

AN OVERVIEW OF CHILD LABOR TRAFFICKING

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LABOR TRAFFICKING

LABOR TRAFFICKING INVOLVES THE RECRUITMENT, HARBORING, TRANSPORTATION, PROVISION, OR OBTAINING A PERSON FOR LABOR OR SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBJECTION TO INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE, PEONAGE, DEBT BONDAGE, OR SLAVERY

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LABOR TRAFFICKING

FORCE: PHYSICALLY RESTRAINING OR HARMING THE PERSON

FRAUD: INTENTIONALLY DECEIVES THE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT SUCH AS JOB DUTIES, WORK CONDITIONS, AND PAYMENT

COERCION: THREATS OF SERIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL/PHYSICAL HARM TO THE VICTIMS OR THEIR LOVED ONES, AS WELL AS REAL OR THREATENED ABUSE OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM

OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS. (2016). FACT SHEET: HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WASHINGTON, D.C.: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES.

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How does intersectionality impact the national dialogue of labor trafficking?

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LABOR TRAFFICKING IN CALIFORNIA

Similar to sex trafficking, it is necessary to understand labor trafficking through an intersectional lens of historical oppression. It began in the United States during colonization with indentured servitude and continued throughout history with African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and immigrants forced into labor to build the country we have today.

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LABOR TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES

FROM 2013 - 2016

74% WERE LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES ONLY

26% WERE LABOR AND SEX TRAFFIC CASES

ROE, GERPITZ, O'BRAY, K. & LEE, B. (2018). A FOUR-YEAR ANALYSIS OF LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES IN THE UNITED STATES: EXPLORING CHARACTERISTICS AND LABOR TRAFFICKING PATTERNS. ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY. <https://www.asu.edu/center-for-human-trafficking-research>

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LABOR TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES



In 2018, there were 5,577 identified survivors of labor trafficking and 1,388 survivors of labor and sex trafficking

LABOR TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES: A HIDDEN CRIME. SOCIAL JUSTITION. 01.18.18

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LABOR TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES



From 2008 - 2017, 1 in 5 labor trafficking cases reported to the NHTRC involved minors

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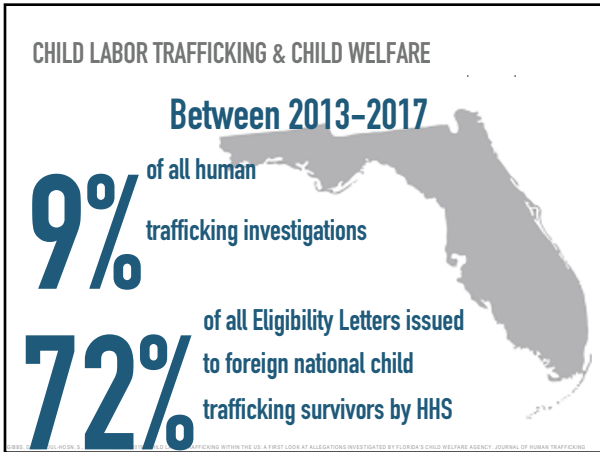
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LABOR TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES



American youth, young adults, and adults are forced into labor trafficking, not just foreign born youth and adults

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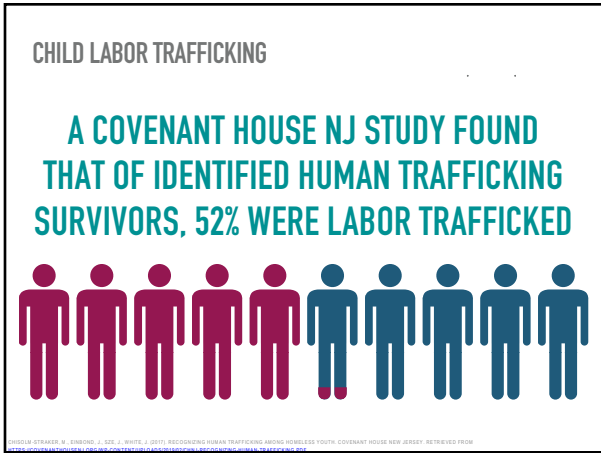
CHILD LABOR TRAFFICKING

“In comparison to child sex trafficking, the issue of child labor trafficking in the United States is less researched and less frequently highlighted by the media. However, the limited evidence available demonstrates the need for the child welfare system to pay equal attention to this issue. ~ Richard Stephenson & Nickodem

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RISK FACTORS

“THE DYNAMICS OF LABOR TRAFFICKING APPEARED VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SEX TRAFFICKING, WITH TRAFFICKERS EXPLOITING VULNERABLE PEOPLE’S DESPERATION AND ISOLATION.

~ BIGELEN

BIGELEN, J. & VANTO, S. (2016). HOMELESSNESS, SURVIVAL SEX, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: AS EXPERIENCED BY THE YOUTH OF COURTNEY HOUSE NEW YORK. COURTNEY POLICE. RETRIEVED FROM: <https://www.courtneyhouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-08-16-Homelessness-Survival-Sex-and-Human-Trafficking-As-Experienced-by-the-Youth-of-Courtney-House-New-York.pdf>

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RISK FACTORS

- UNDOCUMENTED STATUS
- SEPARATION FROM FAMILIES AND SUPPORT NETWORKS
- HOMELESSNESS
- POVERTY
- LACK OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- FEELINGS OF OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT SELF AND THEIR FAMILIES

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE (2016). CHILD LABOR TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES. RETRIEVED FROM: <https://www.humantraffickinghotline.org/sites/default/files/2016-08/Child-Labor-Trafficking-in-the-United-States.pdf>

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RISK FACTORS

“Labor traffickers often target homeless youth because they lack access to shelter, food, and personal connections.”

Kaufke-Walton

KAUFKE-WALTON, S. (2018). *Homeless Youth: A Guide to Understanding and Supporting Them*. New York: Springer.

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PATHWAYS OF ENTRY

I know a way you can make some fast money

91%
HOMELESS YOUTH WERE APPROACHED BY SOMEONE OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES. (UNKNOWN). GUIDANCE TO STATES AND SERVICES ON ADDRESSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH. https://www.hhs.gov/child-welfare/child-welfare-practice-guidance/child-welfare-practice-guidance-addressing-human-trafficking-of-children-and-youth

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PATHWAYS OF ENTRY

CYNTHIA IS HOMELESS

SHE MOVED IN WITH HER BOYFRIEND AND HIS FAMILY

CYNTHIA WAS FORCED TO WORK IN THE FAMILY CLEANING AND LANDSCAPING BUSINESS

SHE WASN'T PAID AND WAS THREATENED

Do you want to be homeless again?

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PATHWAYS OF ENTRY

MIGUEL IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF A JOB

HE'S APPROACHED WITH AN OFFER

MIGUEL FINDS HIMSELF AS PART OF A TRAVELING SALES CREW

HE FINDS HIMSELF IN DEBT FOR PAYING FOR HIS TRAVEL

Hi. Would you like to purchase this wonderful product?

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“He made me feel like I have no other option. He put me in positions that hindered me from finding other options. At that time it was my job and I didn’t have anywhere to go”

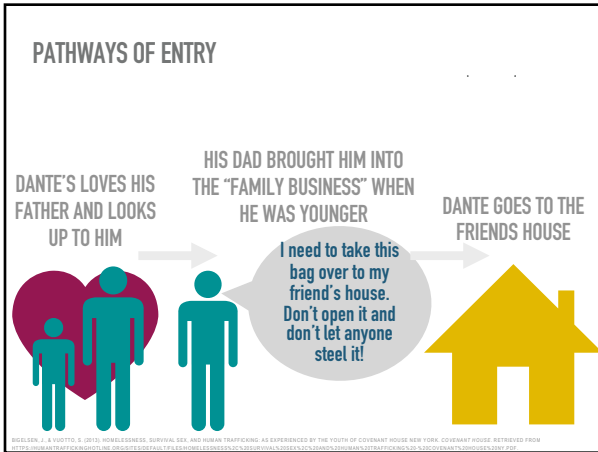
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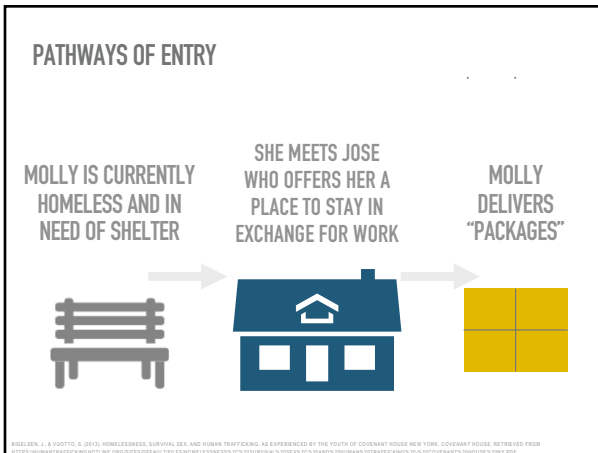
LABOR TRAFFICKING

If a youth is forced to commit a crime, is that labor trafficking?

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FORCED CRIMINALITY

If your mom was a ballerina, what would you want to be more than anything else in the world? Our parents are the most influential people in our lives, and if they aren't doing the right thing, the kid won't. I never even knew that everyone's parents weren't drug dealers or addicts until I started going to friends' houses at age nine.

BUJOLEN, J. & VUOTTO, S. (2018). HOMELESSNESS, SURVIVAL SEX, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: AS EXPERIENCED BY THE YOUTH OF COVENANT HOUSE NEW YORK. COVENANT HOUSE. RETRIEVED FROM https://www.covenanthouse.org/~/media/Files/2018/08/18/2018-08-18-Homelessness-Survival-Sex-and-Human-Trafficking-As-Experienced-by-the-Youth-of-Covenant-House-New-York.pdf

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FORCED CRIMINALITY

4 OUT OF **5**

IDENTIFIED LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES AT COVENANT HOUSE NEW YORK WERE FORCED DRUG SALES

ROBINSON, J. & VENTURA, D. (2018). KIDNAPERS, SURVIVORS, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: AS EXPERIENCED BY THE YOUTH OF COVENANT HOUSE NEW YORK. COVENANT HOUSE. RETRIEVED FROM

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FORCED CRIMINALITY

Children as young as 12 have been reported to be doing drug runs in London. Targeting the most vulnerable young people in society – usually looked-after children or those already known to social services – organized crime gangs are using grooming tactics to coerce, manipulate and force young children into criminality to pay off unwanted debts.

~Robinson

ROBINSON, J. (2018). CHILDREN TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK. RETRIEVED FROM THE CONVERSATION.ATTF/THECONVERSATION.COM/ORGANIZED-CRIME-GANGS-ARE-EXPLOITING-CHILDREN-TO-DO-THEIR-DIRTY-WORK

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FORCED CRIMINALITY

8 = **3RD GRADE**

THE YOUNGEST AGE FOR ENTERING THE DRUG TRADE

CHILLINGWATER, S., & GIBSON, L. P. (2018). KIDNAPERS, SURVIVORS, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: AS EXPERIENCED BY THE YOUTH OF COVENANT HOUSE NEW YORK. COVENANT HOUSE. RETRIEVED FROM

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EXPERIENCES WHILE BEING LABOR TRAFFICKED

Child survivors of sex trafficking represent the most visible group in mainstream media, academia, and, to a large extent, government policy. However, in our experience, child survivors of labor trafficking oftentimes suffer through longer periods exploitative and abusive conditions because criminal and civil law enforcement, social and legal service providers, and other first responders fail to identify them as trafficking survivors in

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CHALLENGES WITH IDENTIFICATION

Predominate focus on child sex trafficking

Difficulty to distinguish between child labor trafficking and smuggling

Lack of self-identification

FREEDOM NETWORK USA (2021). CHILD TRAFFICKING FOR LABOR IN THE UNITED STATES. UPDATED APRIL 2021. RETRIEVED FROM <https://freedomnetworkusa.org/wp/uploads/2021/06/CHILD-LABOR-POF-ON-10-28-2021.pdf>

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CHALLENGES WITH IDENTIFICATION

Jessica was 17 when she was recruited to sell magazines in the southern United States. She was forcibly transported and made to work in various locations in the United States and finally escaped when she was 18. She went to a police department for help. The police department considered her homeless and did not identify this

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CHALLENGES WITH IDENTIFICATION

Mary, a young Mexican girl, was forced to peddle tamales on the street and was sexually assaulted in her family's home. While she was peddling on the street, a woman noticed bruises on her body and called the police. Police dropped Mary off at the local homeless shelter where she waited for help for over two months before being identified

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IDENTIFICATION

Child labor trafficking victims will be identified if an effort is made to look for them. They will continue to be exploited and abused if people continue to ignore this issue or believe this does not occur in the United States. ~ Richard, Stephenson,

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IDENTIFICATION

Movement is restricted

Is unpaid or paid very little

Works excessively long and/or unusual hours

Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off

Recruited through false promises

Living and working onsite

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IDENTIFICATION

Experiences abuse by their supervisor

Not paid directly

Forced to meet daily quotas

Fearful, anxious, depressed, nervous, paranoid

Submissive

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IDENTIFICATION

Substance use or addiction

Poor hygiene

Malnourishment

Fatigue

Signs of abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture

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IDENTIFICATION

Few or no personal possessions

Frequently monitored

Not allowed to speak for themselves

Not allowed to hold key documents

Shares scripted, confusing, or inconsistent stories

Protects the person who may be hurting them or mines abuse

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IDENTIFICATION TOOLS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT MEASURE

QUICK YOUTH INDICATORS FOR TRAFFICKING

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#CARE4SELCARE4OTHERS

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR SELF-CARE TODAY?



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QUESTIONS

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