



HUMAN TRAFFICKING
HAPPENS HERE TOO.

Collaborative to End Human Trafficking

Trauma Collaborative

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Who We Are

Vision: *A world without human trafficking, one community at a time.*

Mission: *Lead, empower, and connect our community to eradicate human trafficking.*

Core Values & Guiding Principles:

- Integrity
- Creativity
- Compassion & Support
- Inclusion
- Persistence
- Teamwork

We equip organizations and individuals with the knowledge, tools, and resources to address human trafficking in our community by increasing public awareness, delivering tailored trainings, and facilitating multi-disciplinary collaboration.



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Trigger Warning

- Our educational programs provide an open space for the critical and civil exchange of ideas. Some content will include topics that some participants may find difficult to hear, or traumatizing. We aim to forewarn about potentially disturbing content and ask all participants to help to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and sensitivity.
- Please take care of yourself during this session in whatever way you seem fit for yourself.





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Human Trafficking is...

- **Recruitment**
- **Harboring**
- **Transportation**
- **Provision and/or**
- **Obtaining of a person...**

for a Commercial Sex Act and/or Labor or Services through **Force, Fraud and/or Coercion.**

How big is the issue?



How Are Victims Trafficked?

Crime of trafficking occurs with the exploitation of the victim.

The physical movement of the victim is not a requisite.



How Are Victims Trafficked?

➤ Force:

- Rape, beatings, constraint, confinement, addiction to drugs

➤ Coercion:

- Threats of serious harm to, or physical restraint of, any person;
- Any scheme, plan or pattern intended to cause victims to believe that failure to perform an act would result in restraint against them; or
- The abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process.

➤ Fraud:

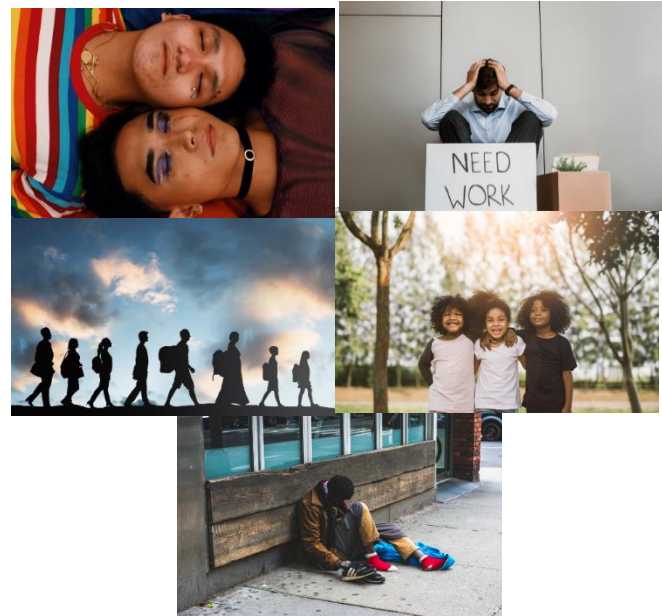
- Includes false and deceptive offers of employment or a better life



Who is at-risk to be trafficked?

➤ The vulnerable!

- Women, men and children
- Individuals with trauma histories
- Homeless and runaway youth
- Immigrants
- People with various disabilities
- LGBTQ



Factors that contribute to vulnerability

Poverty

THE
PANDEMIC

Illiteracy

Social
Media

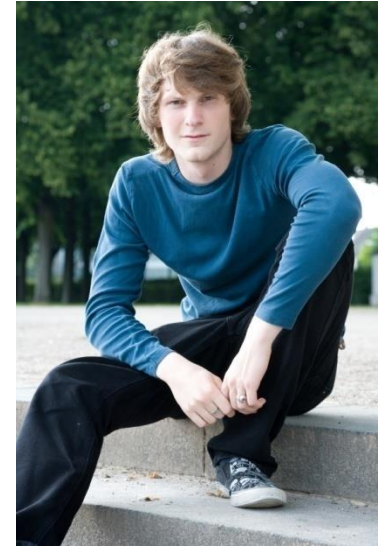
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Racism

Sexualized
culture

Housing
Insecurity

Glamorizing
the pimp!

Pornography



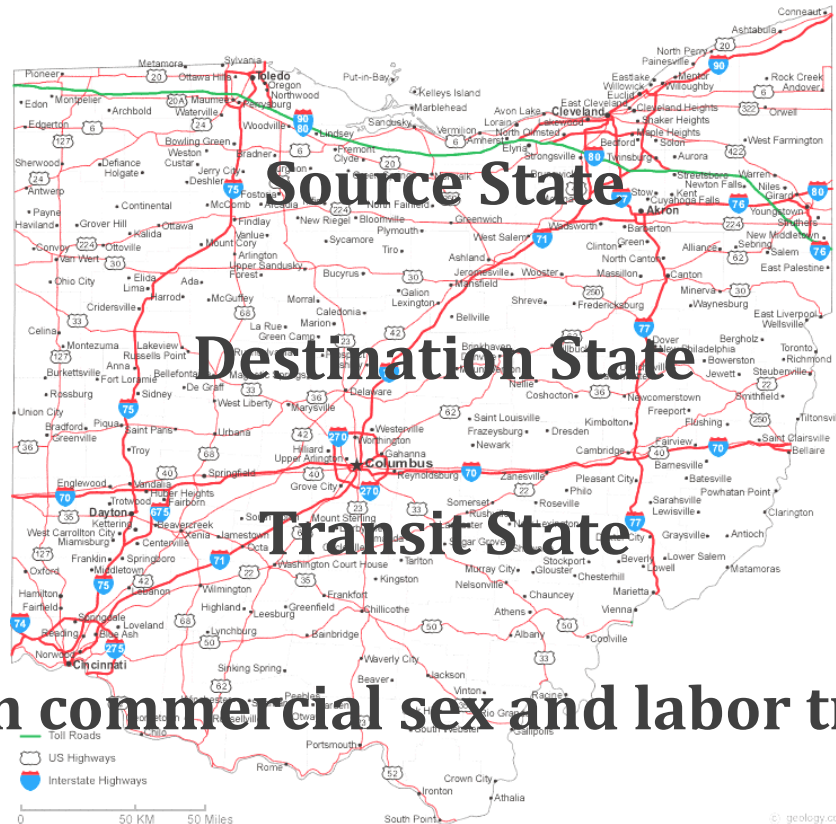
Who are the buyers?



What is happening in Ohio?



What is happening in Ohio?



For both commercial sex and labor trafficking

Ohio Headlines

Operation Safety Net aims to rescue 200 missing Northeast Ohio children

By Sara Goldenburg August 28, 2020 at 5:45 PM EDT - Updated August 29 at 11:22 AM

<https://www.wbtv.com/2020/08/28/operation-safety-net-aims-rescue-missing-northeast-ohio-children/>

Woman from Gambia escapes human trafficking in Cleveland

Posted 10:03 pm, October 28, 2019, by Kevin Freeman

<https://fox8.com/2019/10/28/woman-from-gambia-escapes-human-trafficking-in-cleveland/>

Police stop possible human trafficking on bus driving through Westlake

By Camryn Justice Posted Feb 09, 2019

<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/oh-cuyahoga/police-stop-possible-human-trafficking-on-bus-driving-through-westlake?fbclid=IwAR0mXMo-LZNoXKjg9HnhnrIf92NrmDoBMWwMRSRN6mMEh1fzhsAneFCVSY8>

Youngstown man accused of trafficking 15 year-old girl

By Michelle Nicks, Reporter Posted April 24, 2018

<http://www.wfmj.com/story/38027580/youngstown-man-accused-of-trafficking-15-year-old-girl>



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Ohio Headlines

Ohio Woman Sentenced to 51 Years to Life for Trafficking Child

<http://patch.com/ohio/cleveland/ohio-woman-sentenced-51-years-life-trafficking-child>

Ohio attorney suspended after he's charged with human trafficking

John Seewer | Associated Press Feb 08, 2021

<https://www.wcpo.com/news/crime/ohio-attorney-suspended-after-hes-charged-with-human-trafficking>

Ashland Woman Sentenced To 32 Years In Prison For Labor...

U.S. Attorney's Office – Northern District of Ohio, July 24, 2014

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ohn/news/2014/24julyhunt.html>

Toledo pastor charged with sex trafficking minors pleads guilty

<http://www.toledoblade.com/Courts/2018/05/14/Toledo-pastor-charged-with-of-sex-crimes-pleads-guilty.html>

Northeast Ohio doctor pleads guilty to sex trafficking six children

<https://fox8.com/news/northeast-ohio-doctor-pleads-guilty-to-sex-trafficking-six-children/>

Elyria pimp gets life in prison

Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 12, 2014

http://www.cleveland.com/court-justice/index.ssf/2014/06/pimp_gets_life_in_prison.html



Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)

Areas of Focus:

Prevention

Public awareness and education

Protection

T visa, certification, benefits and services

Prosecution

Created Federal crime of trafficking, new law enforcement tools and efforts

4th P=Partnership



State Law of OHIO: Highlights

- **Penalties for Traffickers**

- Trafficking in persons – Felony 1
(Ohio Revised Code 2905.32)

- Unlawful conduct with respect to documents – Felony 3
(Ohio Revised Code 2905.33)

- **Protections for Victims**

- Juvenile court can hold a delinquent child complaint in abeyance
(Ohio Revised Code 2152.021)

- Victims of trafficking in persons can have records expunged
(Ohio Revised Code 2953.38)

Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force

Leading the Fight to End Human Trafficking

www.humantrafficking.ohio.gov

www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ht



Ohio Attorney General

Commission created in 2009

Committees addressing various aspects of human trafficking

Resource Information for Crime Victims at www.vinelink.com and

www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/victim.

www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/humantrafficking



Needs of trafficked persons

Safe housing

Mental
health
services

Food and
clothing

Health care

SERVICES!

Education

Legal
Services

Translation

Employment

What Can YOU do?

- ▶ **Learn more!**
- ▶ **Be aware “red flags” when out and about!**
- ▶ **Know whom to call for help!**
- ▶ **Support survivors and agencies that help them!**

Red Flags!

- ▶ Cannot come and go as he/she pleases
- ▶ Appears submissive, afraid, nervous, depressed, malnourished
- ▶ Another person always speaks for him/her
- ▶ Evidence of physical or mental abuse
- ▶ Little to no control over his/her schedule, money, ID, travel documents
- ▶ Works long and/or unusual hours, lives where he/she works
- ▶ Has a much older boyfriend/girlfriend
- ▶ Has hotel card keys – not a tourist
- ▶ Has new and expensive items that he/she cannot afford
- ▶ Branding—has strange tattoos



Getting victims the help they need!

Locally

Cuyahoga County Regional HT Task Force
216-443-6085

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center Project STAR
855-431-STAR (7827)

Call 911 if victim is at risk of imminent harm

Nationally

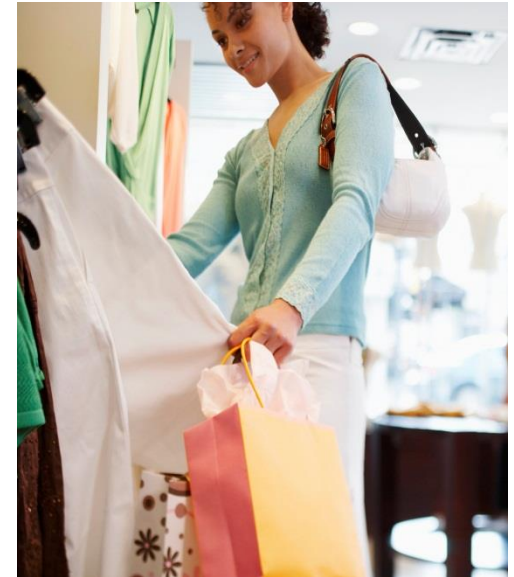
1.888.3737.888

or text “help” to BeFree (233733)



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How does human trafficking touch MY life?





How many slaves work for you?

*What?
Slaves work for me?*



*Find out
Take the survey*



Visit **slaveryfootprint.org**

Local Collaboration is KEY!

Connecting services requires broad collaboration with a variety of law enforcement, social service and health care providers, as well as others in the community.

Greater Cleveland's Coordinated Response to Human Trafficking includes over 65 partner organizations working together to address the issue.



Contact us!

Reach out for current information or to schedule a presentation for other organizations at www.collabtoendht.org



Questions??

