



Human Trafficking 101

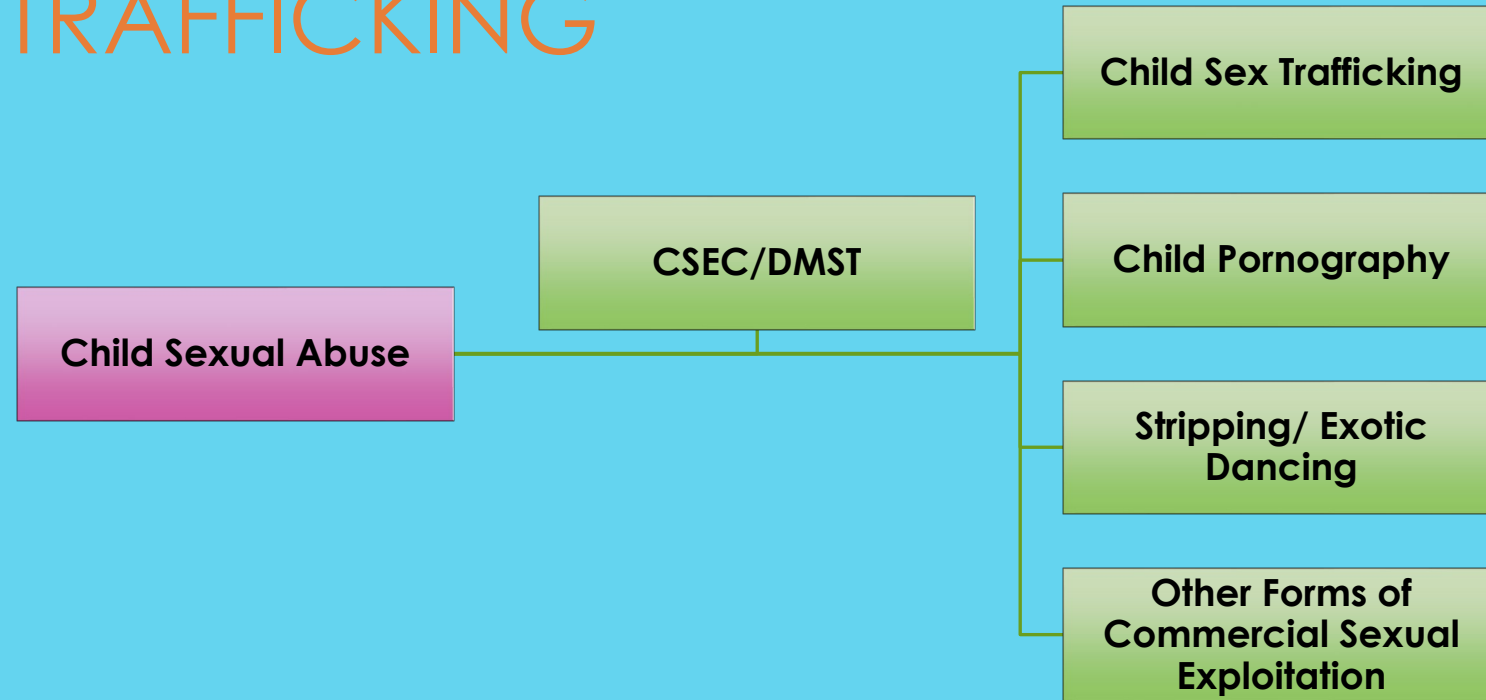
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TODAY WE ARE GOING TO HELP EACH OTHER.

- ▶ **Define CSEC & Human Trafficking**
 - ▶ **What is Safe Harbour?**
- ▶ **Discuss why our youth are vulnerable red flags**
- ▶ **Learn best practices for intervention and reporting**



DEFINING CSEC AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING




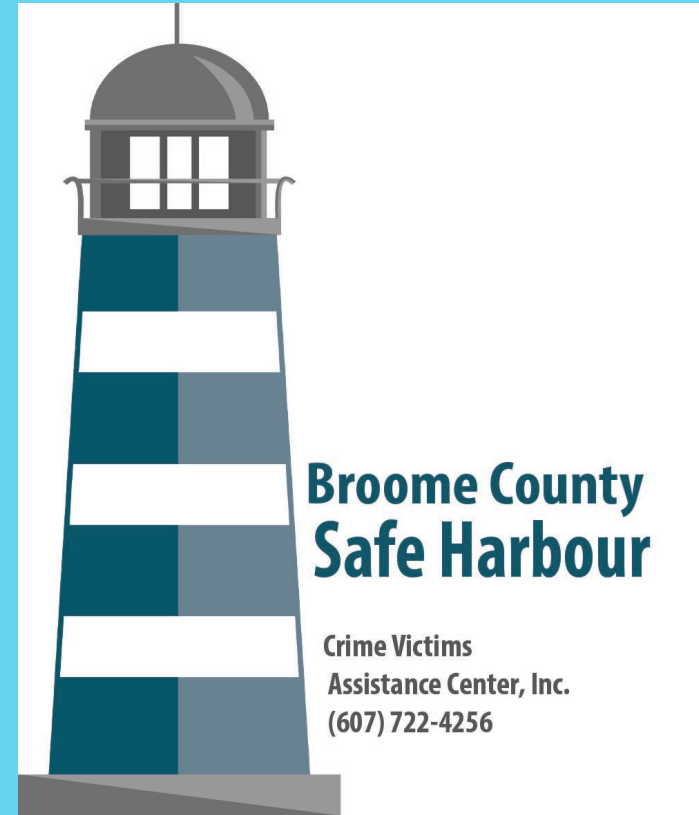
1. A form of child sexual abuse
2. If you are a mandated reporter, you must report instances of Human trafficking in which the trafficker is a parent/caregiver.

Human trafficking: when a person engages in sexual and/or labor services for the benefit of someone else because of force, fraud, or coercion; or when a person engaging in commercial sex is under the age of 18.

Commercial Sex Act: a sex act where something of value is received

GOALS OF SAFE HARBOUR

- ▶ **New York Safe Harbour for Exploited Children Act (2008)**
 - ▶ Youth are no longer seen as perpetrators but as victims of crime
- ▶ **Promote education and awareness about Human Trafficking (CSEC)**
- ▶ **Develop a Task Force** 
- ▶ **Deliver Services to confirmed and at risk victims**
- ▶ **Create a more effective and efficient response for youth**



SERVICES FOR



- ▶ Securing housing
- ▶ Food/Clothing
- ▶ Medical Care
- ▶ Counseling
- ▶ Job skills
- ▶ Legal Advocacy
- ▶ Peer Support (ACA)
- ▶ Backpacks/Hygiene supplies
- ▶ Cell phones
- ▶ Bus passes
- ▶ Co- pays for medical appointments

THE STATS.

1.6 million
run-away
each year

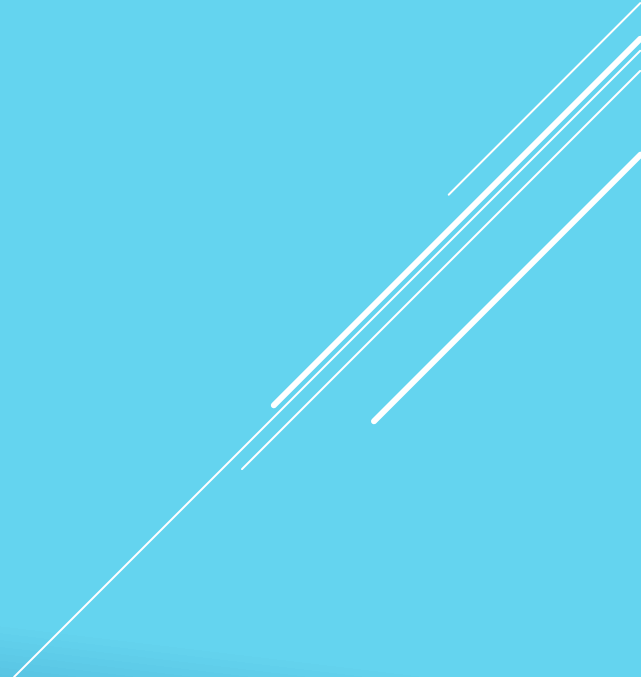
1 out of 3
runaways are
lured by
traffickers
within 48 hours

67% left
the care
of Social
Services

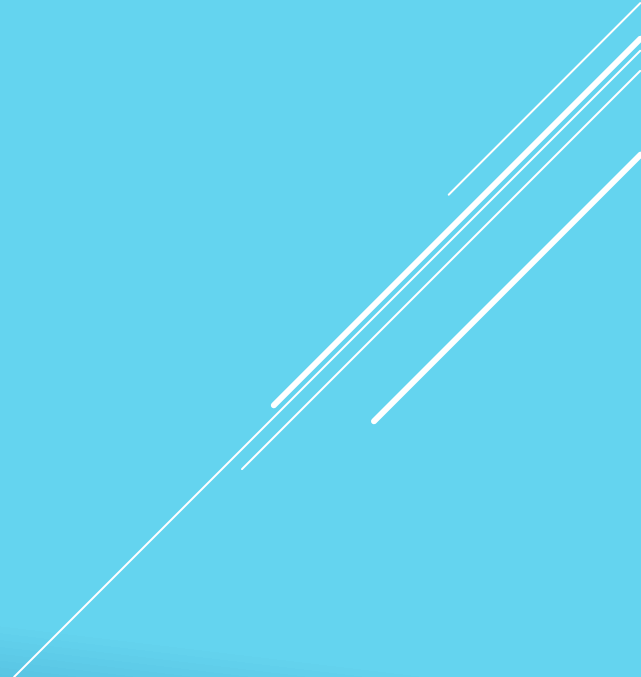
70-90% of
exploited
youth have
a history of
child sexual
abuse

60% of child victims first
recruited exploited in sex
trafficking are first recruited
by peers

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- ▶ Forced/coerced labor work, paying back a 'debt', fraudulent jobs
 - ▶ Trafficking for sexual purposes, sex tourism, pornography, performing in sexual venues
 - ▶ High-risk runaways, couch surfing
 - ▶ Backpage.com
 - ▶ 'Survival sex'
 - ▶ LGBTQ youth
 - ▶ Gang related
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WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- ▶ Gang Related, forcing youth to sell sex for money and bring them back the profit
 - ▶ School aged boy selling pictures of naked girls online, he gathered photos from their ex boyfriends
 - ▶ “boyfriend” or “pimp” befriending youth, convincing them they are in a relationship, and then asking them to have sex with other people to help with rent or money
 - ▶ Parents selling children for drugs, money
 - ▶ Homeless youth sellings themselves for basic needs, meet someone that says they can “help find them work,” end up convincing them to sell sex for food, shelter, money
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WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?

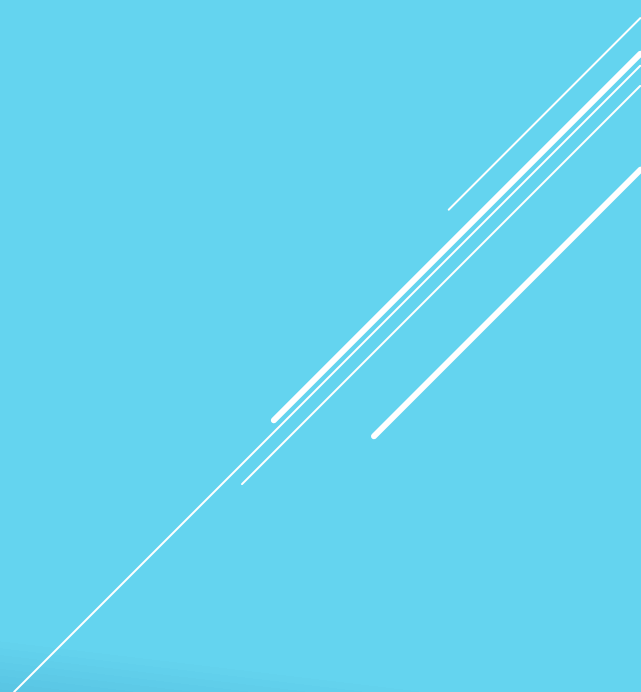
- ▶ Gang related
- ▶ Law enforcement
- ▶ Politicians
- ▶ Social service workers
- ▶ Family members
- ▶ Teachers
- ▶ Small businesses
- ▶ Large scale operations
- ▶ Labor contractors

Anyone

In many cases, victims love or are in relationships with their trafficker*



WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

- ▶ Youth who left the foster care system
 - ▶ Runaways/couch surfing
 - ▶ LGBTQ youth
 - ▶ 12-16 first lured in
 - ▶ anyone
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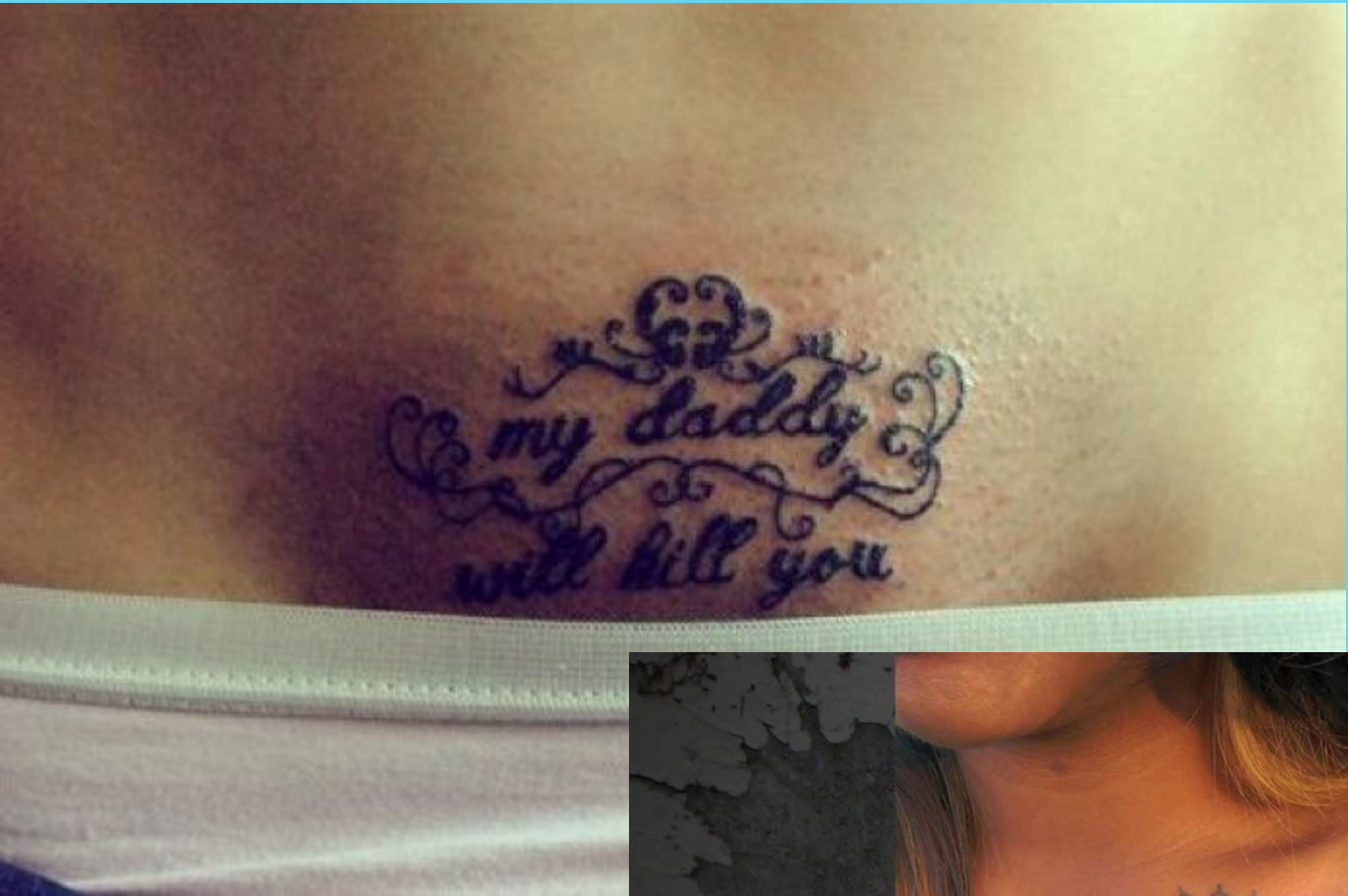
RED FLAGS OF CHILD TRAFFICKING

What indicators can help us identify CSEC?





Branding Tattoos





RED FLAGS

Associating with adults or other children/youth who are being prostituted, or are known to be involved with trafficking and/or exploitation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being seen in exploitation hotspots, i.e., known houses or recruiting grounds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pattern of street homelessness and staying with someone believed to be sexually exploiting the youth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multiple AWOLS, runaway or being kicked out (4+).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being taken to clubs and hotels by adults or older peers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disclosure of serious sexual assault and then withdrawal of statement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abduction and/or forced imprisonment; not allowed to freely move about.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child discloses or someone reports the child being moved around for sexual activity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disappearing from the "child welfare system" with no contact or support.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of slang trafficking terms (e.g., calling romantic partner "Daddy" or "Mommy," talking about "the life," "the game").	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recruiting peers into exploitation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tattoos that he/she is reluctant to explain, especially if they show ownership (names, dollar signs, symbols, acronyms) or other types of branding, like cutting or burning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does not have any identification or reports someone holding his/her identification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unexplained hotel keys.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child discloses or someone reports that child offered to have sex for money or other payment and then ran before sex took place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being groomed and/or sexualized on the Internet; contact with strangers on the Internet and/or sexual risk taking on social media, such as Facebook, Backpage, Zoosk, Craigslist.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RED FLAGS

Getting into cars with unknown adults.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child under 13 engaging in sexual activity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Known history of prior sexual abuse or sexual acting out.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having an older boyfriend/girlfriend, especially if he or she appears controlling; youth appears fearful of boyfriend/girlfriend at times.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not attending school; concerns regarding school attendance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staying out overnight with no explanation multiple times and/or regularly coming home late or going missing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unaccounted money or goods, including mobile phones, drugs and alcohol, or other person supplies these goods/money to child/youth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multiple sexually transmitted infections, pregnancies and/or multiple miscarriages or abortions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gang member or association with gangs or neighborhood groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone else other than the child's parent or guardian was in control of immigration to U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overt sexual dress.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does not know his/her address and/or has moved multiple times.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chronic alcohol and/or drug use by youth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth's story does not make sense - inconsistencies, the narrative doesn't fit together.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HEALTH PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAFFICKING

The health problems seen in victims of trafficking are largely a result of several factors:

- deprivation of food and sleep
- extreme stress
- hazards of travel
- violence (physical and sexual)
- hazardous work

- ➔ Because most victims do not have timely access to health care, by the time they reach a clinician it is likely that health problems are well advanced.
- ➔ These victims are at high risk for acquiring multiple sexually transmitted infections and multiple forced and unsafe abortions.
- ➔ Physical abuse and torture often occur, which can result in broken bones, contusions, dental problems (loss of teeth), and/or cigarette burns.

Health Problems Associated with Trafficking

- Anxiety
- Depression
- PTSD
- Headaches
- Suicidal Ideation
- Unhealthy weight loss

- Oral health problems
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Unwanted pregnancy
- Vaginal pain
- Complications from unsafe abortions
- Pelvic Pain

- Chronic pain
- Cigarette burns
- Contusions
- Fractures
- Gastrointestinal problems



SO WHAT DO I DO?

1. **Trust your gut.**
2. **Get child alone if they are with someone, especially older partner/someone who seems controlling. Say this is necessary, don't ask.**
3. **Fill out rapid indicator tool**
4. **Offer services**
5. **Call our crisis line!!**
6. **Ask if youth want to report to the police. They have the right to have an advocate present with them/ they will still receive Safe Harbour services if they want to report.**

- ▶ Make a safety Plan
- ▶ Will want to call police right away but they may not be able to do anything, need disclosure from child. (same with child abuse cases)

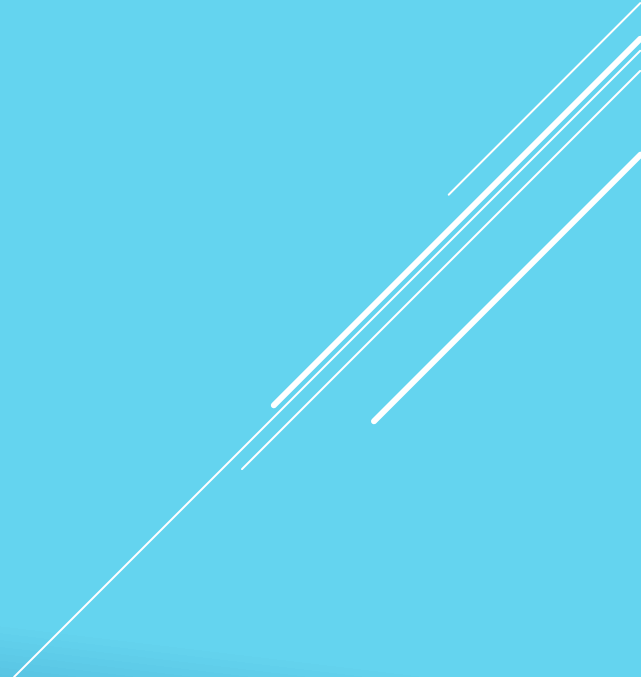
IF THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, THE PROVIDER IS UNDER LEGAL OBLIGATION TO PHONE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES THE PLAN OF CARE WILL BE CLIENT-SPECIFIC, BUT THE PROVIDER SHOULD CONSIDER PHONING THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER (1-888-373-7888). THIS NATIONAL REFERRAL LINE CAN ASSIST IN FINDING LOCAL {SAFE HARBOR} RESOURCES FOR THE VICTIM AND DEVELOPING A SAFETY PLAN THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CLIENT.

LET'S GET REAL

- ▶ Be aware of your non-verbal's/body language (examples?)
- ▶ Listen without judgement
- ▶ Validate, validate, **VALIDATE!**
- ▶ Youth disclosing about other youth/things they saw
- ▶ Adults are responsible for keeping youth safe



BUILDING TRUST

- ▶ Youth may be difficult, aggressive, resistant...
 - ▶ Listen, don't judge, listen more.
 - ▶ Youth are victims of a crime, not criminals
 - ▶ Youth are also survivors of abuse
 - ▶ Many youth who are trafficked or exploited have experienced significant, complex traumas
 - ▶ Youth can and do recover.
 - ▶ The most important thing is that youth feel comfortable coming back.
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LANGUAGE MATTERS


Teen prostitute vs. Trafficked Youth

Victim vs. Survivor

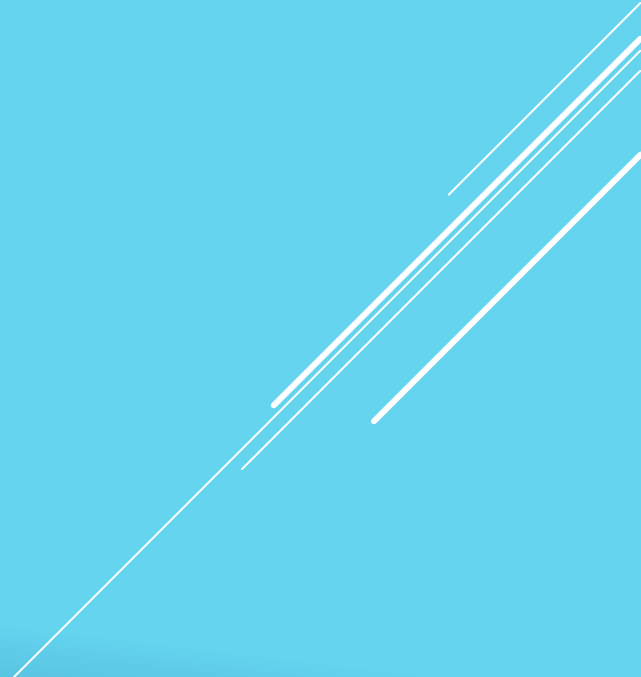
Rescue vs. Support

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Provide youth with options

- ▶ Offer access to law enforcement and accept their answer, even if you don't like it
 - ▶ Offer services that are available and accessible
 - ▶ Acknowledge that youth have the right to make their decisions and life choices, and support them
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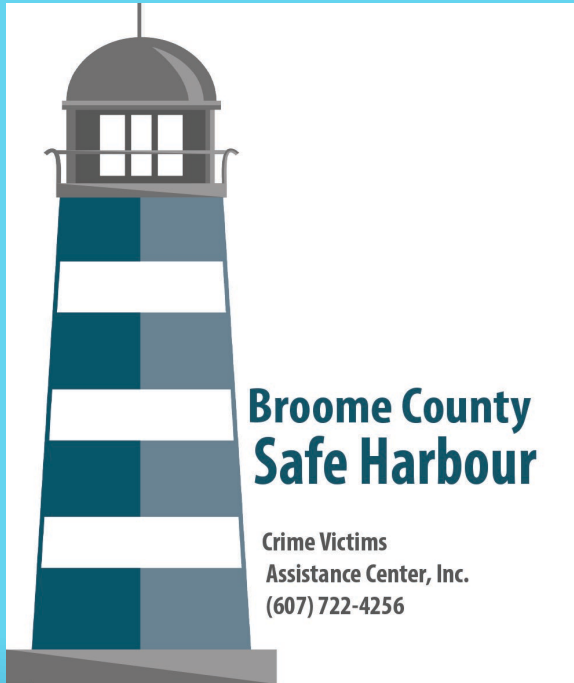
▶ CARING FOR A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRACKING



Resources

Safe Harbour support line: (607) 722-4256

Text line: (607)725-8196



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NATIONAL HOTLINE: advice, referrals, 1-888-373-7888

OCFS Website (ocfs.ny.gov/main/humantrafficking/)

HAVE THE **COURAGE** TO STEP IN

