



# Human Trafficking / Modern Day Slavery

Brevard County - Outreach

FLORIDA COALITION AGAINST  
**HUMAN**  
TRAFFICKING





Introduction to  
Human Trafficking

The Florida Coalition

Against Human Trafficking



- A form of modern day slavery
- Involves exploitation of persons for commercial sex, forced labor, servitude or debt bondage.
- Victims may be undocumented immigrants, documented immigrants or U.S. Citizens.
- Traffickers use force, fraud or coercion to control their victims.

# Statistics

The United Nations are estimating in the world,  
in 5 years – 27 million victims

In the United States over 2 millions

And it is estimated that every year we are  
receiving 40,500 people of which  
15,500 are trafficking victims

# Estimated 2,300 Children Missing a Day

**MISSING CHILD ALERT**  
MINNESOTA MISSING CHILD ALERT - Teonna Jordan  
Last Seen: June 23, 2005 - 7:08 AM  
Date of birth: December 3, 1990  
Hair Color: Brown  
Eye Color: Brown  
Last Location: Hopkins, Hennepin, Minnesota  
Height: 5' 2"  
Weight: 120 lbs  
Gender: Female  
Race: Black



**MISSING CHILD ALERT**  
SOUTH CAROLINA MISSING CHILD ALERT - Vania Arroyo  
Last Seen: July 16, 2005 - 12:06 AM  
Date of birth: November 28, 1992  
Hair Color: Black  
Eye Color: Brown  
Last Location: Columbia, Richland, South Carolina  
Height: 5' 4"  
Weight: 115 lbs  
Gender: Female  
Race: Hispanic



Child contact:  
Parent's Office  
Vina  
24 Hr. Phone #  
24 Hr. FAX /  
Emergency  
She may have traveled out of state.  
Parent agency can also be viewed at govt  
created on 8/12/2005 9:58 AM

**MISSING CHILD ALERT**  
FLORIDA MISSING CHILD ALERT - Laura Valerio  
Last Seen: September 9, 2005 - 1:00 PM  
Date of birth: October 2, 1990  
Hair Color: Brown  
Eye Color: Brown  
Last Location: Coconut Creek, Broward, FL  
Height: 5' 2"  
Weight: 100 lbs  
Gender: Female  
Race: Hispanic



**MISSING**  
MISSOURI MISSING CHILD ALERT - Ashley Martinez  
Last Seen: July 6, 2004 - 1:30 PM  
Date of birth: January 24, 1989  
Hair Color: Other (note below)  
Eye Color: Blue  
Last Location: Saint Joseph, Buchanan, Missouri  
Height: 5' 3"  
Weight: 110 lbs  
Gender: Female  
Race: White



**MISSING**  
Gina Brooks  
Date of birth: November 25, 1989  
Hair Color: Blonde  
Eye Color: Green  
Height: 5 feet  
Weight: 119 lbs  
Race: White  
Gender: Female  
Last Seen On: August 5, 1999 - 12:05 AM  
Last Location: MO (Madison County)



If you have any information on this person, contact the following agency:  
Phone Number:  
FAX Number:  
E-mail Address:  
Address:  
Age:

# A Lucrative Business

- Estimated \$34 billion dollars in profits each year.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> most lucrative business organized crime after drug trafficking, it is tied with arms trafficking.
- Human traffickers can continue to exploit their victims.
- Becoming a preferred business for criminal syndicates around the world.



# Smuggling vs Human Trafficking

## Smuggling

- Relationship ends at the border
- Transaction is made for the smuggling service
- Person is free to leave

## Human Trafficking

- Relationship does NOT end at the border
- No transaction is made; debts are incurred
- Person is NOT free to leave
- Slavery
- Can also be a US Citizen

# Traffickers Use Multiple Means To Control Their Victims

- Beatings, burnings, shootings, rapes and starvation
- Isolation
- Psychological Abuses
- Drug Dependency
- Document Withholding
- Debt Bondage
- Threats of Deportation
- Threats against their families in their home country

# *Life with Traffickers:* Element of Terror

Traffickers beat "their" women regularly to show them who is in control and to keep them so scared that they do not even think of attempting to exit the trade.



# Who Engages in Trafficking?

Often Traffickers are:

- Members of the victim's own ethnic or national community
- Are in the U.S. with legal status and maintain close contact with their country.
- May be fluent in English as well as native language
- U.S. Citizens looking for cheap labor

# Red Flags/Clues!

- Evidence of being controlled
- Inability to move or leave job
- Bruises or other signs of physical abuse
- Fear or depression
- Not speaking on own behalf and/or non-English speaking
- No passport or other forms of identification or documentation
- Paranoid behavior
- Lack of trust towards others, especially law enforcement
- Loss of sense of time & space

# Law Enforcement Encounters That Revealed Trafficking Cases

- Domestic Violence
- Shoplifting
- Immigration Stops
- Wage Dispute
- Attempted Suicide
- Prostitution
- Kidnapping
- Battery
- Burglary

# Communicating with a victim

Fear of deportation

Does not Identify as Victim

Distrust of law enforcement

Unaware of rights

The TVPA authorizes special visas and other forms of immigration relief for trafficking victims.

You are a victim, not a criminal. What is happening to you is wrong.

We can help get you what you need. We can protect you. You can trust us.

Human Rights, basic rights and freedoms to which all humans are entitled.

# Where do we encounter victims?

- Immigrant communities
- Large agricultural fields
- Red Light District
- Strip clubs/Massage parlors
- Casino's
- Domestic violence or other dispatched calls
- Routine traffic stops
- Health care providers, ER, and social services
- Airports & Hotels
- Internet
- Sweatshops
- Schools
- Churches



# Human Trafficking Indicators

Victim living and working conditions:

- Restricted or controlled communications
- Frequently moved by traffickers
- Large number of occupants for living space
- Live on or near work premise

# Human Trafficking Indicators, cont...

Victims may lack:

Personal Items / Possessions

- Cell phones, calling cards
- Private space
- Financial records
- Transportation
- Knowledge about how to get around the community

# Human Trafficking Indicators, cont...

## Personal and Physical Indicators

- Injuries from beatings or weapons
- Signs of torture
- Signs of malnourishment

# Symptoms of Trauma

- Insomnia
- Eating problems
- Hyper alertness
- Substance abuse
- Disinterest of life
- Frequent crying
- Inability to concentrate
- Memory loss

# Symptoms of Trauma, cont...

- Increasing anxiety
- Hopelessness
- Increasing anger
- Flashbacks
- Nightmares
- Recurrent disturbing thoughts
- Not showing up for appointments

# What to do?

Ask the right questions!

- What type of work do you do?
- Are you being paid?
- Can you come and go as you please?
- Have you or your family been threatened?
- What are your working and living conditions like?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Do you have to ask permission to eat, sleep or go to the bathroom?
- Are there locks on your doors windows so you cannot get out?
- Has your identification or documentation been taken from you?

# Who engages in Trafficking?

- International criminal organizations
- People who traffic human often smuggle drugs and guns
- Pimps and panderers with commercial sexual motives
- Diplomatic staff who arrive with “servants”

# Trafficking Victim's Protection Act

- Passed by Congress in 2000
- Recertified by Congress in 2005 / 2006 / 2008

Florida Human Trafficking State Law was passed and signed by governor Jeb Bush on July 16, 2004

# Human Trafficking

- The Trafficking Victim Protection Act (TVPA) is a Victim Centered Law

# Federal Level

- U.S. Customs & Immigration Services (ICE) grant “continued presence status”

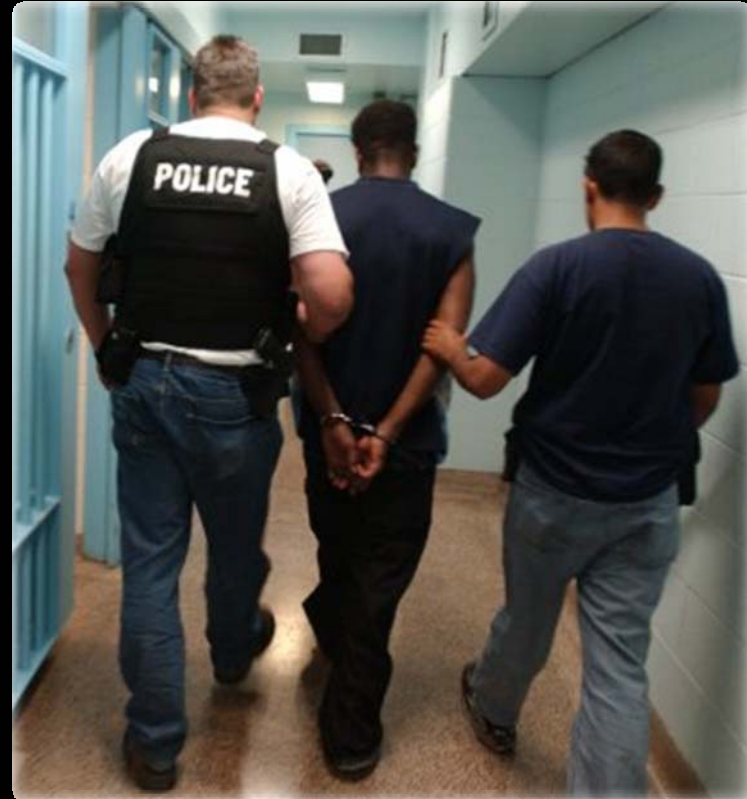
Allows individual to remain in the U.S. to assist in prosecution

- FBI grants certification documents to victims.

- Once certified, victims/survivors will receive T-Visa

grants access to benefits as a temporary legal citizen; except if minor child, will receive services w/out having to be certified

- In 3 years, survivor can become legal U.S. citizen



# Victim Services

- Safety Plan
- Emergency housing
- Medical & dental services
- Translators
- Counseling
- Immigration Assistance
- Legal Services
- Financial Assistance
- Transportation
- Education
- Employment
- and much more

# If You Would Like To Know More About Human Trafficking or Volunteer

You may contact:

- The Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking Headquarters in Bonita Springs

Toll Free: 1-866-630-3350

Web Page: [www.stophumantrafficking.org](http://www.stophumantrafficking.org)

Offices location: Bonita Springs, Tampa,  
Orlando, Cocoa, Miami, Shalimar, Argentina  
and Guatemala



# To Report a Potential Human Trafficking Case

Please call:

The Human Trafficking National Hotline

1-888-3737-888

24 hours



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## Questions



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