is a victim of sex trafficking.

#### Indiana Law: Child Sexual Trafficking

A person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age who knowingly or intentionally **sells or transfers custody** of child less than eighteen (18) years of age for the purpose of:

- prostitution or juvenile prostitution; or
- participating in sexual conduct

#### Level 2 felony

#### Indiana Law

- Individuals under the age of 18 cannot be arrested for prostitution (there's no such thing as an underage prostitute!)
- Force, threat of force, fraud, coercion do not need to be proven when a minor is trafficked for commercial sex.
- "It is not a defense to *Promotion of Child Sexual Trafficking* that a minor consented to participate in prostitution or sexual conduct"
- Buyers can be charged with human trafficking whether or not they knew the individual they purchased was a human trafficking victim
- Restitution is required in human trafficking prosecutions and civil remedies may also be available to recover damages from the trafficker

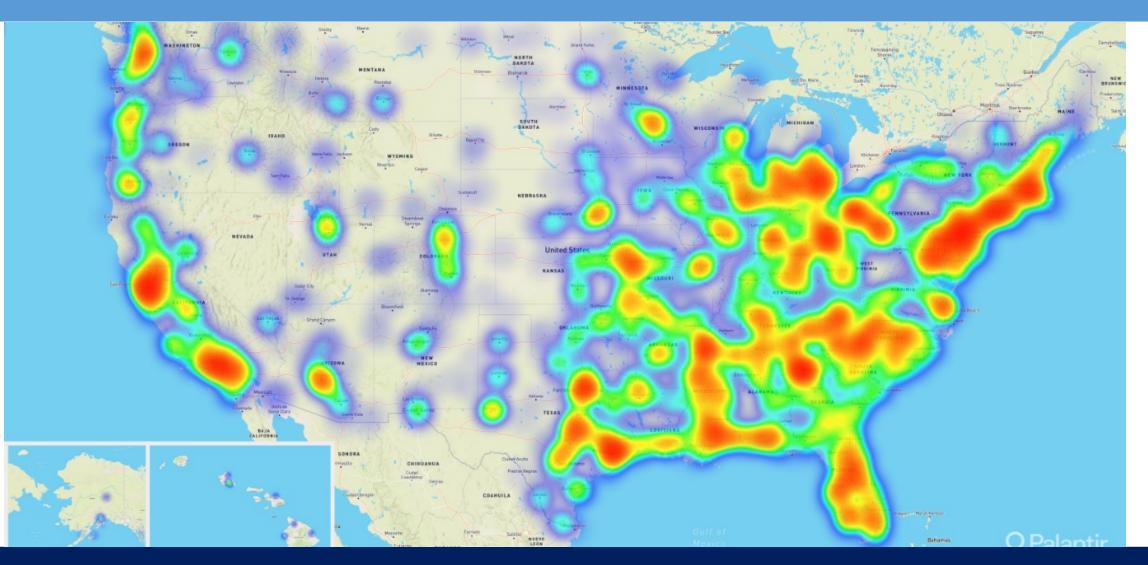
#### Indiana Law

- Force, Threat of Force, Coercion or Fraud means but is not limited to a person:
  - Causing or threatening to cause physical harm
  - Physically restraining or threatening to physically restrain
  - Abusing or threatening to abuse the law or legal process to further the act;
  - Knowingly destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating or possessing any actual or purported passport or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document;
  - Using blackmail or threatening to cause financial harm for the purpose of exercising financial control; or
  - Facilitating or controlling a human trafficking victim's access to a controlled substance.

# Human Trafficking Terminology

- **DMST**: Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking
- CSEC: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Sex Trafficking
- Forced Marriage
- Labor Trafficking or Forced Labor
- Involuntary Servitude
- Debt Bondage

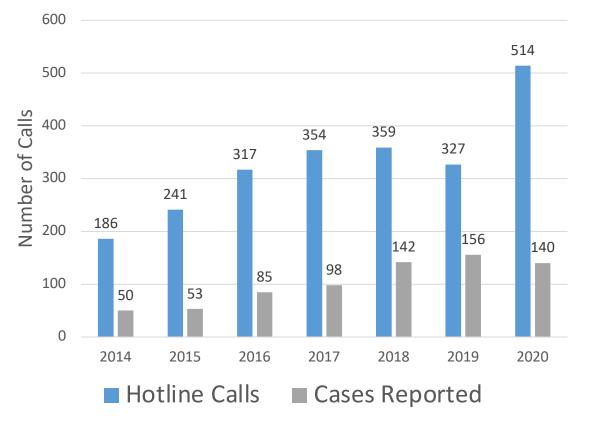
# **Does It Really Happen Here?**



Polaris, 2020

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National Human Trafficking Hotline - Indiana



ITVAP Service Partners have served over 4,000 trafficked, sexually exploited, and high-risk youth from October, 2015 to September, 2022

Polaris, 2020; ITVAP, 2022



#### Aubrey Lloyd Survivor Advocate, Leader

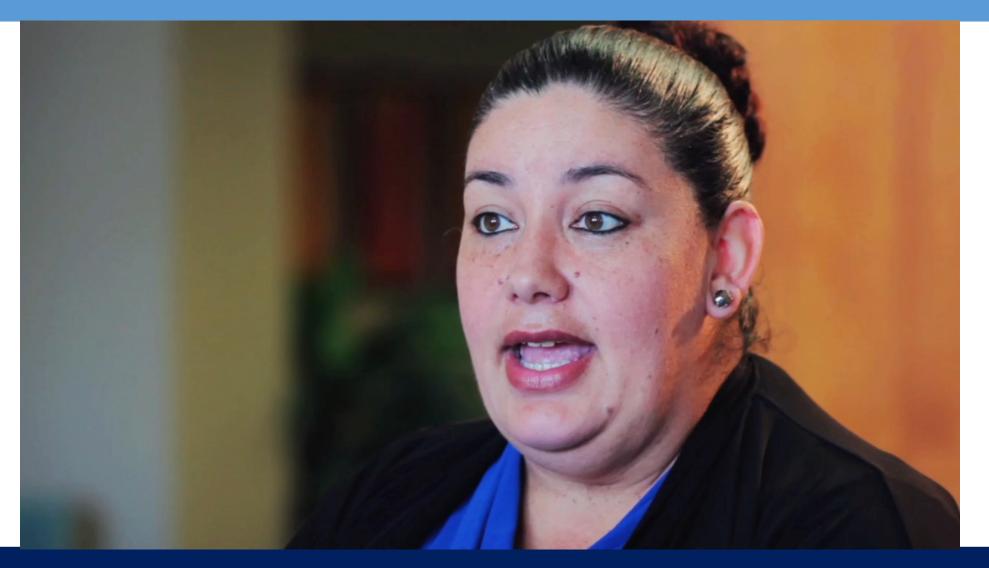
#### Have You Ever?

- Wanted to feel special?
- Wanted to belong?
- Wanted to feel safe?
- Needed resources?
- Had nowhere to go?
- Had no trusted adult you could call for help?



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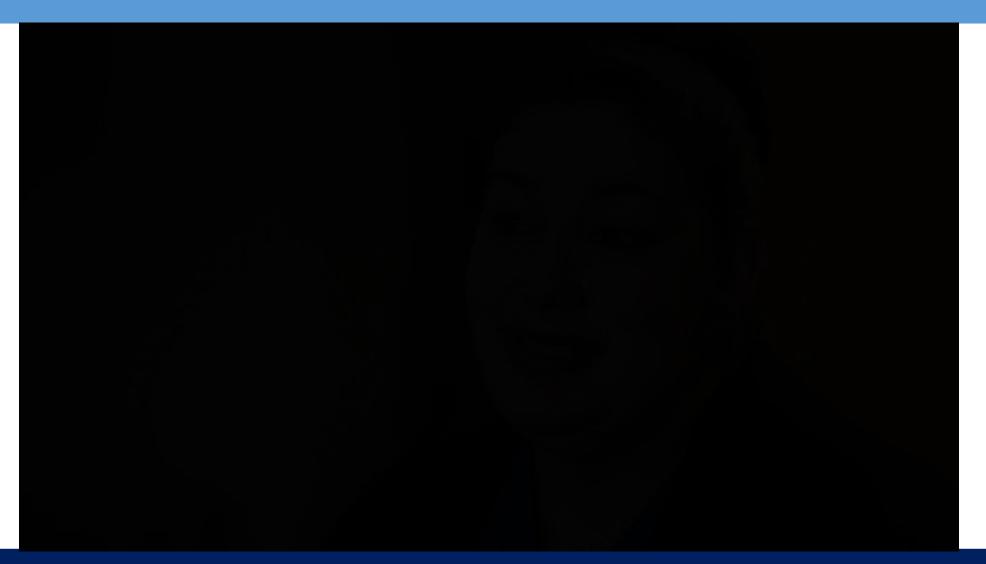




# **Vulnerable Populations**

- Runaway & homeless youth
- In poverty
- System-involvement
- Abuse, neglect or substance abuse
- Untreated mental health issues
- LGBTQ+ youth
- Immigrant & migrant youth
- Refugee & asylum-seeking youth
- Physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities

# Normalization





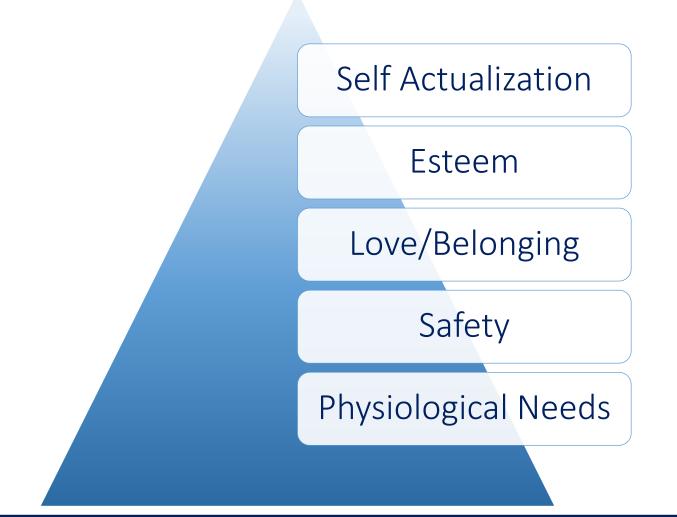
# An intentional effort to identify potential victims and gain their trust



#### May include:

- Gift giving and favors to a particular youth/family
- Power imbalance (age, status, etc.)
- Secretive
- Breaks the rules for "special" occasions
- Creating occasions to be alone with a youth
- Promise of a better life

# Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



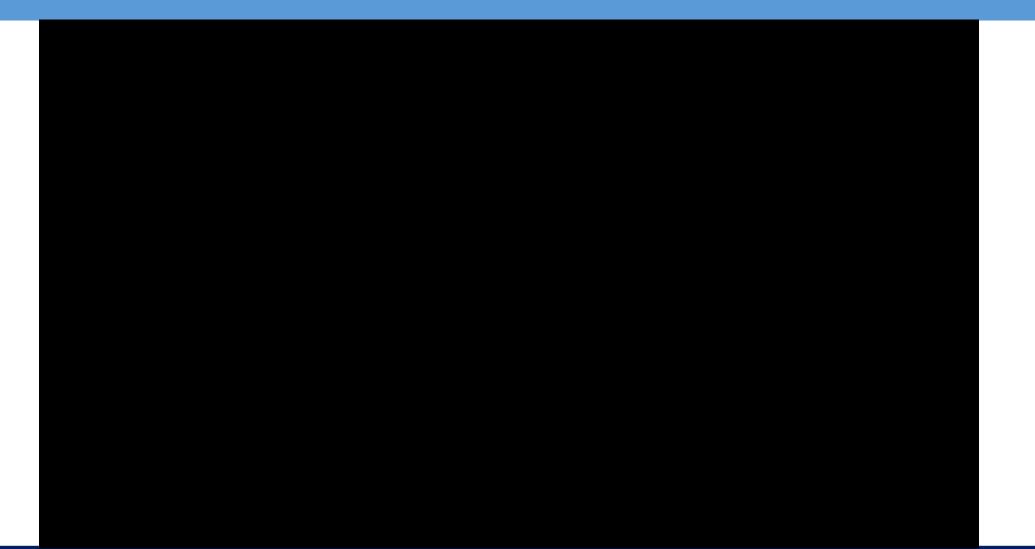


# Social Media is utilized to: Connect, Engage, Memorialize, and Share

#### Social Media is also utilized to:

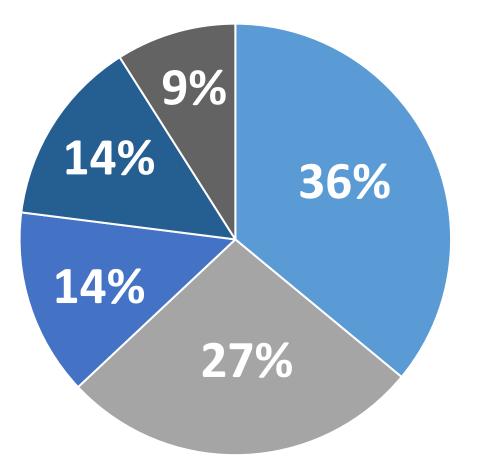
Target, Groom, Recruit, Exploit, and Advertise victims of human trafficking

# **The Grooming Continues**



What connection might a trafficked person have with their trafficker?

## Who are the Traffickers?



36% Immediate Family
27% Boyfriends
14% Friends of family
14% Employers
9% Strangers

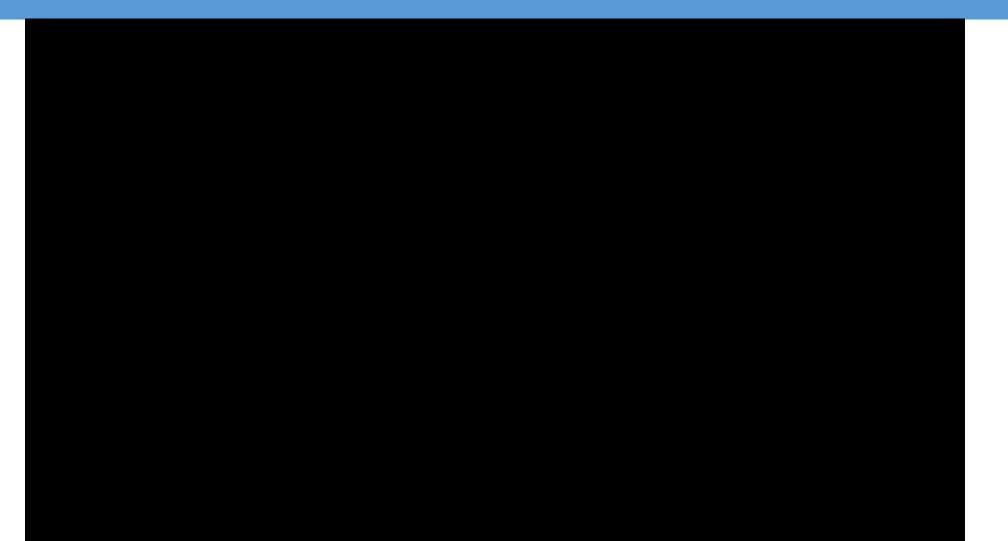
Covenant House, Fordham Univ. 2013

# **Forms of Commercial Sexual Exploitation**

- Familial
- Intimate Partner
- Pimp
- Survival
- Organized Crime

The Typology of Modern Slavery Polaris (March, 2017)





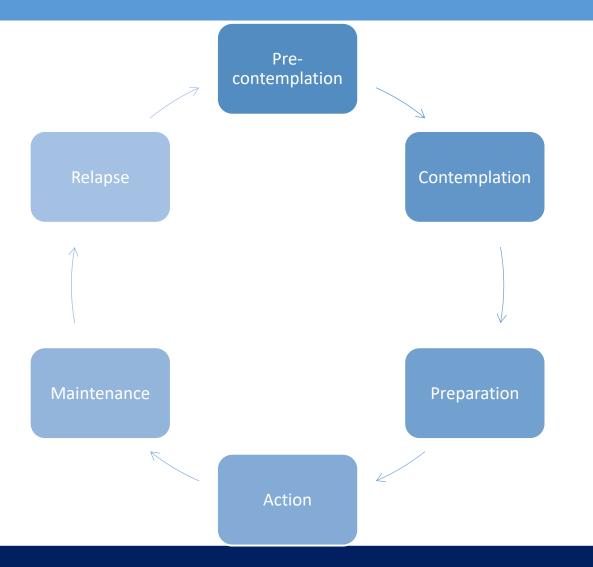
# **Culture and Demand**



# Why Didn't You Just Leave?

#### Why didn't you just leave?

# **Stages of Change**



Zimmerman, et. al, 2000

## Why Don't They Leave?

Physical Abuse

Isolation

Sexual Abuse



Coercion & Threats

## Economic Abuse

#### Minimizing

Polaris 2010, Adapted from Domestic Abuse Intervention Project's Duluth Model Power and Control Wheel

# Why Don't Victims Disclose?

- Shame, self-blame, embarrassment, guilt
- Believe *they* are the criminals
- Do not realize they are victims of HT
- Fear law enforcement or the legal system
- Fear of retaliation
- Criminal activities
- Lack of trust

## **Red Flag Examples**

- Chronic truant, runaway or homeless youth
- Branding (tattoos, jewelry)
- Excess cash, goods or services they cannot afford
- Someone else has control of their ID; ID inconsistencies
- Multiple hotel keys or cell phones
- Lack of knowledge of their whereabouts
- Scripted or restricted communication
- Controlling adult or partner
- Signs of physical, sexual or psychological trauma

# **Red Flag Examples**

- Changes in behaviors or school participation
- Becomes withdrawn or volatile in the classroom
- Dropping Grades
- Unable to stay awake in class
- Exhibits sexual behavior that is high risk
- Exhibits sexual behavior that is inappropriate for his or her age
- Knowledge of the commercial sex industry and using lingo that should otherwise be unknown to them
- Defiant
- Angry or Aggressive

# Reporting

#### **Trust Your Instincts and Report**

## Indiana Child Abuse Hotline (DCS): Under 18

## 1-800-800-5556

"I suspect human trafficking."

#### **National Human Trafficking Hotline**

#### 1(888) 373-7888 Over 18

### Text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733 24 hours, 7 days a week

English, Spanish, and 200 more languages

## **Text 911**

- Enter the numbers '911' in the 'To' field
- Send your exact location, brief description of the help you need
  - Use simple words
  - Do not use abbreviations or shorthand
- Send text; be prepared to answer 911 call taker's questions





## **Victim Needs**

- Emergency shelter
- Safety Planning
- Interim and long-term housing
- Medical Care
- Therapy / Counseling
- Legal/Immigration Services
- ESL classes
- Interpretation services

- Mentors
- Support Groups
- Life Skills Training
- Vocational Training
- School Assistance
- Job Assistance
- Substance Abuse Treatment

## Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (ITVAP)



- Training and Outreach
- Network Building
- Victim Service Provision Reimbursement
- Case Coordination and Management

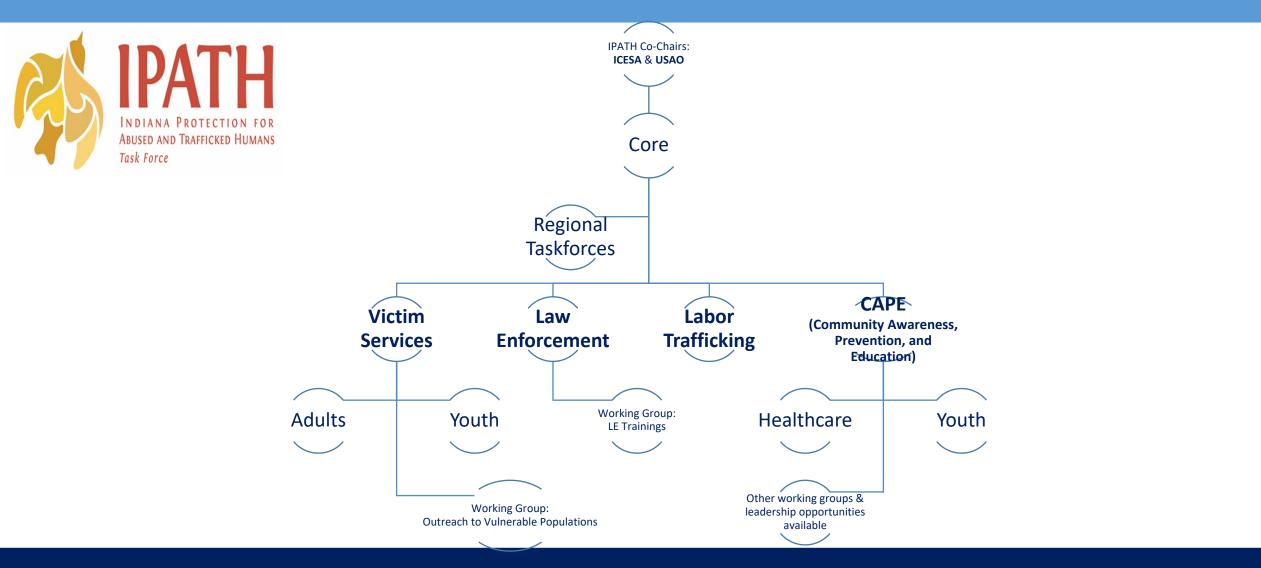




• Referrals to Service Providers

indysb.org/itvap

### Indiana's Statewide Task Force



indianacesa.org/human-trafficking/



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#### **Evaluations**

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