Sex, Money, and the Forgotten Victim:

An Overview of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
During the original workshop, there was a video clip on this slide. The video clip is about 6 minutes long and is the first segment in a series of 9 segments. The other segment links will be included throughout the PowerPoint for easy access.

Segment 1: Overview

To access the video clip, please click the following link: http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html
Scope of Human Trafficking

- $32 billion industry
  - As large as weapons trafficking
- 12 million victims worldwide
  - 43% sex; 32% labor
  - 80% women; 50% children
- 8.5% convicted offenders to victims identified
- 0.4% victims identified to estimated victims
Top 10 Myths about Human Trafficking

10) Victims of human trafficking are only foreign nationals.

9) Human trafficking is a crime that involves some form of travel or transportation.

8) There must be elements of physical force, physical restraint, or physical bondage to qualify the act as a form of trafficking.

7) Sex trafficking is the only form of human trafficking.

6) Victims of human trafficking will always ask for help or self-identify as a victim.

5) Victims of human trafficking always come from situations of poverty or from small rural villages.

4) Human trafficking is just another term for human smuggling.

3) Human trafficking only occurs in illegal underground industries.

2) If an individual initially consented to the situation, then it voids the crime.
ACTIONS
- Induce
- Recruit
- Harbor
- Transport
- Provide
- Obtain

MEANS
- Force
- Fraud / Deception
- Coercion / Intimidation

PURPOSE
- Sex Trafficking
- Labor Trafficking

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Most Common Myth or Misconception

Human Trafficking Does Not Happen In My Jurisdiction

Fairfax County Second Wealthiest In Nation
Most Common Myth or Misconception

Video clip of ABC Channel 7 News Reporter Pamela Brown with her I–Team Investigation into Child Sex Trafficking

To view, click the following link:
The past two years in the Eastern District of Virginia ...

- 21 cases, 38 defendants, at least 37 juvenile victims of sex trafficking, more than 260 adult victims of sex trafficking and 2 cases of labor trafficking

- 8 of the cases involved gang-controlled sex trafficking with 12 total defendants and at least 27 juvenile victims

- 10 of the cases involved some form of sex trafficking or interstate prostitution

- 8 of the cases involved trafficking "related" prosecutions where sex trafficking was not directly charged but the conduct had a demonstrated or plausible connection to commercial sex (usually involving adults)
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the US

Findings:
- Approximate number of victims
  - 100,000 U.S. children
- Average age:
  - 12–14
- Vulnerability:
  - ANYONE
- Primary barrier to services and intervention:
  - Misidentification
Teen Sex Trafficking

Video clip from the Dear John Campaign – from the John’s perspective:

To view, click the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5O9erzlB1W4

The act of inducing anyone under the age of 18 into engaging in any sexual act in exchange for anything of value (money, drugs, shelter, food, clothes, etc)
Traditional Ideologies

- Runaway
- Problem-child
- Non-responsive to services
- Sexually promiscuous
- Homeless street youth
- Consenting participant
- Drug-user
- Gang member
Who are These Girls?

“Do You Know Lacy?” Trailer from Shared Hope International

To view the clip, click the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfo2pmBvrcI
Who is Vulnerable to Sex Trafficking?

- **Youth with histories of abuse**
  - 41% of minors arrested for prostitution in Las Vegas from 2004–2006 had been victims of sexual assault; 21% had been victims of familial molestation.

- **Homeless, runaway, or “throwaway” youth**
  - In the U.S., 30% of shelter youth and 70% of street youth are victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
  - 78% of children in prostitution had run away 4 or more times in the past year.

- **Other At–Risk**
  - Lack of healthy relationships, attention seeking individuals, low self esteem, and lack of support
Click the link to access video clip from the Dear John Campaign from the girl’s perspective: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TzUyySQPlk
Psychological/Emotional Impact of CSEC
- Disruption of healthy psychological development
  - Self-concept, intimacy, beliefs and goals
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
  - Impulse to revisit traumatic events, intrusive emotions & memories, flashbacks, hyper arousal, exaggerated startle reaction, panic symptoms
- Self-injurious and suicidal behavior
- Dissociative disorders
- Anxiety
- Paranoia
- Clinical depression
- Explosive outbursts
- Sleep disturbance & nightmares
- Bond with perpetrators
- Hyper-sexualization

Emotional Impact of CSEC
- Anger and rage
- Deep emotional pain/grieving
- Feelings of humiliation/shame
- Stigma of exploitation
- Self-blame/Self-loathing
- Loss of sexual desire, feelings, or response
- Sad, Sorry, Lost, Hurt, Scared, Hateful, Lonely,
- Lovesick, Shy, Annoyed, Irritated, Cautious, Shame,
- Helpless, Exhausted, Negative, Miserable,
- Disappointed, Suspicious, Grumpy,
- Numb, Depressed, Judged, Excluded, Reckless,
- Paranoid, Isolated, Shocked, Regretful, Withdrawn,
- Frustrated, Paranoid

Social Impact of CSEC
- Isolation from peer group
- Disconnection from community
- Isolation from mainstream society
- Homelessness
- Incarceration/Criminal record as obstacle
- Disempowerment
- Lack of life skills
- Trust issues/Difficulty maintaining relationships
- Obstacles to vocation
  - Lack of access to legal economies, lack of job experience/skills
  - Missed school, disconnection with school system

Physical Impact of CSEC
- Continuous physical abuse
- Rape & gang rape
- STDs & STIs
- HIV & AIDS
- Loss of bowel control
- Pregnancy (wanted and unwanted)
- Sterility
- Facial/dental reconstruction
- Tattoos & branding
- Brain damage
- Substance abuse/addiction
- Self-cutting
- Suicide/Death
- Beatings
- Stabbed
- Shot at

Spiritual Impact of CSEC
- Despair
- Hopelessness
- Lack of belief in humanity
- Lack of faith in spiritual power

 Courtesy of The Home for Little Wanderers
Why Commercial Sex?

**Sex Trafficking**
- Investment: Minimal recruiting cost
- 1 night: $1,000; 1 month: $15,000
- 1 year: $180,000 Profit

**Note:** Relies on fewer people, thus less risky; less expensive; girls rescued → girls replaced
* Renewable Resource

**Narcotics Trafficking**
- Investment: $32,000 in initial capital (1 Kilo)
- Sell: $64,000 (1 Kilo broken down)
- Profit: $32,000

**Note:** Relies on more people to cut and distribute; more expensive; narcotics seized → narcotics lost
* Finite Resource
Sex Traffickers:
Click on the following link and select segment 2 for a 3 to 4 minute clip about who are the traffickers:

http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html
Common Sex Trafficking Scenarios

Renegade: individual engages in commercial sex on their own accord, sometimes individuals will operate in a group.

(It should be noted that individuals in this category come from a scenario where they were exploited by a trafficker, and will commonly return to a trafficker.)

Brothel network: individuals are maintained and controlled in a brothel/bawdy place. There is one location that the girls are kept for a period of time then moved to another location within the network.

Pimp–controlled/Family–controlled: individual is controlled by a single pimp or at times a family. The trafficker controls the individuals movements and directs all their actions.

Gang–related: girls are recruited and controlled by gang members. Personal gain.

Sex Trafficking Phases: Scouting, Manipulation, and Trapping

Click on the following link to view the video clip, select “Segment 3”:
http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html
# Scouting: Social Media

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![Social Media Logos](image)
Scouting: Other Methods

- Bus Stops
- Malls and social hang outs
- Parties
  - Skip Parties
- Schools
- Neighborhood
- Girlfriends of gang members
Sex Trafficking Phases: Manipulation

- To view the clip on Manipulation, click on the following link and select “Segment 4”:
- [http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html](http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html)
Manipulation: Pimp Controlled

- Create “love for daddy”/Boyfriend Syndrome
- Complete dependence and control
- Sell “the dream”
Manipulation: Gang Controlled – Indoctrination

- Gang Lifestyle
  - Handshakes
  - Tattoos
  - Clothing
  - Secret language
  - Secret dances
- Access to drugs and alcohol
- Create a sense of family
  - Identity
  - Encourage success
  - Show pride

Clip of “Keep It Gangsta Crip Walk Dance:”
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIkR5ogZXnY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIkR5ogZXnY)
YouTube video clip of Serena Williams dancing the “Crip Walk” after her victory in the 2012 London Olympics. The video lengthen the time of the actual dance and set it to music.

To access the clip click this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeWrrsdgEuI
Evolution of a Gang

First Signs:
• Increase in petty crime (specific time and dates)
• Juvenile delinquency
• Individuals merging and identifying themselves as a group

Reason:
• Seeking identity ("family")
• Lack of support structure
Gang Graffiti: Yorkville Crips (YVC)
Graffiti
Traditional vs. Electronic
Gang Clothing Attire
420: Subject involved in drug dealing (CA Penal Code)

Haze: Gang moniker

Inverted 5 point Crown/Cane: Disrespecting People Nation

Rollin 60 Crips

Gangster Disciple (Folk Nation)

6 Poppin’ 5 Droppin’

Winged Heart: Nation’s Love, and the ability to take flight over oppression

6 point Star: Education, Economics, Social & Political Development, Growth & Development

Pitchforks: Mind, Body, Soul

74: GD (Gangster Disciples)

Everything means something
Tattoos
Escalation of Violence:
  • School yard fights

Reason:
  • Need to share their identity with the community
  • False understanding of power and respect
Gang Mentality

- Power and Respect
- Territorial Dominance
- Paranoia about Law Enforcement
- Blood in, Blood out

Gang over All
Culture of Violence: As Promulgated by Society

- Movies
- TV
- Video Games
- Schools
- Neighborhoods

Yields

- False sense of Power and Respect
- Arrogance / Egos

Pack mentality enables the violence
Why people joins Gangs?

- Fun and excitement
- Peer pressure
- Financial gain/drugs
- Social status (girls)
- Protection
- Family tradition
- Lack of understanding of what a gang is
- Seeking identity and a sense of belonging
Escalation of crime:
- Robberies
- Assaults / Murders
- Gangs will use whatever methods necessary to assert territorial dominance and control. Usually this is achieved through fear. Fear of the omnipresence of the gang and perceived omnipotence.

Reason:
- False sense of power and control
- Need for territorial dominance
- **Profitable crime:**
  - Narcotics trafficking
  - Firearms trafficking
  - Extortion
  - Sex Trafficking

- **Reason:**
  - Once control has been gained over a territory the gang is free to “set up shop.”
  - Age of members
Sex Trafficking Phases: Trapping

- To view the clip on “Trapping,” click the following link and select “Segment 5”

  - http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html
Trapping: A Pimp’s Perspective

Everyone always thinks a pimp keeps a bitch in check using a backhand. There are times when you’re going to need to smack a bitch or choke a bitch if she gets out of line.... But you can not be a pimp by simply getting angry every time and smacking your bitch.

You have to get inside of her head.

A bitch that will break her back making you money is a bitch that is in love with you. A bitch that does not want to disappoint you. A bitch that wants to make her daddy happy...
Trapping: Pimp Control

- Use fear
- Physical violence
- Beat victims
- Beat other girls
- Threaten family
Trapping: Pimp Control

- Identity disassociation
  - Branding
  - Name change
  - Create a back story
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**Trapping:**
**Power and Control**
Trapping: Brenda Paz Phenomenon

- Murdered in 2003
- Used as a form of power and control
- Large availability of media coverage
- Misperceptions

Link to clip on Brenda Paz: http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/the-fight-against-ms-13/
Pimp Control: The Operation

- Constant movement
  - Rental cars
  - Buses (i.e. Greyhound)
  - Air travel
- Online advertising
- “Walking the track”
- Use of hotels
  - Areas near major highways
  - Areas near malls
  - Areas near transportation hubs
  - Colleges/Universities
Gang Controlled Operations

- Neighborhood-centric
- Trusted clientele
- Limit movements
- Counter-surveillance
- Lack of advertising
- Appearance of the girls
Advertising

- Backpage
- Craigslist
- Dating websites
- Word of mouth
- Business cards
Victim Identification
Spotting Signs

To view a 10 min clip from the Tricked series click the follow link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9WyKfIr120&index=7&list=PLGU615q8gq9zF_JAppvRj9Onn7wB2L443
Identifying Victims: Where do we look?

- Police reports
  - Habitual runways
  - Indications of commercial sex
- Probation and Parole
  - Criminal histories for assaultive or disorderly behavior
  - Clients identified by probation
- Schools Administration / SROs
  - Absentee records
  - Sudden drop in grades
- Mental Health Services
Indicators of Commercial Sex

- Items emptied out of a minor’s purse
- Blue Crowns not sold in stores, but sold in bulk online
Warning Signs of CSEC

- Frequent runaway
- Returns with bruises/unusual markings
- Parents report change in attitude mood/personality for no apparent reason
- Older male boyfriend possibly referred to as “daddy”
- Submissive during questioning and/or answers appear to be rehearsed
- Possession of new clothes, shoes, jewelry, etc. from an unknown source
- Change in peer group
- Isolation from the family
- Mental Health Issues
Societal Contributions to the Problem: Sexualization of Society

- Pop culture
- Hollywood
- Advertising
- Fashion
- Sexual Revolution of the 1960’s
- Contraception
- Sex Education (under the guise of Family Life Education)
- Pornography
Societal Contributions to the Problem: Pornography

Effects of Pornography¹:

- More sexually callous towards women
- Trivialized rape as just a criminal offense or no crime at all
- Distorted views of sexuality
- Increased appetite for more deviant, bizarre or violent types of pornography
- Devalued monogamous sex
- Saw non-monogamous sex as normal

¹ Dr. Victor B. Cline, Pornography’s Effects on Adults & Children (New York: Morality in Media, 1999), p. 5.
Road Blocks

- Dealing with the victims
  - Building rapport
  - Safety
- Social stigma
- Loyalty to the gang/traffickers
- Perceptions:
  - Perceived isolation
  - Perceived helplessness
  - Perceived fear of the gang
- New trafficking methods
- Awareness of law enforcement methods
- Anti-law enforcement indoctrination
- Scope of cases
# Victim-Centered Approach

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Victim–Centered Approach

- Addressing the loyalty issue
- Overcoming the indoctrination
- Building rapport
- Gaining victim cooperation
- Victim safety
- Providing victim services
I know someone that I think is involved ...

- Talk to the victim
- Report the incident to the police
- Report your suspicions to counseling staff
- Report the incident to an NGO
- Follow-up
Report Tips, Receive Resources

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www.TraffickingResourceCenter.org

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