

Human Trafficking

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Emerging Crime: Human Trafficking

“Human trafficking – nothing less than modern day slavery – often involves the most vulnerable populations and takes the form of forced prostitution, forced labor, and domestic servitude.”

Polaris Project

Human Trafficking Review

- Types of Human trafficking:
 - Labor trafficking/Debt bondage: people sold into slavery to pay debts that can never be repaid
 - Sexual slavery: people sold into prostitution rings through force, coercion or other means

One of the most profitable
illicit crimes

I am ...
... any race any race
... any age any age
... any nationality any
... held against my will.



**Human Trafficking:
Hidden in Plain Sight**

How Many are Affected?

- **Although anti-trafficking organizations can't be sure how many people are forced into commercial sex work, the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking estimates that human trafficking is a \$32 billion business worldwide, with \$15.5 billion coming from industrialized countries.**
- **NOTE: This includes forced sexual and nonsexual commercial labor of adults and children.)**

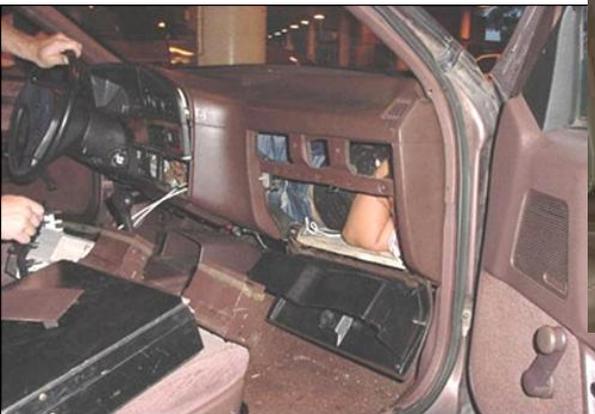
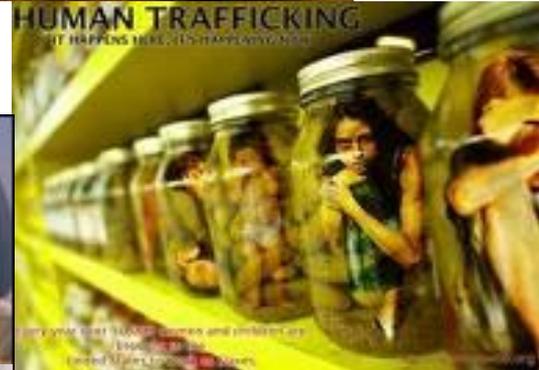
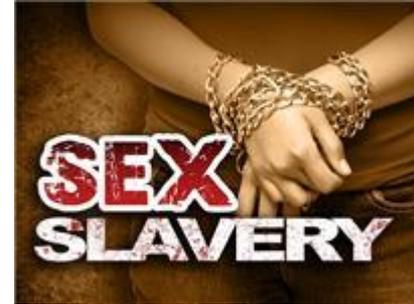
Global Statistics

- Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry worldwide
- 80% of trafficking victims are women and girls
- 50% of trafficking victims are minors (underage)
- 42% of those recruiting victims are women
- The average age of entry into prostitution or sexual exploitation is 12 years old

HT Hotline

- The National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline (888-373-7888) has recorded 46,000 phone calls over the past four years requesting information, reporting tips about trafficking & connecting about 3,600 victims of sex trafficking to social services.
 - NOTE: The hotline takes calls about sex or labor trafficking.

Human Smuggling versus Trafficking



I'm not for sale

HAVE YOU SEEN SOMEONE:

- who is being controlled by threats, fear or coercion?
- who fears for the safety of that of loved ones?
- who has been told or shown consequences of abuse?
- who has been introduced or awarded by someone?
- who is being deprived of any of life's necessities (e.g. medical care, food)?
- whose freedom of movement seems to be restricted?
- who is working under inhumane conditions?

If you think someone is a victim of human trafficking, call your local police.

If you wish to report a crime or anonymously, call Crime Stopper at 1-800-323-TIPS (8477), for more information visit www.411.org

1-800-323-TIPS

At all times, this is a crime. It's a crime in every country.

Canada

Trafficking isn't simply sex for sale.

- Sex trafficking isn't prostitution, which is engaging in sex with someone for payment. The crime of sex trafficking has three parties:
 - one person holding the victim,
 - while using "force, fraud or coercion" to make the victim engage in sex acts for payment, and
 - the third party paying for the sex.

NOTE: If the victim is a child, no force, fraud or coercion is required for the sex to be a crime.

Source: Brad Myles, executive director of the Polaris Project, which operates the hotline with funding from the U.S. government.

Who Are Victims of Human Trafficking?

- Approximately 8-900,000 victims are trafficked annually across international borders worldwide; between 18,000 and 20,000 victims trafficked into United States annually.
- More than half of victims trafficked into United States are children; victims are probably about equally women and men.

Who Are Victims of Human Trafficking?

- Victims can be trafficked into the U.S. from anywhere in the world. (Victims have come from, among other places, Africa, Asia, India, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Russia and Canada.)
- Many victims in the U.S. do not speak English and are unable to communicate with service providers, police, or others who might be able to help them.
- Within the U.S., both citizens and non-citizens fall prey to traffickers.

Human Trafficking Awareness



- WARNING -



OBTAINING FORCED LABOR OR SERVICES IS A CRIME UNDER TEXAS LAW. CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888

YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

- ADVERTENCIA -

LA OBTENCIÓN DE SERVICIOS O TRABAJO FORZADO ES UN DELITO SEGÚN LA LEY DE TEXAS. LLAME A LA LÍNEA DIRECTA NACIONAL DE TRÁFICO HUMANO AL

1-888-373-7888

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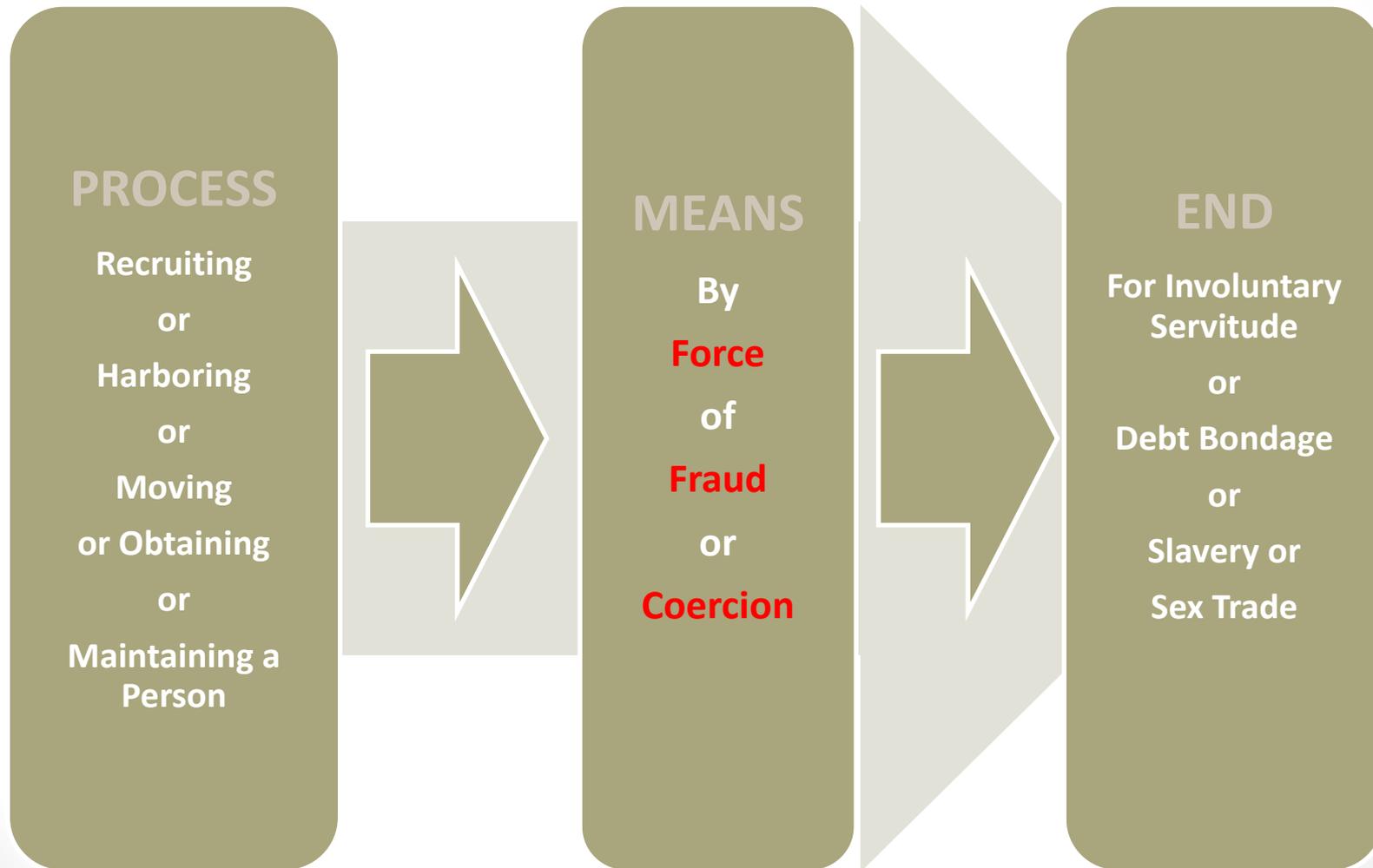
Drivers:

- Economic factors that have driven the increase and expansion of Human Trafficking:
 - Poverty;
 - Lack of employment options;
 - Increased economic disparity; and
 - Economic decline in some countries.
- This is only part of the issue...

More Drivers:

- Coupled with organized crime, gangs, greed, and downright bad luck, the opportunity and inclination arises taking advantage of vulnerable persons.
- In conflict and post-conflict areas, displaced and/or endangered people make frantic decisions, often trusting smugglers or traffickers for survival.

Three Elements of Trafficking for Prosecution



Red Flags for HT

Basic Customer Profile

- Customers with an excessive number of individual accounts
- Business industries that are easily exploitable by traffickers include: immigration attorneys/ labor intermediaries that handle visa paperwork
- Accounts reported for identity theft
- Primarily new accounts (60 days to 1 year)
- Consumer customers with nominal occupation information or discrepancies between account funding and known customer profile

What We as Bankers Can Do:

Keyword Searches

- Escort ads posted online don't obviously state that sex with children is being sold, but customers who want children know to look for words like "**fresh**," "**candy**" and "**new to the game**." Underage victims are often runaways and victims of sexual abuse who are vulnerable to pimps promising modeling jobs, money, food and drugs.
- Code words used in ads to promote juvenile sex trafficking:
 - rent boys
 - new to business
 - fresh meat
 - young and tender
 - pretty young thing

Other keywords:

- benaughty.com
- Torture
- Pretty Young Thing
- Fresh Meat
- Erotic
- Entertainment Club
- Craig's List
- Pornography
- Sadomasochism
- Human Trafficking
- New To Business
- Rent Boys
- Slavery
- Beauty Search Inc.
- Adult Entertainment
- backpage.com
- Escort
- Young And Tender
- Exotic Dancer
- Forced Labor
- Prostitution
- Sex Industry
- Exploit
- girlsdateforfree.com
- Sex Trafficking
- PutHer2GoodUse
- Better Life
- Commercial Sex
- Abuse
- Strip Club
- Work Offer
- Dancer

Data Mining

- Based on research and law enforcement contact, three different business types with a heightened risk for human trafficking activity and the potential use of forced labor were identified:
 - **Travel related businesses** – Primarily travel management companies (e.g., travel agencies, tour operators, shuttle bus / vanpool operators)
 - **Labor businesses** – Primarily labor contractors (e.g., hotel management services, janitorial services, temporary help, farm support, farm labor contracting, agents)
 - **Labor users** – Primarily low-margin, labor-intensive businesses (e.g., textile manufacturing, garment manufacturing, animal processing, miscellaneous crop farming, sawmills, doll / stuffed toy manufacturing, nurseries and garden centers, landscaping, drinking establishments, nail salons, spas / massage parlors)
 - NOTE: If you code NAICS or similar, and your system permits, this will enable you to review these types of accounts, volumes and fluctuations.
 - HINT: What may appear as users of cash (watch your CTRs) or cash related reports (structuring) may be payment of illegals, NRAs, tax evasion or trafficking!

How can we help.....Training!

- **Keep Our Eyes Open**

- Customer Service Representatives, Tellers & Front Line Personnel
 - 'Handler' answers all questions
 - Are not in control of their own identification
 - False or fraudulent identification & documentation
 - Not in control of their own money
 - Out of the ordinary deposits only benefiting account owner
 - Checks signed over (two party checks)
 - Exhibits fear, anxiety, nervousness
 - Physically abused or malnourished
 - Avoid eye contact
 - Numerous inconsistencies in their story, just visiting, cannot remember address



Transaction Traits

- High volume of round dollar deposits via wires, ACH, or cash in the range of \$2,000-\$3,500
- Excessive interstate or intrastate cash deposits less than < \$1,000 (round dollar) each at multiple branches a day
- Excessive interstate or intrastate round dollar cash deposits
- Cash deposits just below the CTR threshold but deposited at several branches (structuring)
- Numerous incoming wire transfers or personal checks deposited into business accounts with no apparent legitimate purpose

More Transactional Red Flags:

- High volume of debit card/credit card transactions leveraging specific merchants codes
- Airline, rental car, bus, or taxi charges in multiple cities or states
- Excessive hotel charges and other high percentage of purchases made at high-end merchants, casinos, etc.
- Extensive payments to web advertisers that cater to the sex industry
- Payments to various property management companies or multiple utility companies referencing different properties or units
- Payments to multiple cell phone companies or to the same company referencing an excessive number of cell phones
- Extensive purchase of money orders to pay bills

Other Transactional Traits

- Sudden change in customer's normal business practices (e.g. dramatic increase in deposits, withdrawals, or wealth)
- Wire transfer activity inconsistent with customer's business
- Wires to/from origin or staging countries that are inconsistent with the customer's known profile

Human Trafficking - Here?

- While many think of Human Trafficking as an international or large city issue, all size towns in all areas of the United States have this insidious issue too close to home.....

Human Trafficking in the Midwest

- As the Midwest is the crossroads to the country, the intersection of major highways, north, south, east & west, the connections make it an easy meeting ground for the exchange of trafficked individuals.
- Geography does not matter – the complexity of the organization or the approach and link to financial institutions may.



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**STOP HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
COALITION**

Awareness

Make the Call, Save Lives.
1-888-375-7868

Everyday Heroes Need

...are the eyes and ears of our nation's highways. Turn up all 6 Personal Info...
...need your help. If you see a trucker working the hot or suspect...
...call 1-888-375-7868 and report it to us. NOW.

Children don't wake up one morning and decide they'll be prostitutes...

they're forced into it.

The average age for children being forced into the sex industry is the United States is 11. Any child engaged in the sex industry is a victim of human trafficking.

If you see someone at a truck stop, rest area, restaurant or other location that you think may be a victim of trafficking, call 1-888-375-7868

Benefit & Awareness Event
To End Human Trafficking

Freedom by Fashion

EXPERIENCE
LOCAL DESIGNER RUNWAY SHOW
MUSIC BY DJ JEN HA!
LOCAL FOOD & DRINK
SILENT AUCTION
RAFFLE PRIZES
ACTIVITIES
INFO & FUN
SHOP 1-OF-A-KIND FASHION DESIGNS

ADULTS \$23 | STUDENTS \$10
TICKETS, CONTACTS, VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP:
WWW.STOPHUMANTRAFFICKINGMO.COM
TICKETS ALSO @ TICKETMASTER LOCATIONS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011
5 - 8 PM
JESSE AUDITORIUM
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

STARS Speaks!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Quote:

- “But fighting slavery is more than good foreign policy. It’s part of who we are as a nation. We cannot walk away from that responsibility here at home or in our conduct around the world.”

- Testimony:
Luis CdeBaca
Ambassador-at-Large, Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
Statement Before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Gangs & Human Trafficking

- With state and national crackdowns on drug trafficking, gangs have turned to sex trafficking for financial gain. Unlike drugs, girls can be used more than once, and it is the girls, not the traffickers, who run the greatest risk of being caught and prosecuted.

Gangs Enter New Territory With Sex Trafficking

- 10.21.11
- “In April of this year, in Oceanside, California, thirty-eight Crips gang members, their alleged associates, and two hotel owners were arrested for engaging in a sex trafficking enterprise that involved the prostitution of minors and adult females.
- After raping their victims and threatening to kill them if they tried to escape, the gang members sold the girls online. The girls were trapped in a hotel for twelve hours a day, as men who had purchased their bodies from the gang members had sex with them. Though these commercial sex acts brought in between \$1,000 to \$3,000 dollars a day, the young women and children never saw a penny of the money. Their only payment was food, avoiding beatings, and staying alive.”

Child Protection Code of Conduct

- **Fighting Sex Trafficking, 1 Hotel Room At A Time [Missouri]:** Kimberly Ritter could not believe what she was seeing. Girls wearing almost nothing at all, suggesting all sorts of sexual acts, listed on page after page of Backpage.com's escorts section.
- When she looked closer at the photos, she noticed something eerie. She could recognize the rooms. Ritter is a meeting planner at Nix Conference and Meeting Management of St. Louis.... She can identify many hotel chains used in escort ads by their comforters, bathroom sinks, air conditioning units and door locks. Sometimes, she can also identify a specific property. ...

Commercial Sex Exploitation

- 29 February 2012
- An estimated 100,000 to 300,000 children are at risk of commercial sex exploitation in the United States, according to End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT), which created the tourism code. ... After a pimp and customer make a deal, usually online or over the phone, hotels are an obvious place where the sex can take place.



Midwest issues

- DAVENPORT, IA—On April 20, 2011, Fazal Mehmood, 51, and Vineet Maheshwari, 37, were sentenced in federal court for conspiracy to commit visa fraud and making false statements to the United States and for engaging in monetary transactions in criminally derived property.
- The defendants, originally from Pakistan and India, respectively, pled to charges that they conspired to provide numerous false documents to the Dept of Labor and the Dept of Homeland Security, sponsoring foreign workers under the H-1B visa program.

More...

- They also plead guilty to engaging in a monetary transaction of more than \$10,000 and which money was criminally derived from the fraud.
- In a separate agreement with the United States Attorney's Office, the defendants conceded the conspiracy involved more than 100 false documents and that each had an aggravated role in the offenses. CIP anyone?

Mid-Missouri

Columbia Tribune

10/24/10

Abuse accusations questioned

Man allegedly kept sex slave.

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The allegations in the indictment were shocking. A young woman had been held captive for years as the sex slave of a Lebanon, Mo., couple. She had been locked in a cage and subjected to electrical shocks. Parts of her body had been nailed to wooden planks.

When announcing charges last month, U.S. Attorney Beth Phillips called the case one of "the most horrific ever prosecuted in this district."

Authorities said the woman was

a mentally deficient runaway who was recruited by an older man at the age of 16 to live in his trailer. The situation came to light in 2009, after the woman, then 23, was hospitalized following what prosecutors said was a torture session.

But as more details have emerged, more questions have arisen about the accuser, including her involvement in violent sex practices, her posing for a pornographic magazine and her work as a strip-club dancer. Supporters of the defendant are speaking out, too, saying many of the acts described in the indictment are practiced every day between consenting adults.

Ed Bagley, 43, faces 11 federal charges, including conspiracy, sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion, and forced labor trafficking. Four other men also are charged with various crimes.

Bagley's wife, Marilyn, said she and her husband knew the girl because she had dated their son. That relationship had ended, Bagley's wife said, but the girl wanted to come live with the couple when relations with her adoptive parents soured. She said the girl moved in when she was 17, not 16, and never had sex with her husband until after she turned 18.

"She was not a runaway," Marilyn Bagley said. "We picked her up

from her adopted dad and stepmom. They were right there and everything."

Marilyn Bagley said prosecutors have told her she also will be charged if she doesn't agree to testify against her husband. But she said she will not take the stand against him because she believes the two did nothing wrong.

Prosecutors said Ed Bagley posted videos and other images on the Internet showing the woman engaged in sexual activities. He allegedly described her as his sex slave and advertised that she would submit to torture for other people during encounters online or in person.

Sometimes One at a Time

- **Kerala Woman Was Made To Sleep In Walk-In Closet By US Employers [New York]:** A wealthy US woman has been arrested for keeping an illegal immigrant from India in a "forced labor situation" that included her working 17 hours a day and sleeping in a walk-in closet. Annie George, 39, and her husband...used the Indian immigrant at their mansion in Albany for nearly six years, according to court documents.
- [HSEC-3.10; Date: 1 March 2012; Source:]

...and Never Seen

- The worker from Kerala, who has been identified as 'VM', was paid about 85 cents an hour. It is estimated that she received around USD 29,000 during the entire time that she worked at the 12-acre estate, while she should have been paid at least USD 206,000.

How Was This Discovered?



- Acting on a tip received by the National Human Trafficking Resource Centre, federal immigration agents last year rescued the woman from the George estate, which has a helicopter pad, an indoor swimming pool, 15 fireplaces...24-karat gold gilded ceilings and an all-glass elevator.

Federal Team Will Target Human Trafficking in Midwest

- KANSAS CITY, MO—Beth Phillips, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the district's Human Trafficking Rescue Project has been selected as one of six locations nationwide to launch a new human trafficking initiative.
- As a part of this initiative, the Western District of Missouri's task force will also now lead a new partnership with the District of Kansas and the Eastern District of Missouri to combat human trafficking.

Targeting Human Trafficking

- Partners in this effort :
Departments of Justice,
Homeland Security, &
Labor

The task forces were designed to streamline federal criminal investigations and prosecutions of human trafficking offenses.



KC - TVPA

- The KC U.S. Attorney's Office was the first to utilize the TVPA (Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000) to address the demand side of human trafficking by also prosecuting the customers of sex trafficking victims. The U.S. Attorney's Office also broke new ground by being the first to prosecute a parent for trafficking their own child; to charge the act of advertising trafficking victims online; and to utilize the TVPA to prosecute intra-state sex trafficking of children.

RICO

- The U.S. Attorney's Office was also the first to combine the TVPA with the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) and to utilize the newly enacted fraud in foreign labor contracting statute to charge an international trafficking enterprise.

Support for Victims of Human Trafficking

If you suspect someone is a victim of trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1.888.3737.888 to obtain information and to access supportive services through the Trafficking Victims Reauthorization Protection Act of 2000 (TVPRA). This hotline will help victims safely and securely rebuild their lives by connecting them to basic services including:

- Housing
- Health care
- Immigration assistance
- Food
- Income
- Employment
- Legal assistance

Victims of human trafficking who are non-U.S. citizens are eligible to receive benefits and services through the TVPRA to the same extent as refugees. Victims who are U.S. citizens are already eligible to receive many of these benefits.

**National Human Trafficking
Resource Center:**

1.888.3737.888

For more information about
human trafficking visit
www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking.

Understanding Victims of Human Trafficking

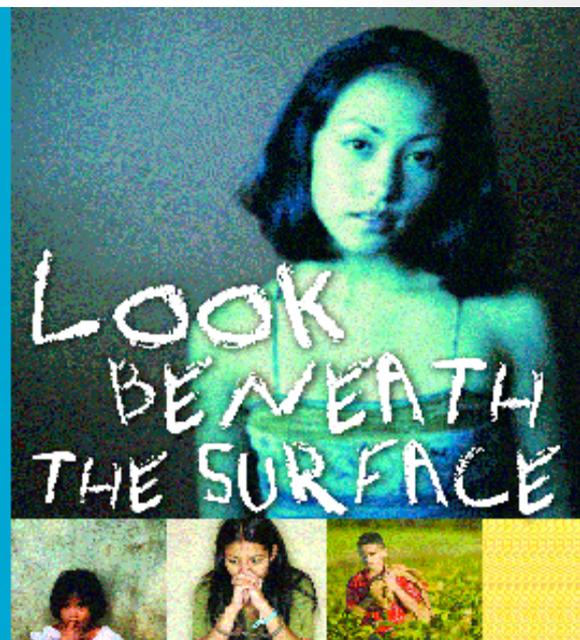
Understanding the mindset of human trafficking victims is important to helping them restore their lives.

Consider the following points when helping someone who could be a victim of human trafficking:

- Many victims do not speak English and do not understand American culture
- Some victims do not know what city or country they are in because they are often forced to move
- Most victims have a strong sense of distrust because they fear deportation
- Many victims do not see themselves as victims and do not realize what is being done to them is wrong

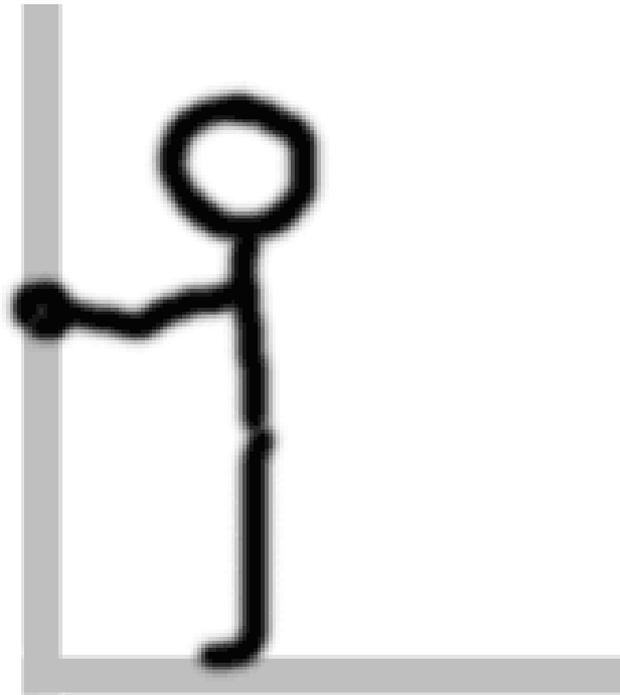
Confidentiality is vital for victims of human trafficking. Enlist the help of a staff member who speaks the victim's language and understands the victim's culture.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration for Children and Families



Can you recognize victims of human trafficking among the people you help everyday?

**As a social service provider,
you can help liberate victims
of human trafficking.**



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