

***Human
Trafficking***

**“For we know that every life saved
in words of that great proclamation
is an act of justice worthy of the
considerate judgment of mankind
and gracious favor of Almighty
God” -President Obama**

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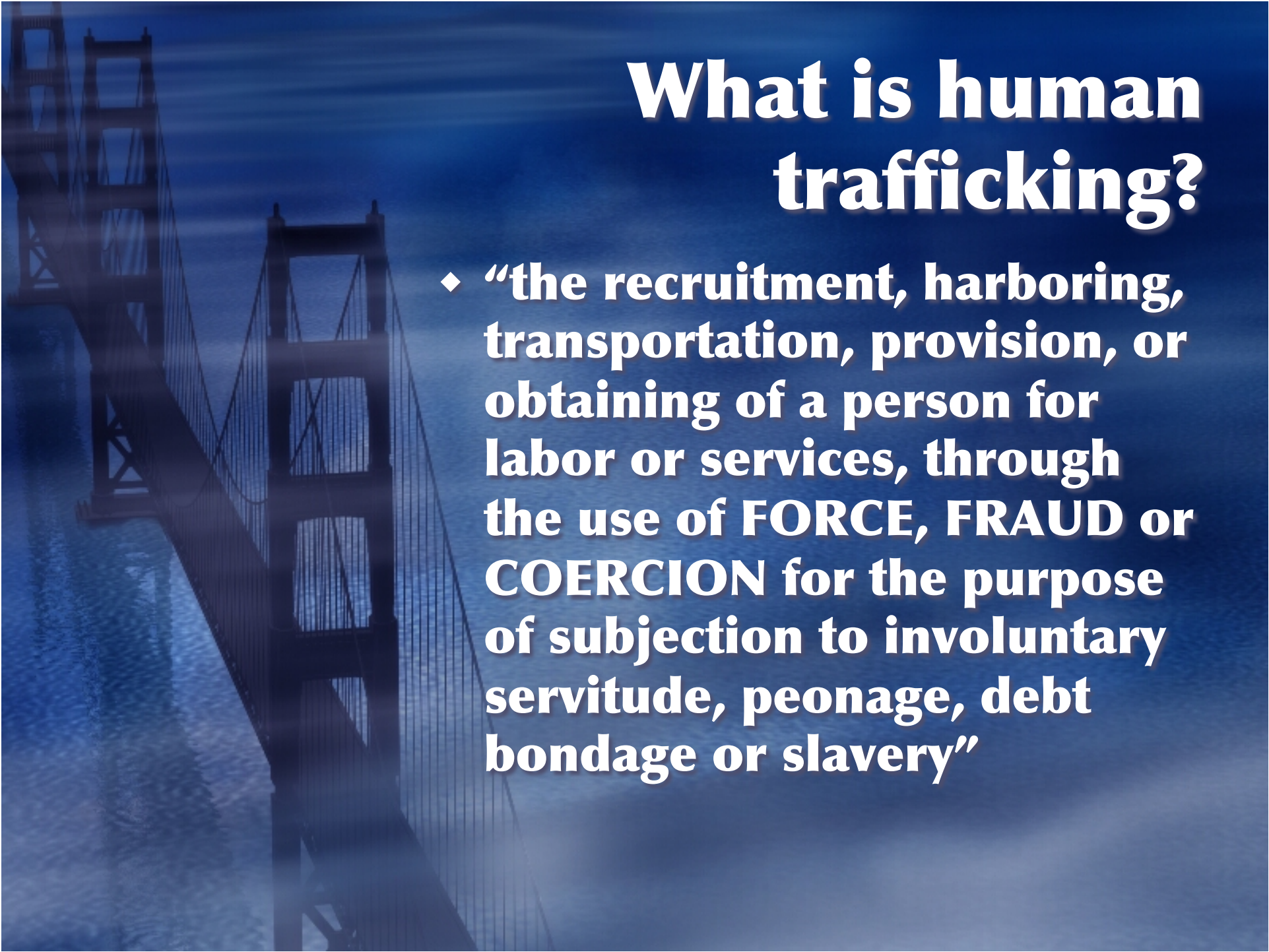
Basic Human Rights

- ◆ **Life**
- ◆ **Liberty**
- ◆ **Security**
- ◆ **Freedom from**
 - ◆ **Slavery/servitude**
 - ◆ **Torture**
 - ◆ **Inhumane treatment**
- ◆ **Standard of living adequate for health and well-being**
- ◆ **Medical care**
- ◆ **Freedom of movement**
- ◆ **Freedom of expression**



UN Convention on Rights of a Child- 1969

- ◆ **Children have “the inherent right to life”**
- ◆ **Requires ensuring “the survival and development of the child”**
- ◆ **“the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health”**
- ◆ **“facilities for treatment of illness and rehabilitation of health”**



What is human trafficking?

- ◆ **“the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of FORCE, FRAUD or COERCION for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery”**



Types of Trafficking

- ◆ **Sex trafficking- commercial sex act**
- ◆ **Labor trafficking- labor or services, servitude, begging**



Myths

- ◆ **There must be evidence of physical restraint, physical force, or physical bondage when identifying a trafficking situation**
 - ◆ **Legal definition does not require physical restraint, bodily harm or physical force. Psychological means of control, threats or abuse of legal process, is sufficient**



Myths

- ◆ **Sex trafficking of girls and women is the only form of human trafficking**
 - ◆ **Commercial sex industry AND forced labor and services**
 - ◆ **Can affect MEN and BOYS in addition to WOMEN and GIRLS**



Factors Leading to Trafficking

- ◆ **Unemployment**
- ◆ **Poverty**
- ◆ **Lack of education**
- ◆ **Gender discrimination**
- ◆ **Family violence**
- ◆ **Homeless**
- ◆ **Run-aways**
- ◆ **War-torn areas**
- ◆ **Recruitment:**
 - ◆ **Offers employment**
 - ◆ **Improvement in social status**
 - ◆ **Access to Western goods**



Extent of Problem Globally

- ◆ **20-30 million slaves worldwide**
- ◆ **2nd only to illegal drug and arms trade**
 - ◆ **\$32 billion industry**
 - ◆ **\$15.5 billion from industrialized countries**
- ◆ **Sexual Exploitation**
 - ◆ **80% female**
 - ◆ **50% children**
- ◆ **Average price of a slave= \$90**
 - ◆ **1809: \$40,000**

WORK ABROAD

Seeking young women.
All travel expenses paid.
No experience required.

A man offered Maria a job as a waitress in Johannesburg. Eager to earn some money, she agreed to travel with him from her home country to South Africa. But when Maria arrived in Johannesburg, there was no waitress job. Instead the man beat her and forced her to work as a prostitute.

Every year, thousands of young women in Africa fall into this trap.

BEWARE! Attractive offers of employment, education or marriage in a foreign country could be **FALSE!**



IOM International Organization for Migration
OIM Organisation Internationale pour les Migrations
OIM Organización Internacional para las Migraciones

A photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge at night, with the bridge's towers and suspension cables silhouetted against a dark blue sky and water. The bridge spans across the water, and the overall scene is dimly lit, emphasizing the structure's form.

Extent of Problem Locally

- ◆ **17000-20000 humans trafficked annually into the US**
- ◆ **293,000 Americans at risk**
 - ◆ **Commercial sexual exploitation**
 - ◆ **Run away/throw away youth**
 - ◆ **Abusive homes**
 - ◆ **Average age of prostitution: 12-14**



Laws in Place

- ◆ **Trafficking Victims Protection Act**
 - ◆ **Prevention**
 - ◆ Raise awareness of the abhorrent practices involved in the trafficking trade to reduce the demand for services obtained through human trafficking
 - ◆ public awareness programs overseas
 - ◆ State Department led monitoring and sanctions program
 - ◆ **Protection**
 - ◆ Identify victims, provide them with services and witness protection if necessary, and when appropriate, provide them with immigration relief
 - ◆ New temporary visa for foreign national victims
 - ◆ **Prosecution**
 - ◆ Pass and enforce laws that criminalize trafficking and raise the risk of benefiting in any manner from human trafficking
 - ◆ New federal crimes and penalties



Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

- ◆ **50% of victims are minors**
- ◆ **1 million children, majority girls, exploited in the global commercial sex trade every year**
- ◆ **Violated by sexual acts 100-1500 times per year**



Federal Laws -Minors

- ◆ **Mann Act**
- ◆ **Child Abuse Prevention Act 1994**
- ◆ **PROTECT Act 2003**
- ◆ **Dept of Homeland Security**
 - ◆ **Homeland Security Investigations**
 - ◆ **Operation Predator-** aims to identify and prevent child predators from traveling in and out of the US

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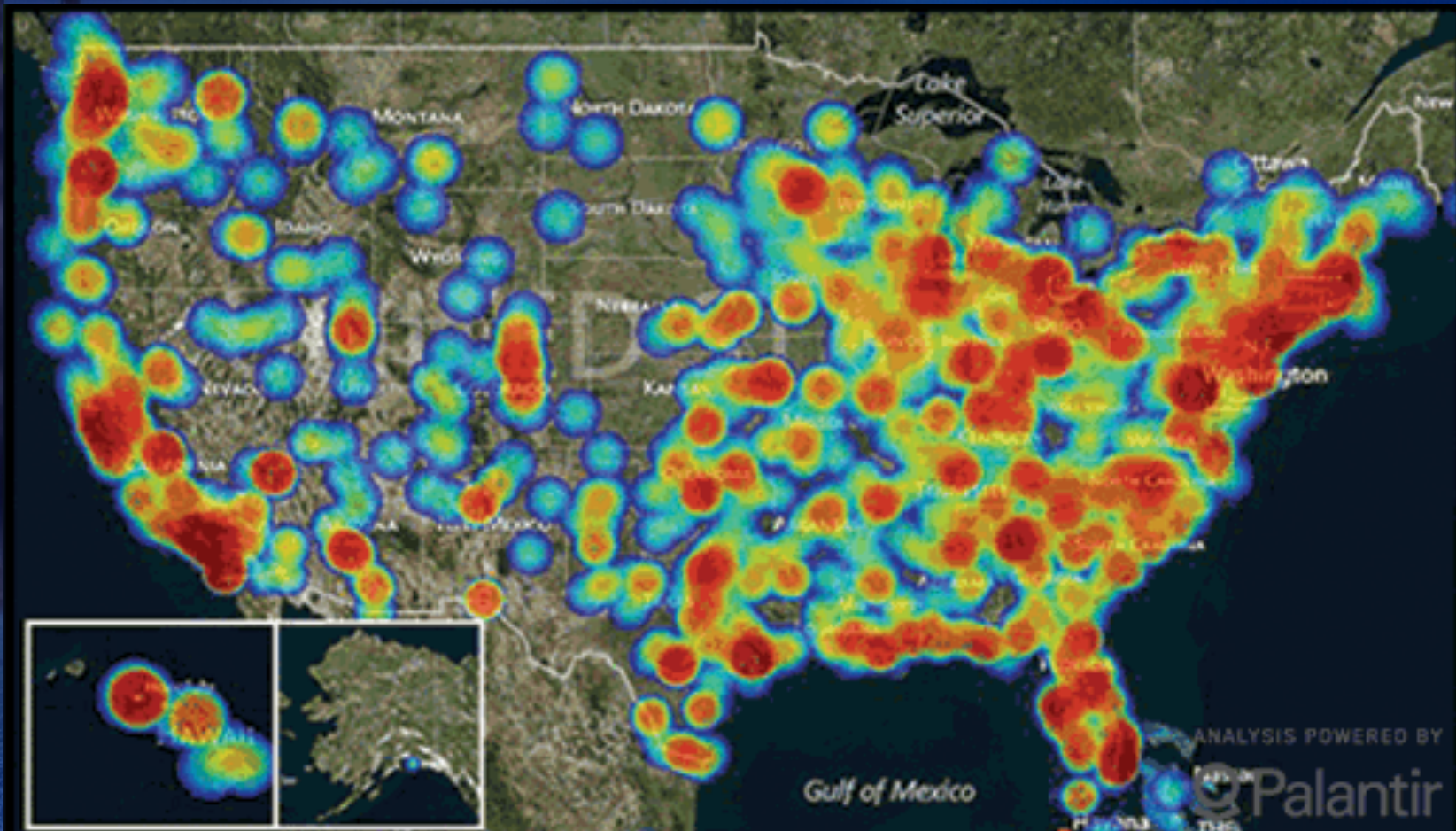
National Human Trafficking Hotline- Polaris

◆ 2013 Statistics

- ◆ 31,945 phone calls
 - ◆ 1,669 online tips
 - ◆ 1,488 emails
 - ◆ 787 SMS threads
- regarding trafficking victims in the United States

◆ 2014 Statistics

- ◆ 21,431 phone calls
 - ◆ 1,482 online tips
 - ◆ 1,149 emails
 - ◆ 1,279 SMS threads
- regarding trafficking victims in the United States



Location of potential human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (2007 - 2012)



POLARIS PROJECT
FOR A WORLD WITHOUT SLAVERY

Trafficking Cases in FL

- ◆ **Boca Raton Manuel and Baldonado 2010- Labor**
- ◆ **Orlando Nelson-Domestic Sex Trafficking 2010**
- ◆ **Tampa Bay Treasure Island-Sex Trafficking 2010**
- ◆ **Gainesville Haitian-Labor 2010**
- ◆ **Tallahassee and Clearwater Melchar and Monslave-Sex Trafficking 2008**
- ◆ **Miami Paulin- Labor 2008**
- ◆ **Immokalee Navarette-Labor 2008**
- ◆ **Destin King-Labor 2008**
- ◆ **Miami Osley and Greer-Sex Trafficking 2007**
- ◆ **Orlando Telichenko- Sex Trafficking 2006**
- ◆ **Palatka Evans-Labor 2006**
- ◆ **Cape Coral Pascual-Labor and Sex Trafficking 2006**

Florida on Human Trafficking

- ◆ **Labor Trafficking is the most prevalent type in FL**
 - ◆ **Agriculture**
 - ◆ **Tourism/Hospitality**
 - ◆ **Unregulated temporary employment agencies**
- ◆ **Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking other most prevalent type in FL**
 - ◆ **Under-reported and under-prosecuted**
 - ◆ **International and domestic victims**
 - ◆ **At any moment, 30-40,000 preteen and teen runaways and throw aways in FL**
 - ◆ **Mobile, technology, circuit, multinational, globalization**



Issues Specific to Florida

- ◆ **Florida Safe Harbor Act**
 - ◆ **Protects young victims of sex-trafficking from prosecution**
 - ◆ **Give officers discretion to take the children to a safehouse instead of jail**
 - ◆ **Safe shelter- intensive therapy, counseling and support**

How Traffickers Control Victims





Victim Behavior

- ◆ **Signs of trauma- antisocial, hostile, self-destructive behavior**
- ◆ **May not see themselves as victims- unaware of laws or rights that protect them**
- ◆ **Ashamed of the work they were made to do**
- ◆ **Believe they are legally obligated to repay their trafficker; believe if debt is repaid, then they are free from harm**
- ◆ **How to meet survival needs if they cooperate**



Costs of Human Trafficking

- ◆ **Quality of human life**
- ◆ **Degradation of human rights**
- ◆ **Poor public health**
- ◆ **Disrupted families and communities**
- ◆ **Decreased governance**
- ◆ **Diminished social and economic development**



Medical Needs of a Trafficked Victim

- ◆ **Multiple pregnancies**
- ◆ **Forced, unsafe abortions**
- ◆ **STIs**
- ◆ **TB**
- ◆ **Physical injuries**
- ◆ **Starvation/Nutritional deficits**
- ◆ **Drug addictions**
- ◆ **Psychological Trauma**
- ◆ **Psychiatric disorders**

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STIs

- ◆ **Rates in trafficking victims**
 - ◆ **Syphilis 20%**
 - ◆ **Hep B 3.8%**
 - ◆ **HIV**
 - ◆ **15 brothels 60-80%**
 - ◆ **Younger- higher rates of transmission**
- ◆ **Spread and mutation of HIV virus**



Most common health symptoms

- ◆ **Study on trafficked women in UK from Eastern Europe**
 - ◆ **Headaches 81%**
 - ◆ **Dizzy spells 71%**
 - ◆ **Sexual health problems 60-70%**
 - ◆ **Memory problems 63%**
 - ◆ **Back pain 69%**
 - ◆ **Fatigue 82%**



CHALLENGE

- ◆ **IDENTIFYING VICTIMS**
- ◆ **As medical professionals, we will see victims of trafficking**
- ◆ **Law enforcement officials are commonly the first point of contact and identifier of victims of trafficking**



Trafficking and the Medical Profession

- ◆ **Study done by the Family Violence Prevention Fund**
 - ◆ **28% of trafficking survivors had been seen by a health care provider at least once during their captivity**

Identifying Factors

- ◆ **Lack of any official identification papers or cards**
- ◆ **Vague answers about their situation**
- ◆ **Many inconsistencies in their stories**
- ◆ **No eye contact**
- ◆ **No control of their money**
- ◆ **Malnourishment**
- ◆ **Signs of physical abuse**
- ◆ **Signs of depression/PTSD**
- ◆ **Drug or alcohol addiction**
- ◆ **Younger than 18**
- ◆ **Multiple sexual partners**
- ◆ **Multiple STIs**
- ◆ **Inappropriate attire for health care visit**
- ◆ **Tattoos or branding**
- ◆ **Sexual abuse/trauma**



US Department of Health and Human Services Questionnaire

- ◆ **Can you leave your work or job situation if you want?**
- ◆ **When you are not working, can you come and go as you please?**
- ◆ **Have you been threatened with harm if you try to quit?**
- ◆ **Has anyone threatened your family?**
- ◆ **How many consensual and nonconsensual partners have you had?**
- ◆ **What are your working or living conditions like?**
- ◆ **Where do you sleep and eat?**
- ◆ **Do you have to ask permission to eat, sleep, or go to the bathroom?**
- ◆ **Is there a lock on your door or windows so you cannot get out?**





“Yes”

- ◆ **I’m very sorry that this has happened to you.**
- ◆ **We are here to help you.**
- ◆ **Our first priority is your safety**
- ◆ **We can find you a safe place to stay**
- ◆ **We can help to protect your family**
- ◆ **You have rights and we can help you to rebuild your life safely.**
- ◆ **We want to make sure that what happened to you doesn’t happen to anyone else**



Contact Information

- ◆ **National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline**

- ◆ **1-888-373-7888**

- ◆ **24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year**

- ◆ **Crisis intervention, urgent and non-urgent referrals, tip reporting and technical assistance**

- ◆ **LOCAL: South Florida Human Trafficking Task Force**

- ◆ **1-800-973-2867**

- ◆ **Ask for duty agent of Human Trafficking Task Force**



Our role as Professionals

- ◆ **Raise visibility of the problem**
- ◆ **Advocate for enactment and effective implementation of law and treaties**
- ◆ **Demand necessary funding**
- ◆ **Provide direct services to youth, victims and survivors**



What needs to be done

- ◆ **Human trafficking will not be contained until the risk of operating as a trafficker poses a threat greater than what the trafficker stands to gain from the enterprise**
- ◆ **Criminal justice agencies must enforce anti-trafficking laws and raise the cost of doing “business” for those who profit from trafficking human beings**



Our Role

- ◆ **Not to judge, arrest**
- ◆ **Not to just rescue or fix the victim**
- ◆ **Goals:**
 - ◆ **Prevention and address Vulnerabilities**
 - ◆ **Empower the victims**
 - ◆ **RESCUE, REHABILITATION and REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY**



Our Job

- ◆ **Resilience and decision making leads to empowerment**
- ◆ **Change that feels owned by the victim**
- ◆ **Acknowledge strength, survival, that it was tough and it's a big decision to seek help**
- ◆ **I SEE YOU AS HUMAN**



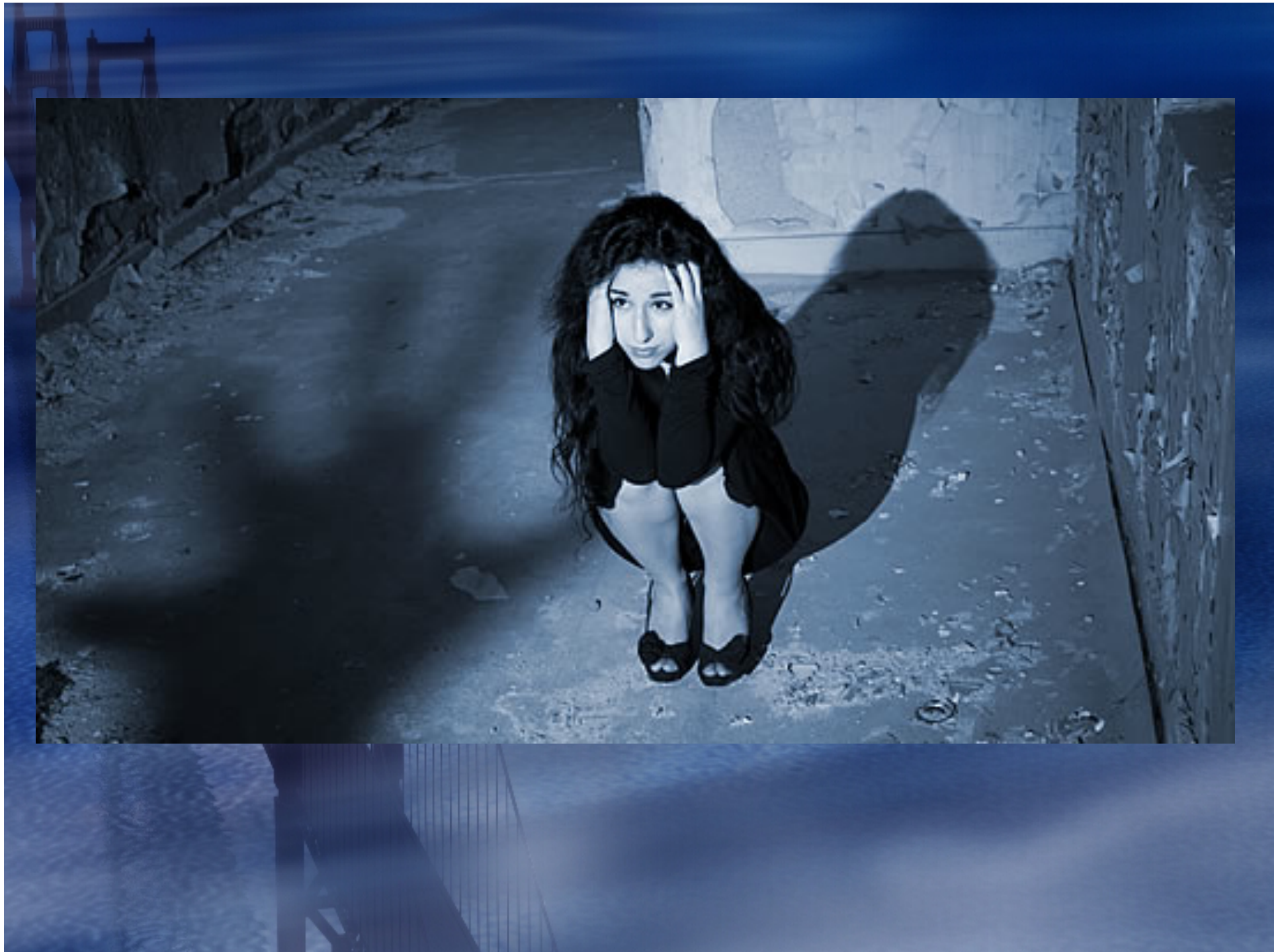
Professionals

- ◆ **We want to rescue, quickly fix “the problem”**
- ◆ **Frustrated when unable to**
 - ◆ **Causes victim to shut down**
- ◆ **Plant a seed**
 - ◆ **Respect**
 - ◆ **Care**
 - ◆ **Humanity**



Addressing YOUR BIAS

- ◆ **What is your first thought when you see the following pictures?**
- ◆ **Be truthful- we are not here to judge, rather to understand our personal and social bias that can impede our ability to help victims who have been trafficked**













Myth

- ◆ **If a trafficked victim consented to be in their initial situation or was informed about what type of labor they would be doing or that commercial sex would be involved, then it cannot be trafficking or against their will because they “knew better”**

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Myth

- ◆ **A victim CANNOT CONSENT TO BE IN A SITUATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
- ◆ **Initial consent to commercial sex or a labor setting prior to acts of force, fraud, or coercion or if the victim is a minor in sex trafficking, is not relevant to the crime nor is payment**

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

IT HAPPENS HERE, IT'S HAPPENING NOW

Every year over 50,000 women and children are brought to the United States to work as Slaves.

<http://www.sawso.org>



Inspiration

**“Please close your eyes
and take every child as
your own daughter. Soon
you will feel their sorrow
and then you will feel the
strength that comes out
of you to protect them”**

-Anuradha Koirala

Resources

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