IATC – Program Operations

• Education, Training, Awareness and Advocacy
• Direct Victim Services
  Crisis Intervention
  Case Management
  Transportation
  Victim Advocacy
  Direct Partner Referral
• Crisis and Resource Hotline
  Crisis calls
  Resources and information
• Volunteer Program
Out of the 251 individuals...

- 21% were minors
- 74% had experienced domestic/family violence
- 37% of the adults reported being sexually abused as minors
- 47% identified as mentally or physically disabled
- 20% were stalked/harassed
- 5% were victims of child pornography
- 23% experienced homelessness
WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. This crime occurs when a trafficker uses FORCE, FRAUD or COERCION to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. Force, fraud, or coercion need not be present if the individual engaging in commercial sex under 18 years of age.
ELEMENTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Trafficking in persons has three elements;

• The Act (What is done)

  Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons

• The Means (How it is done)

  Threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or giving payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim

• The Purpose (Why it is done)

  For the purpose of exploitation, sexual exploitation, slavery, servitude
HUMAN TRAFFICKING MYTHS

• Human Trafficking only involves sex

Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud or coercion to get another person to provide labor or commercial sex.

• Human Trafficking is always a violent crime

The most pervasive myth about human trafficking is that it always, or 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.

• Traffickers target victims they don’t know

Many survivors have been trafficked by romantic partners, including spouses, and by a family member including parents.
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND VULNERABILITIES

Traffickers target vulnerable people

- Stalking Homeless Shelters;
- Substance Use Treatment Facilities;
- Community/Drop In Centers; and
- Department of Corrections, Prison, or Reentry Programs.
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Traffickers rely on the transportation industry in every phase of human trafficking:

- for recruitment, moving and controlling victims, and delivering them to buyers who will complete the victims’ exploitation through either commercial sex or forced labor ventures.

- The limited transportation-related human trafficking data available confirms that victims are being trafficked by airplanes, buses, subways, trains, taxis, rideshares, cruise ships, and private vehicles.

INDIVIDUALS AT RISK

• Homeless/Runaways
• Children in foster care
• Children of parents involved in the Department of Corrections
• Youth Detention Centers
• LGBTQ+
• Active Gang affiliations
• Native Americans
• Immigrants/refugees
• Online solicitation/Social Media
• False education/Job opportunities
• Familial Sex Trafficking
ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS

• Lack of personal safety
• Emotional distress
• History of abuse or neglect
• Extreme poverty
• Family dysfunction, generations
• Childhood sexual abuse/assault
• Mental illness, trauma
• Disabilities
• Domestic violence
• Promotion of sexual exploitation by family members or peers
• Lack of social support, isolation
GROOMING

- Traffickers will offer to buy/give them drugs or alcohol
- Provide “protection” from an abusive/unsafe home
- Online apps/games/chat rooms
- Online dating sights
- Craig’s list/generic online ads
- Schools/malls/theaters/sporting events/work
- Abduction from random locations
GROOMING

- Social Media, traffickers target pre-teens and teens by finding something to bond over, earn their trust and prey on their vulnerabilities
- Promises of a modeling and/or acting careers
- Jail-recruiters, Re-entry programs, letters to befriend, money on their books, “I posted your bond – now you owe me”
- Target homeless, approached by Trafficker within 24 to 48 hours- survival sex, basic needs provided for survival, job offers
WHERE DOES HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAPPEN?

• Hotels, motels, casinos, resorts
• Illicit massage parlors
• Rented houses/Airbnb
• Bus stops, train stations, ride share,
• Truck/bus stops
• Major Events: sporting events (Super Bowl), gun expos, state fairs, annual rallies (motorcycle rally)
• Urban areas e.g., construction Sites, “Man Camps“- oil and gas industry
• Tribal Lands, Native reservations
• Rural areas/farms- ‘housing‘ for migrant labor
WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?

• Perpetrators of human trafficking span all racial, ethnic, and gender demographics and are as diverse as victims and survivors. Some use their privilege, wealth, and power as a means of control while others experience the same socio-economic oppression as their victims. They include individuals, business owners, members of a gang or network, parents or family members of victims, intimate partners, owners of farms or restaurants, and powerful corporate executives and government representatives.
TYPES OF TRAFFICKERS

PIMP

• Romeo/Boyfriend Pimp: convince victim that he loves and cares for them
• Gorilla Pimp: forces the victim into the life through violence, fear, kidnapping and/or threats on their life and their families lives.

FAMILY

• Family member or family acquaintance: sells child for drugs, money or needs such as food or rent
• Spouse sells partner for commercial sex
• Close family friend, relative, neighbor
TYPES OF TRAFFICKERS

GANGS
• A means of entry, initiation or for protection

CRIME SYNDICATES
• They have a diversified portfolio of trafficking humans, drugs, guns, illegal products

EMPLOYERS/RECRUITERS
• Facilitators, hired to lure victims
• Businesses such as illicit massage parlors, dance clubs, restaurants
• Recruiters, same age PEERS
HOW THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY MAY BE USED IN RECRUITMENT

According to research at Polaris on A Roadmap for Systems and Industries to Prevent and Disrupt Human Trafficking - TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

Although most victims of human trafficking will indeed utilize some form of transportation in the course of their recruitment, the reality is, at this stage of the trafficking life-cycle;

- individuals likely do not suspect anything to be suspicious about their destination,

- victims may believe they are simply traveling to meet a new boyfriend, enter an exciting job opportunity, or simply going on vacation to meet new friends and see new sights,

- this makes identification and victim outreach extremely difficult (though not impossible) during this stage.

Despite this fact, it’s still important to recognize the myriad of ways traffickers are relying on these systems for a steady supply of vulnerable individuals, and the types of transportation systems involved.

RED FLAGS FOR TRANSIT

Identifying a person who is being exploited is not a simple matter. Transit employees should be on the lookout for signs of control, vulnerability, recruitment or any indication that a person is involved in commercial sex. Keep in mind that multiple indicators will most likely present themselves when this crime is occurring.

Be on the lookout for:

Anyone who is offering to exchange sex for money or any other good or service, especially if it appears to be a minor

Anyone who acknowledges having a pimp or needing to make a quota

Minors traveling without adult supervision

Passengers who are not allowed to speak for themselves or make eye contact

Passengers with bruising, branding or other physical trauma

Passengers who look dirty and disheveled, or seem confused, panicked, or afraid

Passengers whose tickets, money, identification documents, or phone are being controlled by another person

Cars that are frequently at the transit center or terminal but no one gets out to board a bus

People in the transit center or terminal who regularly approach people who look vulnerable
Traffickers or “bottoms”

- (a term some pimps use to refer to a victim still under their control but who has “earned” a higher ranking among the other victims and may share recruitment responsibilities at the behest of the trafficker).

"Bottoms" approach potential targets and strike up what seems to be an innocuous and friendly conversation about their travel plans. According to Hotline calls, potential recruiters can sometimes take the bus or trains with potential victims to further build rapport, offer to "hang out" and kill time while they wait, or simply offer to give them a ride instead of the long bus/train trips potential victims have planned.
BUS AND TRAIN STATIONS AS RECRUITMENT GROUNDS

• Human traffickers use bus terminals and bus stops as recruiting areas when they’re looking for vulnerable people, primarily minors and young adults, to exploit.

• Human traffickers use busing to transport their victims to locations where they’ll be sold.

• Human traffickers are counting on busing employees to be ignorant of the signs to look for and the questions to ask which would help to spot victims in transit.

American Bus Association
https://www.buses.org/about/join-aba-in-the-fight-against-human-trafficking
Not controlling their own ID or travel documents

Having restricted movement

Lacking knowledge or logical means of reaching final destination

Non-genuine relationship, particularly child/guardian

See additional indicators of human trafficking on reverse.

REPORT YOUR TIP: 888-373-7888 (or text BEFREE)
HOW DO TRAFFICKERS CONTROL VICTIMS?

- Traffickers employ a variety of control tactics, the most common include physical and emotional abuse and threats, isolation from friends and family, and financial abuse. They make promises aimed at addressing the needs of their target in order to impose control. As a result, victims become trapped and fear leaving for myriad reasons, including psychological trauma, shame, emotional attachment, or physical threats to themselves or their family.
WHY VICTIMS STAY

- Homeless or fear of homelessness
- Death threats, threats
- Survival mode - meet basic needs of shelter, food, money
- Familiar lifestyle - family, culture, religion
- Stockholm Syndrome, trauma bond
- Substance Use
- Might not view themselves as a victim
- TRAUMA-exposure to multiple types of abuse and abusers
VICTIM INJURIES

• Neck Bruises or “hickies”: Choke by hand or ligature, suction/ bite
• Impact Bruises to face, body, especially lips, and eyes
• Impact bruises to extensor surfaces of upper/lower arms, knuckles (Defense Injuries)
• Traumatic alopecia/subgaleal hematoma (Hair Pulling)
• Ligature marks to wrists/ankles (restraints w/rope or wire)
• Abrasion, friction injuries to body
• Branding, scars, tattoos
TOP SEX TRAFFICKING GROUPS WHERE DEEPER INFORMATION IS NEEDED

1) Financial Services Industry
2) Social Media
3) Transportation
4) Hotels & Motels
5) Health Care

Immediately:
If you’re watching a crime in progress, call 911 and then call the hotline.
If you’re at a truck stop/travel plaza or any other place of business, please
notify the manager-on-duty of the suspicious activity; she/he needs to be
aware of what is taking place on the lot and assist in ending it.

Warning:
Please do not approach traffickers. Allow law enforcement to deal with
traffickers and recover victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous
for you and their victims but could lead to problems in the eventual
prosecution of traffickers.

Note:
There is now a lifetime ban on a CDL for any individual who uses their CMV to
commit a felony involving a severe form of human trafficking. All 50 states and
DC have a law criminalizing sex trafficking. Some states punish sex purchasers
the same as sex traffickers, generally with felony level crimes, and 31 states
have a buyer-applicable trafficking law that prohibits a mistake-of-age defense
in prosecutions for buying a commercial sex act with any minor under 18.
Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. Any minor being sold for sex is a victim of human trafficking. Trafficking can occur in many locations, including bus terminals, restaurants, hotels/motels, strip clubs, casinos, private homes, truck stops, etc. Moreover, traffickers utilize bus terminals to recruit victims out of, as well as the bus itself to transport their victims. Whether you work behind a ticket counter, conduct bus maintenance, or are a professional driver, members of the bus industry are in a position to spot potential human trafficking situations and save a life. To report a tip or to help a victim access services, call the National Hotline at:

1-888-3737-888 (US) ■ 1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)
01800-5533-000 (Mexico) ■ Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)

For law enforcement to open an investigation on your tip, they need “actionable information,” and as many details as you can provide. Specific tips helpful when reporting to the hotline would include:

- Descriptions of cars (make, model, color, license plate number, etc.) and people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.) Take a picture if you can.
- Specific times and dates (When did you see the event in question take place? What day was it?)
- Addresses and locations where suspicious activity took place

**Questions to Ask:**

- Do you know the person who is picking you up?
- Do you feel safe with the person you’re traveling with?
- Do your parents/siblings/relatives know where you are? If not, why not?
- Are you free to come and go as you please?
- Are you or your family being threatened? What is the nature of the threats?

** Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:**

- Restricted or controlled communication—not allowed to speak for self
- Disheveled appearance, unkempt, alone, scared/crying
- Offers to exchange sex for a ride, meal, etc.
- Does not know the person who is picking them up
- Any acknowledgement that she/he has a pimp and is making a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing (often of trafficker’s name)
- Is not in possession of own ticket or ID
An effective strategy focuses on five key areas to maximize our impact to stop human trafficking:

- **Leadership Engagement**: Leaders of transportation organizations taking a decisive stand on the issue and speaking out publicly.

- **Industry Education and Training**: Training all transportation professionals on how to recognize the basic indicators of human trafficking and to report potential cases.

- **Policy Development**: Integrating counter-trafficking efforts into organizational policy initiatives.

- **Public Awareness**: Reaching beyond the transportation workforce to engage the traveling public in this fight against human trafficking.

- **Information Sharing and Analysis**: Fostering a collaborative network of transportation stakeholders by sharing data and communicating best practices to maximize the collective impact on human trafficking.

https://www.transportation.gov/TLAHT/TalkingPoints
AWARENESS, POLICIES, PROTOCOLS

• Develop, adopt, enforce, and implement a policy to address child sex trafficking;

• Make sure all employees are properly educated on sex trafficking and policy updates;

• Assess the environmental structure and take every possible step to help make it safe;

• Partner with experts to provide a community awareness program on the warning signs of sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, and trafficking recruitment tactics; and

• Implement safe, agency-wide steps for possible identification and emergencies;

• Have materials, posters, and other resources available.
• 911-Immediate Danger

• Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition – IdahoATC.org
  Crisis/Resource Hotline - 208-630-6601 – Text/Call

• National Human Trafficking Hotline
  1-888-373-7888 or Text “BEFREE” (233733)

• Polarisproject.org – Freedom Happens Now

• National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 1-800-843-5678

• Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Services
  Idaho 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline 800-669-3176
  National 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH THE BUS INDUSTRY
BUSES & TRAFFICKING: INTERSECTIONS

Recruitment

Exploitation

Exit

Recovery
BUSES & TRAFFICKING: INTERSECTIONS

A 2018 report from Polaris, based on research conducted with survivors, found several points of intersection between buses and trafficking.

- **54%** access to transportation was a barrier to leaving their situation.
- **42%** traffickers used local or long distance buses in their exploitation.
- **26%** public or mass transportation played a role in at least one exit attempt, with buses most frequent.

TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING
CASE STUDY

Lakefront Lines
Ohio
BOTL TRAINING RESOURCES

Make the Call, Save Lives.

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1-833-900-1010 (Canada)
01900-5533-500 (Mexico)
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1-833-900-1010 (Canada)
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Report by Email: help@busingonthelookout.org

Warning: Please do not approach traffickers. Call the hotline, and if instructed, the local police (911). Show law enforcement to deal with traffickers and recover victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous for you and their victims but could lead to perpetrators in the eventual prosecution of traffickers. Also, please notify dispatch or your manager of the suspicious activity.

For more information on combating human trafficking, go to www.busingonthelookout.org.

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Questions to Ask:
- Do you know what the person is doing? (e.g., working at a call center, selling merchandise)
- Do you feel safe with the person you’re handing over?
- Do your family/friends/family know where you are? If true, why isn’t it?
- Are you free to come and go with your phone?
- Are you or your family being threatened? What is the status of the threat?

Trucking Red Flags to Look For:
- Expected or unexpected conversations not allowed to speak for self
- Unusual appearance, unshaven, alone, uncoordinated
- Minor traveling without adult supervision
- Offers to exchange sex for a ride, meal, etc.
- Does not know the person who is sticking them up
- Any acknowledgment that she/he has a pimp and is making a profit
- Signs of branding or tattooing (other than the driver’s name)
- Illegible possession of own ticket or ID

TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING
CASE STUDY

San Diego Metropolitan Transit
WANT OUT OF THE LIFE?

Sarah was 15 when she ran away from home. She had big dreams about what her life could be and she seemed like the only person who cared. When Chris told her he would take her if she didn’t sell herself for sex, Sarah didn’t think she had a choice. You are not alone. You have other options.

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Anonymous / Confidential / Toll Free / 24/7

NOT SURE WHAT YOU’RE WALKING INTO?

Thousands of girls, boys, women and men are forced into prostitution each year, as sex traffickers lure them into the life with promises of work opportunities and romance. You are not alone. You have other options.

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LOVE DOESN’T HURT. TRICKS AND PIMPS DO.

Lisa was 16 years old and living on the streets when Scott, a handsome 25-year-old, promised her love, financial security, and a place to call home. She thought she had it all until Scott told her she must let herself to keep it. If somebody is asking you to sell your body or getting you to live this way, that’s not love.

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DO YOU REALLY TRUST THIS PERSON?

If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Thousands of girls, boys, women, and men are forced into prostitution each year, as sex traffickers lure them with promises of work opportunities and romance. You are not alone. You have other options.

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TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING
TAT
by the numbers

2,625 calls made into the National Human Trafficking Hotline

694 likely cases of human trafficking generated

1,278 victims identified

933,437 registered as TAT Trained
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