

Responding to CSEC: Summer Lunch Series

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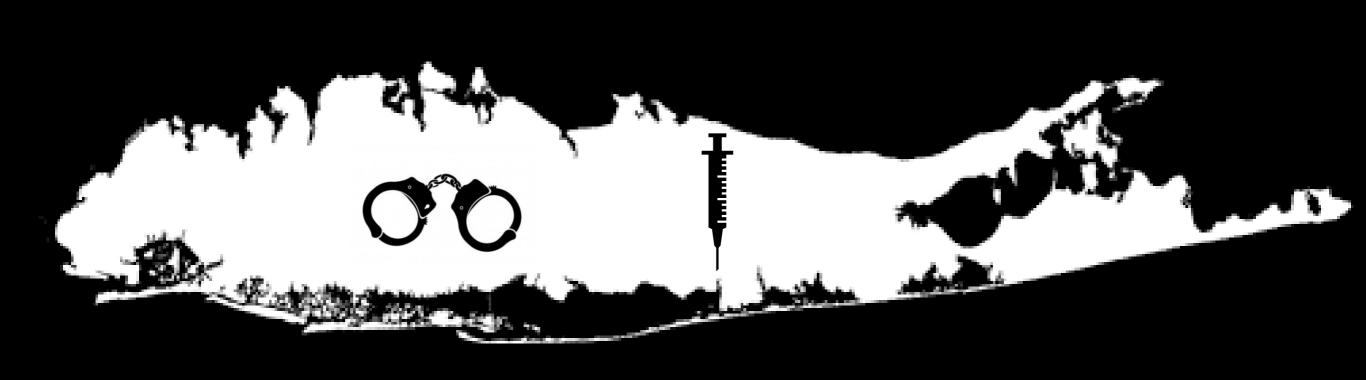






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THE INTERSECTION OF ADDICTION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON LONG ISLAND



HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFINED

SEX TRAFFICKING is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a <u>commercial sex act</u>, in which the commercial sex act is induced by <u>force</u>, <u>fraud</u>, <u>or coercion</u>, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age

LABOR TRAFFICKING is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery

WHAT SOCIETY THINKS

TRAFFICKING



WHAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING 15 NOT



ACT

Recruitment
Transportation
Transfer
Harbour
Receipt of Persons

MEANS

Threat /use of force
Coercion
Abduction
Fraud
Deception
Abuse of power or
vulnerability
Giving payments or
benefits

PURPOSE

Exploitation
including:
Prostitution of others
Sexual exploitation
Forced Labour
Slavery or similar
practices
Removal of organs
Other types of
exploitation



REMEMBER: Force, fraud, and/or coercion DO NOT have to be present if the victim is under the age of 18 years old

MYTHS & MISCONCEPTIONS

One needs to cross a border to be considered trafficked.

Smuggling and human trafficking are the same.

If a victim agrees to the "deal," it is not trafficking.

Trafficking victims must be kidnapped and/or restrained physically.

Working for/with a family member can never be forced labor.

Human trafficking victims are only foreign-born individuals and those who are poor.

WHAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING <u>IS</u>

- Multi-billion dollar underground industry
- Ranges from highly organized criminal enterprises to loosely defined crews/individuals
- Preys upon victims from all walks of life
- Embedded within a multitude of other criminal and seemingly non-criminal activities
- MODERN DAY SLAVERY

HOW IT HAPPENS

VULNERABILITY

Traffickers target individuals with certain vulnerabilities

ACCESS

Traffickers look for individuals who are easily accessible and can be isolated from others

CONTROL

Traffickers succeed in their efforts through ongoing force, fraud, and/or coercion

Examples of FORCE, FRAUD and COERCION

- Providing drugs
- Physical/sexual abuse
- Deprivation of basic needs
- Using false or misleading statements
- Fraudulent offers/contracts
- False promises of work, living condition, education, marriage, etc.

- Withholding wages
- Destroying/withholding ID, etc.
- Debt servicing
- Threats
- Psychological manipulation
- A plan or pattern of coercive conduct

RECRUITMENT TACTICS: THE FIVE P'S

Pretend

Recruiters will <u>pretend</u>
to be a friend,
romantic partner,
big brother/sister,
father/mother figure, etc.

"Provide"

Recruiters will offer to take care of basic needs such as food, clothing & shelter

Promise

Recruiters will <u>promise</u> access to great things, like an amazing job, glamorous lifestyle, extravagant travels, etc.

<u>"Protect"</u>

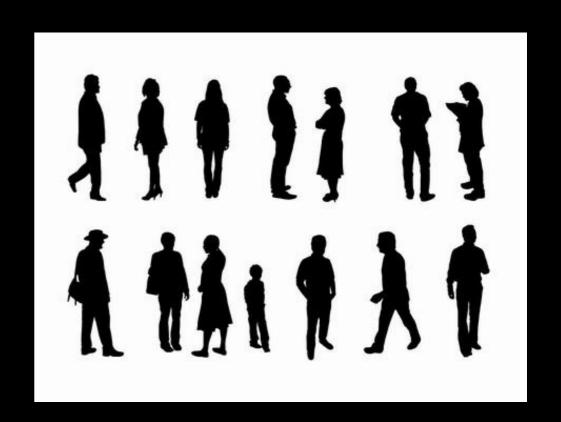
Recruiters will use physical power or intimidation to protect (and also control) an individual

<u>Punish</u>

Recruiters will use violence and threats to control an individual

THE PIMPS/TRAFFICKERS

- Organized crime rings, gangs, etc.
- Intimate partners, family, friends, etc.
- Community & religious leaders
- Pimps
- Diplomats
- Labor brokers
- Business owners
- Employment or recruiting agencies
- Teachers, coaches, babysitters, etc.
- Landlords
- IT CAN BE ANYONE



THE VICTIMS

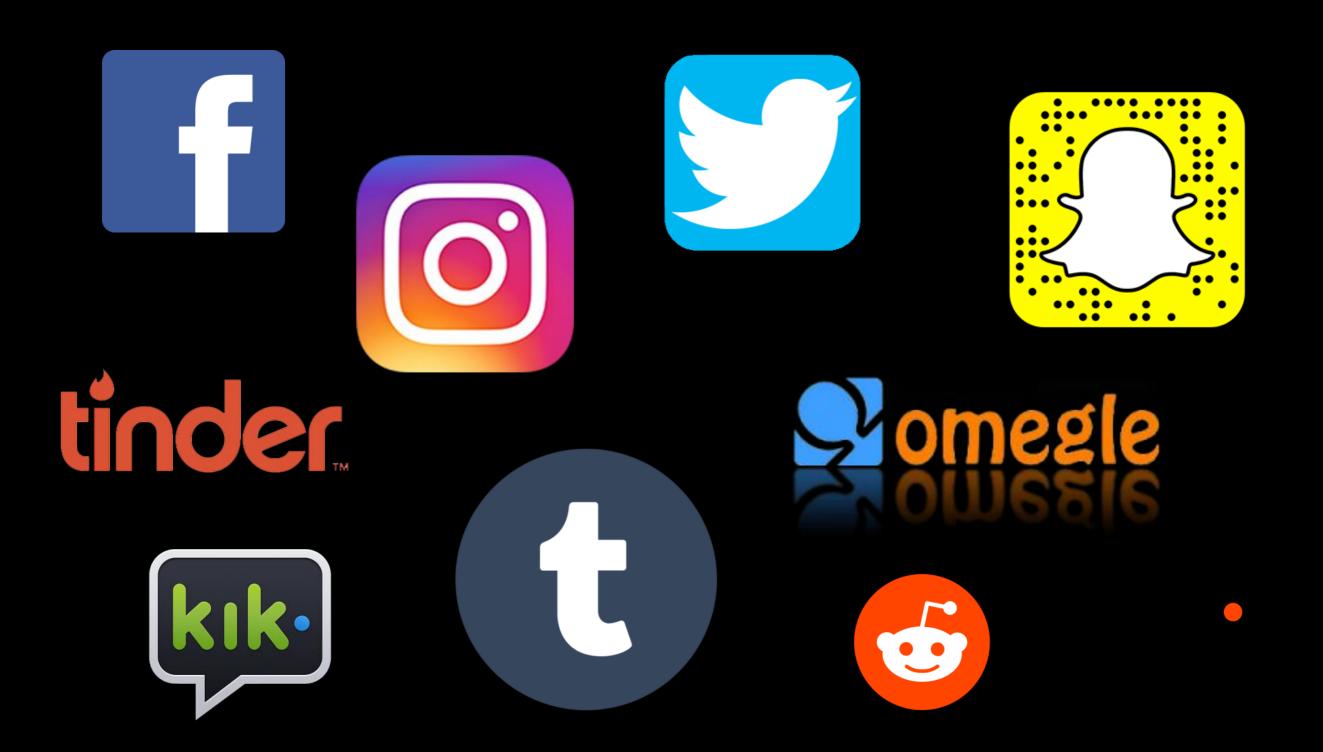
- Low SES/Limited resources
- Homelessness/Runaway
- Foster care involvement
- Complex trauma history
- Substance abuse
- Developmental/intellectual disabilities
- Juvenile justice system involvement
- LGBTQ-identifying
- Refugees, immigrants, and non-English speakers
- IT CAN BE ANYONE







RECRUITMENT TACTICS: SOCIAL MEDIA



CASE STUDY - RECRUITED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

Targeted through Facebook
Public profile, fights with
family
Recruited by female,
introduced to pimp
Exit and service provision
Where is she now?



- Threats of serious harm (ex: withdrawal)
- Abuse or threatened abuse (ex: Threat of deportation or arrest from a warrant)
- Creating a "Climate of Fear" (ex: making up a false story that something will/ has happened)

CHEMICAL TETHER



The Relationship Between Drug Use and Human Trafficking



OPIATES AND OPIOIDS

Opiates:

- Methadone
- Codeine
- Heroin
- Opium
- Moprhine

Opioids:

- Methadone
- Percocet, Percodan,
- OxyContin (oxycodone)
- Vicodin, (hydrocodone)
- Lortab, Lorcet (hydrocodone)
- Demerol (pethidine)
- Dilaudid (hydromorphone)
- Duragesic (fentanyl)



HOW OPIOIDS BLOCK PAIN

PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS



They influence the release of chemicals from the "brain's internal reward system" that can calm your emotions and give you a sense of pleasure.



They slow down automatic functions, including breathing and heart rate, which can lower your pain.



They slow or reduce pain signals before they get to the brain, where you feel them.

THEY CAN ALSO MAKE YOU:



Nauseated.





Constipated.

TAKEN OVER TIME:



 Tolerance: Your body can get used to them, and you need more.



• Withdrawal: You can get very sick if you suddenly stop taking them.







 Misuse: You might take them in a way not prescribed by your doctor.



 Addiction: You might become dependent.

<u>STIMULANTS</u>



- Cocaine/ Crack
- Methamphetamine/ Amphetamines
- Adderall/ Ritalin
- Ecstasy (also a hallucinogen)
- Caffine

BARBITURATES/BENZODIAZEPINES

Drowsiness Slurred Speech Lack of Coordination Irritability or Changes in Mood Problems Concentrating or Thinking Cleary Memory Problems **Involuntary Eye Movements** Lack of Inhibition Slowed Breathing and Reduced Blood Pressure Dizziness

Opioids and other illicit drugs are used in:

*Recruitment

*Retention

*Exploitation

RETENTION

- Opioids are strongly addictive
- Used as a coercion strategy
 - To maintain control over the victim
 - To foster dependence on their trafficker
 - To keep victim indebted to their trafficker

EXPLOITATION

- Opioids compel individuals to perform sex acts they would never do while sober
- Opioids compel children and adolescents into pornography
- Opioids compel victims to work under extreme conditions in order to feed their habit

CLINICAL CUES TO ONGOING ABUSE



WARNING SIGNS OF DRUG USE

Poor personal hygiene
Weight loss or weight gain
Skin changes
Nasal Issues
Motor/ muscular changes
Eye changes
Speech

TYPES OF TREATMENT FOR DRUG ADDICTION:

Effective Ways
To Stop
Using Drugs



IT'S A JOURNEY, NOT A SPRINT

You must treat your drug addiction like a marathon

You WILL eventually get to the finish line but there are definitely going to be bumps in the road.





OUTPATIENT BEHAVIORAL TREATMENT

It includes regular checkups with a health counselor. This is the style of therapy where you are changing the thought patterns and behaviors that revolve around drug use.



RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

It is crucial for those who think their drug addiction has gotten so bad that you or a loved one's life is at stake. In this program you are revolving your whole day into getting yourself cured.



USING MEDICATION TO HELP YOUR DRUG ADDICTION

When you are afraid to stop using drugs because you might harm yourself from such bad withdrawals it's time to seek professional help and get yourself setup with medication and a proper treatment protocol.

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- 1) Alwayz make them need and depend on you so you have power over them. (Power is control)
- 2) Make them understand that you don't need them they need you, they are replaceable. Never let them no if you need them deep down inside.
- 3) Never let no1 get away with sneak anything cause once they feel they can get away they will alwayz scheme.
- 4) No matter how much you like or care for 1 or any of them, don't trust none of them. Like Scarface, who do I trust?? Me that's who...)
- 5) Alwayz stay 2 step's ahead of the game you have them playin.
- 6) Don't let them no all your Plan's. But alwayz try 2 no there's.
- 7) Make sure you own there mind's, body's, and soul's. (N test it out every often 2 make sure.)
- 8) Keep your bi[?] on the low as possible when it come's 2 family and hater's. (cause you can't trust none of them)
- 9) Alwayz try 2 no whatz goin on...(Make them tell on each other)
- 10) Give respect when respect's due... (Follow these rules and you should b gucci.)

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WHERE IT HAPPENS









- Hotels/Motels
- Brothels
- Massage parlors
- Escort services
- Streets (Track/Blade)
- Pornography
- Strip clubs
- Truck stops
- Homes
- Businesses
- Factories/Sweatshops

RED FLAGS: WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Signs of trauma, fatigue, injuries, abuse
- Behavioral signs: fear, anxiety, depression, paranoia, secrecy
- Inconsistent statements
- Truancy/Chronic AWOLs
- Appears well-groomed/dressed upon return from AWOL (nails/hair done, etc.)
- Multiple cell phones (trap phones) or free-number apps
- Mention of an older boyfriend/friend
- Use of lingo or slang
- Presence of branding/tattoos
- In possession of hotel keys, reloadable gift cards, etc.
- Unexplained money or gifts
- Fear/mistrust of law enforcement/social services/CPS workers

RED FLAGS: WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Controlled/restricted movement & communication
- Excessive or inappropriate security features
- Works excessively long/unusual hours
- Unpaid, underpaid, or paid only through tips
- Multiple residences within a brief period
- Appearing malnourished or lacking health care
- Non-biological "parent" in the home
- Child responsible for child care, elder care, or cleaning
- Unexplained absences from school for a period of time
- Frequent travel to other cities
- Inappropriately dressed
- Engaged in sexual situations beyond age-specific norms

TERMINOLOGY/LINGO

- The Life/The Game
- Track/Blade
- Kiddy Stroll
- Daddy/Boyfriend
- Finesse/Gorilla Pimp
- Wifey, Wife/Sis-in-Law
- Bottom/Bottom Bitch
- Out of pocket

- Folks/Stable
- Renegade
- Chose up
- AOB
- THOT
- Exit Fee
- Seasoning
- Turned out/Turning tricks
- Bando/Trap house

LANGUAGE MATTERS

Teen Prostitute vs.

Victim

Rescue

Trafficked Youth

Survivor

Support

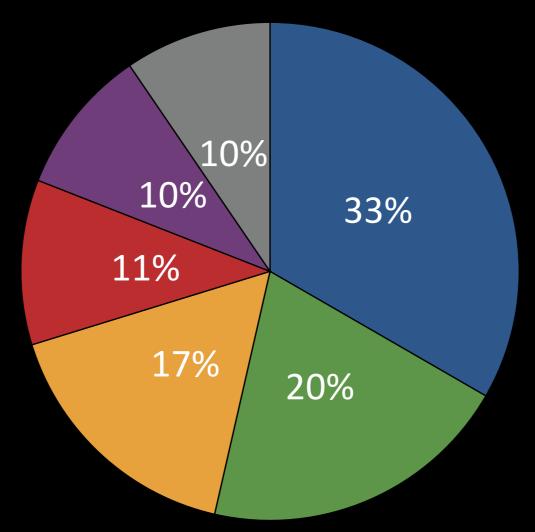
TRAUMA BONDS

Alternating Violence & Kindness

Trauma Bond

Shame, Stigma & Fear Isolation & Lack of Connection

Why do men solicit?

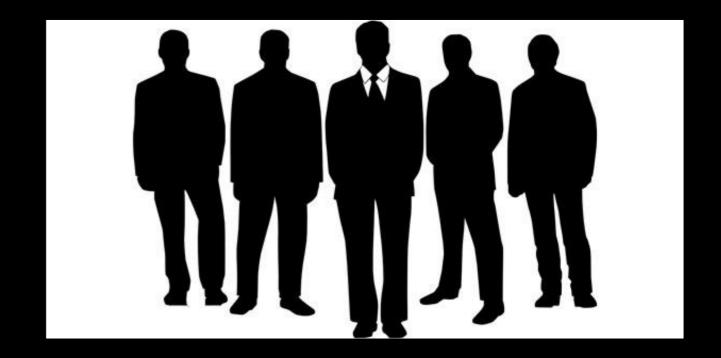


- It is a way to have sex without the responsibilities of a relationship
- It is an easy way to access sex
- It is exciting and thrilling to approach a sex worker
- I Feel that most women find me unattractive
- To enage in sex acts that current partner won't do
- My current relationship isn't satisfying

THE BUYERS

Over 60% are...

- White males
- Over 40
- Masters+ educated
- Married with 1+ child
- Making \$100,000+/year



(2017 University of Portland Study)





