## Survivors of Trafficking Program

### **General Presentation**



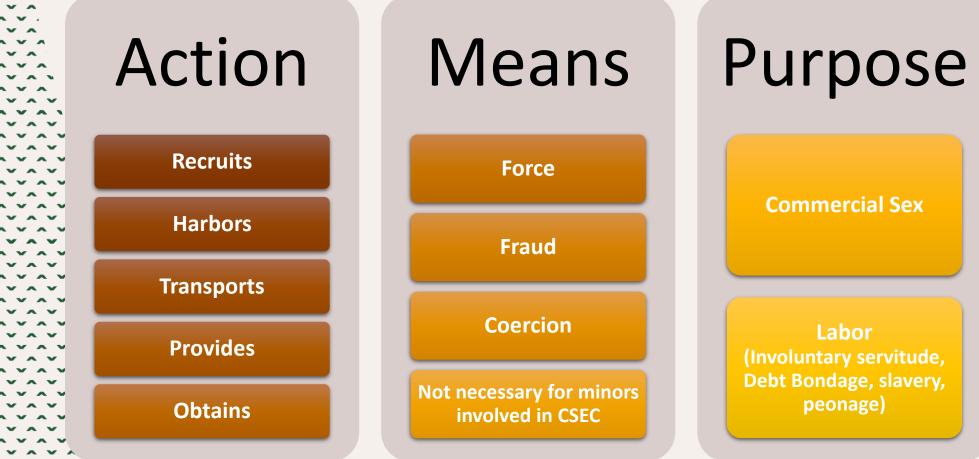
## What is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking is the exploitation of human beings through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor.

- Sex Trafficking: <u>Commercial sex</u> act induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which person performing the act is under age 18.
  - Victims can be found working in massage parlors, brothels, strip clubs, escort services
- Labor Trafficking: Using force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, obtain or employ a person for labor or services in <u>involuntary servitude</u>, <u>peonage</u>, <u>debt</u> <u>bondage or slavery</u>.
  - Victims can be found in domestic situations as nannies or maids, sweatshop factories, janitorial jobs, construction sites, farm work, restaurants, panhandling



### **Three Elements**





## **Characteristics of Victims**

- Foreign-born and U.S. Citizens
- All levels of education
- All genders
- All ages

Traffickers do not discriminate based on gender, class, age or ethnicity.

# Trafficking Victims: Understanding Mindset

### Individuals most likely targeted:

- Do not speak English and are unfamiliar with U.S. culture
- Confined to room or small space to work, eat, sleep
- Fear, distrust health providers, government, and law enforcement
  - Fear of deportation
- Unaware that what is being done to them is a crime
  - Do not consider themselves victims
  - Blame themselves for their situations
- May develop loyalties, positive feelings toward trafficker as coping mechanism
  - May try to protect trafficker from authorities
- Unaware of where they are, because traffickers will move them often to escape detection
- Fear for the safety of their family in home country



### **Common Indicators**

- Injuries, signs of physical or sexual abuse
- Work excessive hours, even when sick
- Branding
- Very low pay; working to pay off a debt
- Isolated from friends and family. No community
- Scripted communication
- No identifying documents
- Inhumane living conditions



## **Signs of Human Trafficking**

- Signs of trauma, fatigue, injury, or other evidence of poor care.
- The person is withdrawn, afraid to talk, or their communication is being censored.
- The person does not have freedom of movement.
- The person lives and works in one place.
- The person owes a debt to their employer.
- Security measures are used to control who has contact with the person.
- The person does not have control over their own government-issued identification or their immigration documents.



### Why Here?



### California

- Proximity to international borders
- Numerous ports and airports
- Significant immigrant populations
- Large economies that include industries that attract forced labor

### Sacramento

- Centered between several major interstates
- High percentage of non-English speaking immigrants
- Rich agricultural industry, reliant on migrant labor

## **National Data**

### 2019 Data Report

The U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline

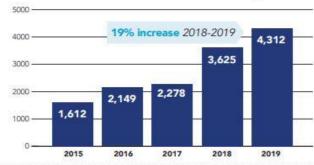
More victims and survivors speaking for themselves

Data Highlights: January 1- December 31, 2019

Victims and survivors of sex and labor trafficking know their situations and needs better than anyone. For that reason - and with certain limited exceptions, such as situations involving children - the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline will not contact law enforcement or otherwise take action on behalf of the victim or survivor without that person's consent. **That's why the nearly 20 percent increase in victims and survivors who contacted us directly is so meaningful.** Hearing directly from the person affected gives the Trafficking Hotline the best information and avenue to provide help. That might mean putting together a safety plan, finding an attorney, a shelter bed or a trauma counselor, or, in some cases, seeking law enforcement intervention.

Also worth noting is the rapid growth of text as a means of communication with the Trafficking Hotline. More details available on pages 5 and 6 of this document

#### Contact from Victims and Survivors Themselves Has Grown Steadily Over Time



Individual Victims and Survivors Contacting Us

#### IMPACT AT A GLANCE

victims and survivors identified 22,326

VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS IDENTIFIED BY TRAFFICKING FORM Sex trafficking 14,597 Labor trafficking 4,934 Sex and labor 1,048 Not specified 1,747

situations identified 11,500

traffickers identified 4,384

suspicious businesses identified 1,912

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS IDENTIFIED<sup>1</sup>

 2015
 2016
 2017
 2018
 2019

 5,713
 7,744
 8,774
 2018
 2019

 'Situations of human trafficking may involve more than one victim or survivor.

Total situations of human trafficking identified through the Trafficking Hotline December 2007 - December 2019

63,380

### Source: <u>https://polarisproject.org/2019-us-national-human-trafficking-hotline-statistics/</u>

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### HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES REPORTED BY STATE

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### **Top 3 Identified Types**



Individual victims and survivors of sex trafficking:

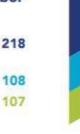
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#### **Top 3 Identified Sex Trafficking Types** Escort services 1,278 Illicit massage, health, and beauty<sup>4</sup> 1,247

Pornography

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#### LABOR TRAFFICKING **Top 3 Identified Labor Trafficking Types** Individual victims and Situations of labor Domestic work 218 trafficking: survivors of labor trafficking: Agriculture and animal husbandry 108 1,236 4,934 Traveling sales crews 107







Top 3 Identified Sex and Labor Trafficking Types

Illicit massage, health, and beauty<sup>4</sup> 123 81 Illicit activities Bars, strip clubs, and cantinas 43

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## Top 5

#### Top 5 Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities for Trafficking Victimization

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#### SEX TRAFFICKING

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#### LABOR TRAFFICKING

Recent Migration/Relocation 2,364
Unstable Housing 91
Criminal Record/Criminal History 90
Physical Health Concern 53
Substance Use Concern 32

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#### **Top 5 Recruitment Tactics**

#### SEX TRAFFICKING

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### COMMON VENUES/INDUSTRIES FOR LABOR TRAFFICKING

Domestic Work (e.g., cleaning homes, childcare, elderly care, etc.)

Hotel & Restaurant Service (e.g., hospitality services, housekeeping, dishwashing, etc.)

Manufacturing (e.g., food processing, making clothing, assembling toys, etc.)

Agriculture (e.g., growing food)

Health & Beauty Services (e.g., hair braiding, nail salons, etc.)

Forced Peddling (e.g., magazine crews)

Forced Selling and/or Cultivation of Drugs

# Survivors of Trafficking (SOT) Program



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## **Our Approach**

We take a client-centered approach to help survivors access:

- Safety planning
- Immediate basic needs
- Housing
- Medical, dental, and mental health services
- Transportation
- Education and continued learning
- Employment and job skills



## **Services Provided at Opening Doors**

- Wraparound Case Management
- Immigration Legal Services
  - T visa, U visa, VAWA, SIJS, naturalization, asylum, permanent residence applications, and removal defense.
- Rental assistance
- Financial assistance
- Referrals to other community resources
- Assistance with enrolling in government programs

### **SOT Program Staff**

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