

TRAFFICKED  
YOUTH,  
CLEVELAND,  
AND  
GRACEHAVEN



## Our goals for today:

- Myths, facts and Stats of Human Trafficking of Minors in Ohio
- Human Trafficking Screener
- Resources Gracehaven provides



When you  
hear "Human  
Trafficking"  
What images  
come to mind?





# Myth or Fact?

- Always includes **violence and physical force**.
- Only **women and girls** are victims.
- Trafficking always involves **moving or taking** a person somewhere.
- Traffickers are people the victim **doesn't know**.
- Only **"certain types"** of people get trafficked.

# The Reality Is...



- **Human Trafficking** is making someone perform some kind of labor or service (including a sex act) through **Force, Fraud, or Coercion** in exchange for anything of value-money, drugs, a place to sleep, food, belonging, status, etc.
- **Force**- using restraints, beatings, sexual assaults, physical strength
- **Fraud**-lies, false promises, saying they are someone that they are not.
- **Coercion**-threats, blackmail, taking IDs, making the person feel trapped

Ohio

Michigan

Canada

Lake Erie

# Statewide Statistics

➤ **1,032** children were identified as being commercially sexually exploited in 2019

➤ An estimated **4,209** runaway kids are at risk of being trafficked right now

Pennsylvania

Indiana

West Virginia

Kentucky

Source: UC Prevalence Study 2019



## How They Groom



- **Grooming** is the intentional process of preparing someone for a particular purpose or activity.
- **Unmasking the Stages of Grooming for Sexual Exploitation**
  - Targeting
  - Gaining Trust
  - Filling a Need
    - Isolation
    - Abuse
  - Maintaining Control

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING SCREENER

## HTRISK

Human Trafficking Risk Interview to Screen Kids  
Interview youth to determine risk for human trafficking.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### DEMOGRAPHICS

What is your race/ethnicity?

- White  Black/African American  Latino/Hispanic  
 Asian  American Indian/Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  Mixed  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your gender?

- Male  Female  Trans Male  Trans Female  
 Non-binary  Other \_\_\_\_\_

What is your sexual identity?

- Straight  Gay  Lesbian  Bisexual  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a diagnosed disability?

- Yes  No

If Yes, what is the nature of your disability?

- Physical  Hearing  Visual  Speech/Language  
 Learning/Cognitive  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Were you born in the United States?  Yes  No

Please answer the questions below about your experiences  
over the past year. Choose the number that best matches  
your experience. There are no right or wrong answers.

Never	At least once	More than once	Frequently	Always
0	1	2	3	4

1. In the past year, how often have you had to look for a  
place to stay, for food, deodorant, or soap because  
sometimes you didn't have them?

- 0  1  2  3  4

2. In the past year, how often have your  
parent(s)/guardian been unable to take care of you?

- 0  1  2  3  4

3. In the past year, how often have your  
parent(s)/guardian been unable to keep you safe?

- 0  1  2  3  4

## HTRISK

4. In the past year, how often have you been responsible  
for taking care of someone?

- 0  1  2  3  4

5. In the past year, how often have you been without  
running water, heat, gas, or food?

- 0  1  2  3  4

6. How often in your lifetime have you run away from  
home?

- 0  1  2  3  4

7. How often have you seriously considered running away  
from home?

- 0  1  2  3  4

8. How often do you feel anxiety, depression, or stress?

- 0  1  2  3  4

9. How often have you consumed alcohol in the last  
month?

- 0  1  2  3  4

10. How often have you used drugs in the last month?

- 0  1  2  3  4

11. How often do you think about alcohol or drugs?

- 0  1  2  3  4

12. In the past year, how often are your friends involved in  
activities that adults wouldn't approve of?

- 0  1  2  3  4

13. In the past year, how often have you felt older than  
you really are?

- 0  1  2  3  4

14. In the past year, how often do people treat you like  
you're older than you really are?

- 0  1  2  3  4

15. How often have you been around gang members?

- 0  1  2  3  4

16. Do you know someone that has traded sex for money,  
food, drugs, alcohol, a place to stay or anything else?

- Yes  No

17. Have you ever traded sex for money, food, drugs,  
alcohol, a place to stay or anything else?

- Yes  No

18. Have you ever worked a job for someone and not  
gotten paid, but were forced to work anyway?

- Yes  No



What should you do if you think someone you know is being exploited?



- National Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888  
Text 33733 ("HELP")
- PolarisProject.org
- Gracehaven: (614) 665-0665 Gracehaven.me
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: 1-800-THE-LOST (843-5678)
- Runaway and Homeless Youth National Safe-line 1-800-RUNAWAY (786-2929)
- Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) 1-800-656-4673
- Humantrafficking.ohio.org

## Gracehaven's Continuum of Care

- Safe House Therapeutic Group Home
- Comprehensive Case Management
- Family Engagement and Support Services
- Mentoring
- Community Outreach and Awareness
- Prevention Education
- Professional Training and Technical Assistance

# SAFE HOUSE: THERAPEUTIC GROUP HOME

Located in **Central Ohio**

Females ages 12-18 (some exceptions to 18 yr olds)

Survivors of Sex Trafficking or at High-Risk

Stable and Safe Housing

Therapeutic Services

Education

Medical Services

Comprehensive Case Management

Family Engagement and Permanent placement support

# COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

Serve males and females ages 11-19 (some exceptions available for youth 20-21): Survivors of Trafficking or At Significant Risk

WRAPAROUND SERVICES

CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY PLANNING

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND  
EDUCATION

VICTIM ADVOCACY AND SURVIVOR EMPOWERMENT

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND PERMANENCY PLANNING

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PREVENTION EDUCATION

Provide awareness and education to youth and those who interact with youth

Awareness Events/Booths

Prevention Education to youth at schools, churches, after-school programs, crisis shelters

Awareness and Intervention Education to Adults (parents, foster parents, community members)

Technical Assistance to Professionals in related fields (teachers, medical professionals, case workers, school counselors, etc)

Evidenced Based Groups (My life My Choice, Ending the Game)

Community Partnerships (Coalitions, Attorney General, etc)

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Q&A  
Thoughts  
Comments

# We appreciate you!

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