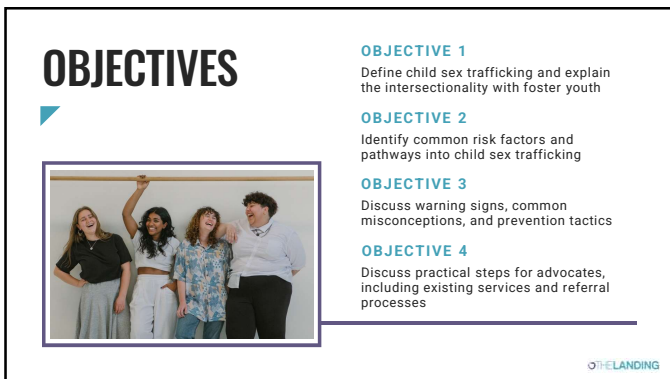




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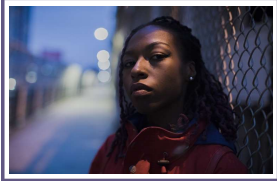


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OBJECTIVE 1



Define child sex trafficking and explain the intersectionality with foster youth

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WHAT IS CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING?

the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or solicitation of a person under the age of 18 for the purposes of a commercial sex act

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT

the exchange of any sex act with a child for anything of value

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USEFUL TERMINOLOGY

COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

Sexual exploitation of an **individual** in exchange for anything of value

COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION of CHILDREN (CSEC)

Sexual exploitation of a **child** in exchange for anything of value

DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING (DMST)

Sexual exploitation of a **child** who is a **US citizen** or **legal resident** in exchange for anything of value

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PREVALENCE



FASTEST GROWING ORGANIZED CRIME

2ND LARGEST CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE

\$12-31 BILLION GENERATED FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING EACH YEAR



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CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

BY THE NUMBERS



79,000
Child & Youth victims of sex trafficking in Texas

\$6.6 BILLION
Spent by Texas on services for minor & youth survivors

14 to 16
Average age a youth is first commercially sexually exploited



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EXAMINING THE LINK

FOSTER CARE & SEX TRAFFICKING

1 in 6

Youth are estimated to experience sex trafficking victimization during a foster care runaway episode



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EXAMINING
THE LINK

FOSTER CARE & SEX TRAFFICKING

19%


of runaways from foster care
are assessed to be likely
victims of sex trafficking

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

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OBJECTIVE 2



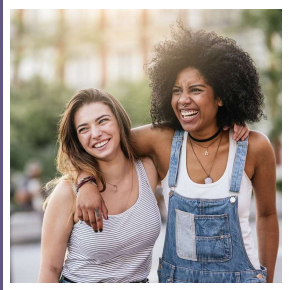
Identify common
risk factors and
pathways into
child sex trafficking

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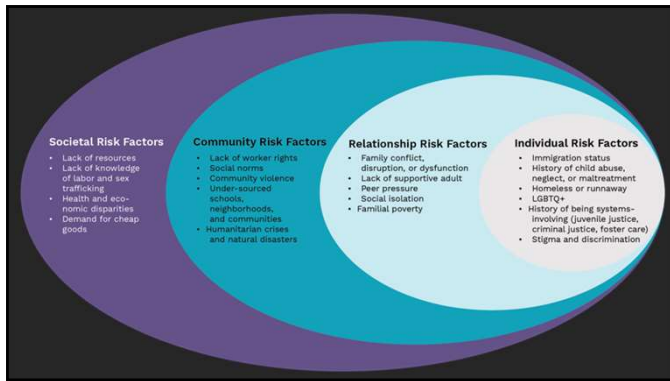
VULNERABILITY

SOME LEVEL OF VULNERABILITY
ALWAYS PRECEDES A YOUTH'S
ENTRY INTO COMMERCIAL SEX



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COMMON RISK FACTORS

FOSTER YOUTH HAVE PARTICULAR VULNERABILITIES FOR SEX TRAFFICKING

CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

ABUSE AND/OR MALTREATMENT

WITNESSING FAMILY VIOLENCE

POVERTY/MATERIAL NEED

CONFLICT WITH PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

DIFFICULTY IN SCHOOL

PEER OR FAMILY INFLUENCE

PRIOR RAPE/SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

ETHNIC AND/OR RACIAL MINORITY

SEXUAL ORIENTATION MINORITY (LGBTQ+)

SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT (CPS, JDS, etc.)

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POTENTIAL PATHWAYS

YOUTH ENTER COMMERCIAL SEX

MANIPULATION BY ADULT TO EXCHANGE SEX FOR MONEY

ENGAGING IN SURVIVAL SEX FOR FOOD, SHELTER, SUBSTANCES, ETC.

EXTENSION OF ABUSE ALREADY PRESENT IN RELATIONSHIPS

VALIDATION OR EXPLORATION OF SEXUAL IDENTITY

LOOKING FOR QUICK, EASY MONEY AND NO OTHER JOB OPTION

RUNNING FROM CARE (POTENTIALLY MOST COMMON PATHWAY)

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PUSH FACTORS

CAUSING YOUTH TO RUN FROM SOMETHING

- CONFLICT
- PHYSICAL ABUSE
- SEXUAL ABUSE
- NEGLECT
- ALIENATION
- POVERTY
- OPPRESSION
- INSTABILITY
- RESTRICTIONS/CONTROL



PULL FACTORS

CAUSING YOUTH TO RUN TO SOMETHING

- CONNECTION & LOVE
- ACCESS FAMILY/FRIENDS
- SUBSTANCE USE
- EMPLOYMENT/INCOME
- INDEPENDENCE
- NORMALCY

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AT-RISK YOUTH


ALL YOUTH ARE AT RISK OF TRAFFICKING DURING RUNAWAY EPISODES WHEN THEY LACK BASIC NEEDS






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OBJECTIVE 3



Discuss warning signs, common misconceptions, and prevention tactics



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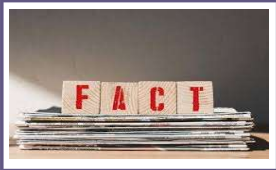

WARNING SIGNS

APPEARS MALNOURISHED	SHOWS SIGNS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE, STI'S, ETC.	WORKING EXCESSIVELY LONG HOURS	LIVING AT A PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
CHECKING INTO HOTELS/MOTELS WITH OLDER MALES	TATTOOS OR BRANDING	ADS ON "ESCORT" WEBSITES	HAS A CONTROLLING PARENT, GUARDIAN, ROMANTIC PARTNER, OR "SPONSOR"

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MYTH OR FACT?



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MYTH OR FACT?

TRAFFICKED PERSONS ARE ALWAYS FOREIGN NATIONALS OR IMMIGRANTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES



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MYTH OR FACT?

THE FEDERAL DEFINITION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING INCLUDES BOTH U.S. CITIZENS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS. MAJORITY OF THE TRAFFICKING WE SEE WITH OUR CLIENTS ARE FROM THE AREAS AROUND US OR WITHIN THE STATES.

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MYTH OR FACT?

MOST VICTIMS ARE NOT KIDNAPPED AND PHYSICALLY FORCED INTO HUMAN TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS

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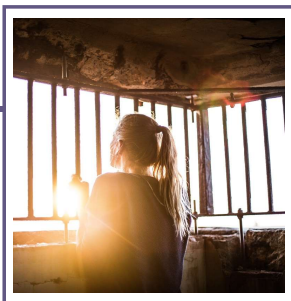
MYTH OR FACT?

THE MOST PERVERSIVE MYTH ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS THAT IT OFTEN INVOLVES KIDNAPPING OR PHYSICALLY FORCING SOMEONE INTO A SITUATION. IN REALITY MOST TRAFFICKERS USE PSYCHOLOGICAL MEANS SUCH AS, TRICKING, DEFRAUDING, MANIPULATING OR THREATENING VICTIMS INTO PROVIDING COMMERCIAL SEX OR EXPLOITATIVE LABOR.

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MYTH OR FACT?

PEOPLE BEING TRAFFICKED ARE ALWAYS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR SITUATION AND HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL

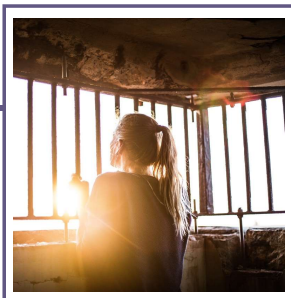


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MYTH OR FACT?

MORE OFTEN PEOPLE IN TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS STAY FOR REASONS THAT ARE MORE COMPLICATED. SOME LACK THE BASIC NECESSITIES TO PHYSICALLY GET OUT – SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION OR A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE. SOME ARE AFRAID FOR THEIR SAFETY. SOME HAVE BEEN SO EFFECTIVELY MANIPULATED THAT THEY DO NOT IDENTIFY AT THAT POINT AS BEING UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANOTHER PERSON.

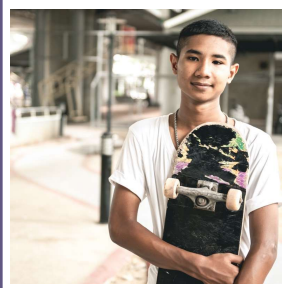


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MYTH OR FACT?

MALE VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING ARE HARDER TO IDENTIFY THAN FEMALE VICTIMS



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MYTH OR ~~FACT~~?

MEN AND BOYS ARE ALSO VICTIMIZED BY SEX TRAFFICKERS. LGBTQ BOYS AND YOUNG MEN ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO TRAFFICKING. THERE IS A FALSE PERCEPTION THAT MALE VICTIMS ARE ONLY TRAFFICKED FOR LABOR OR THAT THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN COMMERCIAL SEX IS ALWAYS VOLUNTARY. THESE ASSUMPTIONS IMPEDE PROPER SCREENING AND ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR MALE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. OFTEN, WE SEE THAT SEX TRAFFICKING FOR MALES IS HIGHLY UNDER REPORTED.

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MYTH OR FACT?

VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING WILL IMMEDIATELY ASK FOR HELP AND SELF-IDENTIFY AS A VICTIM OF CRIME




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~~MYTH~~ OR FACT?

VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING OFTEN DO NOT IMMEDIATELY ASK FOR HELP OR SELF-IDENTIFY AS A VICTIM OF A CRIME DUE TO A VARIETY OF FACTORS INCLUDING LACK OF TRUST, SELF-BLAME, OR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS BY THE TRAFFICKERS REGARDING HOW TO BEHAVE WHEN TALKING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.



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HOW CAN WE SHARE ABOUT TRAFFICKING WITH OUR AT-RISK YOUTH IN A WAY THAT HELPS PREVENT THEM FROM VOLUNTARILY ENTERING TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS?

01 EXPLAIN WHAT TRAFFICKING IS. PROVIDE EXAMPLES.	02 TALK TO YOUTH ABOUT WHAT GROOMING LOOKS LIKE.	03 LET THEM KNOW THAT ANYONE CAN BE A TRAFFICKER. TEACH THEM TO LOOK FOR THE RED FLAGS.	04 LET THEM KNOW THEY ARE HEARD HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO TALK ABOUT IT.	05 GIVE THEM HOTLINE NUMBERS AND RESOURCES.
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LEARN THE LANGUAGE

THE TRACK
LOCATION WHERE TRAFFICKING HAPPENS

THE GAME/THE LIFE
SEX TRADE OR PROSTITUTION AKA TRAFFICKING

TURNING A TRICK
COMMERCIAL SEX ACT

DADDY
PIMP

BOTTOM
PIMP'S RIGHT HAND

CAUGHT A CASE
ARRESTED

OUT OF POCKET
DISOBEYING PIMP

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WHAT IS GROOMING?

PREDATORY PROCESS IN WHICH THE PREDATOR GRADUALLY GAINS A PERSON'S TRUST WITH THE INTENT TO **EXPLOIT** THEM

TARGETING A VICTIM

GAINING TRUST & INFO

FILLING A NEED

ISOLATION

ABUSE BEGINS

MAINTAIN CONTROL

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MEETME MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWES USERS TO CHOOSE WHO THEY WANT TO MEET BASED ON LOCATION. IT SUGGESTS FRIENDS AND SUGGESTS FRIENDS TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.	GRINDR GRINDR IS A DATING APP DESIGNED FOR GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP OFFERS USERS OPTIONS TO CHOOSE WHO THEY WANT TO MEET OR BASED ON LOCATION.	SKOUT SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP THAT MATCHES UP WITH OTHER USERS IN YOUR AREA. IT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.
WHATSAPP WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSENGER APP THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO SEND TEXT, VOICE CALLS AND VIDEO CALLS. IT ALSO OFFERS VIDEO CHAT AND VOICE CHAT.	TIKTOK TIKTOK IS A VIDEO DEVICE APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CREATE AND SHARE SHORT VIDEOS. IT IS A VIDEO DEVICE APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CREATE AND SHARE SHORT VIDEOS.	BADOO BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP THAT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.
BUMBLE BUMBLE IS A DATING APP THAT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.	SNAPCHAT SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. IT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.	KIK KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE OTHERS. IT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.
LIVE.ME LIVE.ME IS A LIVE STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.	HOLLA HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED "NOVELTY VIDEO CHAT APP" THAT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.	WHISPER WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORKING APP THAT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.
ASK.FM ASK.FM IS A QUESTION AND ANSWER APP THAT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.	CALCULATOR% CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL APPS THAT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.	HOT OR NOT HOT OR NOT OFFERS LOCATION, WHILE THE APP IS DESIGNED FOR A DIFFERENT AGE.

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OBJECTIVE 4

Discuss practical next steps for advocates, including existing services and referral processes

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PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS

KEEP LEARNING
RAISE AWARENESS
ASSESS YOUTH & REPORT
CONNECT WITH RESOURCES





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KEEP LEARNING!



TRUST-BASED RELATIONAL
INTERVENTION (TBRI)

MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

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GOOD QUESTIONS

TO ASK WHEN DOMESTIC MINOR
SEX TRAFFICKING IS SUSPECTED

HOW OLD IS YOUR FRIEND/BOYFRIEND?

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR BOYFRIEND?

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO "EXCHANGE
FAVORS" WITH NEIGHBORS/FRIENDS?

WHERE DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL?


WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

WHO LIVES IN YOUR HOME?

ARE YOU FREE TO COME & GO AS YOU PLEASE?

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN HURT/THREATENED IF
YOU TRY TO LEAVE?

WHERE DO YOU EAT & SLEEP?



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ASSESS YOUTH WITH SCREENING TOOL

Victims generally don't self-identify or disclose. Trauma often masks their victimization. A study of exploited youth being in 10 different non-profits serving CST victims found that:

 Office of the Texas Governor
Child Sex Trafficking Team

75%

Exploitation ongoing for two or more years

75%

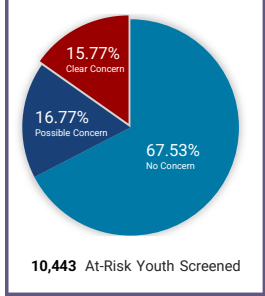
Don't see themselves as being exploited

50%

14 or younger when exploitation started

Source: WestCoast Children's Clinic (2012), Research to Action: Sexually Exploited Minors (SEM) Needs and Strengths.

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15.77%
Clear Concern

16.77%
Possible Concern

67.53%
No Concern

10,443 At-Risk Youth Screened

CSE-IT

COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IDENTIFICATION TOOL


www.westcoastcc.org/cse-it/

Gathering information known about the youth, complete online score sheet (5-7 minutes)


Total reflects likelihood that CSEC has occurred

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CONNECT WITH SERVICES

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Our mission is to serve survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation with a trauma-informed approach fueled by the love of Christ.



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DROP-IN CENTER

OUTREACH

ADVOCACY



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YOUTH ADVOCACY





24/7 CRISIS RESPONSE

CASE MANAGEMENT

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

COUNSELING

ESSENTIAL NEEDS

FAMILY SERVICES



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Counties Youth Advocates Reach



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IMPACT





1,097+
SURVIVORS SERVED

CHILDREN & TEENAGERS


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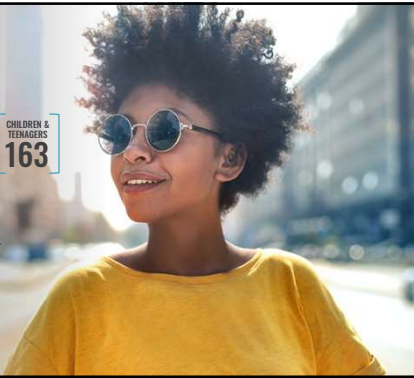
8,577+
DROP-IN CENTER VISITS






73%
SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IDENTIFIED






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