



Human Trafficking

“The Eye of the Survivor”

Advocating for our underserved populations

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First Nations Community HealthSource is committed to providing a culturally competent comprehensive health delivery system integrating traditional values to enhance the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of American Indian/Alaskan Native families and other underserved populations residing in Albuquerque and the surrounding areas.

FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY HEALTHSOURCE

MISSION

**First Nations
Community
Healthsource
Locations**



FNCH GALLUP PREVENTION

Location: 1630 S. 2nd St Gallup, NM
Phone: 505.863.8827

FNCH FARMINGTON PREVENTION

Location: 3501 E. Main St Suite I
Farmington, NM 87420
Phone: 505.258.4457

FNCH ZUNI

Location: 5608 Zuni Rd SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Phone: 505.262.24.81

CENTRAL CLINIC

Location: 7317 Central Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
Phone: 505.308.8060

**ALL NATIONS
WELLNESS AND
HEALING CENTER**

Location: 6416 Zuni Rd SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Phone: 505.717.2704

**TRUMAN WELLNESS-TWP &
TRUMAN OUTPATIENT- BHS/
TRUMAN HEALTHCARE CENTER-
PRIMARY CARE**

Location: 625 Truman St. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
Phone: 505.248.2985

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COMMUNITY HEALTHSOURCE



MEDICAID ENROLLMENT

- Assist with Medicaid applications
- SNAP & TANF applications
- Eligibility screenings
- Help patients find insurance
- LIHEAP assistance

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- BHS counseling
- Substance Abuse counseling
- Addiction Recovery groups
- Suboxone program
- Traditional healing & support

DENTAL

- Exams and X-rays
- Prosthetic services (bridges, partials and dentures)
- Emergency and pain management
- Cleanings
- Restorative (fillings and crowns)
- Oral surgery services (extractions)

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COMMUNITY HEALTHSOURCE



DIABETES PREVENTION

- Diabetes management
- Foot care
- Coping with Diabetes
- Nutrition
- Type 1 and 2 Diabetes education

HIV PREVENTION PROGRAM

- HIV/STD/Hepatitis education
- Free Rapid HIV testing
- Free HEP C testing
- Syringe Exchange program
- HIV prevention education groups

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES

- Massage
- Acupuncture
- Acupuncture Detox
- Chiropractic Services
- Optometry services

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COMMUNITY HEALTHSOURCE- SUPPORT SERVICES



VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- VOCAP

Victims of Crime Assistance Program (VOCAP) assists individuals and families who have experienced a crime.

Contact: Merlinda Aragon

Phone: 505-375-8512

INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

The aim of the Intensive Case Management project is to engage community members experiencing problems related to alcohol and substance use and provide support services.

Contact: Anthony Roach

Phone: 505-515-3912

HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM- HOP

The FNCH Homeless Outreach Program (HOP) assists homeless and/or at-risk of being homeless individuals and families with health care and social support services.

Contact: Linda Son-Stone

Phone: 505-262-6596

EAST SERVICES-
EDUCATION & ADVOCACY
AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING



MISSION

The Education & Advocacy against Sex Trafficking (EAST) is a holistic approach to enhance the quality & quantity of services available to victims of sex trafficking. We offer free, confidential health care, wraparound case management services & counseling in our clinic.

CASE MANAGEMENT

EAST can provide direct services, in-house referrals, medical services, dental health services, behavioral health services and social services.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

EAST can provide community presentations on sex trafficking, recognizing the signs and being aware of where to get help.

PARTNERSHIP

EAST can provide victim advocacy services and referrals to outside community partners to ensure a comprehensive service system to meet the needs of the victims.

Definition of Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is a crime involving the exploitation of a person for labor, services, or commercial sex.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and its subsequent reauthorizations recognize and define two primary forms of human trafficking:

- Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age. (22 U.S.C. § 7102(11)(A)).
- Forced labor is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. (22 U.S.C. § 7102(11)(B)).



Advocates Working Definition of Human Trafficking

- 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.
- Victims may not be free to come and go as they please.
- Minors under the age of 18 engaging in commercial sex are considered to be victims of human trafficking, regardless of the use of force, fraud, or coercion.

FORCE

- Physical harm
- Beatings
- Sexual assault
- Physical restraint
- Confinement
- Isolation

FRAUD

False promises of:

- Employment
- Working conditions
- Wages
- A better life
- Relationship

COERCION

- Psychological Abuse
- Threats against victim or another person
- Manipulation
- Physical and Psychological Isolation
- Threat to report victim to immigration authorities or law enforcement
- Document confiscation
- Blackmail

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Utah Human Trafficking Tipline: 801-200-3443

TYPES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



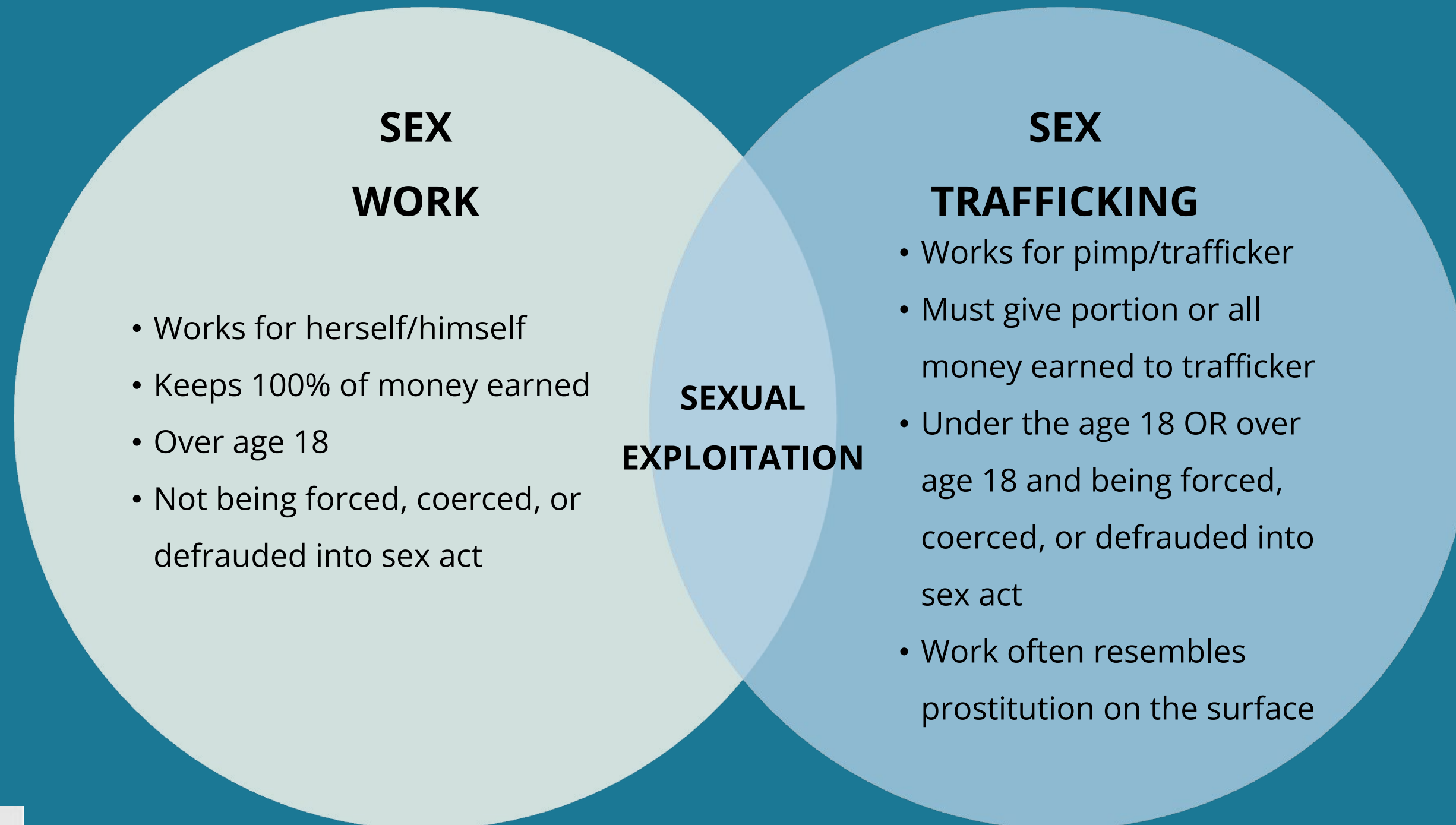
Sex Trafficking

- Escort services
- Pornography (adult and child)
- Forced street prostitution
- Online exploitation; social media, video games (XBOX, Playstation, ROBLOX, Minecraft)
- Stripping/ Exotic dancing
- Modeling studios
- Massage Parlors

Labor Trafficking

- Landscaping/ Construction
- Farming/ Agricultural work
- Domestic servitude/ Housekeeping/ Nannies
- Pan handling
- Drug/ money trafficking
- Commercial Cleaning Services
- Massage Parlors

DIFFERENCES OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND SEX WORK



The Trafficked Person



Human Trafficking reaches every culture and demographics; regardless of social status. Everyone is vulnerable in some way, and traffickers will overpower them for exploitation.

- Experiencing homelessness
- Identify as LGBTQ+
- Mental/ behavioral conditions
- Unemployment/ financial hardships
- Desperation
- Family backgrounds & personal history of violence, abuse, & addiction
- Lack of family/ relationship support
- Recent migration or relocation
- Foster care history



Who are the Traffickers?



- Traffickers can be anyone
- Men or women
- Parents or family members
- Neighbors
- Boyfriend/girlfriend/Spouse
- Gang members
- Brothel or massage owners
- Community members/leaders
- Business owners
- "New" Friends



Why do traffickers target Native American people?



- Why seek Natives? Physical features; “We’re associated with fetishes,” such as long hair, exotic looks that sex patrons perceive as Asian or Hispanic. “We could look or portray ourselves like anything.”
- People lacking a strong support system such as in relationships or family
- Adolescents with minimum supervision
- Runaway youth or homeless youth
- Substance abuse/dependency
- LGBTQ/ Two spirit community
- Gang involvement
- Minimal education
- History of physical assault/ abuse
- Lack of employment/ financial hardships
- Mental/ behavioral conditions
- Lack of law enforcement/ jurisdiction for prosecution

• Violence committed by non-natives

(National Human Trafficking Hotline, 2023)

(Why Traffickers Go After Native American Women, 2019)



personals

- casual encounters 79
- men seeking men 26
- men seeking women 11
- missed connections 3
- rants & raves 2
- show 4 more 3
- select all

- search titles only
- has image
- posted today
- bundle duplicates
- include nearby areas

MILES FROM ZIP

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min max

reset

update search

<< Native



save search

list

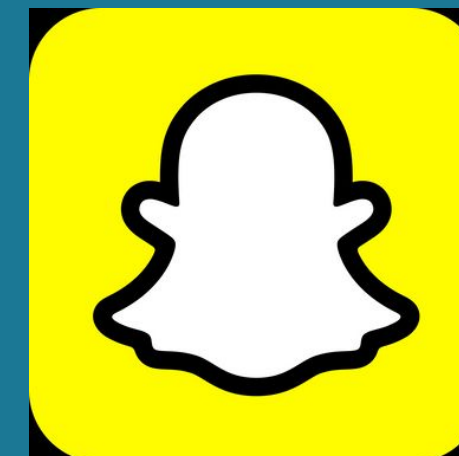
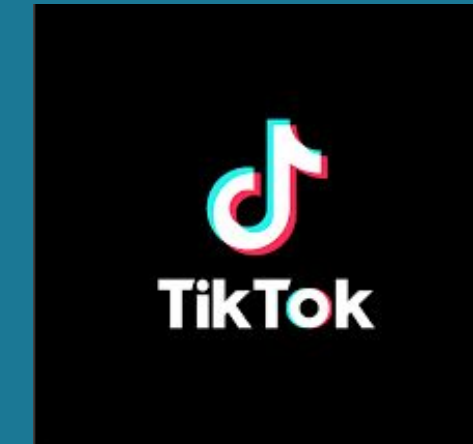
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relevant

- ★ Jan 12 ISO Native FWB - m4w (Alb)
- ★ Jan 12 Middle age white man seeking sexy Native cute - m4w 51 (Albuquerque) pic
- ★ Jan 11 Searching for a native girl - m4w 35 (Gallup) pic
- ★ Jan 10 Need a Native Top - m4m (Albuquerque)
- ★ Jan 9 Motel 6 Native guy here 35 (Albuquerque) pic
- ★ Jan 9 Native seeking Native Gallup/Thoreau/Cont.Divide/Grants/Laguna - m4w 29 pic
- ★ Jan 8 Native Man for a Native lady near Bernalillo!! Or Any race! M4W - m4w - m4w 20 (Bernalillo)
- ★ Jan 8 Native Student wants BJ - m4t 20 (98th) pic
- ★ Jan 8 Sexy native - m4w 27 (Ne)
- ★ Jan 8 Bi native for Bi native - m4m 23
- ★ Jan 8 Native guy looking to chat maybe... - m4w 35 (NM/AZ)
- ★ Jan 7 fem native boi dtgd dtgf (westside ABQ)
- ★ Jan 1 Looking for a Native Lady to play with - m4w 50 (Albuquerque)
- ★ Dec 24 Native lady - m4w 56 (Albuquerque)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND TECHNOLOGY

- Traffickers are using social media to recruit youth
- Two recent cases
- Case one
 - Native American adolescent
 - Recruited on an X-box app
 - Developed a relationship
 - Taken to Chicago
 - Found safe
- Case Two
 - Native American adolescent
 - Recruited on TikTok
 - Forced to take pictures of herself
 - Given Amazon gift cards/Amazon account



NATIVE WOMEN & CHILDREN

ARE TARGETS OF TRAFFICKING



CASES OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

OFTEN GO UNDERREPORTED AND UNTRACKED.

- 84% of Native Women have experienced violence in their lifetime.
- 56 % of Native women have experienced sexual violence.
- 55 % of Native women experience physical violence by an intimate partner.
- On some reservations, Native American women are murdered at a rate of 10 times the national average.
- According to the FBI, 40 percent of victims of sex trafficking are Native, yet Native women represent 10 percent or less of the general population

Human Trafficking Warning Signs

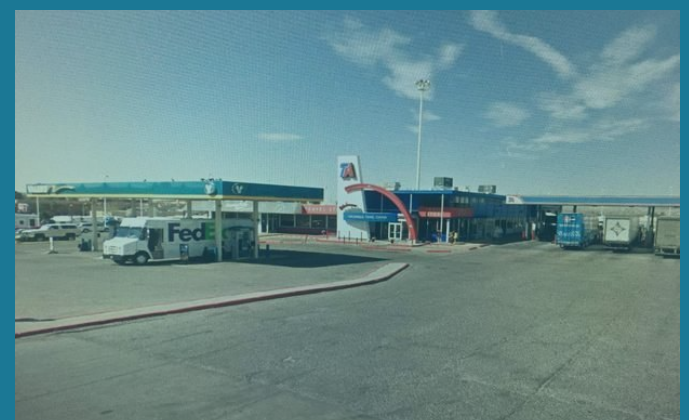


- Accompanied by a dominating, older adult (male or female)
- Possession of large amounts of cash or expensive items
- No Identification
- Possession of hotel keys
- Alcohol or drug use
- Entering/ exiting cars
- Walking/ driving with unknown persons
- Frequent hospital/ ER visits
- History of multiple sexual partners in short periods
- Is not free to leave or come and go as he/ she wishes
- Poor mental/ behavioral health
- Has tattoos of bar codes, names, or money symbols
- Inadequate health care/ appearance
- Appears anxious, guarded

Mapping of Human Trafficking in Abq Metro Area



- Residential Private homes
- Homeless shelters/ camps
- Community drop in centers
- Massage Parlors
- Streets
- Bus Stations/Truck Stops
- Social media
- Dating Apps
- Motel/Hotel
- Casinos
- Places of employment
- Bars/ Cantinas
- Large gatherings (Pow-wows, Festivals, Sport Events and State Fairs)
- Border Towns of Reservations
- Inside surrounding Reservations
- Shopping Malls
- Detention centers
- Man camps
- Schools
- Parking lots





STREET OUTREACH



Why is Street Outreach important?

A JOURNEY EAST

Education & Advocacy against Sex Trafficking (EAST) is a holistic approach to enhance the quality & quantity of services available to victims of sex trafficking. We offer free, confidential health care & counseling services at our clinic.

Walk-In Services:

- Health check-ups/prescription
- Counseling
- Traditional Medicine
- Dental
- Medicaid/SNAP enrollment
- Transportation
- Substance abuse counseling
- Indigenous meal program

Walk-In Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Office: 505.375.8518 Cell: 505.697.0712
FNCH Truman Health Center
625 Truman St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
Website: www.FNCH.org Facebook: EASTFNCH

Identifying Sex Trafficking

- Have you or someone you know been forced to have sex for money or to pay a bill?
- Was the money taken by someone? Or were you offered little back in return?
- Did they take away your phone and I.D. as well?
- Is this person a significantly older boyfriend, girlfriend, or relative?
- Are you or that person able to come and go freely?
- Are you or the person under 18?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions and have concerns...
Call EAST at 505.375.8512
Or for immediate help, call or text
The Life Link 24 Hour Crisis Line:
1.505.GET.FREE

FIRST NATIONS EAST
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Education & Advocacy against Sex Trafficking

Promote EAST Program

Create Trust

Consistent interaction

Community education

Provide FNCH resources

Programs identify potential HT clients

Provide Food Bags, Hot Meals & water

Create connections with cultural services

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March 2024

EAST STATISTICS



SERVICED

108

Sex Trafficking victims
of those victims

11= Labor Trafficking

18 = Sex & Labor

RACE/ETHNICITY

30- Native American

24- White

39- Hispanic

9- African American

4- Asian

2 - Other

AGE

15-18 = 2

19-25 =6

26-35= 40

36-45= 38

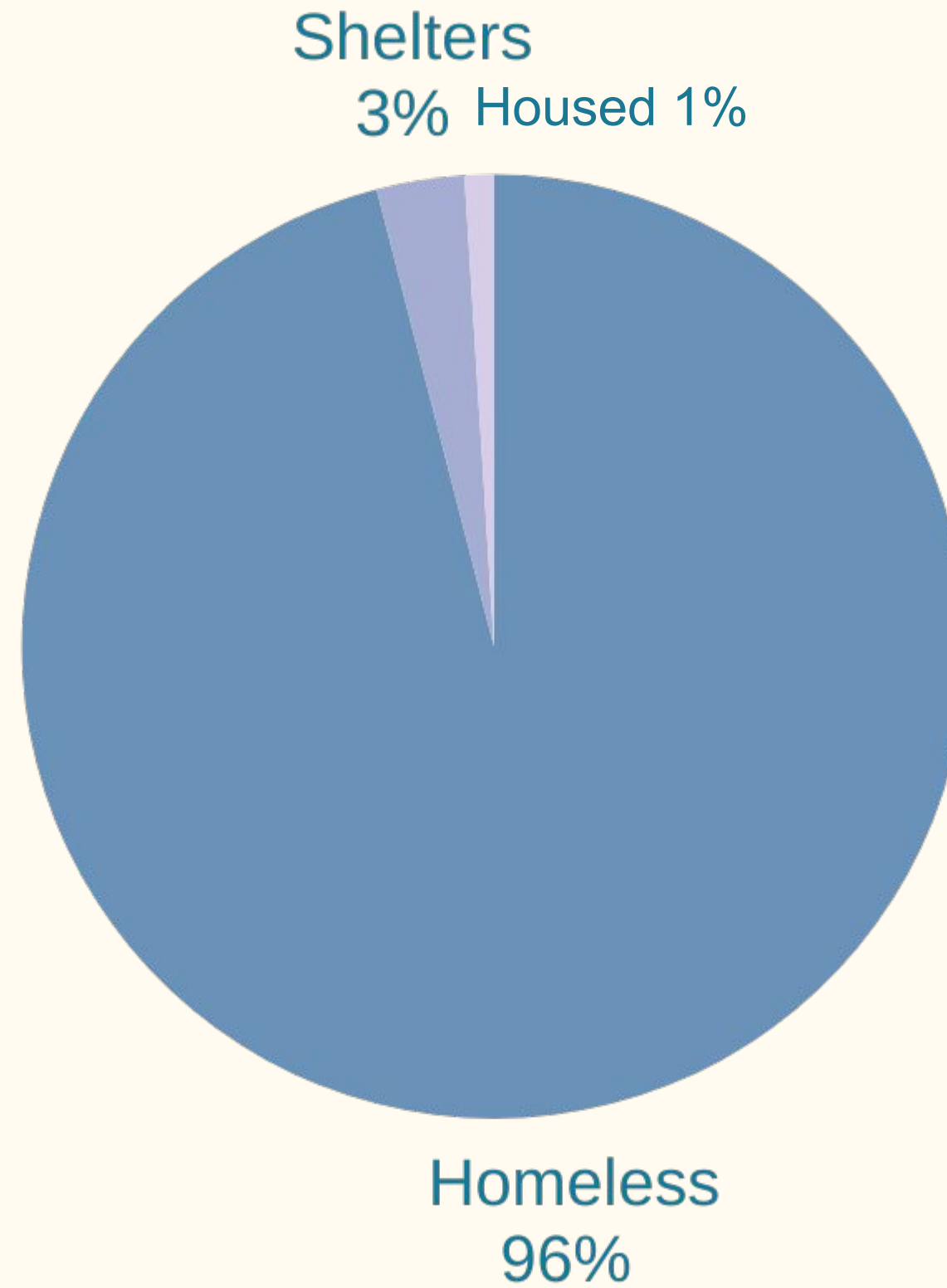
46-55= 12

56-65= 10

Reported to law
enforcement: 11

Immediate relocation by
Law Enforcement: 2

EAST CLIENT PRE-LIVING SITUATION



INTAKE QUESTIONS EXAMPLE:

Type of Trafficking: Complete Pre-Screen Form

I would like to ask you a few questions so I can better understand how best to help you. Is this okay with you?

1. What kind of work do you do?

Client was under control of a small gang in the war zone. The gang would force her and many other women to sell themselves for sex.

2. Are you being paid?

No Yes

3. Can you come and go as you please?

No Yes

4. Have you been threatened if you try to leave?

No Yes

5. What is your working and living conditions like?

Client stated they lived in a house but were forced to work on the streets. If client went missing, they would send people out to look for her. She stated there were so many people in and out of the house.

6. Have you been physically harmed in any way?

No Yes

7. Have you ever been deprived of food, water, sleep or medical care?

No Yes

8. Do you have to ask permission to eat, sleep or go to the bathroom?

No Yes

9. Has your identification or documentation been taken from you?

No Yes

10. Is anyone forcing you to do anything you do not want to do?

No Yes

- Homeless/streets
- Native American Transgender female
- Mid 40's
- Trafficked by a local gang

Case Scenario 1:

Men/Boys

Case Scenario 2:

Couple's Story



Case Scenario 3:

Survivor Story



Case Scenario 4:

Men/Boys Survivor Story

Case Scenario 5:

Gang Survivor Story

COLLABORATION



- NM Human Trafficking Taskforce
- Attorney General's Office
- The Life Link
- Spoken For/Dream Center
- Street Safe NM
- Transgender Resource Center (TGRC)
- 1-505- GET-FREE Hotline
- New Mexico Legal Aid Services
- Rape Crisis Center
- Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC)
- NM MMIW Taskforce
- Coalition to Stop Violence against Native Women
- New Day
- Tribal Law Enforcement
- Missing & Murdered unit- BIA
- Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS)
- District Attorney office
- Albuquerque SANE Collaborative



Questions?



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