



HUMAN TRAFFICKING: FOR FAMILY PLANNING PROVIDERS

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OBJECTIVES

- Define Human Trafficking
- Describe the extent of Human Trafficking in Region II.
- Identify red flags and indicators of human trafficking.
- Conduct a preliminary trafficking victim assessment using scenarios specific to family planning clinics.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING FEDERAL DEFINITION



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING OVERVIEW

Sex Trafficking

- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, providing or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age.

Labor Trafficking

- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, by force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

THE A-M-P MODEL

Action	Means*	Purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruits• Harbors• Transports• Provides• Obtains,• or so attempts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Force• Fraud• Coercion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial Sex Acts• Labor or Services

***Force, Fraud, and Coercion** are not required for minors under age 18 induced into commercial sex.

BUSTING MYTHS

- Transportation or border-crossing is not required
- Physical force or restraint is not required
- Prior work history does not matter
- Wages earned does not void crime
- Initial consent does not matter



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WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

Victims can be:

- Anyone
- Strangers, Friends, Family Members or Neighbors
- US Citizens and Foreign Nationals
- Males and Females
- Adults and Minors
- Any race
- Of diverse socioeconomic backgrounds



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN REGION II



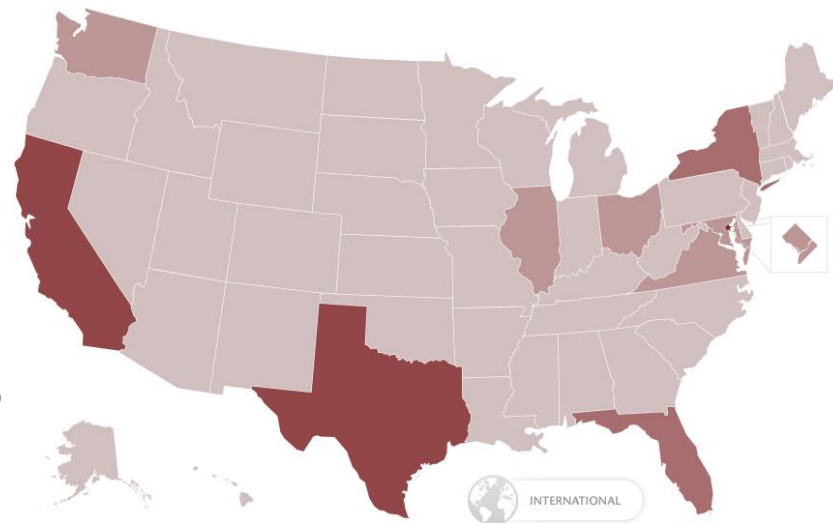
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STATE-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

www.Traffickingmap.org

- Anti-trafficking Organizations
- Human Trafficking Studies: NY, Puerto Rico
- NHTRC Annual and Quarterly Call Data
 - All states
- State HT Statutes
- Puerto Rican Penal Code Articles 142, 152, 153, 306



ANTI-TRAFFICKING INFRASTRUCTURE: NY

- **Human Trafficking Task Forces**
 - New York City, Long Island, Erie County
- **Service Providers:**
 - GEMS – NYC
 - Safe Horizon – NYC
 - New York Asian Women's Center – NYC
 - Restore NYC
 - My Sister's Place – White Plains
 - International Institute of New York – Buffalo

ANTI-TRAFFICKING INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Human Trafficking Task Forces**
 - New Jersey
- **Service Providers:**
 - Polaris Project – NJ
 - Atlantic County Women’s Center – NJ
 - Coordinadora Paz Para la Mujer – Puerto Rico
 - Women’s Coalition of St. Croix

NHTRC TIPS BY STATE REGION II

DEC 7, 2007 – AUGUST 31, 2011

STATE	SEX TRAFFICKING	LABOR TRAFFICKING
NJ (600)	Pimp-controlled Trafficking	Small Business; Domestic Servitude
NY (1436)	Pimp-controlled Trafficking	Domestic Servitude
Puerto Rico (15)	Latino Cantina Bar	Domestic Servitude
US Virgin Islands (4)		Labor Trafficking – Not Specified

TRAFFICKING STATISTICS – REGION II

DEC 7, 2007 – JULY 31, 2011

Gender of Potential Victim

Male: 16%

Female: 65%

Not Specified: 25%

Age of Potential Victim

Adults: 54%

Minors: 19%

Age Unknown: 32%

Citizenship/ Nationality

Foreign Nationals: 39%

US Citizens/LPRs: 25%

Citizenship/Nationality Unknown: 37%

TRAFFICKING STATISTICS – REGION II

DEC 7, 2007 – AUGUST 31, 2011

Type of Trafficking

Sex: 56%

Labor: 29%

Sex and Labor: 1%

Other: 14%

Sex Trafficking

Pimp Control Sex Trafficking

Asian Massage Parlor

Latino Residential Brothel/Delivery Service

Escort Service

Labor Trafficking

Domestic Servitude

Sales Crews

Small Business

Factory

WHERE DOES TRAFFICKING OCCUR?

SEX TRAFFICKING	LABOR TRAFFICKING
Street Prostitution	Domestic Servitude
Massage Parlors	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing
Residential Brothels	Construction
Escort Services	Peddling & Begging Rings (Sales Crews)
On-line Exploitation	Factories
Hotels & Motels	Service Industry (Hotels & Restaurants)
Truck Stops	Small Businesses
Hostess Clubs/Cantina Bars	
Exotic Dancing/Stripping	
Pornography	

HAIR SALONS: NJ

U.S. v. Akouavi Kpade Afolabi

- Between 2002-2007, recruited over 20 women and girls, ages 10-19, from Togo and Ghana to Newark and East Orange, NJ.
- Forced to work 14 hours a day braiding hair.
- Confiscated all earnings.
- Exploited cultural fear of voodoo curses.
- Prevented from attending school or learning English.
- Several girls experienced sexual abuse.

AGRICULTURE & LABOR TRAFFICKING



Source: Health and Human Services

- **Victims:** Foreign Nationals; US Citizens; Men & Women; Migrant Laborers
- **Controllers:** Contractors, Crew Leaders, Growers
- **Locations:** Rural, company housing
- **Means of Control:**
 - Isolation; dependence on the controller for food, shelter, transportation, medical care; physical, sexual, verbal abuse; debt; threats; document confiscation.

IN THE NEWS - NY

[U.S. v. Maria Garcia-Botello](#)

- A farm labor contractor in the Buffalo area recruited 40 migrant farm workers from Mexico.
- More than \$1000 in debt for transportation, food, rent and electricity.
- Forced to live in unsanitary conditions, without sufficient bed space, water, or food.
- Threatened with physical harm, deportation and arrest.

DOMESTIC SERVITUDE

- **Victims:** Women & Girls
 - Typically Foreign National,
- also US Citizen
- **Controllers:** Individuals, Diplomats, Family members
- **Locations:** In the Home; Low to Upper Income Households.
- **Means of Control:**
 - Document confiscation; isolation; monitoring; threats; physical, verbal or sexual abuse.



Source: Department of Justice

IN THE NEWS: NY

[Vishranthamma Swarna v. Badar Al-Awadi](#)

- Kuwaiti diplomats held an Indian woman in domestic servitude in NYC.
- Forced to work 17 hours per day, seven days per week., never given time off and paid \$200-\$300 per month.
- Constantly supervised, communications monitored, documents confiscated.
- Suffered physical, sexual and psychological abuse.

PIMP-CONTROLLED SEX TRAFFICKING

- **Victims:** Minors and Adults
(US citizen/Foreign National)
- **Controllers:** Male, female
- **Locations:** Streets, Clubs, Hotels,
Truck Stops
- **Means of Control:**
 - Boyfriending; selling a dream; small indulgences; physical, verbal, sexual abuse; isolation from friends and family; dependence on the controller for shelter, food, clothes, love; threats; rules of the “game.”



THE TRAUMA EXPERIENCE

Quota of 5 customers/night or \$500 - \$1000/night

♀ x ♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ per day x 7 days/week x 1 year

= 1,820 forced sexual encounters per year



IN THE NEWS: NY

N.Y. v. Gaston

- A 25-year-old pimp from South Ozone Park recruited 3 teenage girls, advertised them on Craigslist and made them walk a well-known "track" near the airport.
- Recruited by: abduction, debt, befriending and buying gifts.
- One was made to have sex with his landlord in rent payment.
- Threatened, sexually abused and beat the girls.

SEX TRAFFICKING LATINO NETWORKS



- **Victims:** Latina women, minors
- **Controllers:** Male & Female Latinos
- **Locations:** Residential areas, Rural Trailers, Apartments, Cantinas and Escort Delivery
- **Means of Control:**
 - Boyfriending; selling a dream; debt, confinement and monitoring; isolation from friends and family; sexual abuse; threats.

THE TRAUMA EXPERIENCE

♂ x 25 ♀ per day x 7 days/week x 1 year
= 9,125 forced sexual encounters per year



IN THE NEWS: NJ

[U.S. v. Ana Luz Rosales Martinez](#)

- Ten Honduran women and girls, ages 14 to mid-twenties, were promised restaurant jobs and forced to work at a bar in New Jersey.
- The victims had to repay \$20,000 debts.
- The victims' families were threatened, and they were warned not to trust law enforcement.
- Many of the women were raped. Several became pregnant and were forced to take drugs to cause an abortion.

INTIMATE PARTNER/ FAMILIAL TRAFFICKING

- **Victims:**
 - US citizens & Foreign nationals
 - Adults & Minors
 - Males & Females
- **Controllers:**
 - Parent or guardian
 - Intimate partner,
 - Other immediate or extended family member
- **Sex Trafficking**
 - Pimp-controlled sex trafficking
 - Escort service
 - Exotic dancing
 - Pornography-related
- **Labor Trafficking**
 - Domestic Servitude
 - Peddling/begging
 - Small business
 - Restaurant

PUERTO RICO

Human Trafficking in Puerto Rico: An Invisible Challenge

- A mother forced her minor daughter to engage in commercial sex, at age 5.
- Mother allowed johns to abuse her daughter for 100 pesos each.
- Later placed with a foster family, her mother received payment from the foster father to sexually abuse the daughter.



IDENTIFYING TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN A CLINICAL SETTING



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WHEN DO VICTIMS SEEK MEDICAL SERVICES?

- In an emergency
- After an assault
- For a gynecological exam
- For pre-natal care
- For routine checkups
- For unrelated health issues

“28% of trafficking survivors in one study said they came into contact with a healthcare provider during the trafficking situation, and were not recognized.”

— Family Violence Prevention Fund



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BARRIERS TO VICTIM SELF-IDENTIFICATION

**Control of
movement by
exploiter**

**Fear of
retribution by
exploiter**

**Distrust of
Authority;
Learned
"Loyalty"**

**Fear of arrest,
incarceration or
deportation**

**Accompanied/
monitored by
exploiter**

**For Minors:
Fear of being
returned to
family**

**Language and
social barriers/
Unfamiliarity**

**Shame,
Self-Blame**

Isolation

**For Minors:
Fear of
placement with
social services**

**No personal ID
or documents**

**Hopelessness,
Resignation**



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POTENTIAL HEALTH INDICATORS: COMMERCIAL SEX

- Under age 18 and in commercial sex
- Language from “the life”
- Persistent or untreated STIs or UTIs
- Abnormally high number of sex partners
- Trauma to vagina or rectum
- Presence of cotton or debris in vagina
- Repeated abortions or miscarriages
- Unintended pregnancies or fertility problems



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POTENTIAL HEALTH INDICATORS: LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Dehydration, heat stress/stroke
- Sleep deprivation
- Musculoskeletal and ergonomic injuries
- Pesticide or chemical exposure
- Water and sanitation related illness
- Air quality or respiratory problems
- Untreated skin infections/irritations
- Evidence of sexual abuse



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RED FLAGS: FORCE & ABUSE

- Hematoma or Contusions
- Lacerations or Scarring
- Missing or broken teeth
- Dislocated limbs or Fractures
- Bald spots
- Burns
(e.g. cigarette burns)



RED FLAGS: COERCION & CONTROL

- Inability to keep appointments or follow care instructions
- Accompanied by a person that does not let patient speak
- No identification documents
- Addictive behaviors
- Hyper-vigilance, fear, paranoia, anxiety, depression



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VICTIM INDICATORS: TATTOOS



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Source: Donna Hughes, URI



ASSESSMENT



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SCENARIO 1: JASMINE

- Jasmine comes in for an HIV screening.
- The paperwork says she is 19, but she seems younger.
- She constantly receives texts and calls to her cell phone.
- She answers the phone and says “Daddy, I’ll be done soon.”
- Her boyfriend is 30 years old.
- Jasmine says that her Daddy treats her like a real woman and buys her anything she wants.

SCENARIO 1: JASMINE, CONTINUED

- Tattoo of the name “Li'l G” on one arm.
- Jasmine is HIV negative, but has multiple other STIs.
- When asked if she uses protection during sex, Jasmine says “sometimes they don't want to.”
- Sometimes she has sex with other men, but won't say how many.

TRAFFICKING ASSESSMENT

Safety:

- Can you tell me about the person who came with you today?

Purpose:

- Is there labor exploitation?
- Is there **commercial** sex involved?
- Does this fit the pattern of a known trafficking network?

Means:

- What are the elements of force, fraud or coercion?

TRAFFICKING ASSESSMENT - FORCE

- Did [the controller] ever hurt you?
- Were you forced to do something physically or sexually that you didn't feel comfortable with?
- Who decided if you used a condom during sex acts?
- Were you ever forced to have sex?
- Were you ever isolated or confined?



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TRAFFICKING ASSESSMENT - FRAUD

- How did you meet [the controller]/find your job?
- What were your expectations? Did your experiences match up to those?
- Were you ever promised something, but it didn't happen?
- Did anyone take or keep your legal documents for you? (ID, Visa, Passport, etc.)
- Do you owe a debt to anyone? Were fees ever added to the debt?



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TRAFFICKING ASSESSMENT - COERCION

- Did you ever feel pressured or threatened to do something that you didn't want to do?
- Did you ever witness threats or abuse against another person?
- What do you think would have happened if you left? What consequences concerned you the most?
- Were your actions and/or communications monitored?

SCENARIO 2

- A patient who speaks limited English comes to your clinic for pre-natal care.
- She is worried her husband wants her to get a job to pay for her plane ticket to the US.
- He also wants her to be a stay at home mom.
- She has to ask him before buying anything.
- She discloses that her husband has mood swings and sometimes beats her dog.

SCENARIO 3

- A young man comes to your clinic for STI and HIV testing.
- When you ask about how many partners he has had, he becomes visibly upset.
- What types of questions can you ask him?



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SCENARIO 3 CONTINUED

- He tells you that he had been living with his sister and she kicked him out.
- He was walking in the parking lot and a man approached him, offering to pay \$300 to drive him to another city.
- When they arrived a truck was waiting, and he was taken to various houses to engage in commercial sex.
- They hurt him when he tried to leave and he didn't know where he was.



PROVIDING
MEDICAL SERVICES TO
TRAFFICKING VICTIMS



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VICTIM UNDERSTANDING

Be aware that a trafficking victim may:

- Exhibit trauma bonding
- Not self-identify as a victim
- Conflicting stories or misinformation
- Refuse services
- Distrust authority
- Accompanied by the controller



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PATIENT/PROVIDER INTERACTION

- The true story may emerge in pieces or over time
- Ask open-ended questions
- Use a non-judgmental tone
- Take language and vocabulary cues from the victim
- Avoid victimizing them again by referring to them as prostitutes, slaves, etc
- Do not make promises that cannot be kept
- Make sure an interpreter is not known to the victim

NEXT STEPS

- Follow **existing protocols** when applicable for:
 - Child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, incest, domestic violence.
- Explain **reporting obligations**
- Provide **options**
- Consider the patient's **age, immigration status**
- Provide the **NHTRC** hotline number
- Report to HHS **foreign national child victims**

NHTRC HOTLINE: 1-888-373-7888

- Confidential, 24/7, 175 languages
- Not a mandatory reporter
- All hotline staff are prepared to:
 - Review trafficking indicators
 - Provide assessment questions
 - Assess safety and help safety plan
 - Provide resources and referrals
- To request referrals
 - Type of trafficking, gender, age, city, state



FOREIGN NATIONAL MINORS

- Federal, State, or local officials are required to **notify HHS within 24 hours** of discovering a child *who may be* a foreign victim of trafficking
- Notify a Child Protection Specialist in the HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) at **ChildTrafficking@acf.hhs.gov** or call **202.205.4582**.
- www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Anti-Trafficking Tools for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [The Role of the Nurse in Combating Human Trafficking](#)
 - Donna Sabella, PhD, RN, American Journal of Nursing, Feb 2011, Vol. 111, No. 2, [[PubMed](#)]
- HHS Administration for Children and Families
 - [Anti-Trafficking in Persons Division](#)
 - [Tools for Healthcare providers](#)
- [Human Trafficking in Puerto Rico: An invisible Challenge](#)

CALL US!

For more information, resources, referrals or to report a potential case of human trafficking, please call us toll-free, 24 hours a day.

National Human Trafficking
Resource Center (NHTRC)

1-888-3737-888

www.TraffickingResourceCenter.org

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