Overview of Human Trafficking and The Role of Gangs
San Diego County Combat Model

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Why is Human Trafficking a Priority for Prosecutors

- It is a violation of human rights
- It is a violation of International U.S. law and CA Law - A priority for the US and CA Departments of Justice
- It is a form of modern-day slavery where perpetrators profit from the sexual exploitation or forced labor of men, women and children
- It is one of the most profitable criminal enterprises and most difficult to detect
High Intensity Child Prostitution Areas (HICPA)

- Chicago
- Dallas
- Detroit
- Las Vegas
- Los Angeles
- Miami
- Minneapolis
- New York
- San Diego
- San Francisco Bay Area
- St. Louis
- Tampa
- Washington, D.C.
What are we doing about it in the United States?

- 2000 Congress passed Trafficking Victims Protection Act

- Victim centered law that defined severe forms of human trafficking and provided effective punishment and rights for victims
What are we doing about it in California?

(States have passed their own version of federal laws)

- 2005 California enacted a Human Trafficking law that was also victim centered

- Proposition 35 (2012) made CA State laws more similar to the Federal Laws
Mandated Reporting of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children

• Mandated Reporting of CSEC effective January 1, 2016:
• Senate Bill 794 (new Penal Code section 11165.1(c)(1-3) adds a definition of “Commercial Sexual Exploitation” to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) - California Penal Code section 11165.1.

- call the County of San Diego Child Abuse Hotline at: 858-560-2191 or at 1-800-344-6000 to file your report.
New Laws Effective 2017

• Prostitution Statute separates buyers
• Minors and Prostitution
Out of the Shadows:
A Tool for the Identification of Victims of Human Trafficking

Vera Institute

One of the biggest obstacles to providing human trafficking victims with the services and support they need is the lack of an effective tool to identify them.
Current Research in the U.S. on Labor Trafficking


*All were immigrants working in the U.S. 71% entering on a temporary Visa (H-2A, H-2B);

By the time escaped 69% unauthorized

- Dr. Ami Carpenter, University of San Diego and Dr. Jamie Gates, Point Loma Nazarene University
- National Institute of Justice Grant
- The Next slides are adapted with some modifications from Power Point from Researchers Carpenter & Gates 2015
Study: How Big is San Diego’s Underground Sex Economy?

$810 Million

$536,000 per facilitator (Trafficker)

- San Diego Padres: $800 million
Study: Gang Members Involvement

- 85% of facilitators were gang-affiliated
- 110 gangs involved in underground sex economy
Study: Gang Ethnicity

Ethnicity

- Hispanic: 28%
- White: 34%
- Black: 2%
- Native American: 32%
**Study: Victim Ethnicity and Nationality**

80% of sex-trafficking victim/survivors are domestically trafficked

20% are foreign born

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Including:
Taiwan, Russia, China, Korea, Philippines, Honduras, Germany, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Cameroon
Study: Ethnicity of Victims

The majority are Black, White and mixed ethnicity

Ethnicity of Victims

- Black: 28%
- White: 25%
- Mixed/Bi-rac: 25%
- Latino: 14%
- Other: 4%
- Asian/Pac Is: 2%
- Nat Am: 2%
Study: Average Age of Entry into Sex Trafficking: 16

- Victims in our schools

- Average entry into sex trafficking High School Age 15-16 average entry so some younger and some older
Study: Human Trafficking in San Diego’s Schools

County-wide recruitment in middle schools and high schools

- Focus groups from all 20 schools identified suspected victims; 90% confirmed CSEC cases
- 30% of facilitators witnessed or participated in sex trafficking recruitment related to schools
Study: 20 schools visited represent sites from the entire San Diego County region.
Study: County-Wide Problem Residence of Victims/Survivors
Study: Annual Number of Victim/Survivors

3417-8108 victims annually

• Available long term shelter is a huge gap: 33 total beds available specific for human trafficking survivors especially minors
Study: Top 10 Recruitment Risk Factors

1. Runaway, “in and out of home” or “disappearing”
2. Involvement with older man/boyfriend
3. Involvement with drugs or alcohol
4. Lack of parental involvement
5. Women recruiting women
6. Family member arranging or approving CSEC
7. Financial problems
8. Personal Involvement with pimp/gang member
9. Mental/emotional health needs
10. Family member involved in CSEC prostitution
Particularly vulnerable populations

- 55% had experienced homelessness
- 28% had been in the Foster Care system
Factors Promoting Exploitation (CSEC):

- Victims often from homes where they experienced child abuse and domestic violence
- Minors who are in foster care or group homes
- Being a runaway teen is one of the highest risk factor for being exploited by a trafficker
- Truancy from school, learning disabilities, emotional and mental health issues and substance abuse
- No family is immune from this public safety epidemic because of the use of social media that
The Internet Hides the Crime in Plain Sight

- Hotels are the top location where the crime of sexually based human trafficking occurs.
- The DEMAND: Buyers that drives sex trafficking: 98 Unique criminal purchasers “Johns” responded to 4 ads on Backpage in a 24 hour period.
- Approximately 70% of the transactions utilize social media.
Warning Signs

- Are there bruises, tattoos or other signs?
- Are there new items that are not accounted for? Purse, nails, hair, clothes, jewelry?
- Are there signs of psychological abuse? Isolation, loss of contact with family, friends, lack of interest in school, sports?
- Is the person being controlled? Appears hypervigilant and secretive?
- Is there weight loss or signs of poor health?
- Is the person a minor engaged in commercial sex?
- Does a minor appear to be in a relationship with an older person?
COMBAT PLAN

- Prevention
- Protection
- Prosecution
- Partnerships
Combat Strategies

- SD County Human Trafficking and Commercial Child Sexual Exploitation Advisory Council
  (Multi disciplinary: Child Welfare, Prosecution, Law Enforcement, Education, Victim Services, Survivor-Leader, Research and Data, Community + Medical pending)

- Strategic blueprint presented to Board of Supervisors and adopted 2014

- Update Outcomes Report presented and adopted by Board of Supervisors 2016
Combat Strategies

- Vertical Prosecution - SD Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division

- San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force (State, Federal and Local Law Enforcement): Dismantle organized human trafficking with a victim centered approach
Combat Strategies:

- Child Welfare Steering Committee
- CEASE Network: Demand Abolition
- Prevention and Protection Awareness Campaigns and innovative partnerships

- Similar collaborations exist in other counties
DA’s Office Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Unit

- aka: (SVU Law and Order Special Victims Unit)
- Established in 2003 by DA Bonnie Dumanis with specialized DA team
- Sex Crimes including sexually based homicides and late report child molestation
- Sex Offender Registration - SAFE
- Sexually Violent Predators (SVP)
- Human Trafficking and related crimes of Pimping and Pandering
Partnerships with Hotels-Motels to Combat Sex Trafficking

Training on warning signs:

- A young looking girl (mostly) with an older male
- Appears to lack knowledge of current/past whereabouts or orientation to time
- Does not have the usual suitcase/travel belongings
- Dressed inappropriately for weather and conditions
Education Prevention-Intervention Strategies

- Training of professional school staff: High School focus currently
- Training of students
- Training of parents
- Training of medical staff
- Law enforcement training
- Legal, Judicial and Community training
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Similar considerations as studies outline but in a simple tool with a scoring system that includes 10 categories including, Stability in living situation, health, trauma, exploitation, relationships, technology in Residential Status & Life Functioning.
Recruitment of Boys

- Girls Only Program in 4 Boys and Girls Clubs (8-12)
- Developing Boys Only Program
Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and California law

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
1-888-373-7888 or TEXT: Be Free or 233733

Centro Nacional de Recursos para la Trata de Personas
1-888-373-7888 or Envié el TEXTO: Be Free o 233733

O llame a la Coalición de California Para Abolir la Esclavitud y Trata de Personas (CAST)
1-888-KEY-2-FRE (EDOM)

National Human Trafficking Resource Center sa
1-888-373-7888 or TEXT: Be Free or 233733

O sa California Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)
1-888-KEY-2-FRE (EDOM)

Ang hotlines ay:
- Pwedeng tumawag anumang oras, buong lingo.
- Libreng tawag
- Non-profit at organisasyon
- Di-pampamahalaan at nagpopayat
- Anonymous at kompensyebal
- Magagamit sa higit sa 160 wika
- Makapagbibigay ng tulong, referral sa mga serbisyo, pagkabanal, at impormasyon

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www.FightHumanTraffickingSD.com
TEENS SOLD FOR SEX AREN'T PROSTITUTES. THEY'RE RAPE VICTIMS

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The Ugly Truth

- Award winning Survivor based messages
- Radio, health clubs, bus-trolley, mobile, movie theatres
- Millions of impressions
- TheUglyTruthSD.org
Sex trafficking. It’s not just global. It’s local.

Get the facts at TheUglyTruthID.org
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BEING A PROSTITUTED TEEN ISN’T A CHOICE. IT’S SLAVERY.

set a child free  ProtectSanDiegoKids.org

FAQs  Prevention  National Resource Center (NHTRC)  Who to Contact  Community Resources & Initiatives
Helpful Links
San Diego District Attorney Web:
www.sdcda.org
www.FightHumanTraffickingSD.com
http://www.sdcda.org/office/girlsonlytoolkit/index.html
www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/overview
www.s dbscc.org (Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition)
www.abolishhumantrafficking.com (Find research articles, documentaries & community events)

http://www.safeactionproject.org/training/stop-sex-trafficking-toolkit/

http://theuglytruthsd.org/
Helpful Links

Publications:

U.S. Dept of Education- Human Trafficking in America’s Schools
Knowledge is Power
“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good [people] to do nothing.”

*Edmund Burke, English Philosopher*