

# Human Trafficking 101



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# Speaker Biography

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# Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (IJPC)



- Founded in 1985 by five communities of religious women
- Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky
- **Mission:** The Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center educates and advocates for peace, challenges unjust local, national and global systems, and promotes the creation of a nonviolent society

# Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (IJPC)



- **Vision:** A just and peaceful world
- Education & advocacy
  - o Lens of Peace & Nonviolence
- Three current programs:
  - o Death Penalty
  - o Human Trafficking
  - o Immigration

# Human Trafficking Program



- **Overall Goal of IJPC's Human Trafficking Program:** To bring visibility to the issue of human trafficking by educating young people, elected officials and the general public about the realities and needs of trafficked people in order to create systemic change.

# Content Warning



- This presentation includes examples of situations that describe or depict people in situations of harm, bondage, and distress.
- IJPC encourages community care and support for those who may be activated by this content.

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

What **phrases/words** come to mind?



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

What **images** come to mind?





# What Trafficking Is, and Is Not



- Learn how to use the federal definition of human trafficking to determine if a situation is considered to be a form of human trafficking
- Articulate the diverse ways human trafficking occurs
- Identify how traffickers exploit their victim's vulnerabilities
- How to respond safely and effectively, get involved

# What Is Human Trafficking?



- Human trafficking is 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, debt bondage, sex acts, sale of body organs, or slavery.**

# AMP Model: Acts of Trafficking



- **Recruiting**: proactive targeting of vulnerability and grooming behaviors
- **Harboring**: isolation, confinement, monitoring
- **Transporting**: movement and arranging travel
- **Providing**: giving to another individual
- **Obtaining**: forcibly taking, exchanging something for ability to control

# AMP Model: Means of Trafficking



- **Force**: using physical violence to control someone; direct or indirect use of violence and/or threats to control another
- **Fraud**: using lies to control someone; intentionally distorting the truth to get someone to surrender a legal right or to give up something valuable
- **Coercion**: persuading someone to do something using threats and violence

# AMP Model: Purpose of Trafficking



- **Commercial Sex Act:** any sex act on account of anything of value given to or received by any person
- **Involuntary Servitude:** A condition of compulsory service of one person, against his/her will, for the benefit of another
- **Debt Bondage:** Any practice in which an employer gives a high interest loan to workers whose families must then work to pay off their debt
- **Slavery:** state of being under the ownership or control of someone where a person is forced to work for another

# Purpose: Commercial Sex Acts



Survivor Story: Theresa Flores

# Purpose: Indentured Servitude



Story:

A group from Ashland, OH kept woman  
with cognitive disability & her child in apartment



# Purpose: Debt Bondage

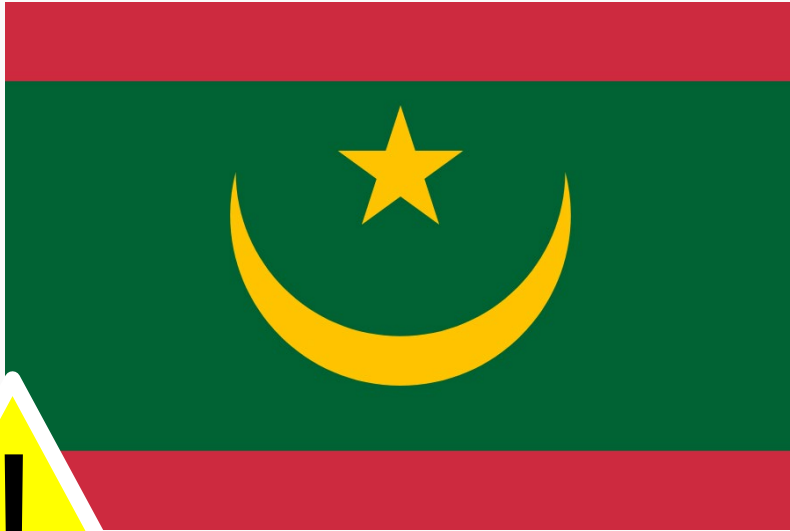


Survivor Story:  
Harold D'Souza





# Purpose: Slavery



Story: Slavery in Mauritania

# Simple Definition



Human trafficking is holding, recruiting, or moving people through the use of force, fraud or coercion to make them work or use their bodies against their will.



# Teenagers & Child Sex Trafficking



Survivor Stories: Cyntoia Brown Long & Ke (Alexis) Martin

# When is it trafficking?



- Missing persons?
- Kidnapping?
- Runaway teens?
- Intimate partner violence?
- Smuggling?

# Smuggling Is Not a Type of Human Trafficking



- **Smuggling** is the movement of a person across a border *with* their consent
- In **Human Trafficking**, a person is moved *without* their consent
- Smuggling can turn into human trafficking
  - Debt bondage, involuntary servitude
  - Labor trafficking and sex trafficking

# Smuggling Is Not a Type of Human Trafficking



Story: Truck in  
San Antonio



Questions on  
what human trafficking is, or is not?

# Myths & Facts Activity



**Use the chat** to indicate if the statement is

A fact / true      **OR**      A myth / false



# Statistics



- **Global:** 27.6 mil - 77% Labor (21.2 mil), 23% Sex (6.3 mil),
- **United States:** Approx 74,000 cases in last 13 years
  - 10,583 in 2020 - 72% Sex (7,648), 10% Labor (1,052)
- **Kentucky:** 806 cases since 2007
  - 104 cases in 2020 - 70% Sex (73), 16% Labor (17)

# Types of Human Trafficking



- **Sex** Trafficking and **Labor** Trafficking

Escort Services  
Illicit Massage, Health & Beauty  
Outdoor Solicitation  
Residential Solicitation  
Domestic Work  
Bars, Strip Clubs & Cantinas  
Pornography  
Traveling Sales Crews  
Restaurants & Food  
Peddling & Begging

Agricultural & Animal Husbandry  
Personal Sexual Servitude  
Health & Beauty Services  
Construction  
Hotels & Hospitality  
Landscaping  
Illicit Activities  
Arts & Entertainment  
Commercial Cleaning Services  
Factories & Manufacturing

Remote Interactive Sexual Acts  
Carnivals  
Forestry & Logging  
Health Care  
Recreational Facilities

# Traveling Sales Crews



Story: Person in Bowling Green, KY forced children to sell candy



# Traffickers Look for Vulnerabilities



- Poverty, Homelessness
- Illiteracy
- Unemployment
- Addiction
- Corruption in government
- Violent conflicts/wars
- Health epidemics
- Natural disasters
- Lack of rights, legal documents



- Unstable/abusive family life
- Unhealthy relationships
- Low self esteem

# Traffickers Look for Vulnerabilities



Story: Teens Trafficked  
at Egg Farm

# Signs of Trafficking



- Physical abuse
- Lack of food, water, medical care, and sleep
- Restricted communication
- Numerous occupants in small residency
- Disconnected from community
- Always accompanied with another person in public
- Work long hours, no breaks, unsafe conditions
- Lack of identification or documentation
- Change in behavior

# Signs of Trafficking



Survivor Story: Tebby Kaisara



# Report Trafficking



- **1-888-3737-888** National Human Trafficking Hotline
  - Text: "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733
- **911** Emergencies
- **SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING**



# Volunteer



- **Before you volunteer**
  - Be self aware: know your skills, understand your motive, be prepared to challenge your bias'
  - Listen to what survivors say they need
  - This work is not easy
- Cincinnati/NKY Volunteer Guide [bit.ly/IJPC-HT-Guide](https://bit.ly/IJPC-HT-Guide)

# Be a lifelong learner



- Continue to read, listen, and learn about trafficking
- Understand where your goods and services come from - buy Fair Trade
  - Buycott app is a good way to start
- Invite IJPC to speak to other groups you're connected with
- Correct misinformation and educate others



# Get Involved with IJPC!



- Community Education & Advocacy
  - Legislation to address systemic issues
    - Expungement Campaign
  - Occasional individual case advocacy
- End Slavery Cincinnati Coalition, member
  - Public Education & Awareness Committee, chair
  - Legislation & Policy Committee, member

# Questions & Evaluation



- Evaluation: [bit.ly/IJPCEval](https://bit.ly/IJPCEval)

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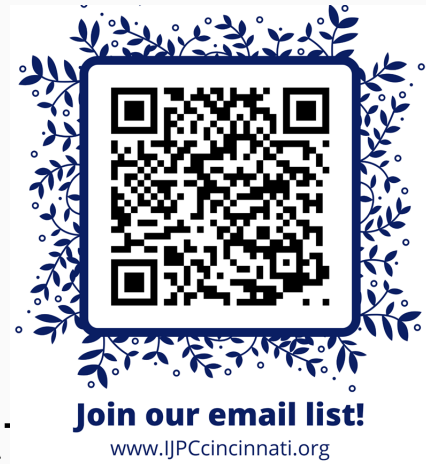
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A portrait of Dr. Suk-hee Kim, a woman with short dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a green and white patterned top and a name tag that reads "NKU DR. SUK-HEE KIM".

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