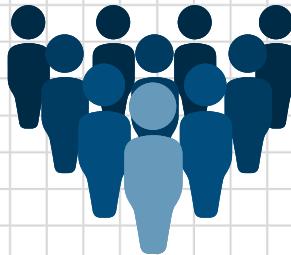


# HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101: KNOW THE FACTS

## **HU·MAN TRAFF·FICK·ING:**

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN-DAY SLAVERY. IT INVOLVES THE USE OF FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION TO OBTAIN SOME TYPE OF LABOR OR COMMERCIAL SEX ACT.



**There are different types of Human Trafficking...**

### **SEX TRAFFICKING**

Sex trafficking victims are manipulated or forced against their will to engage in sex acts for money.

### **FORCED LABOR**

Forced labor victims are made to work for little or no pay. They can be found within factories, farms, construction site, etc.

### **DOMESTIC SERVITUDE**

Domestic Servitude victims are forced to work in homes as nannies, maids, or domestic help. Many times, the victims' identification papers and travel documents are taken from them to limit their freedom.

# Know the RED FLAGS

## OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

**Inability to recall address or knowledge of current location**

**Reluctance to share basic information**

**Lack of control of his/her identification or money**

**Exhibits fear of his/her companion**

**Someone speaks on his/her behalf or is overly controlling**

**Discloses multiple sexual partners**

**Evidence of physical or sexual abuse**

**Physical branding (tattoos with names/symbols)**

**Child appears to be in relationship with adult**

**New friends with a different lifestyle, gang involvement or More Sexualized dress and behavior**

## HOW DOES HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAPPEN?

TRAFFICKERS LOOK FOR VULNERABILITY TO EXPLOIT. ANY PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM.

SOME RISK FACTORS WHICH MAKE PEOPLE VULNERABLE TO TRAFFICKING INCLUDE:

- Homelessness
- Frequent running away
- Family dysfunction
- Substance Abuse
- Lack of social support
- Immigration
- Involvement with Child Welfare System/  
Foster Care
- Learning disabilities
- Developmental delays
- Mental health issues
- LGBTQ
- Childhood sexual abuse
- Adverse childhood experiences
- Family involvement or promotion of sexual  
exploitation

## The 3 Elements of Human Trafficking

**ACT** + **MEANS** + **PURPOSE**

### WHAT IS DONE:

Recruitment

Transport

Transfer

Harboring

Receipt of Persons

### HOW IT IS DONE:

Threat or Use of Force

Coercion

Abduction

Deception

Abuse of Power or Vulnerability

Giving Payments of Benefits

### WHY IT IS DONE:

Exploitation, Including:

Prostitution of Others

Sexual Exploitation

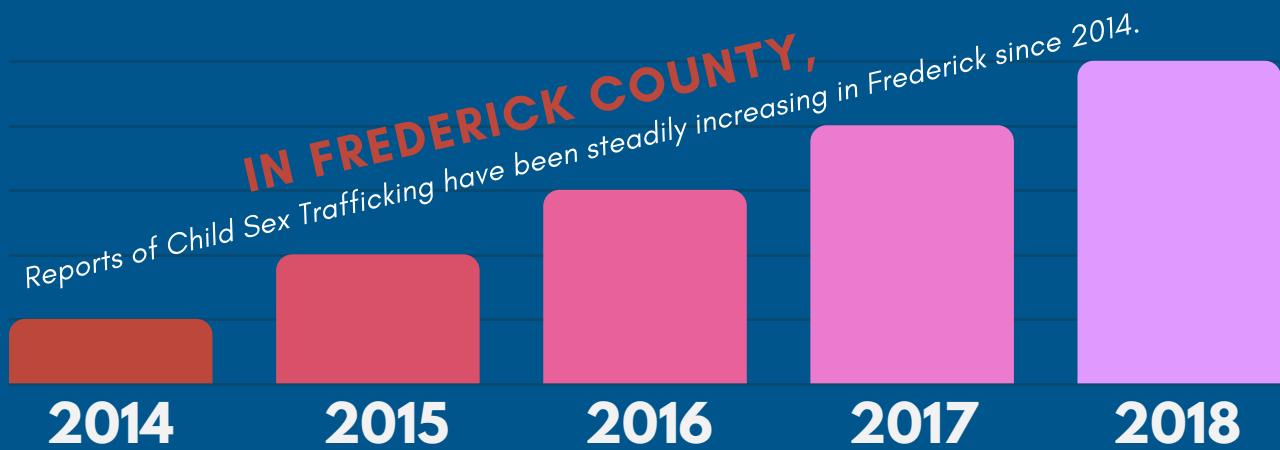
Forced Labor

Slavery or Similar Practices

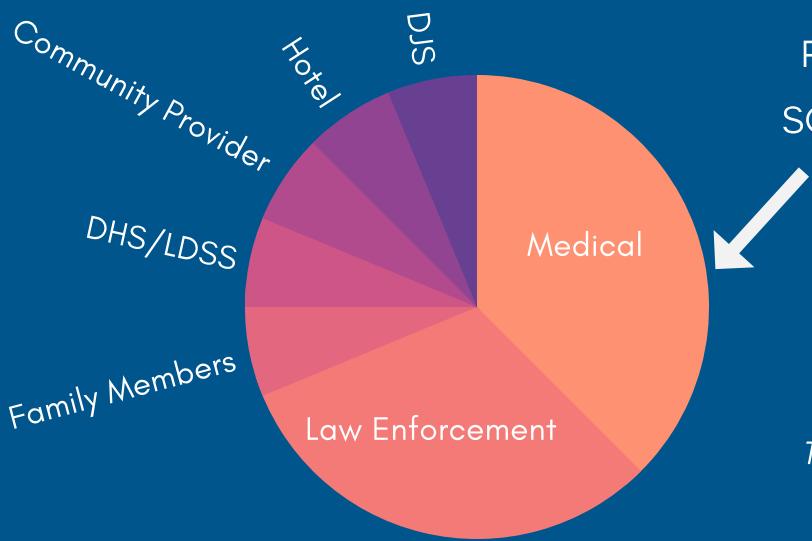
Removal of Organs

# Child Sex Trafficking

CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING (CST) IS WHEN ANY YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ENGAGES IN COMMERCIAL SEX - EVEN IF THERE'S NO PROOF OF FORCE, FRAUD OR COERCION, NOR A PIMP INVOLVED. BY LAW, CST IS CONSIDERED CHILD ABUSE AND SHOULD BE REPORTED TO CPS OR LAW ENFORCEMENT. ANY TIME THERE IS AN EXCHANGE OF SOMETHING OF VALUE (\$, FOOD, SHELTER) FOR A SEX ACT (PROSTITUTION, PORNOGRAPHY, STRIPPING), SOMEONE IS EXPLOITING A YOUTH. THEY SHOULD BE TREATED AS VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND RECEIVE A TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE.



16 child sex trafficking cases have been reported to Frederick County through local departments of social services agencies. - Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative UMD, School of Social Work



PRIMARY REFERRAL SOURCES FOR SCREENING IN CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

THE MOST FREQUENT REFERRAL SOURCE OF SUSPECTED CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN FREDERICK COUNTY IS **MEDICAL PROVIDERS**

# AWAWARENESS & EDUCATION PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE PREVENTION & INTERVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## So what can you do?

- 1) **EDUCATE YOURSELF:** Stay informed and be aware of human trafficking and its presence in the Frederick area.
- 2) **SPREAD THE WORD:** Sharing what is going on brings more collective awareness to our community, which in turn produces more effective prevention.
- 3) **VOLUNTEER:** Offer up your special skills, talents, or interests to our team. Contact us about how you can serve the Frederick community.
- 4) **STUDENTS:** Join or establish clubs/projects that raise awareness about human trafficking, Be an advocate on campus.
- 5) **MENTOR:** Investing in vulnerable youth is vital prevention work. Let's stop trafficking before it happens by being positive examples to kids and teens in our county.
- 6) **ADVOCATE:** Let local gov't representatives know you care about combating human trafficking, and ask what they are doing to address it.
- 7) **JOIN A TRAINING:** Contact the Frederick County Human Trafficking Response Team for further human trafficking education or training (see below).
- 8) **REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:** SPEAK UP. If you believe you may have information about a trafficking situation, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

## More Resources:

- [www.love146.org](http://www.love146.org)
- [www.projectstarfish.education](http://www.projectstarfish.education)
- [www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)
- [www.polarisproject.org/](http://www.polarisproject.org/)
- [www.a21.org](http://www.a21.org)



24/7 Crisis Hotline:  
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