WHAT ABOUT THE BOYS?

Restore One’s Vision: To Illuminate & Eradicate The Sexual Exploitation of Males

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

“The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and subsequent reauthorizations define human trafficking as:

a) Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or

b) 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. (22. U.S.C. S 7102(9)).” (justice.gov)
TRAFFICKING OF A MINOR

➢ Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) is the commercial sexual exploitation of American children within U.S. borders. It is the “recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act” where the person is a US citizen or lawful permanent resident under the age of 18 years.
TYPES OF TRAFFICKING

Sex Trafficking examples

- Prostitution
- Pornography
- Strip Clubs
- Escort Services
- Sex Tourism
- Massage Parlors

Labor Trafficking examples

- Domestic Worker
- Restaurant
- Construction
- Factory
- Agriculture/Farming
WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

➢ What is NOT in the definitions? Gender bias

➢ Consider human trafficking not as exploitation that happens “there and then” but “here and now.”

➢ Externalizing the problem of human trafficking actually helps to perpetuate it.
WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

➢ NOT ALWAYS FOREIGN-BORN & FEMALE

➢ BOYS ARE OFTEN IGNORED OR OVERLOOKED – SEEN AS ACTIVE AND WILLING PARTICIPANTS IN SEX WORK

➢ RESEARCH ARTICLE TITLED, “WOMEN ARE VICTIMS, MEN MAKE CHOICES…”

➢ 2013 WHITE PAPER BY ECPAT USA, “AND BOYS TOO”
HOW MANY BOYS ARE VICTIMS?

➢ 1 IN 6 BOYS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED IN CHILDHOOD
➢ 250,000 TO 400,000 CHILDREN ARE COMMERCIAL SEXUALLY EXPLOITED EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.
➢ ESTIMATES FROM RECENT RESEARCH INDICATE 25% TO 50% OF ALL SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN IN U.S. ARE BOYS
➢ SOMEWHERE AROUND 100,000 – 150,000 BOYS EACH YEAR
PROFILES OF TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

NOT homogenous

Victims vary regardless of:
race, color, national origin, citizenship status, socioeconomic status, level of education, disability, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation
PROFILE OF EXPLOITED BOYS:

- Enters trade to meet basic needs
- High rates of physical & sexual abuse
- Runaways or throwaways
- LGBTQ disproportionally represented
- "Market facilitators" vs. "pimps"
- Enter trade as early as 11-13
- Caucasian in the Midwest
WHY DON’T BOYS DISCLOSE?

➢ While some victims of abuse or exploitation do disclose or seek help, there are several unique factors at play that keep some boys and men from telling others.

➢ No universal generalizations apply, but these are proven out in academic research and from our experience.
MYTH #1 – MACHO IMAGE

➢ Old myth was that men couldn’t be victims of sexual abuse or exploitation

➢ The newer version of this myth says, boys and men are less affected by sexual assaults than females

➢ Both myths are based, at least in part, on stereotypes instilled through masculine gender socialization and sometimes referred to as the "macho image," declaring that males, even young boys, are not supposed to be victims or even vulnerable
MYTH #1 – MACHO IMAGE

➢ Police in Seattle - filming documentary

➢ Joe Paterno and Sandusky matter

➢ Celebrity response to a Restore One Board Member

➢ Use of pronoun “her” or “she” when talking about this issue
MYTH #1 – MACHO IMAGE

A recent New York Times article indicates, “Like women, men who are raped feel violated and ashamed and may become severely depressed or suicidal. They are at increased risk for substance abuse, problems with interpersonal relationships, physical impairments, chronic pain, insomnia and other health problems”.
A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Ben’s Story
MYTH #2 – HE MUST BE GAY

➢ This myth only has power if society perceives a straight sexual orientation is ‘preferred’, ‘better’ or ‘normal’ - to be clear, we do NOT

➢ In sexual assaults/exploitation, the sexual component of the encounter is secondary to the basic aim of domination, and again, we’re talking about survival sex in many instances
MYTH #2 – HE MUST BE GAY

➢ Whether perpetrated by older males or females, boys' or girls' premature sexual experiences are damaging in many ways, including confusion about one's sexual identity and orientation
MYTH #3 – HE WANTS TO BE THERE

➢ A Victim, not a criminal or a choice that a boy is making
➢ He can’t just choose to return home
➢ I promise you, he is not enjoying the life
MYTH #3 – HE WANTS TO BE THERE

➢ To be used as a sexual object by a more powerful person, male or female, is always abusive and often damaging
WHY BELIEVING THESE MYTHS IS DANGEROUS:

➢ So long as society believes these myths, sexually exploited males will be unlikely to get the recognition and help they need.
WHY BELIEVING THESE MYTHS IS DANGEROUS:

➢ So long as boys or men who have been sexually exploited believe these myths, they will feel ashamed and angry.
WHY BELIEVING THESE MYTHS IS DANGEROUS:

➢ And so long as sexually abused and exploited males believe these myths they reinforce the power of another devastating myth that all abused and exploited children struggle with:

➢ THINKING IT WAS THEIR FAULT!
WE MUST MAKE OTHERS UNDERSTAND...

➢ It is never the fault of the child in a sexual situation - though perpetrators can be quite skilled at getting their victims to believe these myths and take on responsibility that is always and only their own

➢ For any male who has been sexually abused, becoming free of these myths is an essential part of the recovery process
Traffickers seek out the vulnerable and the desperate

A story from the news - 1/14/19
THE PROFILES OF TRAFFICKERS

Varies significantly:

male, female, US citizens, foreign nationals, family, friends of family, diplomats, criminal organizations, individuals, gang members, business owners, farmers, factory owners…
THE PROFILES OF TRAFFICKERS

2\textsuperscript{nd} largest criminal enterprise after drug dealing-
Trafficking humans is tied with arms dealing as the second largest criminal industry in the world - ilo.org
THE PROFILES OF TRAFFICKERS

➢ Estimated $150 billion industry worldwide- The International Labour Organization- ilo.org

➢ In 2016, approximately 1 in 6 endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were child sex trafficking victims- polarisproject.com
TRAFFICKING

- Estimated 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally - The International Labour Organization - ilo.org
  - 81% - trapped in forced labor
  - 25% - children
  - 75% - women and girls
NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

As of 12/2017 (North Carolina):

➢ 854 calls this year; 221 human trafficking cases reported
➢ Type of Trafficking:
  ▪ Sex Trafficking-149
  ▪ Labor Trafficking-51
  ▪ Sex and Labor-16
  ▪ Trafficking Type Not Specified-5
NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

➢ Top Venues/Industries for Labor Trafficking:

- Agriculture-11
- Domestic Work-6
- Begging Rings-4
- Restaurants/Food Service-3
- Retail/Other Small Business-3
NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

➢ Top Venues/Industries for Sex Trafficking:

▪ Online Ad. Venue Unknown-19
▪ Illicit Massage/Spa Business-17
▪ Hotel/Motel Based-14
▪ Pornography-13
▪ Escort Service-11
Human Trafficking Laws
- NC considers human trafficking a felony
- NC General Statutes in Chapter 14, Article 10A, regarding human trafficking in NC define and apply definitions for coercion, deception, involuntary servitude, minor status, and sexual servitude.
- Trafficking is a Class F felony for adults; Class C felony for a child
GS.14.430-20 (Safe Harbor/Victims of Human Trafficking
-Provides protections for and responses to minor
victims of human trafficking
-Decriminalizes prostitution-related offenses for minors
-Ensures child welfare system has jurisdiction over
child trafficking victims
-Mandates the creation of a plan of action for law
enforcement and child welfare
GS 115C-81(el)(4a)
-Boards of Education must address sex trafficking awareness and prevention in schools
-7th graders will be taught reproductive health and safety education
  -Awareness of:
    sexual assault
    sexual abuse, and
    risk reduction
HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NC

North Carolina ranks as 8th in the nation for highest number of human trafficking reports to the national hotline - ncadmin.nc.gov

Contributing factors:

- International Airports
- Major Highways (Along East Coast)
- Professional Sports Teams
- Agriculture
- High Immigrant Populations
- Military Bases
HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN KANSAS

In 2017, according to humantraffickinghotline.org, Kansas had 221 calls to the human trafficking hotline:
68 human trafficking cases reported
  52- Sex Trafficking Cases
  5- Sex and Labor Trafficking Cases
  7- Labor Trafficking Cases
  4- Form not specified
TRAFFICKING CAN BE:

➢ Pimp controlled
➢ Parent controlled
➢ Gang controlled
TRAFFICKING TARGETS AND LOCATIONS

Who Are The Targets?

- US citizens
- Male and female
- Diverse socio-economic & ethnic backgrounds
- LGBTQ
- Runaway and homeless youth
- Victims of prior abuse/neglect
- Any youth
TRAFFICKING TARGETS AND LOCATIONS

Where Are They Sold?
(Anywhere)

- Street Prostitution
- Escort Services
- On-line/Social Media
- Hotels & Motels
- Truck Stops
- Exotic Dancing/Stripping
- Pornography
- Bus Stations
TARGETS OF TRAFFICKERS

➢ 14-16 average age victims enter into the sex trade - Shared Hope International

➢ Boys are vulnerable to being recruited: (ANYWHERE)
  + sports programs
  + online video games
  + on the streets
  + after school programs
  + religious programs
  + social media
PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT

Pinpointing Vulnerabilities & Risky Behaviors:

• Lack of basic needs being met: *(money, shelter, food, clothing, transportation)*
• Previous Physical/Sexual Abuse
• Lack of family support
• Poor self esteem/self worth
• Running away
• Substance abuse
• Sexual promiscuity
• Illegal Activity
PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT

*Taken Advantage of:*
- Traffickers/pimps meet basic needs & provide some luxuries
- Provide pseudo-safety/support/protection
- Give false love, sell them a dream & offer a new status
- Provide a “family”
- Become a friend
- Become a boyfriend

Traffickers exploit the victim’s vulnerability to gain their trust, love, and devotion
PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT

Taking Control:

Traffickers/pimps begin to take control of victims, sell them for sexual acts which is a way that trauma bonds are formed

➢ Physically
  ▪ Beatings, starvation, forced drug abuse, gang rape & physical entrapment
PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT

Taking Control:

➢ Psychologically
  ▪ Promise of future dreams depend on required sex work
  ▪ Trafficker shows love, buys gifts or gives money after the “turning out” and moments of abuse
  ▪ Threats of harm to loved ones or family members
  ▪ Told that sex work was their choice
PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT

Taking Control:

➢ Emotionally
   ▪ Told sex acts prove their love/devotion/friendship/partnership
   ▪ Told to call trafficker “daddy” “husband” “lover” or “Boo”
PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT

Taking Control:

➢ Socially
   - Groomed into lifestyle, language, dress and mannerisms
   - Isolated from the “square life” or increase their sense of self-worth
   - Given a Street Name or Branded by traffickers
   - Led to believe they have no alternative to sex work
WHO ARE THE EXPLOITERS?

➢ US citizens and foreigners
➢ Males and females
➢ Lower, Middle, & Upper class
➢ Adults and minors
➢ Previous victims
➢ Strangers, friends, intimate partner and family
➢ Anyone looking to profit from exploiting youth

Anyone Could Be An Exploiter!
POSSIBLE INDICATORS (DHS.GOV)

• Appear to be disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
• Is the child no longer attending school?
• Is there a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
• Is a juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts?
• Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
• Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
• Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
• Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
POSSIBLE INDICATORS (DHS.GOV)

- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?
ISSUES FACING SEXUALLY TRAFFICKED BOYS

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Suicidal Thoughts/Suicide
- Shame
- Poor Self Image
- Sexual Identity Issues
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- HIV
- Lack of family support
- Drug dependency
- Physical injuries
ISSUES FACING SEXUALLY TRAFFICKED BOYS

Trauma in the Body
Bessel van der Kolk says, “Being traumatized means continuing to organize your life as if the trauma were still going on—unchanged and immutable—as every new encounter or event is contaminated by the past”. The impact of trauma bleeds into every aspect of life, including non-offending relationships. Our trauma is not left in the past and, if unaddressed, powerfully shapes our present and future reality. If impact and experience are unaddressed at the point of trauma, then we tend to develop interpretations of ourselves and the events that are skewed.
ISSUES FACING SEXUALLY TRAFFICKED BOYS

As van der Kolk explains, “(1) our capacity to destroy one another is matched by our capacity to heal one another. Restoring relationships and community is central to restoring well-being; (2) language gives us the power to change ourselves and others by communicating our experiences, helping us to define what we know, and finding a common sense of meaning; (3) we have the ability to regulate our own physiology, including some of the so-called involuntary functions of the body and brain, through such basic activities as breathing, moving, and touching; and (4) we can change social conditions to create environments in which children and adults can feel safe and where they can thrive.”
RESTORE ONE/THE ANCHOR HOUSE

- Freedom for Boys, 12-18 years old
- Counseling
- Education
- Vocational Skills
- Sports/Recreation
- Mentorship
- Spiritual Development
- Safety and Stability
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➢..\The Anchor House Photos 1-11-19.docx
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WWW.RESTOREONELIFE.ORG

MISSION: Opening and developing innovative safe home care that embraces holistic healing and therapeutic support for minor male survivors of sex trafficking

VISION: To illuminate and eradicate the sexual exploitation of males
RESTORE ONE/ THE ANCHOR HOUSE

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Local Law Enforcement
Polaris Project
Human Trafficking Hotline:
1-888-373-7888
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