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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)
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).
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)
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


- Glorification of exploitation
- Sexualized Culture
- Pornography
- Consumer Research
Victimless Crime

PIMP = TRAFFICKER

JOHN = BUYER

PROSTITUTE = VICTIM
The Frontal Cortex


- 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)

Societal Risk Factors
- Lack of awareness of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking
- Sexualization of children
- Lack of resources

Community Risk Factors
- Peer pressure
- Social norms
- Social isolation
- Gang involvement
- Underresourced schools, neighborhoods, and communities

Relationship Risk Factors
- Family conflict, disruption, or dysfunction

Individual Risk Factors
- History of child abuse, neglect, or maltreatment
- Homeless, runaway, or “thrown-away”
- LGBT
- History of being systems-involved (e.g., juvenile justice, criminal justice, foster care)
- Stigma and discrimination

LOVE WILL.
THE TRAFFICKER

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

How (Roe-Sepowitz, D., et al., 2017)
- Social Media
- Online dating
- Craigslist
- Teen spaces
- Recruiting runaways
### What do I look for?


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<td>Eager to please family member, partner or employer</td>
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<td>Inconsistent or scripted history</td>
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<td>Has excessive amounts of cash</td>
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<th>Not enrolled in school</th>
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<td>Frequent truancy at school</td>
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<td>No personal belongings</td>
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<td>Unaware of location or date</td>
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<td>Appears nervous</td>
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<td>Clothing is inappropriate for situation or season</td>
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<td>Vocabulary</td>
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<td>(FBI Special Agent, n.d.)</td>
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<th>Renegade</th>
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**Physical Signs**


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<td>Withdrawn or Cooperative</td>
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<td>Poor dentition</td>
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<td>Bruises, fractures, lacerations</td>
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<td>Tattoo/branding</td>
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<td>Decreased appetite or frequent abdominal pain</td>
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<td>Pelvic discomfort, vaginal discharge, frequent STI's/PID</td>
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<td>Depression, anxiety</td>
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<td>Substance abuse/self harm</td>
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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?
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., et al., 2014)
- 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)
- 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:**
https://form.jotform.us/82337285484162
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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