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Child Sex Trafficking 101

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Overview

- Definition/Language
- Statistics
- Risk Factors
- Pathways to Entry
- Males as Victims
- Health & Medical Care
- Voices of Victims
- Action Steps
Objectives

• Define the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), or sex trafficking

• List three risk factors for CSEC

• Describe the reporting process when encountering CSEC victims

• Recall two resources for victims of CSEC
Language and Definitions

Child as victim, not criminal
Definition

• Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
  - Sexual activity involving a child in exchange for something of value
    - Child treated as a commercial, sexual object
    - A form of violence against children
    - Considered child abuse – must be reported

• Federal Law (TVPA)
  - Child (< 18) used for the purpose of sexual servitude, regardless of the absence(s) of coercion, violence, etc.
Change in Language

• “Teen/Child Prostitute”
  - Implies choice
  - Bad kid
  - Resistant
  - Not worth the effort
  - Professional, working, doing job
  - Juvenile offender, criminal
  - Deserving of consequences: sexual violence, social isolation, incarceration

A label with long-lasting stigma
CSEC/Sexually Exploited Child

A young person who has been sexually used, coerced, manipulated, and violently controlled for another person’s profit

- Victim
- Inequality, power imbalance
- Vulnerability
- Multiple systems of oppression
- System of violence against women and children
- Call for social responsibility and accountability

Defines what has happened to a child, rather than labeling the child’s identity
A New Vocabulary

• Pimps $\rightarrow$ Traffickers, exploiters
• Tricks/johns $\rightarrow$ Buyers, exploiters
• Child/teen prostitutes $\rightarrow$ Victims, prostituted teen, exploited child
Exploiters

• Trafficker (“pimp”) = Sex Offender = **Exploiter/Child Abuser**
  - Male or female
  - Sometimes female under the control of a male
    - Bottom girl/Bottom “Bitch”
  - Adult or teen

• Buyer = Sex Offender = **Exploiter/Child Abuser**
  - Person who buys sex from minor
Other Common Terms

• Human Trafficking

• Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
  ▪ Sexually Exploited Teen/Child

• Sex Trafficking
  ▪ Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking
  ▪ Trafficked Youth

• Sex Slavery
  ▪ Sex Slaves

• Exploited Teen/Child
Scope of Problem - International

Children make up 21% of all sexually trafficked victims

2-4 million people trafficked each year, 70% of female victims are sexually trafficked

Trafficing for sexual exploitation is more common in Europe, Central Asia, and the Americas.

UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, 2012; Polaris Project Fact Sheet, 2010
International Trafficking Victims in US

• Storefront/Residential Brothels
  ▪ Informal, cash businesses operating in residential areas
  ▪ “massage parlors”

• Agriculture/Farm Work

• Trafficker-controlled prostitution
  ▪ Truck stops, escort services, strip clubs

• Restaurants

• Child brides

• Domestic work within homes

UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, 2012, Polaris Project Fact Sheet, 2010; Cooper et al, 2005
Scope of the Problem - National

200,000 – 300,000 at risk in U.S. each year

38,600 runaways at risk each year

14,500-17,500 foreign nationals trafficked into US each year

Polaris Project, 2010; Hammer et al, 2002; Estes & Weiner, 2001
Domestic Trafficking

• Runaways (often fleeing violence and abuse)
• “Throwaways”
• “System” Youth
• Child pornography
• False promises of jobs in entertainment industry
• Parents selling children
• Trafficker controlled prostitution
  ▪ Truck stops, escort services, strip clubs

Polaris Project, 2010; Estes & Weiner, 2001
Scope of Problem - Georgia

7,200 men purchase sex with adolescent girls each month

Atlanta 1 of 14 cities with the highest rates of prostitution of children in U.S.

200 – 500 girls are exploited in Georgia each month

Schapiro Group, 2010
Risk Factors