



Breaking the Chains

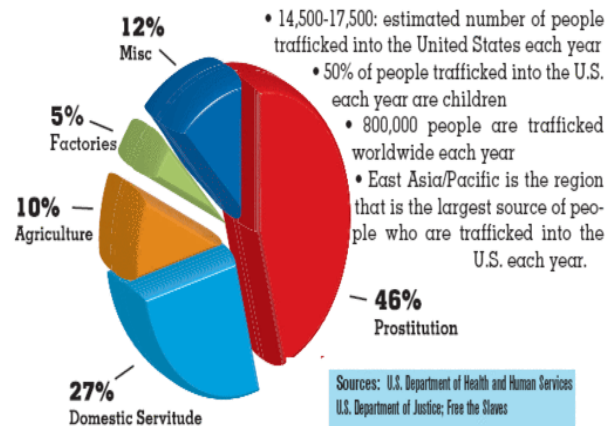
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Trauma

Treatment

Center

*“Providing hope, healing,
and restoration to
survivors of human
trafficking.”*



Know the Red Flags of a Victim

Living Health

- Evidence of being controlled
- Not free to leave or come and go as she/he wishes
- Responds with rehearsed answers
- Lacks control of own money or identification

Mental Health

- Avoids eye contact
- Defensive or argumentative
- Mistrust of individuals displaying compassion
- Bonded with her/his abuser, in spite of experiencing physical or sexual violence

Physical Health

- Tattoos or scarring of trafficker's name and/or symbols on the victim's body
- Visible signs of sexual violence, physical restraint, confinement or torture
- Malnourished, exhausted, sleep deprived
- Poor hygiene

Suggested Screening Questions

- What kind of work do you do?
- Do you get paid?
- Can you leave your job if you need to?
- Have you or your family been hurt or threatened if you tried to leave?
- Do you live with your employer?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Are you in debt to your employer?
- Do you have your ID and/or Passport? If not, who has them?

Human Trafficking

A form of modern-day slavery that is widespread and occurs in the United States, California, and our County. It is one of the largest and fastest growing criminal industries in the world. Traffickers do not discriminate; they target the young, the old, men, women, and people from all socio-economic backgrounds.

Traffickers abuse their victims for the purpose of sexual exploitation, involuntary servitude, slavery, and/or debt bondage through force, fraud, and coercion.

FORCE: rape, beatings, confinements

FRAUD: promises of a good job and home, love and companionship, or a better life

COERCION: threats to a person or family, isolation, psychological abuse, debt bondage, taking identification documents, food deprivation

Human trafficking victims may be found in these places:

- city streets
- hotels and motels
- massage businesses
- strip clubs
- escort services
- truck stops
- domestic homes
- restaurants
- farming/landscaping
- factories
- construction
- janitorial services



BTC Safe House Program

This program is 24 months in duration, consisting of a variety of services designed to support victims of human trafficking in becoming independent in a step-by-step process. Services include, but are not limited to, the following:

Long-Term Housing

- Participants are assessed to reside in our confidential safe house

Case Management

- Participants are monitored weekly by specialized case management personnel
- Transitional housing case management is provided during program participation

Supportive Counseling/Therapy

- Participants have access to on-site and off-site counseling
- Alternative therapeutic settings including equine therapy, art therapy, and yoga

Addiction Treatment/Services

- AOD counseling
- Celebrate Recovery sessions

Workshops

- Weekly courses and activities are provided for self-healing, growth, and life enrichment

Education/Job Training

- All participants are assisted with educational and/or job placement after 6 months
- Volunteer opportunities and community involvement

Legal Advocacy

- Court Accompaniment
- Family Law Legal Document Assistance
- Cease and Desist Letters
- Domestic Violence & Civil Harassment Restraining Orders

Emergency Fund Assistance

- Legal Fees
- Medical Needs
- Relocation Assistance
- Court Preparation



Myths vs Reality

MYTH: Human Trafficking involves movement from one country to another.

REALITY: Human Trafficking need not involve movement, it happens domestically.

MYTH: Human Trafficking involves young women.

REALITY: 80% of trafficking victims are female and 50% are children, but men and women of all ages are trafficked.

MYTH: Traffickers are members of criminal organizations.

REALITY: Traffickers may be part of large criminal organizations, gangs, or drug cartels; human trafficking is the second leading criminal enterprise, second only to the drug trade.

Other traffickers are small business owners and individuals. Some trafficking is done by family members of the victims.

MYTH: Trafficking survivors are not U.S. Citizens.

REALITY: 80% of human trafficking survivors in the United States are U.S. Citizens. Most human trafficking in the U.S. occurs in New York, California, and Florida.

MYTH: Human Trafficking is not taking place in my neighborhood.

REALITY: It can and often does. It is hidden in plain sight in our neighborhoods.