Human Trafficking in Maryland

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Federal v. State Definitions

Federal Definition
The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of FORCE or other forms of COERCION, of abduction, of FRAUD, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

State Definition
To take, place, persuade, induce, entice, or encourage another to be taken to or placed in any place for prostitution;
To receive consideration to procure for or place in a house of prostitution or elsewhere another with the intent of causing the other to engage in prostitution or assignation;
To engage in a device, scheme, or continuing course of conduct intended to cause another to believe that if the other did not take part in a sexually explicit performance, the other or a third person would suffer physical restraint or serious physical harm; or destroy, conceal, remove, confiscate, or possess an actual or purported passport, immigration document, or government identification document of another.
Force

- Beating/Slapping
- Beating with Objects (bat, tools, chains, belts, hangers, canes, cords)
- Burning
- Sexual Assault
- Rape/Gang Rape
- Confinement/Locked in
- Torture Practices
- Seasoning/Initiation
Fraud

- False promises
- Deceitful enticing and affectionate behavior
- Withholding wages
- Lying about working conditions
- Lying about the promise of “better life”
- Preying on desperation and poverty
- Blackmail, extortion
Coercion

- Threats of serious harm or restraint
- Threatened abuse of legal process
- Confiscating all documents (ID, birth certificate, etc)
- Intimidation/Humiliation (Pimp circle)
- Emotional Abuse
- Climate of Fear
- Modeling abusive behavior
- Controlling daily life skills
- Creating dependency
- Establishing quotas
Stages of Victimization

- Recruitment
- Grooming
  - Gang Rape – Guerilla Pimp
  - Romeo Pimp
  - Booster Pimp
- Control
HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS ABOUT VULNERABILITY.
Sex Trafficking Risk Factors

Anyone can be a target, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, parent involvement, etc. However, traffickers do target marginalized children and vulnerable women and men.

High-Risk Victims Include:

• Chronic Runaways
• Homeless Youth
• Youth with histories of childhood sexual abuse/sexual assault
• Youth in families with substance abuse
• Youth with severe substance abuse issues
• Youth within the Child Welfare system (group homes/foster homes)

Source: MHTTF Victim Services Committee, Human Trafficking PowerPoint, July 2014
He treated me nice. Spent a thousand dollars on me. Got my nails done, my eyebrows arched. My hair, I had weaves. He just spent a whole lot of money on me. And I felt like a queen. Everything I needed he’d get it for me.
Trafficker’s Methods of Control

- Threats against victim and or victim’s family
- Physical and sexual abuse
- Isolation and confinement, restrict contact with outside world
- Seize or destroy documents
- Prevent trafficked person from earning enough to pay off debt, keep adding charges to debt
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- Make victim think he/she will be arrested if he/she leaves the situation
- Psychological abuse and manipulation including tactics to create dependency
- Use shame and self-blame against victim
“You’ll start to dress her, think for her, own her. If you and your victim are sexually active, slow it down. After sex, take her shopping for one item. Hair and/or nails is fine. She’ll develop a feeling of accomplishment. The shopping after a month will be replaced with cash. The love making turns to raw sex. She’ll start to crave intimacy and be willing to get back into your good graces. After you have broken her spirit, she has no sense of self value. Now pimp, put a price tag on the item you have manufactured”

The Pimp Game: An Instructional Manual (Royal, 1998)
Survival Sex

- Exchange of sex for food, shelter, clothing or other basic needs

- Homelessness

- Statistics Range – but generally between 25 and 50% of homeless youth engage in survival sex.

- Males are more likely to engage in survival sex

- Approximately 20% of homeless youth identify as LGTBQ
Pimp Culture: Building Family and Belonging

Language as an Indicator

- The Life/The Game
- Daddy/The Family
- Track
- Bottom Girl
- Quota
- Renegade
- Out of Pocket
- Square
- Wifey/Wife-in-law
Statistics

- 2013 – 217 survivor were identified by victim services groups in Maryland; Law enforcement identified hundreds of survivors. 2014 – 303 Survivors ID’d.


- 1/5 of runaways will be recruited for trafficking- NCMEC
Local Investigations

Is there really trafficking in Maryland?
Thu. May. 10

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Massage Parlors & Latin Brothels

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gnfFY16wH8
York Road Red Light District

“If you build it, they will come...”
各位同仁

中一：保持各个房间整齐，不随意移动家俱、床、灯、电风扇及各种物品，任何房间不属于个人的，为公物。

中二：食物不准浪费，要知道节约辛苦，为公物。

中三：不要问吃什么东西，只问你自己的事情，不要问吃什么东西，问吃什么东西是你的职责。

中四：要懂得自己的名誉，学习、生活，减肥，或者是尊重。

中五：不得与中英谈判，必须停止宣传，停止与有英军权力，及有英军宣传问题，违者自动取消资格，领导：胡锦涛。

2010年7月17日。

아가씨 여러분

1. 각 방마다 깔끔히 정리할것, 침대나 의자, 등
   깔끔한 것을 마을대로 옮기지 않고 커튼을 열지말고
   가게는 모두 아가씨들의 소유입니다 (합의 포함)
2. 음식은 오늘부터 버리는 것이 허용되도록 해서별 고집하지 않습니다.
3. 가게를 관할한 어역원은 과객이 주식을 정리하지 않고
   자가소로 찾아서 찾겠다.
4. 자가소로 본인의 주문을 낼고래이 시켰다. 메울 병역
   옷을 이번에 입고, 화장수 이벤트라고 진행중에서 칠칠이 찾겠다.
5. 다른 사례로 빠져나갔으니 하는것을 피하고 보내바로 찾아겠다.

최고령도인:
김 정 보

2010년 7월17일.
NYC T# 138202

[Translator's note: This document contains many miswritten words.]

To All Comrades

1. Keep all rooms tidy. Do not move things like the furniture, beds, lights or electric items as you please. The front of the store belongs to the Central [Government]. None of the rooms belong to anyone in particular. Violators will be beheaded.

2. Do not waste food. You must understand the hard work of the laborers. Violators will be beheaded.

3. Do not ask what we can do for you; ask what you can do for us. It is an honor to work for us.

4. You must understand your own beauty. Learn proper etiquette and lose weight. Perhaps, that is respect.

5. Do not negotiate with the Central [Government]. Migration, stay and [protection?] are paramount rights. You are not allowed to discuss this issue. Violators will die painfully by dismemberment of limbs and head being pulled by five horses all going in different directions, a type of torture used during the Manchurian rule of the Qing [Dynasty].

The Paramount Leader: HU, Jintao
July 17th, 2010
Study of Trafficking Survivors

- Misperceptions about prostitution are pervasive even among healthcare workers, who are missing valuable opportunities to recognize and offer aid to victims of sex trafficking.

- 28% came in contact with the health care system.

- Emergency department personnel
  - Only 13% felt confident in identifying a TIP victim.
  - Less than 3% had training.


Intake Indicators

- Name/Birthday/Identifiers
- Address
- Forms of Identification/Cards
- Health Insurance
- Money/Ability to Pay
- Occupation/Employer
Initial Clinician Indicators

- All of the previous, plus:
  - Medical Complaint
    - Complaints indicative of trauma, promiscuity, or abuse
  - Prior History or Lack of PMH
Forensic Nursing Indicators

Factors in Medical History:

- Pregnancies
- STDs/STIs
- Last Consensual Intercourse
- Patterns of abuse
- Poor Historian
Forensic Nursing Indicators

Physical Exam Findings
- Signs of physical abuse
- Malnourishment
- Addiction
- Body art

Patient’s Demeanor
- Interactions with others
- Prostitution terminology
Physician/PA/NP Indicators

- Evidence of trauma
- Lack of treatment
- Multiple comorbidities
- Trauma presentation
- Facial and/or dental problems
- Mental health
- Tobacco, Alcohol, Drug use
Observations

- Dressed inappropriately for age or weather
- Substance abuse
- In crisis
- Demonstrated fear to give information
- Lack of health insurance
- Malnourishment
- Claims to just be visiting
- Inconsistencies
- Someone speaks on his/her behalf
Indicators in the Clinical Setting

- Delayed presentation for medical care
- Discrepancy between the stated history and the clinical presentation or observed pattern of injury
- Scripted, memorized, or mechanically recited history
- Stated age older than visual appearance
- Subordinate, hyper-vigilant, or fearful demeanor
- Evidence of a lack of care for previously identified or obviously existing medical conditions
- Tattoos or other marks or insignias that may indicate a claim of “ownership” by another
- Evidence of any kind of physical violence including torture
Chief complaint

- Integumentary System – Bruises, fungal infections
- Skeletal System – Broken bones
- Muscular System – Chronic back pain
- Immune System – Infections
- Urinary System – Painful urination
- Respiratory System – Chemical exposure
- Nervous System - Neuropathies
- Endocrine System - DM
- Reproductive System - STI
Chronic Conditions of HT

- Older broken bones that did not heal properly (direct/indirect)
- Insomnia and disrupted sleep patterns
- Bed bug bites
- Traumatic brain injury
- Burns, bite marks, vaginal/anal tearing
- New/old bruising
- Stabbings, rape, and torture

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/fact_sex.html
Polaris Project
Be Wary of calling 911 Immediately

- HIPAA Violations/Privacy concerns
- Traumatic for the patient
- Endangering the patient
- Call National Hotline (888) 373-7888
- Call TurnAround Hotline (443) 279-0379
When a Minor Discloses

- Call DSS
- DSS will determine if this becomes a case or not
- Laws state that DSS must respond if there is an identified trafficker
- Trafficker maintains a “guardianship role” over the patient & thus falls under the “caregiver” legal guidelines of MANDATED REPORTING
Victim Services in Maryland for Sex trafficking Victims
Comprehensive Services

- Emergency Services
  - Shelter
  - Basic Needs
  - Safety

- Transitional Services
  - Social Services
  - Shelter
  - Individual Therapy

- Long Term Care
  - Shelter
  - Group Therapy
  - Drop-In
Drop-in

New Client Classes
- Orientation
- Coping Skills
- Struggles to Rebuilding Your Life
- Navigating Social Services

Long-Term Drop-In
- Group Therapy
- Group Activities
- Risk-Taking

Mommy & Me

One Year Out of the Life
- Survivor-Led
Case Management/Advocacy

- Client Goal Driven
- Empowerment Based
- Ultimate Goal is Self-Sufficiency
- Court Accompaniment/Trial Preparation
How to Report Sex Trafficking

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