Human Trafficking
Defining the Issue &
Engaging the communities
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The Ursus Institute encourages the use of research, the collection of data, and the promotion of community involvement to support efforts within the anti-human trafficking community.
HOW DO WE DEVINE SEX TRAFFICKING?

*Recruiting
*Harboring
*Transporting
*Providing
*Obtaining
*Patronizing, soliciting & advertising*

**Force
**Fraud
**Coercion

• Commercial Sexual Exploitation
  OR
  • Forced Labor

*Sex Trafficking Only
**Minors introduced into commercial sex are trafficking victims regardless of force fraud or coercion.
THE NUMBERS

NC among top 10 states for human trafficking.

83% of confirmed sex trafficking victims in this country are US Citizens.

2/3 of participants never saw a hotline number.

There is a high correlation between foster care and youth homelessness. Many youth living on the street have come from, or run from, foster care.

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437,500 children in foster care at the end of 2016.

14 Median age entering the live.

Nearly 1.4 Million children are homeless in the US every year.

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Sex Trafficking & Pornography

- Pornography drives demand for sex trafficking
- Trafficking victims are exploited in the production of pornography
- Pornography IS a form of trafficking

The misconceived division between sex trafficking and the realities of pornography is a serious hurdle to all who are trying to effectively combat trafficking.
Collect and Analyze Data to Influence Best Practices

What tactics are being used by perpetrators?

How is trafficking related to other criminal activity?

How can we influence legislation to help the victims?

Can we develop international trafficking maps?

What are the characteristics of Johns and perpetrators?

What Social Media sites are used in luring victims?

How can all anti-trafficking organizations use and share data?

What can be done to help law enforcement work more effectively?
Sex Trafficking Case Studies

How a person is trafficked can be unique for person to person.
Indicators

- Appearing malnourished
- Showing signs of physical injuries and abuse
- Avoiding eye contact, social interaction, and authority figures/law enforcement
- Seeming to adhere to scripted or rehearsed responses in social interaction
- Lacking official identification documents
- Appearing destitute/lacking personal possessions
- Working excessively long hours
- Living at place of employment
- Checking into hotels with older males, and referring to them as “daddy” — slang for pimp
  - Poor physical or dental health
  - Tattoos/branding on the neck and/or lower back
  - Untreated sexually transmitted diseases
  - Small children serving in a family restaurant
  - Security measures that appear to keep people inside an establishment — barbed wire inside a fence, bars covering the insides of windows
  - Not allowing people to go into public alone or speak for themselves
Branding the Victim

So, as far as tattoos and brandings I never received mine when I was being trafficked. I had to prove myself first before receiving a diamond that girls usually get on there hand. I was involved with the bloods, so as a white girl it was pretty rare that I was apart of the gang. But, I was blood property so they were very protective of me. Other gangs I'm not sure how they brand their girls.

Yes it means that you are now apart of the gang which is apart of their family. Which when girls are trafficked they are promised a family environment. They will be protected and "loved". I was in the foster care system so that's what caught my eye. that I actually had a family that wanted to protect me.

I had to earn trust from my pimp. at first he took me everywhere but once he saw that I was loyal to him and his family. And the bloods he actually gave me keys to his car. he brainwashed me into wanting to come back to the house. after working in hotels all night. I had to stay on the phone the whole night with my pimp to make sure I was doing my job. I was excited everyone i received money. So they would be proud of me. I wanted recognition and praise for making more money than the rest of the females.
How do we prove the prevalence of trafficking?

7,417,650 Court Cases

11,020,884 Total Charges Filed

3,231,698 Individuals

253 Cases Involved HT

333 HT Charges

162 Individuals Charged with HT

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Predicting Human Trafficking Based on NC Arrest Records Prosecuted in NC Courts – 2012-2017
Questions?

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