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Human Trafficking and Today's Youth

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Objectives



- Dispel myths around US domestic trafficking
- Define the different types of Human Trafficking
- Understand the contributing factors for trafficking
- Understand the effect of pornography on the developing brain
- Recognize risk factors and signs and symptoms of trafficking
- How to report human trafficking and where to find local resources for trafficking

Hollywood vs Reality

(Freestockphotos.com)



LOVE WILL.

Not in America

Average age of entry is 13 (Justice.gov,2014)

Average lifespan of a child after entering trafficking is 7 years (Justice.gov, 2014)

88% of trafficking victims encountered a healthcare worker while being trafficked (Varma, 2015)

The US ranks 2nd in for trafficking in the world, the most common type of trafficking in the US is sex trafficking (Polaris, 2017)

Human Trafficking

The use of **FORCE**, **FRAUD**, or **COERCION** to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act

(dhs.gov, n.d)

Minors

Anything of monetary value in exchange for any sexual act is considered trafficking (Justice.gov,2015)

Tantamount

Sex Trafficking

Labor Trafficking

Domestic Servitude

Forced Marriage

Child Soldiers

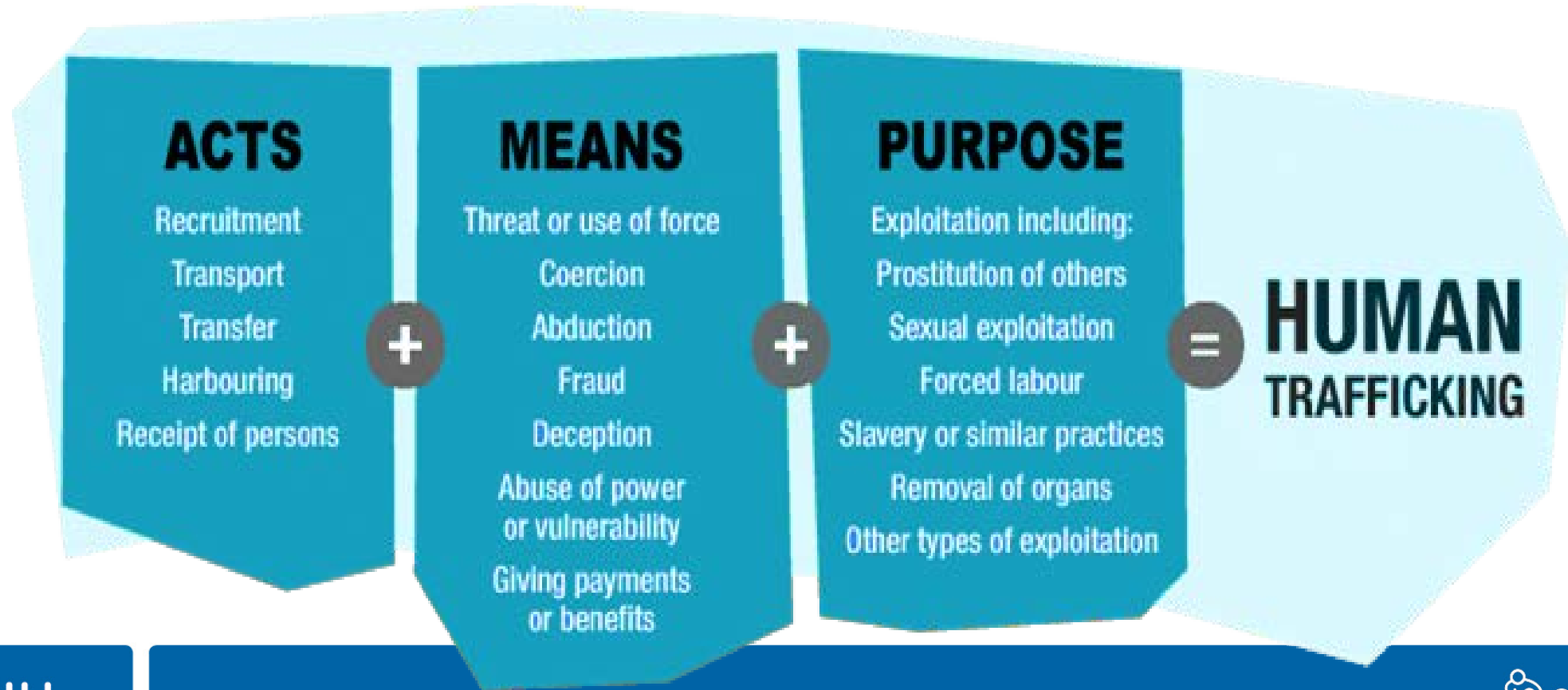
Organ Harvesting

Forced Criminality

(State.gov, n.d)

A-M-P Model

(www.polarisproject.org)



Local Impact

KC is a known hub for trafficking because of multiple intersecting major highways. A recent study of 15 major US cities studied, KC was #2 in responding to ads for trafficking

(Roe-Sepowitz, D., Hickle, K., Gallagher, J., Smith, J., & Hedberg, E., 2013)

Supply and Demand

Market driven

(humantraffickinghotline.org, n.d.)

Traffickers can make up to \$33,000 per week from 1 victim

(Dank, M., et al., 2014)

Estimated that 1/20 men in the Kansas City area responded to online sex with minors ads with, Kansas City having 50% were repeat callers

(Roe-Sepowitz, D., Hickle, K., Gallagher, J., Smith, J., & Hedberg, E., 2013)

Determinants of Demand

(Briere, R., Simon, P., 2014 & Roe-Sepowitz, D., Hickler, K., Gallagher, J., Smith, J., & Hedberg, E., 2013)

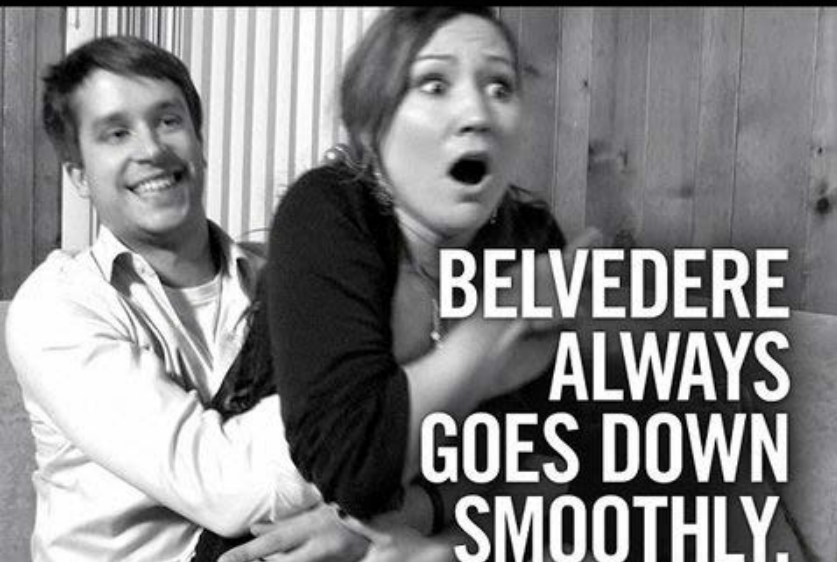
Glorification
of
exploitation

Sexualized
Culture

Pornography

Consumer
Research

UNLIKE SOME PEOPLE



Victimless Crime

PIMP = TRAFFICKER

JOHN = BUYER

PROSTITUTE = VICTIM



The Frontal Cortex

(Johnson, S.B., Blum, R.W., Giedd, J.N., 2009 & Borrows, J. & Finger, R., 2008)

- Developing until the age of 25
- Responsible for executive function
- Last area of the brain to develop
- Gap theory

The Brain on Porn

(Kuhn, S., 2014)

Stimulates the same area of the brain as cocaine and methamphetamines

50% of all internet traffic is related to sex

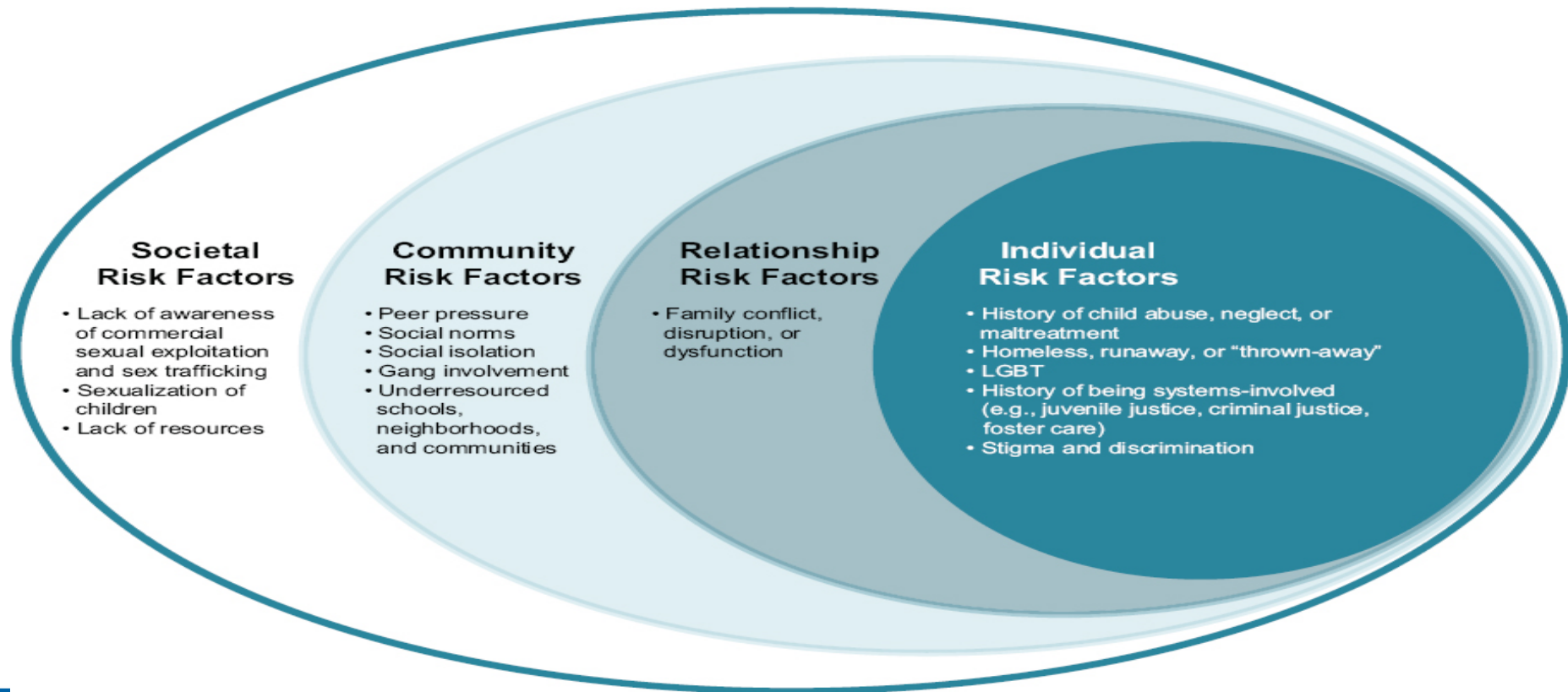
Most adolescents are exposed to porn by the age of 13

Effects of daily porn consumption

Affects males and females

Who's at Risk?

(Briere, R., Simon, P., 2014)



THE TRAFFICKER

Who (Alpert, E., etal., 2014 & Roe-Sepowitz, D., etal., 2017)

- Friendly Stranger
- Family member
- Family Friend
- Trusted Adult
- Males

How (Roe-Sepowitz, D., etal, 2017)

- Social Media
- Online dating
- Craigslist
- Teen spaces
- Recruiting runaways

What do I look for?

(Alpert, E., et al., 2014, & Greenbaum, J. & Crawford-Jakubiak, J., 2015)

- Accompanied by a controlling person
 - Eager to please family member, partner or employer
 - No identification
 - Inconsistent or scripted history
 - Has excessive amounts of cash
 - Calls boyfriend “Daddy”
- Not enrolled in school
 - Frequent truancy at school
 - No personal belongings
 - Unaware of location or date
 - Appears nervous
 - Clothing is inappropriate for situation or season

Vocabulary

(FBI Special Agent, n.d.)

Renegade

Lose One/Bitch

Quota

Gorilla

Out of Pocket

Fam/Folk

Square

Physical Signs

(Alpert, E., et al., 2008 & Barrows, J. & Finger, R., 2008 & Greenbaum, J., & Crawford-Jakubiak, J., 2015, & Varma, S., Gillespie, S., McCracken, C., Greenbaum, J., 2015)

Withdrawn or Cooperative

Poor dentition

Bruises, fractures, lacerations

Tattoo/branding

Decreased appetite or frequent abdominal pain

Pelvic discomfort, vaginal discharge, frequent STI's/PID

Headaches

Insomnia

Depression, anxiety

SI/HI

Substance abuse/self harm

Great Questions

(Greenbaum, J., Dodd, M., McCracken, C., 2015)

Do you currently or have you ever used drugs and/or alcohol?

Have you ever run away from home?

Have you ever been in trouble with law enforcement?

Have you ever had a broken bone, been knocked unconscious or had a cut that needed stitches?

Have you ever had a sexually transmitted disease?

How many sexual partners have you had?

More great questions

(Barrows, J., Finger, R., 2008)

Have you ever had sex for food, money, gifts or shelter?

Has anyone ever asked you to have sex with someone else?

Has anyone ever taken pictures or videos of you having sex or in sexual positions?

Have you ever been pregnant?

Where do you stay/sleep?

Are you in charge of your own money?

Tell me about your tattoos.

Do you feel safe?

Special Populations: Males and transgender Persons

Very little data on male populations

Transgender youth are at high risk for trafficking

Barriers to reporting

Barriers to collecting data

Talking points on porn and consent with males during physicals and reproductive health visits

What do I
do?

Trauma Informed Care (Alpert, E., etal, 2014)

Mental Health Assessment (Barrows, J. & Finger, R., 2008 & Greenbaum, j. & Crawford-Jakubiak, j., 2015)

Ensure medical stability (Barrows, J & Finger, 2008 & Greenbaum, j. & Crawford-Jakubiak, j., 2015)

PEP/PrEP (Greenbaum, j. & Crawford-Jakubiak, j., 2015)

STI treatment for exposures/suspected cases (Greenbaum, j. & Crawford-Jakubiak, j., 2015)

Emergency Contraception (Greenbaum, j. & Crawford-Jakubiak, j., 2015)

Long-Acting Contraception (Greenbaum, j. & Crawford-Jakubiak, j., 2015)

Contact Social Work

Follow your institutions policy

**Accurate
Reporting =
RESOURCES**

FBI: Find your local field office

www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices

Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888 or Text “Help” to 233733

**National Center for Missing and Exploited
Children:**

www.missingkids.org

Local law enforcement

Local Resources

Missouri Attorney General website:

<https://ago.mo.gov/home/human-trafficking/resources/anti-trafficking-organizations-and-resources>

Rended Heart:

<https://rendedheart.org>

Veronica's Voice:

<https://www.veronicasvoice.org>

Restoration House:

<https://restorationhousekc.com>

Stop Trafficking Project:

<http://www.stoptraffickingproject.com/>

The Justice Project:

<http://justiceprojectkc.org/>

The Covering House:

www.thecoveringhouse.org

Big Search KC:

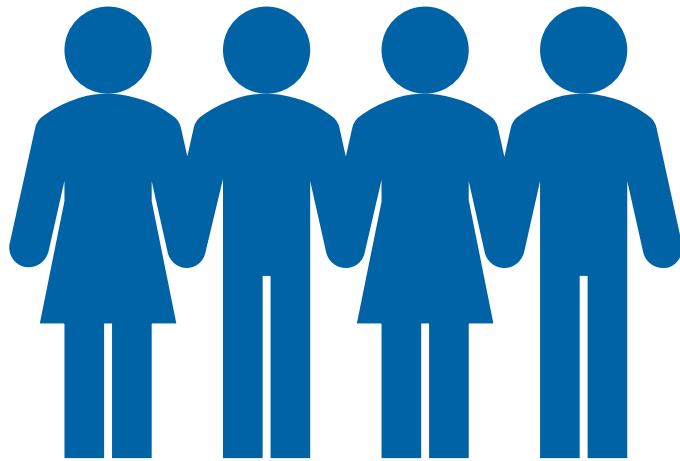
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Can You See Me?

<https://youtu.be/07RMc5piN5U>

Just Keep Swimming

- The victims often do not self identify
- Will often defend their trafficker
- Will often become hostile and refuse treatment
- More likely to participate in high risk behavior
- Trauma bonds
- Don't stop trying to help them
- **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF:**
Secondary Trauma



Be
WHO YOU NEEDED
WHEN
YOU WERE
younger



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