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Our Mission

ICT S.O.S. aims to end human trafficking through prevention and awareness education; advocacy for survivors; and acting as a bridge between direct service professionals and community members who desire to help.
Multidisciplinary Partners

What ICT SOS Provides to the Community

- Human Trafficking Awareness Education Program
- Community Awareness
- Adult Advocacy Services
- Resource Coordination

Human Trafficking Defined

Human Trafficking: Buying & Selling of People
Exploitation: Take Advantage Of / Use Someone
Exchange of value: $$, Food, Shelter, Clothes, etc.

Forced, Tricked, Threatened

Average Age in Wichita: 14 – 17 Years Old

Victim of a Crime

Commercial Sex
- Prostitution
- Pornography
- Stripping (21+)
- Escorting (Dates)

Labor
- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Agriculture
- Sweatshops
Human Trafficking Includes

- Street prostitution (increasingly less common)
- Stripping (gateway into being coerced/forced into performing sex acts)
- Interfamilial Trafficking
- Internet Based Prostitution
- Trafficking within Gangs
- Pornography
- Hostess bar/club operations with inflated drink prices
- Residential/underground brothels (private parties)
- Escort services (in-call/escorts place and out-call/customer’s place)
- Truck Stops
- Pseudo massage parlors
- International marriage brokers/servile marriage

Victim Profile

- People of any ethnicity, race, or religion
- People of any socio-economic class
- Both male and female
- People of any sexual orientation
- People of all ages, including teenagers
- Vulnerable youth
- Youth with histories of abuse
- Homeless/runaway youth
- Youth lacking a safety net
- Youth within the foster care system

Indicators of Exploitation

- Chronic runaway or truancy
- Inappropriate age/relationship with ‘Friend’
- Tattoos (gang/pimp branding)
- Prepaid phones, credit cards, hotel key cards, etc.
- Multiple cell phones
- Fake IDs, Lying about age
- Evasive about living arrangements, inconsistency in stories
- Bruises, malnourished
Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

- **Self-Actualization**: Promises of fulfilled dreams or reaches potential.
- **Self-Esteem**: Buy the child expensive or popular clothing and jewelry, compliments and flattery.
- **Love and Belonging**: Spend time with him/her, participate in their favorite activities, be present and engaged in their life, offer love, marriage, family.
- **Safety and Security**: Offer safety and protection against abusive parents or peers. Rescue him/her from potential life threatening or harmful situations, promise protection and financial security for the youth.
- **Physiological Needs**: Provide food, shelter, clothing, etc. to youth who may not be provided with these items at home or to a homeless youth who is too young to find employment to provide these basic needs for themselves.

**Trafficker Profile**
- Not this...

**Buyer Profile**
- Not this...
In 2021, EMCU identified 27 minor victims of human trafficking in Sedgwick County. The average age of these victims of sexual exploitation in Wichita is 14-17 years old.

The ICAC Detectives report a 300 percent increase in online exploitation reports and cases in the first week after the schools shut down.

March 2020: 379,883
April 2020: 1,127,513

Awareness Education

Program Goals:
- Provide basic understanding of human trafficking.
- Provide a lens to be critical of media consumption.
- Increase empathy.
- Provide strategies for escape through empowerment of choices, knowledge of resources and awareness on how to keep themselves safe.
- Between 2014 - 2021, 12,045 students received ICT S.O.S. Awareness Education.

Human Trafficking Awareness Program Film Scenario 1
Human Trafficking Awareness Program Film Scenario 1

• How could this be considered human trafficking?
• What is the exchange of value?
• Who could be charged with human trafficking?
• What led this individual into this situation?

Resources

Safe Place
- Quick-Trip, Bus Stops, YMCA, Library, Fire Station, Q-Line Trolley
- 21 years or younger can call the crisis line (316) 262-4662 (HOME)
- Can be found in the ICT S.O.S. app.
- Help with safety, advocacy, housing and basic needs for youth
- Can meet you anywhere

Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center
- Are not mandated reporters.
- Anonymous Chat Group
- 24 hour Hotline: 316-263-4002
- Provide advocacy, safety planning, resources and can meet you anywhere

Scenario 2
Scenario 2

- How could this progress to become a trafficking situation?
- What can individuals do to help in a situation like this?

Resources

The Cyber Tip Line is operated by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in partnership with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies.

Crime Stoppers
- Submit an anonymous tip about a crime by one of three ways: call, submit online tip, or through mobile app.
- Your tip will be forwarded to a law enforcement agency for investigation.

Scenario 3
Scenario 3

• How could this be considered human trafficking?
• What is the exchange of value?
• Who could be charged with human trafficking?
• What makes it harder for this boy to speak up?

Resources

Wesley healthcare and Ascension Hospitals
• Available 24 hours
• Work with all genders
• Provide forensic examination and other medical care
• Work with all ages
• WASAC can send advocate

Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County
• Advocacy and Therapy for survivor and non offending family members
• Free of charge
• Can help connect survivors to additional resources

Scenario 4
Scenario 4

- Could this be considered human trafficking?
- What is the exchange of value?
- Who could be charged for human trafficking?
- What could she have done to stay safe online?

Advocacy Services

- No cost to clients
  - Grant funded through Attorney General’s Office Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund
  - Located at 535 S Emporia St #101
  - We Provide:
    - Case Management
    - Trauma-informed Supportive Counseling/Therapeutic Services
    - Resources and referrals to other needed services
    - Advocacy throughout legal process

Juvenile Resources

- Secure Care
- Staff Secure Unit (SSU)
  - Saint Francis Community Services
  - DCCA, EmberHope, RFS, etc.
- EMCU
  - Internet Crimes Against Children
  - VICE Unit
  - FBI
- Via Christi Forensic Nursing
- Wesley Forensic Nursing
- Hope Forensic Medical Svcs.
- KVC Mental Health Hospital
- Child Advocacy Center
- Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center
Medical Considerations

- Most healthcare professionals have never received education/training on human trafficking and are ill-equipped to appropriately manage and refer trafficked persons, if they are able to recognize them at all.

- 95% of trafficked persons who sought a healthcare professional during their time of enslavement were never provided with information regarding human trafficking.

Control Indicators

- Accompanied by a controlling person
- Controlling person does not allow patient to answer
- Person interrupts or corrects the patient
- Patient is not in control of their ID or passport
- Patient exhibits fear, nervousness, and/or avoids eye contact
- Patient frequently receives text or calls
- Patient exhibits hyper-vigilance or subordinate demeanor
Obstacles to Overcome

- Attitude
- Misinformation/false promises
- Dependency on the abuser
- Distrust
- Lack of knowledge
- Misidentification

Example Screening Questions

- Have you ever exchanged sex for food, shelter, drugs, or money?
- Have you ever been forced to have sex against your will?
- Have you been asked to have sex with multiple partners?
- Do you have to meet a quota of money before you can go home?

Example Screening Questions

- Does anyone hold your identity documents for you?
- Have physical abuse or threats from your employer made you fearful of leaving?
- Has anyone lied to you about the work you would be doing?
- Were you ever threatened with deportation or jail if you tried to leave your situation?
- Have you or a family member been threatened in any way?
- Has anyone forced you or asked you to do something sexually against your will?
Medical Sequelae

- 192 survivors-- 63% or more reported >10 concurrent somatic symptoms
- 89% back pain
- 82% headaches
- 81% fatigue
- 70% dizzy spells
- 62% memory difficulty
- 61% stomach pain
- 59% pelvic pain
- 56% gynecologic infections

Medical Considerations: Empathy

- “Knowledge on human trafficking may increase levels of empathy toward trafficked survivors and strengthen the patient-medical provider/nurse relationship, finally allowing for trafficked persons to perceive hospitals and clinics as safe spaces to seek medical care and disclose their exploitation”.

Best Practice

Respectful of patient wishes  Validate her/his feelings  Sensitive to the complexity of their needs  Aware of factors that might have rendered them vulnerable to being trafficked

Assess safety  Coordinated team approach  Avoid re-traumatization
Best Practice

*Gain trust:*
- We are not the police…
- You are not in trouble, we are here to help
- My first priority is your safety
- We will not make you do anything you do not want to do or feel uncomfortable with
- They may not disclose, but they will remember you cared enough to ask

After Presentations

- Mobile App is full of resources
  - Also recommend that students reach out to school social workers, counselors and/or SROs.
- Any suspicion of human trafficking and sexual abuse of minors is a mandatory DCF report.

New Mobile App

- Resource Guide
- Reporting Tools
- Classroom Functions
- Red Flags & Warning Signs
- Give
- Volunteer
- Student Advisory Board
- Race 4 Freedom
Student Advisory Board

- Local high school students
- Ambassadors in their schools & community
- Meet monthly
- Created posters to spread awareness of the app

Fresh Start Bags

- New Clothes
- Hygiene Items (full size)
- Fast Food Gift Card
- Journal & Pen
- Toy & Story Book
- Blanket

Full list at: ICTSOS.org/Give

Fresh Start Bags

- As of 2021: 2,158 Fresh Start Bags provided to the community
- A Fresh Start Bag costs on average $215
- Overall, a total of $463,970
- Fresh Start Bags are distributed to support agencies
- Fresh Start Bag Purpose:
  - Fulfill basic need in emergency or moment of distress
  - Offer agency opportunity to build relationship with survivor
  - Send a message to survivor they deserve high quality, new items and the community sees them.
This two-session class, held quarterly, is designed to help participants understand the issue of human trafficking and how they may best serve the community. The classes are two 1-hour sessions over two Saturdays, providing a total of 12 hours of training. These sessions are facilitated by ICTSOS staff as well as professionals in social services, advocacy, mental health, medicine, law enforcement, and mentoring agencies.

**Next Step Volunteer Training**

**Day One - Human Trafficking 101**
- Part 1: ICTSOS - Human Trafficking 101
- Part 2: ICTSOS - Supporting Disclosure, WASAC

**Day Two - Resiliency**
- The Biology of Stress, CAC
- Life or Death Listening, Sergeant Dan Oblinger, WPD
- Practical Compassion, TJ Lawson

*Presenters subject to change*

**Upcoming Events**

ICTSOS.org/Events

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