WORKING WITH SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
MINNESOTA LAW DEFINES SEX TRAFFICKING AS:

• The “receiving, recruiting, enticing, harboring, providing, or obtaining by any means on an individual to aid in the prostitution of the individual” or “receiving profit or anything of value, knowing or having reason to know it is derived from [sex trafficking].”
  Minn. Stat. § 609.321, subd. 7a.

• The term “prostitution” means engaging or offering or agreeing to engage for hire in sexual penetration or sexual contact.
  Minn. Stat. § 609.321, subd. 7a.
SAFE HARBOR

Minor Commercial Sexual Exploitation occurs when someone under the age of 24 engages in a commercial sexual activity.

• A commercial sexual activity occurs when anything of value or a promise of anything of value (e.g., money, drugs, food, shelter, rent, or higher status in a gang or group) is given to a person by any means in exchange for any type of sexual activity.

• A third party may or may not be involved.
NO WRONG DOOR

• Multidisciplinary and multijurisdictional approach

• No matter where a youth is identified every professional will be able to identify exploitation and will know where to refer the youth for services
FORMS OF EXPLOITATION

- Street exploitation
- Pornography
- Striping
- Erotic/nude massage
- Escort services
- Phone sex lines
- Private parties
- Sex tourism

- Escort Services
- Illicit Massage, Health, & Beauty
- Outdoor Solicitation
- Residential
- Domestic Work
- Bars, Strip Clubs, & Cantinas
- Pornography
- Traveling Sales Crews
- Restaurants & Food Service
- Peddling & Begging
- Agriculture & Animal Husbandry
- Personal Sexual Servitude
- Health & Beauty Services
- Construction
- Hotels & Hospitality
- Landscaping
- Illicit Activities
- Arts & Entertainment
- Commercial Cleaning Services
- Factories & Manufacturing
- Remote Interactive Sexual Acts
- Carnivals
- Forestry & Logging
- Health Care
- Recreational Facilities
BASIC ECONOMICS

Who’s involved?

Supply
- Women
- Girls
- Boys
- Men
- Gender-nonconforming

Demand
- Sex Buyers
# Sex Traffickers

**What do they do?**
- “Pimp”
- Recruit
- Restrain
- Advertise
- Record/film
- Coordinate
- House
- Transport

**Who are they?**
- Madams
- Criminal Networks
- Family Members
- Intimate Partners
- Peers
- Pimps
RECRUITMENT

Grooming:
1) building a relationship to develop affection, loyalty and dependence.
2) To prepare or train someone for a particular purpose or activity

TARGETING A VICTIM
GAINING TRUST & INFORMATION
FILLING A NEED
ISOLATION
ABUSE BEGINS
MEANS

- Force
  - Physical assault
  - Sexual assault, rape
  - Physical confinement or isolation

- Fraud
  - Fraudulent employment offers
  - False promises for work and/or living conditions
  - Withholding wages

- Coercion
  - Threats of harm, arrest, or deportation
  - Debt bondage
  - Psychological manipulation
**Action + Means + Purpose = Human Trafficking**

### The A-M-P Model

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*Minors induced into commercial sex are human trafficking victims—regardless if force, fraud, or coercion is present.*
FACTORS INFLUENCING DEMAND

- Accessibility of pornography
- Acceptance of violence towards individuals, primarily females, in the sex industry
- Dehumanization of women in the sex industry
- The sexual objectification of women and young girls in mainstream media
- No perceived consequences
THE DEMAND

“THE BOTTOM LINE: DEMAND FOR SEX ISN’T A ONE-TIME EVENT.”

- Buyers travel 30-60 miles for sex
  - Typically do not purchase sex in their hometowns
- Often before, during, or after work
- On business trips or male-focused vacations
  - Hunting trips
  - Bachelor parties
- Most sex buyers use the internet to find what they’re looking for
- Most transactions take a half an hour
- 26,000 Minnesota men may have bought sex in the past year.
A good majority of them are going to be your middle-aged to older white males as a demographic. A little bit, I would say, higher up on the economic scale – they have a little extra money to spend. A good majority of them, I would say 80 to 90 percent, are married with children.

-Law Enforcement Officer, Central Minnesota
SEX BUYERS IDENTIFIED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mapping The Demand
HOW DO SEX BUYERS CONNECT?

1) WORD-OF-MOUTH

2) USE OF INTERNET
HOW DO SEX BUYERS CONNECT?

3) DIRECT-IN-PERSON SOLICITATION
## RISK FACTORS

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PATHWAYS TO ENTRY

- Violence and force
- Survival sex
- Seduction and coercion
- False advertising for “modeling”, “acting”, or “dancing” opportunities
- Peer recruitment
- Internet enticement through chat rooms or profile-sharing sites

Sex trafficking within residences informally used as brothels typically involves child victims, with boys making up a growing percentage.
YOUTH AT RISK

- Wilder Research Center estimates 2,500 unaccompanied homeless youth under the age of 22 who are homeless on any given night in MN.
- A MN study found that 14-20% of homeless youth have engaged in survival sex.
- 44% of homeless lesbian, gay, or bisexual youth had been approached with money, shelter, food, drugs, etc. in exchange for sex
  - 19% of the LGB youth surveyed had engaged in survival sex.
- Within 48 hours of running away from home, 2 in every 3 will be approached by an exploiter.
- In 2016, NCMEC estimated that 1 in 6 endangered runaways reported to them were likely sex trafficking victims.
BASIC TIPS

GROUND RULES

• Non-judgmental and kind
• Address emergency and basic needs first
• Open body-language
• Patience! Even if the story is changing show patience!
• Refer to Regional Navigator, social worker or another trained advocacy group

ASKING QUESTIONS OR RESPONDING

• Stay calm and listen!
• They don’t need to tell you their whole story!
• Do not immediately ask questions about the pimp or trafficker.

“What has happened to you?”
“Why are you doing this?”
REENTRY

• Lack of support system or being away from their support system
• Lack of support structure
• Situational needs not being met
• Mental health issues or self-esteem not being handled accordingly
Structural Inequalities:
Racism, Gender Bias, Poverty

Potential Supply of Young Girls

Recruitment & Capture Process

Operation

Escort
Brothel & Brothel-Like
Street-Based
Closed Sex Buyer Network

CORNERSTONE
REBUILDING LIVES, RESTORING HOPE
## CONNECT WITH US

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24 Hour Helpline: 952.884.0330

MN Day One® Crisis Line—Call: 1.866.223.1111 Text: 612-399-9995


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