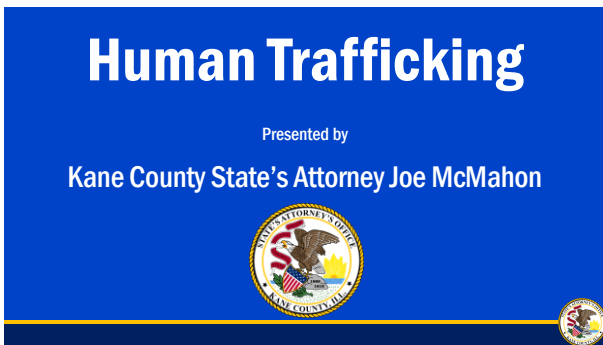






What is human trafficking?

- **Modern-day slavery**
 - Exploitation through force, fraud, coercion
 - Forced labor
 - Commercial sex
 - Domestic servitude



Source: Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations

Who are the vulnerable?

- Any age, gender, race, immigration status, nationality, economic status
- People who face extreme adversity or violence, discrimination or economic hardship
- Dependent on others
- Substance abusers
- Runaway youths



Source: Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations



Where does human trafficking occur?

- All communities regardless of size, demographics
- Asia, Europe, South America, North America
- New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago
- Schenectady, Peoria, Des Moines, Pocatello
- Suburban and rural
- Your community



Where are trafficking victims?

- Legitimate and illegitimate businesses
- Sex trafficking: truck stops, hotels, rest areas, street corners, clubs, private residences, massage businesses
- Forced labor: factories, farms, construction, restaurants, traveling sales crews, hair & nail salons
- Domestic servitude: Nannies, maids
- Hidden in plain sight

Source: Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations



How do victims become victims?

- False promises
- Forced into servitude
- No other means of support
- Falsely trust the trafficker



Source: Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations



Encounters with medical professionals

- Living, working conditions often unhealthy, dangerous, substandard
- Prone to injuries, illnesses
- Intimate nature of exam can reveal trafficking, servitude clues
- Opportunity to learn more, offer help



Behavioral red flags

- Fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, paranoid
- Accompanied by a person who seems controlling
- Defers questions to another person to answer
- Provides coached answers
- Inadequately dressed for their work
- Someone else has ID documents



Source: Department of Homeland Security



Physical red flags

- Unusual tattoos
- Poor hygiene & dental problems
- Bruises in various stages of healing
- Scars, mutilations or infections
- Malnourishment
- Urinary difficulties, pelvic pain, rectal trauma
- Back, cardiovascular, respiratory problems



Source: Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations



Additional red flags

- Work excessive hours
- Threatened with deportation
- Fear of law enforcement
- Do not identify as victims
- Unaware of their rights
- Fear for safety of family
- Identify with trafficker



Source: Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations



Next steps for hospitals, clinics

- Establish protocol to:
 - Address patient's immediate needs
 - Designate an interviewer
 - Build rapport through neutral questions, such as:
 - Recent injuries?
 - Risky sexual activity?
 - Where do you sleep?
 - Are you able to keep your earnings?
 - When was the last time you were paid?

Source: National Human Trafficking Resource Center



Next steps for hospitals, clinics

- Conduct assessments individually in safe location
- Don't ask sensitive questions in front of trafficker
- Goals:
 - Assess situation
 - Determine next steps
 - Make patient feel safe
 - Build trust, rapport



Source: National Human Trafficking Resource Center



Victim-centered approach

- Meet their basic needs
- Reassure potential victim
- Build trust and rapport
- Be conscious of language
- Remain sensitive to power dynamics
- Avoid re-traumatization

Source: National Human Trafficking Resource Center



What can you do?

- Call 911 or your local police
- Call the Department of Homeland Security at 1-866-347-2423
- Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888
- Do not attempt to directly confront a suspected trafficker or alert a victim



Source: Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, National Human Trafficking Resource Center



Law enforcement efforts

- Extremely difficult to investigate and prosecute
- Targeting demand
- HSI, Kane County stings
 - Five operations
 - 14 arrested and charged
 - 13 convicted, 1 case pending
 - 4 cases appealed, 3 upheld, 1 pending



Questions?

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