Polaris - Typology and the National Human Trafficking Hotline

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888
www.humantraffickinghotline.org
The Problem

- Underdeveloped resources
- Fragmented response
- Victims unable to access help
- Traffickers operate undeterred
ILO: 20.9 million of victims worldwide
Only 44,462 victims have been identified
Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery, and has been considered a federal crime since the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) passed in 2000.
Definition of Human Trafficking

**Sex trafficking**
The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, soliciting, or advertising of a person for a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age.

**Labor 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.
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<td>Provides</td>
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<td>Threats of harm or deportation, debt bondage, psychological manipulation, confiscation of documents</td>
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*Additional actions that constitute sex trafficking, but not labor trafficking, include patronizes, solicits, and knowingly advertises.

**Neither force, nor fraud, nor coercion are required to be shown for minors under the age of 18 induced into commercial sex acts.
### Trafficking vs. Smuggling

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<td>• A crime against a country’s border</td>
<td>• A crime against a person</td>
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<td>• Implies crossing the border illegally</td>
<td>• Implies forced work or sex with a commercial purpose</td>
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<td>• Generally, solely refers to movement of a person or group of people</td>
<td>• Does not necessarily involves movement from one location to another</td>
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<td>• Could be the entry point for a human trafficking situation</td>
<td>• Debt bondage as a result of smuggling can be used as a mean of control</td>
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<td>Elements that Make Victims Difficult to Identify</td>
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Indicators of Human Trafficking

**Labor trafficking**
- Workplace restrictions and abuse
- Debt bondage
- Recruitment fraud
- Document confiscation
- Lack of payment
- Monitored movement/communication
- Physical or sexual abuse

**Sex trafficking**
- Controlling/dominating relationships
- Child under the age of 18 is providing commercial sex acts
- Engaged in commercial sex under a “manager”
- Document confiscation
- Lack of control of personal finances
- Monitored movement/communication
- Physical or sexual abuse
Who are the Victims?

Populations affected

Adults or minors, foreign nationals or U.S. citizens, any gender identity

Demographics

Diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, varied levels of education, documented or undocumented

Vulnerabilities

Homelessness, prior abuse or violence, temporary status, substance use, poverty
Who are the Traffickers?

Diverse
- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Socio-economic background

Individuals/networks
- Small business owners
- Family members
- Labor brokers
- Intimate partners
- Pimps
- Gangs
- Diplomats

Manipulators
- Force
- Threats
- Lies
- Document
- Confiscation
- Psychological coercion

Exploiters
- Compel people into forced labor and commercial sex.
Sex Trafficking

- Interactive Sexual Acts
- Illicit Massage Businesses
- Bars, Strip Clubs, Cantinas
- Personal Sexual Servitude
- Escort Services
- Outdoor Solicitation
- Pornography
- Residential
Our Proposal of Solution
Heat Map - Calls During 2017
How to Contact the NHTH?

CALL
1-888-373-7888

TEXT
“BeFree” (233733)

LIVE CHAT
humantraffickinghotline.org

24/7 • Toll free • Confidential • 200+ languages
Why it Works?

- A single memorable number
- Centralized data, collection & analysis
- 24/7 National coordination center
- Government support, NGO independence
Who Can Contact the NHTH?

Anyone seeking assistance, information, training, or resources in the U.S. and U.S. territories:

- Victims and survivors of human trafficking
- Friends and relatives of the victims
- Social and legal service providers
- Law enforcement
- Government agencies
- Frontline professionals
- Local advocates and community members
- Educators
What to Expect on Every Call or Text?

- Triage
- Safety
- Needs
- Response
- Follow-up
Callers can be anonymous and ask for help on behalf of potential victims.
- Information is handled with confidentiality in mind.
- The Hotline does not report undocumented individuals to law enforcement.

Hotline Advocates receive specialized training.
If appropriate, the Hotline will contact law enforcement officials trained on human trafficking.
The information received helps identify trends and connect cases.
Direct Support for Survivors

• The NHTH can offer support during a crisis
• The NHTH connects survivors with resources and critical services
  – Shelter
  – Health and therapy services
  – Legal assistance
A National Look, a “Localized” Response
NHTH – Resource Directory

4 h.e.r. North Dakota
Hotline: (701) 339-7040
Phone: (406) 844-0377

A Safe Place
Hotline: (603) 436-7924
Phone: (603) 436-4619

A Safe Place To Go
Hotline: (855) 723-7529
Phone: (855) 723-7529

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc.
Hotline: (239) 939-3112
Phone: (239) 939-2553

ACH Child and Family Services
Hotline: (817) 335-4673
Phone: (817) 335-4673

ACTS SAVAS Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Service
Hotline: (703) 368-4141
Phone: (703) 497-1192

Advocates for Basic

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2017 Statistics

26,557
Calls related to human trafficking

8,524
Human trafficking cases

21,242
Human trafficking victims identified

4,687
Calls received directly from victims and survivors of human trafficking
2018 - Statistics
January 1 - June 30

14,117
Calls related to human trafficking

17,935
Human trafficking victims identified

5,147
Cases of human trafficking

2,676
Calls received directly from victims and survivors of human trafficking
Northern Triangle & Mexico - Statistics

- Individuals from Latin America make up a large percentage of victims identified in 18 of the 25 types of human trafficking.

- Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras are the most common countries of origin for victims from Latin America.
# The 18 Types of HT Affecting Immigrants

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<td>Illicit Activities</td>
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<td>Factories &amp; Manufacturing</td>
<td>Restaurants</td>
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<td>Forestry</td>
<td>Health &amp; Beauty Services</td>
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Agriculture

- **Recruitment**
  - Victim’s country of origin
  - Debt bondage through recruitment fees
- **Victim Profile**
  - H-2A visa
  - Men and women with children
- **Methods of Control**
  - Lack of visa
  - H-2A visa holders are tied to one employer and will lose
  - Economic abuse: works paid by the piece, wage theft, and unfair payroll deductions

64% of the victims that have contacted the NHTH are from Mexico and Guatemala.
Construction

- **Recruitment**
  - Formal job offers
  - Fraudulent visa contracts
  - Recommendations from relatives or friends

- **Victim Profile**
  - Men
  - H-2B visa holders or undocumented

- **Methods of Control**
  - Lack of payment or salary deductions
  - Threats of deportation or blacklisting if workers complain
  - Verbal abuse
  - Lack of basic equipment or required safety equipment

60% of the victims reported to the NHTH are from Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala.
Factories & Manufacturing

- **Recruitment**
  - Fraudulent job offers
  - Sometimes relatives are recruiters

- **Victim Profile**
  - H-2B visa holder
  - Minors
  - People from Latin America or Southeast Asia

- **Methods of Control**
  - ID confiscation
  - Threats of Physical Violence
  - Extreme surveillance
  - Wage withholding/debt bondage

Almost 40% of the victims reported to the NHTH from these industries are from Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador.
Domestic Work

- **Recruitment**
  - Visas:
    - B-1
    - A-3 or G-5
    - J-1
    - B-2
    - K-1

- **Victim Profile**
  - Women
  - Mid age
  - Latin America, Africa, EUA

- **Methods of Control**
  - Extreme surveillance
  - Debt bondage
  - ID confiscation
  - Wage withholding

Total: 888 victims
Commercial Cleaning Services

- **Recruitment**
  - Fraudulent job offers
  - False promises
- **Victim Profile**
  - Men, women, and unaccompanied minors
- **Methods Control**
  - Wage withholding
  - Verbal abuse
  - Debt bondage
  - ID confiscation (visa, passport)
  - Deportation threats

Total: 165 victims
Recruitment
- Fraudulent job offers, false promises, fraudulent contracts
- Some recruiters are directly related to abuses and human trafficking

Victim Profile
- Men
- Guatemala y Mexico
- H-2B

Control
- Threats of blacklisting
- Threats of losing legal status (H-2B)
- Threats against family members
Outreach Efforts

• Awareness campaigns
• Partnerships and collaborations
• Promotion of the NHTH
LINEA NACIONAL CONTRA LA TRATA DE PERSONAS
1-888-373-7888

La trata de personas puede ocurrir en bares, cantinas, clubes nocturnos... Detrás de estas fachadas hay una realidad oculta.

ÚNETE A LA SOLUCIÓN

ABRAMOS LOS OJOS

Desde el 2007 se han identificado a más de 4,328 VÍCTIMAS de la trata sexual en conexión con México o Centroamérica

Sabemos que:
- 85.4% de las víctimas son mujeres y niñas.
- 45% de las víctimas son menores.
- 33% de las víctimas tienen contacto con amigos o familiares que les podrían ayudar

¿ESTÁ OCURRIENDO LA TRATA DE PERSONAS EN TU COMUNIDAD?

Si sabemos reconocer las señales de la trata de personas, podremos ayudar a identificar más víctimas, conectárselas con la asistencia que necesiten y evitar que este crimen brutal se repita. A través de las llamadas a la Línea Nacional, Polaris ha identificado más de 1,000 casos de trata sexual de mujeres y niñas de México o Centroamérica, incluidos más de 243 casos de trata en cantinas, bares o clubes estadounidenses y 351 casos en burdeles residenciales.

¿QUÉ ASISTENCIA PROPORCIONA LA LÍNEA NACIONAL CONTRA LA TRATA DE PERSONAS?

Es un recurso gratuito, anónimo y confidencial que puedes usar para obtener ayuda o reportar posibles casos de trata. La Línea está disponible para responder a las llamadas de cualquier persona, estos donde estés, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, en tu idioma.

- REPORTAR POSIBLES CASOS DE TRATA
- ACCEDER A SERVICIOS EN TU LOCALIDAD
- CONECTAR A LAS VÍCTIMAS CON APOYO
- DARLE A LA COMUNIDAD HERRAMIENTAS PARA LUCHAR CONTRA LA TRATA
- PEDIR INFORMACIÓN O RECURSOS DILINGÜES SOBRE LA TRATA DE PERSONAS
Anti-Trafficking Hotlines in North America

Objectives:

• National Human Trafficking hotlines in the United States, Mexico, and Canada

• Trilateral partnership to offer a joint and strategic response

• Comparison of data from the three countries in order to identify trends and create prevention programs for the victims, as well as identify ways of disrupting criminal networks

• Awareness campaigns to encourage regional strategies focused on generating regional changes
#QuéTePrometieron?

**LÍNEA BINACIONAL VS. LA TRATA**

01 800 5533 000

Desde México

1888 373 78 88

Desde Estados Unidos

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THANK YOU!

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