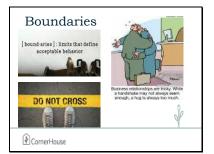
Slide 1 Grooming Strategies Regarding Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Youth Jane Straub $\underline{jane@cornerhousemn.org}$ Slide 2 Grooming -Definition -To make or keep clean and tidy -To look after the coat of an animal by brushing or cleaning -To prepare or train someone for a particular task or occupation -To look after a surface (lawn, ski slope, etc...) -To prepare a child with the intentions of the -To prepare a child with the intentions of committing a sexual offense CornerHouse Slide 3 $\underset{\cdot \, \text{Definition:}}{Grooming}$ • 6 Stages: • Targeting the Child/Victim • Gaining Trust • Filling a Need "Grooming is the process by which an offender draws a victim into a sexual relationship and maintains that relationship in secrecy" • Isolating the Child/Victim • Sexualizing the Relationship • Maintaining Control • Dr. Michael Welner CornerHouse



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Adult "Red Flags" Stop It Now

- Refuses youth to set any limits
 Insists on physical affection and touching
 Frequently interrupts youth in the bathroom
 Turns to youth for emotional or physical comfort
 Over shares personal or private information





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Normalizing sex

- •Sexual jokes
- •Being nude or partially nude around child
- "accidentally" leaving door open when using the bathroom or having sex
- "accidentally" walking in on child dressing
- Having sex toys or sexually explicit material laying around
- •Showing pornography
- Masturbating in front of child "itching"



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS CornerHouse

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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 Is or over who are corred 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."

[Polaris Project]



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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



Trafficking Language

- $\bullet Force$
- •Recruitment
- \bullet Fraud
- •Harboring
- •Coercion
- •Transportation
- •Violence •Duress
- •Provision
- \cdot Threat
- Obtaining $\bullet Servitude$
- •Isolation
- •Bondage
- •Deception •Slavery



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Stages

- Targets
- •Recruits
- •Grooms
- -Oppresses, Manipulates, Disregards
- •Trauma Bonding
- Trains



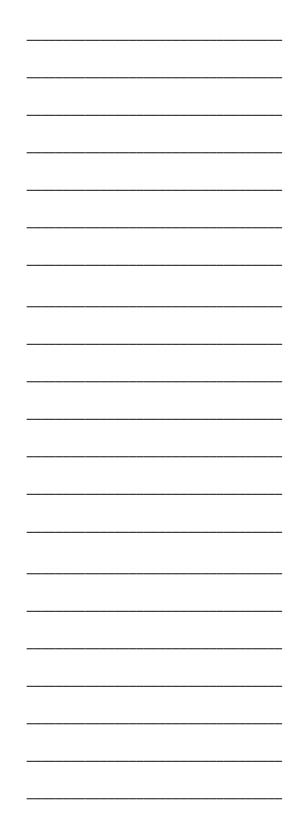


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"Perpetrators of human trafficking span all racial, ethnic, and gender demographics and are as diverse as survivors. Some use their privilege, wealth, and power as a means of control while others experience the same socio-economic oppression as their victims. They include individuals, business owners, members of a gang or network, parents or family members of victims, intimate partners, owners of farms or restaurants, and powerful corporate executives and government representatives."

— Polaris Project (2023)







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Traffickers/Exploiters

- Pretender -- Someone who pretends to be something s/he is not, such as a boyfriend, a big sister, a father, etc.

 Provider -- Someone who offers to take care of an individual's needs, such as for clothes, food, a place to live, etc or their wants, like cool cell phones, purses, parties, etc.

 Promiser -- Someone who promises access to great hings, like an amazing job, a glamorous lifestyle, travel, etc.

 Protector -- Someone who uses physical power or intimidation to protect (but also control) an individual.

 Punisher -- Someone who uses violence and threats to control an individual. When the previous disguises have been exhausted, an exploitative person often becomes a Punisher to maintain control.







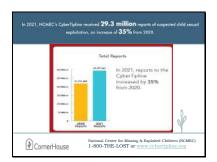
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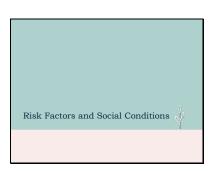
•According to court documents, Vang created up to 75 fake profiles on internet apps and social media platforms, posing as a young girl and enticing his victims to send him explicit materials. Out of the 1,000 victims, only half have been identified, Born said. We have victims in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and 10 countries, so this one individual has caused this much havoc on our youth.







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- Risk Factors

 Trauma History

 Trading Sex (Survival Sex)

 Missing or Runaway

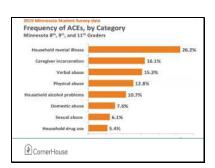
 Involvement in CPS
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 Involvement in Foster Care
 Involvement in Juvenile
 Justice System
 Lack of Employment/Under
 Employment
 Intellectual deficits





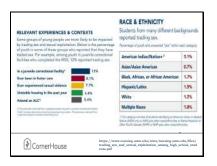
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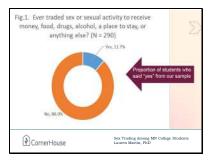
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Abuse				
	Emotional Abuse	13.1	7.6	10.6
	Physical Abuse	27.0	29.9	28.3
	Sexual Abuse	24.7	16.0	20.7
Veglect				
	Emotional Neglect	16.7	12.4	14.8
	Physical Neglect	9.2	10.7	9.9
Household Dysfunction				
	Mother Treated Violently	13.7	11.5	12.7
	Household Substance Abuse	29.5	23.8	26.9
	Household Mental Illness	23.3	14.8	19.4
	Parental Separation or Divorce	24.5	21.8	23.3
	Incarcerated Household Member	5.2	4.1	4.7

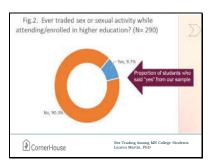




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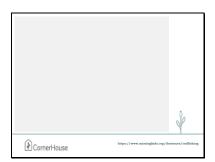
EMS/Medical

- •Physical Injuries*
 •Sexual Injuries similar to rape*
 •Seems like DV
 •Malnutrition & Dehydration
- Cigarette burns/Bite marks/Scars
 Infectious Diseases

- Head, mouth, jaw injuries
- Drugs/Drug Use /Drug Paraphernalia Condoms/Lubricant

- *Condoms/Lubricant
 *Weapons, weapon related injuries
 *Somatic stress
 *Not able/willing to give information





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Missing/Runaway

High Risk Victims (HRV) Dallas Study 2005-10

- Prior abuse history
 Family conflict
 Chronic runaway Children Missing from Care (HR 4980)
 Drug/Alcohol abuse
- •Distrust in system

- 994 adolescents recovered
 488 met conditions of HRV
 506 Identified as trafficking victims

•609 reported as Missing/Runaway 385 not reported!



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DCST and C	hild Welfare Involvement
▶ In 2013, 60% of the child were children from foste r	survivors from a nationwide investigation r care or group homes.
➤ 2013 NY study - 85% of s involvement.	urvivors reported prior child welfare
	30% of commercially sexually exploited girls in were known to child welfare.
➤ In 2017, CT reported that welfare involved.	40% of identified child survivors were child
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WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWIEN CHILD WELFARE AND DCST?

Current data suggests that the majority of sex-trafficked youth in the United States have a history of child welfare involvement.

- In 2016, 86% of the likely child sex trafficking victims reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were missing front foster care or social services.¹⁵
- In 2013, 60% of the child sex multicking victims recovered as part of a nationwise child trafficking raid from over 70 cities were children from foster care or group homes."
- According to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, 70% of child sex trafficking survive identified locally are from fister care.
- In 2013, 85% of sex trafficking victims in New York had prior child wellfare involvement.
- In 2017, Connecticut identified 202 child sex trafficking victims of which approximately 40 were child welfare involved.⁻¹
- In 2016, the Florida Department of Children and Families identified 1,382 unique child sex trafficking victums out of the 1,892 reports received.



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*Being in foster care was the perfect training for commercial sexual exploitation. I was used to being moved without warning, without any say, not knowing where I was going or whether I was allowed to pack foster care, I didn't think anyone would want to take care of me unless they were paid. So, when my pimp expected me to make money for "the family", it made sense to me."

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Homeless Recruitment

In Polaria's survivor survey, 64% reported being homeless or experiencing unstable housing at the time they were recruited into their trafficking situation. Traffickers are able to exploit potential victims fear of sleeping on the street by offering them sale shelter to recruit them into trafficking. IGBTQ+ populations are at an increased risk as well as runaway/homeless youth and some may choose to engage in survival sex to get access to shelter. The National Hotline has also documented cases of traffickers targeting homeless shelters as recruitment grounds.



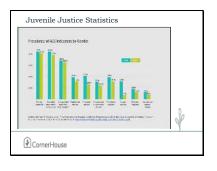
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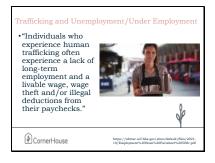






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Trafficking and Mental Health

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Traffickers use substances as a means of coercion, to get victims to comply with their demands, increase productivity, inhibit self-protection, decrease escape attempts, and continue entrapment. Many victims also engage in substance use as a means of coping with their unfathomable treuma.

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Trauma Bonding

- Bonding is a biological and emotional process that makes people more important to each other over time.
 Bonding is in part why it is harder to leave an abusive relationship the longer it continues.
- •Moreover, experiencing together extreme situations and extreme feelings tends to bond people in a special way.
- •Cycle of Love and Violence



- Mapping the Demand

 Buyers do not know if they are "buying" someone who is trafficked or exploited

 Prevalence estimate

 -14% ever lifetime and 1% in last year

 Buyers

 White, middle aged, married, employed, + income

 Where

- Where
 Internet based, direct solicitation and word of mouth Experience
 -30 minutes, lunch hour or during commute, business trips, oral sex, something partner won't do or won't to do, fetish, w/out a conddm, PSE, humiliation, violence, rough sex, rape

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Resources

- https://polarisproject.org/2020-us-national-human-trafficking-hotline-statistics/.
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