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Grooming Strategies
Regarding Sexual Exploitation
and Trafficking of Youth


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Grooming

• **Definition**

- To make or keep clean and tidy
- To look after the coat of an animal by brushing or cleaning
- To prepare or train someone for a particular task or occupation
- To look after a surface (lawn, ski slope, etc...)
- To prepare a child with the intentions of committing a sexual offense




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Grooming

• Definition:
"Grooming is the process by which an offender draws a victim into a sexual relationship and maintains that relationship in secrecy"
• Dr. Michael Welner

• 6 Stages:
• Targeting the Child/Victim
• Gaining Trust
• **Filling a Need**
• Isolating the Child/Victim
• Sexualizing the Relationship
• **Maintaining Control**



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS

modern day slavery.	happening everywhere, even in the United States, and victims can be U.S. Citizens of any nationality, age, socioeconomic status, or gender.
exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion.	
sex trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude.	any person under the age of 18 involved in a commercial sex act.

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*"Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. As defined under U.S. federal law, victims of human trafficking include **children involved in the sex trade**, adults age 18 or over who are coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts, and anyone forced into different forms of "labor or services," such as domestic workers held in a home, or farm-workers forced to labor against their will."*

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Human Trafficking

• Related Issues/Terms

- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
- Domestic Child Sex Trafficking (DCST)
- Pornography/Child Pornography
- On-line Solicitation/Escorts
- Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking
- Sexual Exploitation
- Dancing/Stripping
- Abduction/Imprisonment/Kidnapping
- Prostitution
- Rape, Abuse, Violence

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Resources

- <https://polarisproject.org/2020-us-national-human-trafficking-hotline-statistics/>
- <https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/missingkids/pdfs/2021-reports-by-esp.pdf>
- <https://www.slate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-TIP-Report-Complete-062420-FINAL.pdf>
- https://info.thorn.org/hubs/Research/Responding%20to%20Online%20Threats_2021-Full-Report.pdf
- <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/infographic>