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Human Trafficking an Overview

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Objectives

- Understand definitions of human trafficking
- Identify risk factors for human trafficking
- Review resources for identifying and reporting human trafficking

Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and its 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. § 7102(9)).

Definitions: Sex and Labor Trafficking

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and child sex trafficking are overlapping terms:

- Trafficking for sexual purposes, prostitution, sex tourism
- Youth engaging in “survival sex”
- Youth engaging in sexual acts for money

Labor trafficking: an individual performs labor or services through the use of force, fraud, coercion

- Examples: debt bondage, forced labor, and involuntary child labor



Trafficking – Media Search

Top stories



azcentral.

Casa Grande police:
Couple arrested in sex
trafficking of woman's
13-year-old daughter

18 hours ago



Cincinnati.com

Enquirer files suit
against judge overseeing
human trafficking case in
Scioto County

18 hours ago



yahoo!entertainment

Allison Mack Begins 3-
Year Prison Sentence in
NXIVM Sex Trafficking
Case

3 hours ago



CENTRAL CA

New law aimed at
helping survivors of
human trafficking clear
criminal records

16 hours ago



yahoo!news

Libya arrests 2
suspected traffickers,
returns 53 to Egypt

2 days ago



POLITICO

UK braces for human
trafficking surge from
Afghanistan

5 days ago



Denver Police Dedicate Specialized Team To Human Trafficking Cases

The Denver Police Department has created a Human Trafficking Enforcement Team dedicated to identifying the many victims who suffer in silence.



Denver Officials Say Federal Grant Will Fight Human Trafficking

Denver's DA says her office can hire a second investigator focused on human trafficking with help from a federal grant.



Couple Accused Of Forcing Adopted Kids To Work At Illegal Puppy Mill

A Texas couple is accused of using their five adopted children as slave labor at an illegal puppy mill.



Man Sentenced To 24 Years For Soliciting Child Prostitutes On Facebook

A Brighton man has been sentenced to 24 years in prison for soliciting child prostitutes and human trafficking of minors on Facebook.



Truck Drivers Lobby Lawmakers In Effort To Combat Human Trafficking

Commercial truck drivers are asking state lawmakers to help them combat human trafficking.



Prostitution Sting Nets 440+ Responses

In a recent prostitution sting, the Fort Collins Police Department received more than 440 responses to online ads for sexual services.



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Trafficking – Denver Media Search

<https://www.denverpost.com> › 2015/01/26 › fbi-recove... ⋮

FBI recovers 6 minors, arrests 2 in Denver Stock Show sex ...

Jan 26, 2015 — Federal and local law enforcement officials recovered six child victims of domestic **sex trafficking** and arrested two alleged traffickers ...

<https://www.coloradoan.com> › story › news › 2017/01/06 ⋮

Authorities on alert for human trafficking at stock show - The ...

Jan 6, 2017 — Authorities are on high alert for **human trafficking** as crowds come to Denver for the National **Western Stock Show**.

<https://kdvr.com> › news › groups-come-together-for-hu... ⋮

Sex trafficking survivor tells story to help raise awareness in ...

Feb 19, 2015 — A few weeks ago, six children were rescued from child **sex traffickers** during the National **Western Stock Show**. Investigators say large events ...

<https://www.tsln.com> › news › national-western-stock-s... ⋮

National Western Stock Show addresses news report

The National **Western Stock Show** & Rodeo addresses the recent news story about an illegal **sex trafficking** operation that targeted the annual, national event.

<https://www.nydailynews.com> › news › crime › 6-child... ⋮

6 child sex-trafficking victims rescued, 2 adults arrested in ...

Jan 27, 2015 — The FBI swept Denver **for** illegal activity as the National **Western Stock Show**, with its Grand Champion, Red Rocky, drew hundreds **of** thousands ...

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7 indicted in Denver human trafficking ring

DENVER — Authorities on Thursday announced the indictments of seven people in a human trafficking ring involving illegal massage parlors in...

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Sentinel Colorado

Grand Jury indicts masseurs suspected of trafficking women

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AURORA | A Denver grand jury on Thursday indicted seven people and a dozen businesses for allegedly operating a complex human trafficking...

Aug 20, 2020



KDVR

'Bad Apple' human trafficking ring busted in Denver; 7 people

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'Bad Apple' human trafficking ring busted in Denver; 7 people, 12 businesses indicted · Mr. Chen Liang Kuo, 45 · Ms. Yi Ting Mo, 42 · Mr. Manqui Xu...

Aug 20, 2020



DOJ – Media Search

JUSTICE NEWS



September 8, 2021

Press Release

SWGA Pair Sentenced to Federal Prison for Trafficking a Runaway Teen

September 8, 2021

Press Release

Garner Man Sentenced to 156 Months for Human Trafficking

September 3, 2021

Press Release

Omaha Woman Sentenced for Role in Sex Trafficking of Minors

August 27, 2021

Press Release

Omaha Man Sentenced for Role in Sex Trafficking of a Minor

August 27, 2021

Press Release

Second Man Charged in Deaths of Smuggled Chinese Migrants

By the Numbers - Epidemiology

- Estimated that between 20-40 million people in modern day slavery
- Estimated that only .04% of trafficked persons are identified
- Global profit estimated at \$150 BILLION dollars
 - \$99 BILLION from commercial sexual exploitation
- Globally 71% of enslaved people are women/girls and 29% men/boys
- 2018- over half of trafficking cases in US involved only children
- 12-14 is the average age of entry into sex trafficking.



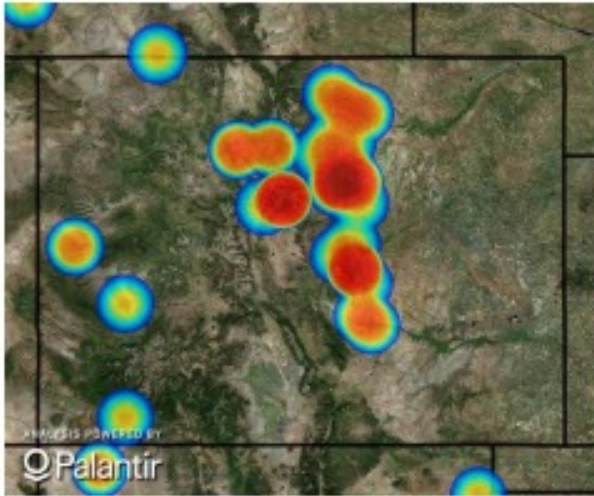
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<https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking>

Colorado – By the Numbers



The image above is a heat map that reflects the cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016. Areas in which greater numbers of cases were reported contain more red shading. Areas in central and northern Colorado contain red shading. This map only reflects cases in which the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.



384

Cases Reported



774

Potential Persons
Trafficked

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL PERSONS TRAFFICKED:

Citizenship

U.S. Citizen/Legal
Permanent Resident: 128

Foreign National: 89

Gender

Female: 292

Male: 83

Gender Minorities: 1

Age

Adult: 263

Minor: 96

*These statistics are non-cumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and include males and females, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, adults and minors. In some cases, callers do not provide demographic information.

For more statistics on human trafficking in Colorado, visit <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/colorado>.



Colorado

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TOP 5

SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES

1. Commercial-Front Brothels
2. Hotel-/Motel-Based
3. Other Venues
4. Online Ad. Venue Unknown
5. Residential Brothels

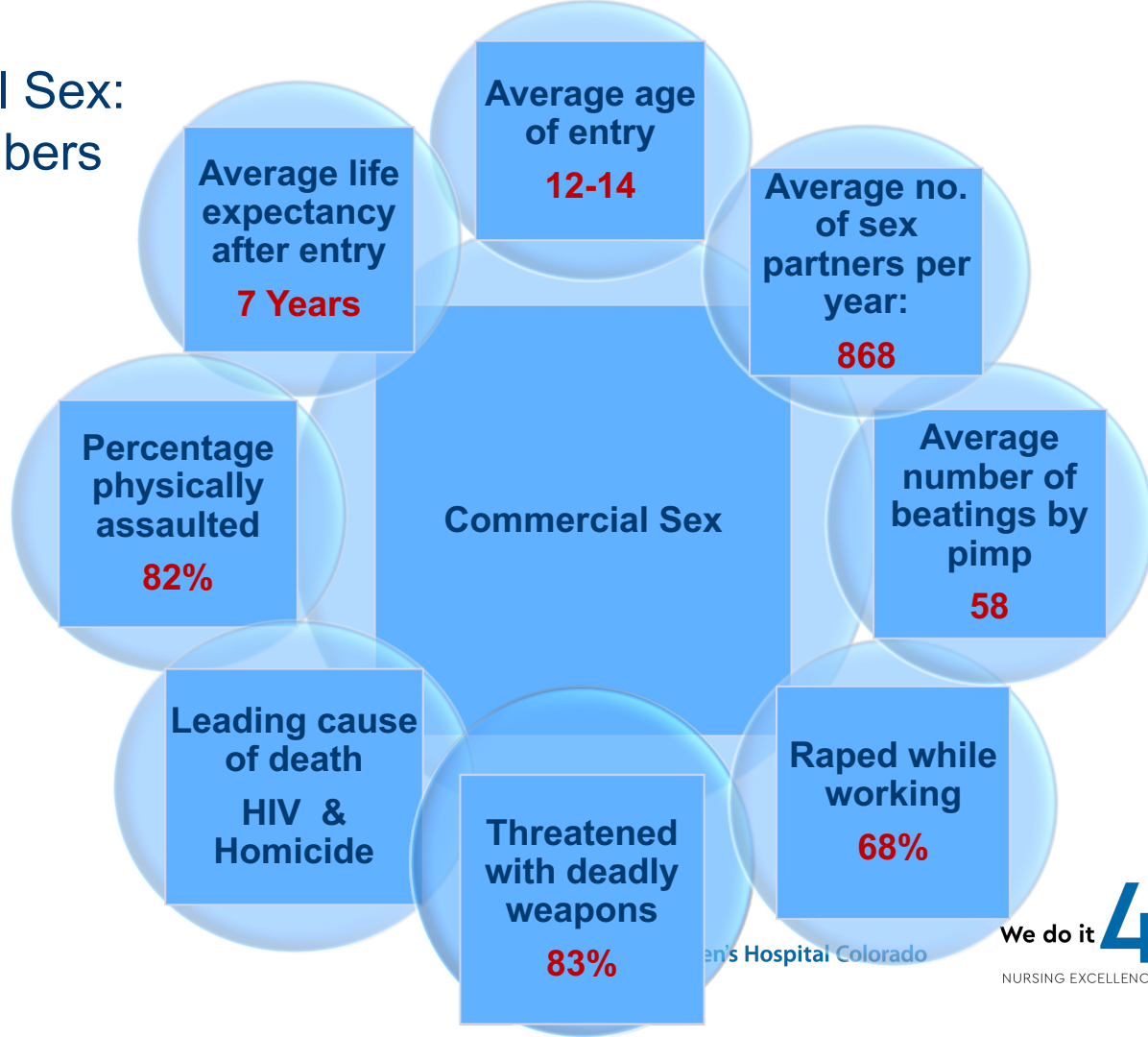
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LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES

1. Traveling Sales Crews
2. Restaurants/Food Service
3. Agriculture
4. Domestic Work
5. Construction

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/otip/colorado_profile_efforts_to_combat_human_trafficking.pdf

Commercial Sex: By the Numbers



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- Human Trafficking does not occur in the US, only in other countries.
- Trafficked persons are only poor.
- Human Trafficking is only sex trafficking.
- There is always force, fraud or coercion into commercial sex
- Trafficked persons will attempt to seek help when in public

Human Trafficking: Key Points

- ✓ Geographic relocation is not always present
- ✓ Physical force, abuse, restraint is not always present
- ✓ Any minor involved in prostitution (or survival sex) is a victim of sex trafficking and child abuse.
- ✓ Any minor under the age of 18 who is induced to perform commercial sex acts is a victim of human trafficking, regardless of whether he or she is forced or coerced.
- ✓ **High risk youth** at particular risk

High Risk Youth Defined

- ✓ Victims of prior abuse
- ✓ Homeless children
- ✓ Runaways
- ✓ Youth forced out of their homes
- ✓ LGBTQ+ community
- ✓ History of substance abuse
- ✓ Prior legal involvement
- ✓ Youth within the foster care or child welfare system

Concerns to Recognize

- Disclose that they were reluctant to engage in selling sex, but were pressured/forced to
- Live where they work
- Have a pimp or “manager” in the sex trade
- Work in an industry where they might be pressured into performing sex acts for money - strip club, illicit massage business
- Have older or controlling guarding, romantic partner or sponsor who will not allow you to talk to them alone, monitors their movements or controls their spending

Unique Health Care Needs to Consider

Physical Abuse and Violence

Physical Abuse

- Broken bones
- Skin injuries
- Malnutrition
- Chronic illness
- Anogenital trauma
- Other trauma
- **Murder**

Sexual Abuse

- Anogenital trauma
- Infections:
 - STIs
 - HIV
 - UTI
 - Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
- Pregnancy/Abortion



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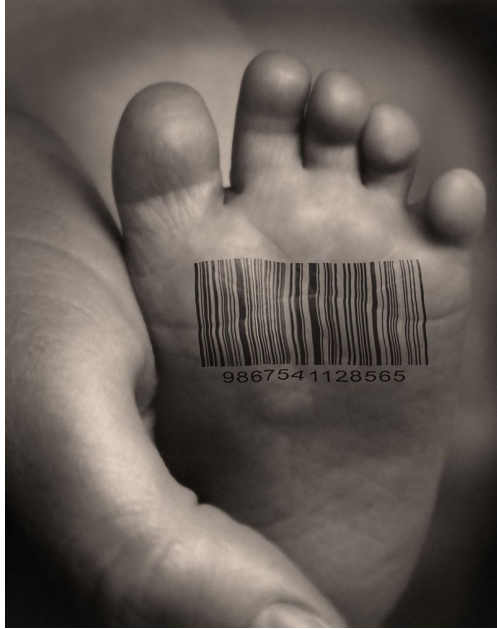


Need to Consider: Medical Conditions

Potential for severe health effects for victims

- Violence/Abuse-unknown and untreated injuries
- Substance use/intoxication
- Poor work/living conditions
- Untreated chronic medical conditions-particularly psychiatric
- Neurological symptoms: poor concentration, headaches, dizziness, insomnia, memory problems

Challenges in Identification



- Patients don't self identify
- Reluctance to disclose
- Research tools for quick screening are limited in the health care setting

Screening Tool

Is there a previous history of drug and/or alcohol use?

Has the youth ever run away from home?

Has the youth ever been involved with law enforcement?

Has the youth had traumatic loss of consciousness

Has the youth ever had a sexually transmitted infection?

Does the youth have a history of sexual activity with 5 or more partners?

2+
"Yes"



Additional Questions

Threatened or physically hurt in relationships?

Trading sex for money, shelter, goods, drugs

Asked/forced by significant other to have sex with someone else

Asked/forced to pose in sexy way for photo or video



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Trafficking Indicators

- ☐ Is the victim in possession of identification and travel documents; if not, who has control of the documents?
- ☐ Was the victim coached on what to say to law enforcement and immigration officials?
- ☐ Was the victim recruited for one purpose ~~and forced to engage in some other job?~~
- ☐ Is the victim's salary being garnished to pay off a smuggling fee? (Paying off a smuggling fee alone is not considered trafficking.)
- ☐ Was the victim forced to perform sexual acts?
- ☐ Does the victim have freedom of movements?
- ☐ Has the victim or family been threatened with harm if the victim attempts to escape?
- ☐ Has the victim been threatened with deportation or law enforcement action?
- ☐ Has the victim been harmed or deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other life necessities?
- ☐ Can the victim freely contact friends or family?
- ☐ Is the victim a juvenile engaged in commercial sex?
- ☐ Is the victim allowed to socialize or attend religious services?

These are *not* interchangeable terms

- **Smuggling** is transportation-based
- **Trafficking** is exploitation-based

Indicator Card
(www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign)



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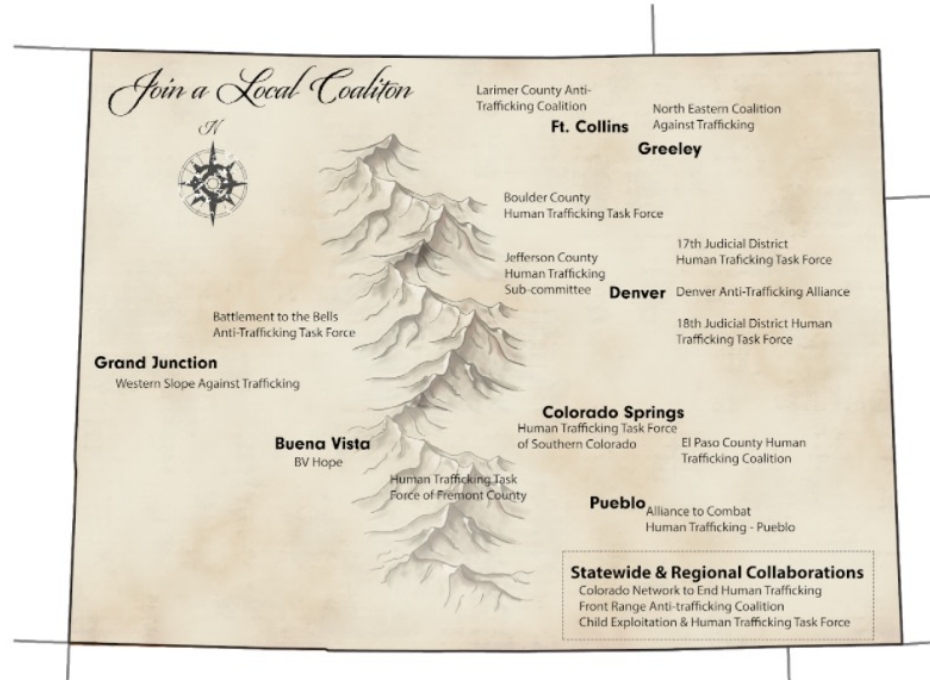
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Resources

STATEWIDE COLLABORATIONS



Resources

Spanish

To report suspected human trafficking to Federal law enforcement:	Para reportar un posible caso de trata de personas:
1-866-347-2423	1-866-347-2423
To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline:	Obtenga ayuda de la Línea Directa Nacional de Trata de Personas:
1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733)	1-888-373-7888 o enviando un mensaje de texto con HELP o INFO to BeFree (233733)

Follow the Blue Campaign

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE	Call 1-888-373-7888 (TTY: 711) *Text 233733 Live Chat
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Colorado Reporting



IF NOT YOU,
THEN WHO?

Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline **844-CO-4-Kids**

Available 24 hours a day, every day. Don't hesitate to call and get help. Anyone witnessing a child in a life-threatening situation should call 911 immediately.

<http://coloradocwts.com/mandated-reporter-training/>

(Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline. (2021). <https://www.co4kids.org/>)



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Questions/Comments?

Thank you!

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