

Human Trafficking and Federal Resources for Foreign Trafficking Victims

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Overview

- 1) Human Trafficking Overview
- 2) Identifying Victims of Trafficking
- 3) HHS/ORR Response to Human Trafficking



Human Trafficking: What Is It?

- Modern-day slavery
- Traffickers exploit victims through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor.



Two Types of Human Trafficking

Sex Trafficking: **Commercial sex** act induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which person induced to perform the act is under age 18.

Labor Trafficking: Using force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide or obtain a person for labor or services for the purpose of **involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery**



A-M-P Model

Action: recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person

Means: use of force, fraud, or coercion

Purpose: commercial sex acts, labor or forced services



How Are Victims Trafficked?

- **Force:** Rape, beatings, confinement
- **Fraud:** Includes false and deceptive offers of employment, marriage, better life
- **Coercion:** Threats of serious harm to, or physical restraint of, any person; debt bondage; confiscate passport and identification documents



Who are the traffickers?

- Large-scale
 - sophisticated national and international crime networks
 - highly organized from the recruitment, transportation, and exploitation stages of human trafficking
 - often well-connected financially and politically in country of origin
- Medium-scale
 - often specialize in a particular source and destination country
 - may include pimps, brothel owners, farm owners, salon owners
- Small-scale
 - focus on recruiting a particular victim
 - may include neighbors, friends, “boyfriends”, relatives



Who Are Victims of Human Trafficking?

- Victims can be male or female; children, adolescents or adults; U.S. citizens, U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) or non-U.S. citizens.
- Victims can be trafficked into the U.S. from anywhere. Victims have come from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Russia.



Identifying Trafficking Victims

Sex Trafficking

- Street prostitution
- Exotic dancing bars
- Latino Cantina bars
- Asian massage parlors
- Residential brothels
- Escort services

Labor Trafficking

- Domestic servitude
- Agricultural labor
- Sweatshops/factories
- Salons (nails, hair braiding)
- Janitorial work
- Housekeeping
- Peddling



Identifying Trafficking Victims

- Often kept isolated and activities restricted
- Unable to move freely or leave job
- Bruises or other signs of physical abuse
- Lack of passport, identification documents
- Poor hygiene, clothes unwashed



Challenges in Identifying Victims

- Hidden nature of the crime
- Victims often do not self-identify
- Victims are fearful of harm to themselves and their families
- Shame
- Mistrust of authorities
- Feel they are honor-bound to pay debts
- Trauma-bond with traffickers



Role of HHS in TVPA

1. To identify, serve and certify foreign victims of trafficking
2. To increase public awareness about human trafficking



Certification and Eligibility Letters

- Certification makes adult trafficking victims eligible for Federal benefits and services to same extent as refugees
- HHS issues an Interim Assistance Letter or an Eligibility Letter to a victim of trafficking under 18 years of age



Certification

- ORR issues Certification letters to adult, foreign victims who—
 - receive Continued Presence, *Bona fide* T visa or T Visa; and
 - are willing to assist in every reasonable way with law enforcement (LE) investigation of case, or cannot cooperate due to trauma



Benefits and Services

- Time-limited cash and medical assistance
- Substance abuse and mental health services
- Public Housing Program
- Employment training/Match Grant
- English language training (ESL)
- Food Assistance (SNAP)
- Federal Financial Aid for Students
- Social Security Card



Eligibility Letters: Child International TIP Victims

- ATIP Child Protection Specialists provide technical assistance to anyone in the field who encounters a child victim of trafficking.
- Children are NOT required to assist LE or obtain CP or T Visa in order to be eligible for benefits.



Eligibility Benefits for Children

- Access to benefits to the same extent as a refugee, to include, but not limited to:
 - Medical, food, and educational assistance



Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) Program

HHS-funded foster care:

- Specialized for refugee children
- Range of placement options
- Comprehensive services



Services Grants

- ATIP has 3 service grantees
- Network of service providers
- Case management for pre-certified and certified victims



National Human Trafficking Resource Center **1-888-3737-888**

- Toll free 24/7 hotline
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Provides victim service referrals
- www.traffickingresourcecenter.org



Rescue & Restore Regional Program

- Manage local outreach efforts and identify victims
- Lead/participate in local coalition
- Provide training and technical assistance to local organizations and agencies



Rescue & Restore Resource Materials

Look Beneath the Surface

Can you recognize child victims of human trafficking among the people you help everyday?

As a law enforcement officer, a health care professional or a social service provider, you can help rescue and restore the future for victims of human trafficking.

LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

A victim of trafficking may look like many of the people you help everyday.

Ask the right questions and look for clues. You are vital because you may be the only outsider with the opportunity to speak with a victim.

There are safe housing, health, immigration, food, income, employment, legal and interpretation services available to victims, but first they must be found.

If you think someone is a victim of trafficking, call 1.888.3737.888
For more information about human trafficking visit www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking.

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Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking in the U.S.

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Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery



The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Program (ATIP) identifies and serves victims of human trafficking, assisting foreign trafficking victims in the United States to become eligible for public benefits and services to the same extent as refugees. The program also raises awareness of human trafficking through the HHS Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking campaign.

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***Please note:** The "Look Beneath the Surface" DVD is currently out of stock and we are not accepting new orders. You can view this training video on YouTube where it appears in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE
1-888-373-7888
Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)



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