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# MINOR MALE SEX TRAFFICKING



## OVERVIEW

**Sex and Labor trafficking occurs across many different industries.**

**Human trafficking victimizes an estimated 40 million people around the world, of whom 80 percent are victims of forced labor and 20 percent are victims of sex trafficking**





## WHO ARE THE BUYERS?

**“High-frequency” buyers – 25% of active buyers account for 75% of market transactions**

**Most men have never bought sex – 6.2% of respondents**

**bought within past 12 months**

**Buyers visit range of venues**

**Many men who have bought sex in the past wish to stop – About 1/3 of active buyers “strongly agree” that they do not want to do it again**

**“Normalized beliefs” about the commercial sex trade**

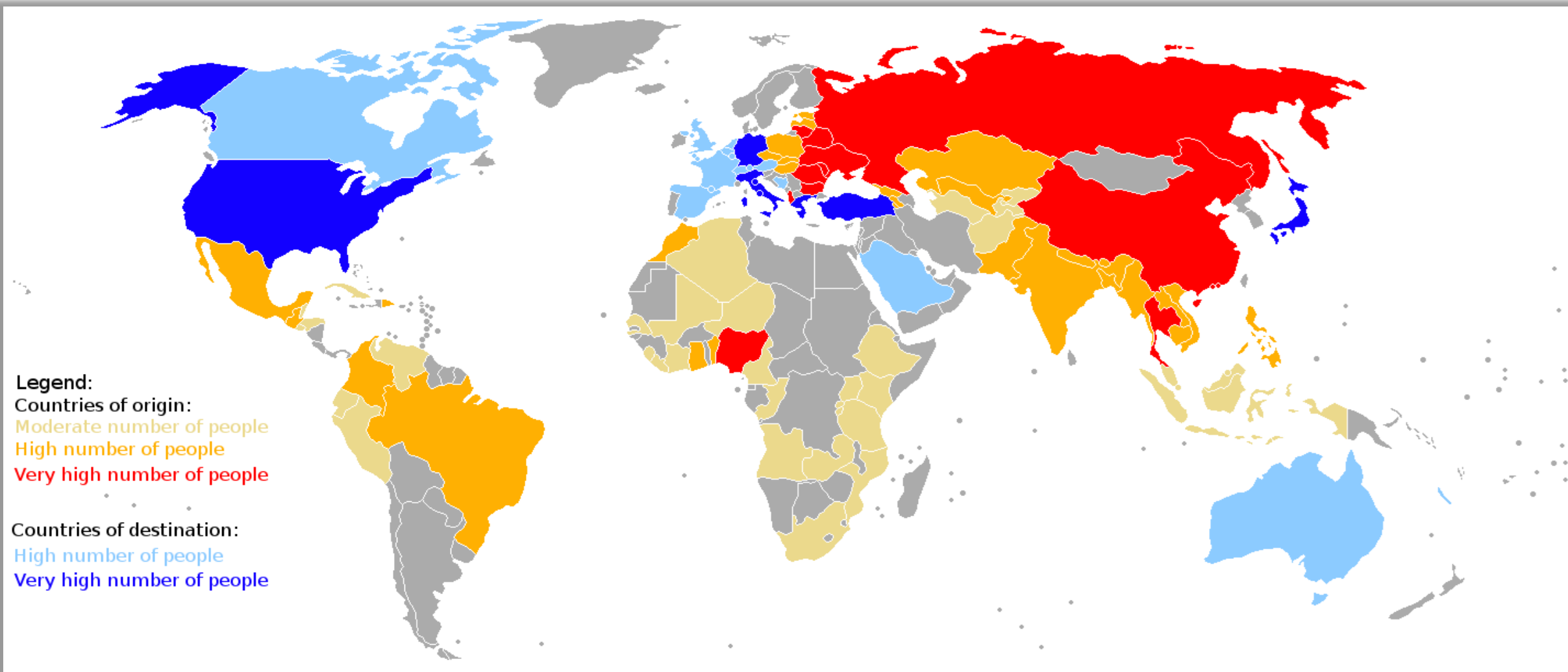
## WHO ARE THE BUYERS?

**On average, U.S. buyers spend more than \$100 per transaction**

**Active buyers are more likely to say that prostitution is “mostly victimless”**

**Non-buyers are much more likely than active ones to say that purchasing someone for sex involves treating females as objects, and that those actions exploit others. Active buyers are very likely to say they are “just guys being guys” or “taking care of their needs.”**

**Perceiving a risk of arrest has a diminishing effect on sex buying.**



**Red: Supply Country**  
**Blue: Demand Country**

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**Protection**

**Prosecution**

**Prevention**

**Partnership**

THE TVPA



WHAT IS IT & WHY DOES IT HAPPEN?

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# SEX TRAFFICKING

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**Sex trafficking** - trafficking for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the 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 – falls under the definition of labor trafficking, as it is a bodily type of labor that is carried out.

Boys are recruited in different ways and are less likely to share that they are victims even more so than girls who also don't share for fear of shame, guilt, pop culture, embarrassment from peers and confusion on their victimization.

RECRUITING

# SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE INTERNET

Reply: [click here](#)

Hi Guys I'm A [REDACTED]

You will love me in every way, I'm a Petite Sexy Girl who will Rock your world with just one time with me!!!!

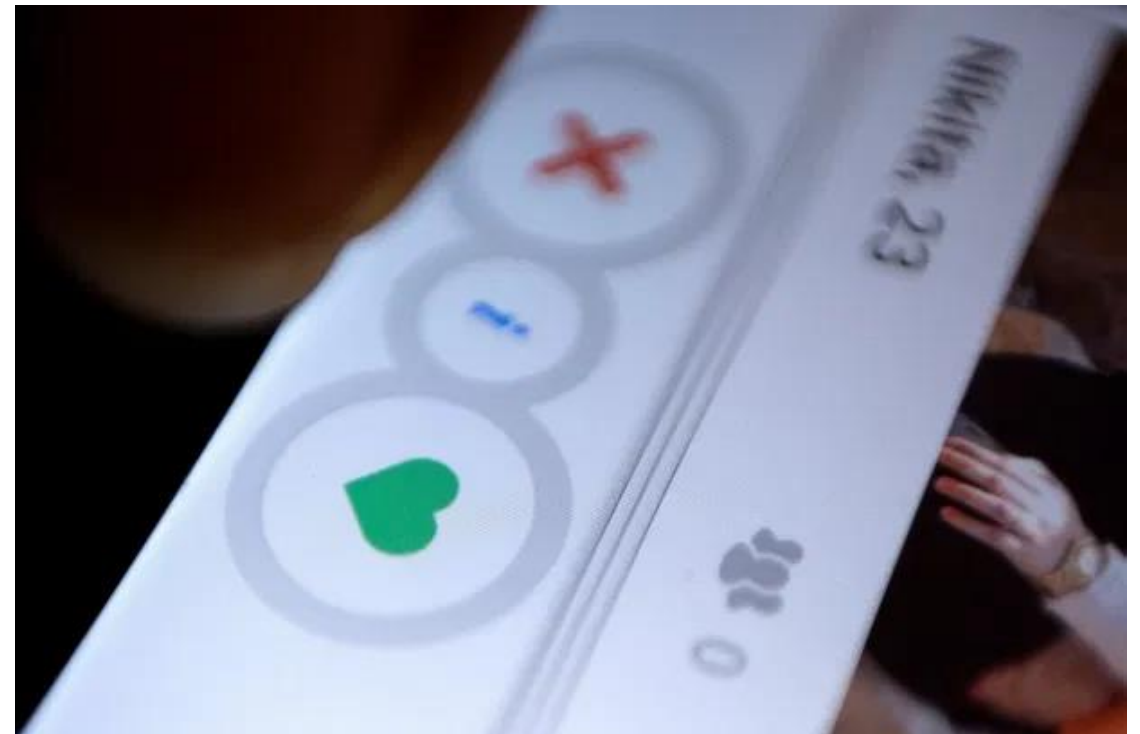
**!!! INCALLS SPECIALS !!!**

Angelina 702-[REDACTED]-[REDACTED]

Poster's age: 18

- Location: Los Angeles, Torrance Lomita Carson Redondo Hermosa

- Post ID: 2-[REDACTED] losangeles



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# NAMES

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The terms used for males generally differ from those used for females.

- Providing companionship
- Nude modeling
- Dancing
- Body massage

Thus one may be referred to as a *male escort*, *gigolo* (implying female customers), *rent boy*, *hustler* (more common for those soliciting in public places), *model*, or *masseur*. A man who does not regard himself as gay or bisexual, but who has sex with male clients for money, is sometimes called *gay-for-pay* or *trade*:

BOYS

BOYS ARE TRAFFICKED  
MORE THAN WE  
KNOW.

They don't quite fit the  
typical picture of a  
trafficking scenario.

## TRAFFICKING OF BOYS

12-14 years old is the average entry for boys into (sex) trafficking, for labor trafficking it may be even earlier

Sexual abuse cases of boys remain much less reported than for girls

LGBTQ community tend to feel neglected from their home environments – **runaway/homeless stats are 5 times higher than for girls**

**Insufficient services and shelters for boys, young adult male victims of trafficking**

Root causes: emerging young boy porn, lack of residential/treatment services, less focus on preventative care and education on the topic of male sexual exploitation (victim rather than predator)

# MALE TRAFFICKERS ABUSE ON VICTIMS MALE

- Psychological Violence 280 36.7%
- Sexual Violence 277 36.3%
- Physical Violence 251 32.9%
- Physical Violence without Weapons 167 66.5%
- Drug Control 158 20.7%
- Firearm Control 85 11.1%
- Physical Violence with Weapons 67 26.7%
- Physical Violence by Torture 16 6.4%

■ McCain Institute.



## MENTAL HEALTH



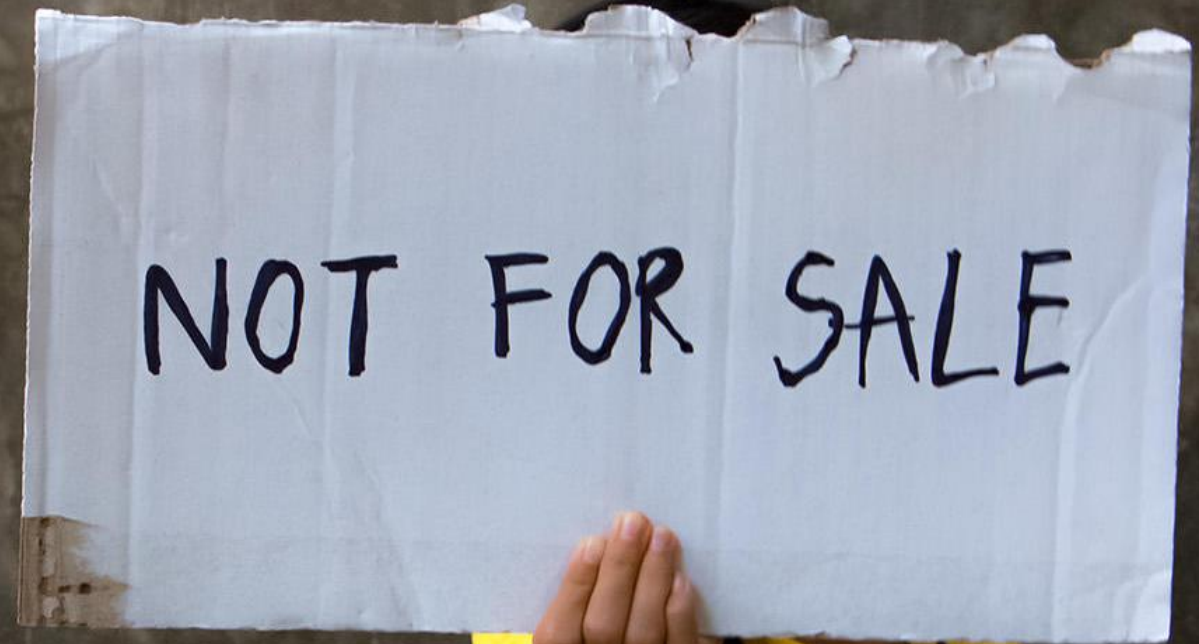
It is difficult for any child to report sexual abuse  
But for male victims, there are additional barriers to disclosure:



Coping strategies like becoming aggressive to overcome the feelings of helplessness, or trying to numb the feelings with drugs or alcohol. In many cases they internalize the trauma and become depressed.

## RED FLAGS

- Almost always with adult
- Avoids eye contact
- Fearful, submissive, anxious
- May not speak for themselves
- May not know where they are
- Maybe not know date
- Does not know address
- Inconsistent history/story
- Inappropriate dress for weather



## WARNING SIGNS



The warning signs for trafficking victims include:



Poor appearance (malnourish, bruising, dirty clothing)



Signs of harsh physical injuries, related to abuse or working conditions



Apparent and ongoing fatigue (due to long working hours)



Avoiding eye contact and social interaction (with figures of authority)



Accompanied by a (non-relative) adult that speaks on one's behalf

## HOW TO SPEAK WITH VICTIMS

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Someone who seems controlling, they should be separated from that person

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Due to trauma and a fogged mind, their stories may not be consistent or not be able to recall important details

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Victims may not understand that he or she is actually a victim, and may tend to idolize their trafficker

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Trauma-informed care is a strengths-based framework that is grounded in an understanding of and responsiveness to the impact of **trauma**

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Response to the growing knowledge that surrounds the negative impact of psychological trauma on a person's mental well-being and ability to function normally in day-to-day life

# CONSEQUENCES

Human trafficking, in all its forms, is the fastest growing crime around the world

A human being can be sold over and over again, therefore generating one of the highest illegal revenues possible

Florida is ranked the 3<sup>rd</sup> state in prevalence of human trafficking (after California and Texas)

Increased demand for cheap labor and suggestive entertainment as a tourism driver

Laws must be aligned to not only identify, prosecute and punish those who committed the violent and exploitative acts against innocent children, but also to assist the victims to become survivors

Annually, over 400,000 children are reported missing in the U.S



The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children says there are 349 children missing in the state of FLORIDA.



**PREVENTION IS  
KEY**

**MISSING  
CHILDREN**



WHAT CAN BE  
DONE

# AWARENESS



General public is aware that human trafficking exists, but not fully understand of what the circumstances look like in the United States



Become more informed and vigilant on the issue and share knowledge with peers

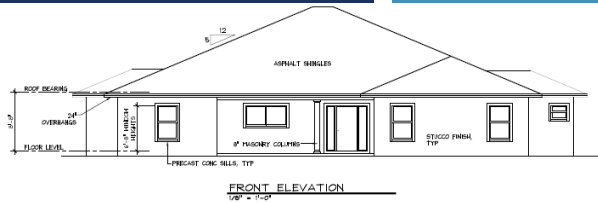


Prevent traffickers from operating hidden in plain sight



Target professionals that come in first contact with potential victims - child welfare workers, law enforcement, medical personnel and school administration



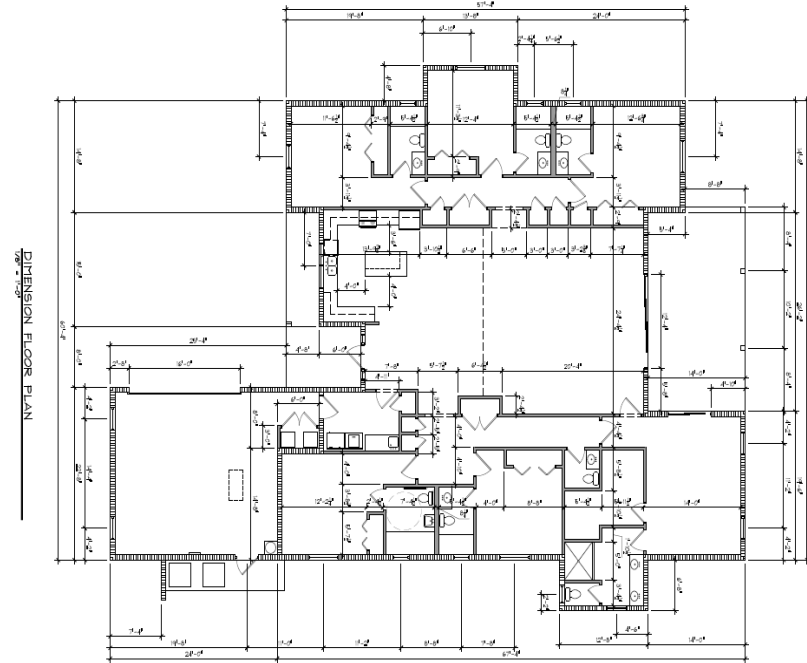


## USIAHT Florida Safe Home

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U.S. INSTITUTE AGAINST  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- First safe home for boys in the United States
  - Serving biologically born males
  - Capacity to serve full gender and sexual orientation spectrum
  - Every youth has their own private bed and bath
- Intensive and Individualized Case Management for each youth
- Education
- Medical services
- Judicial services
- MOA with community partners for trauma therapy, equine therapy, and other activities
- Life Management skills including self-care, hygiene, home environment, and relationship development





# A NEW WAY TO DECREASE DEMAND

**GET IN THE ZONE**

## **MODULAR APPROACH**

- 1 **Baseline Research**
- 2 **Criminal Justice**
- 3 **Government and Social Services**
- 4 **Healthcare Community**
- 5 **Technology**
- 6 **Education**
- 7 **Businesses and Employers**
- 8 **Public Awareness**
- 9 **Faith-Based Community**
- 10 **Impact Study**



# Join the Movement: Community

## SAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

### Phase 1

1. Proclamation
2. Staff Training
3. Policy Change

### Phase 2

1. Law Enforcement Engagement
2. Public Transportation Training
3. Medical Professional Training

### Phase 3

1. Businesses
2. Churches
3. Individuals

### Phase 4

1. Ordinance/Legislation
2. Curriculum in Schools
3. Buyer Sting Operation – Law Enforcement



St. Pete to become 'trafficking free zone'

HILLSBOROUGH

## Temple Terrace becomes latest local government to declare itself human TraffickingFree Zone



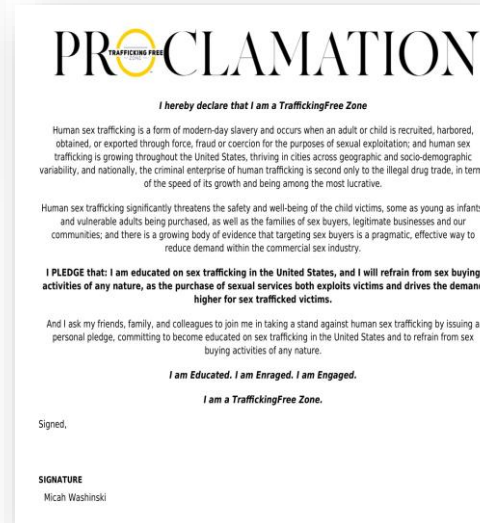
Temple Terrace City Manager Charles Stephenson introduces Stephanie Costolo, who recently trained the city staff on how to identify victims of human trafficking, an effort by the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking to reduce buyer demand in the sex trade, thereby reducing the number of victims. [Photo courtesy of City of Temple Terrace]

# Join the Movement

## 1. Get Trained



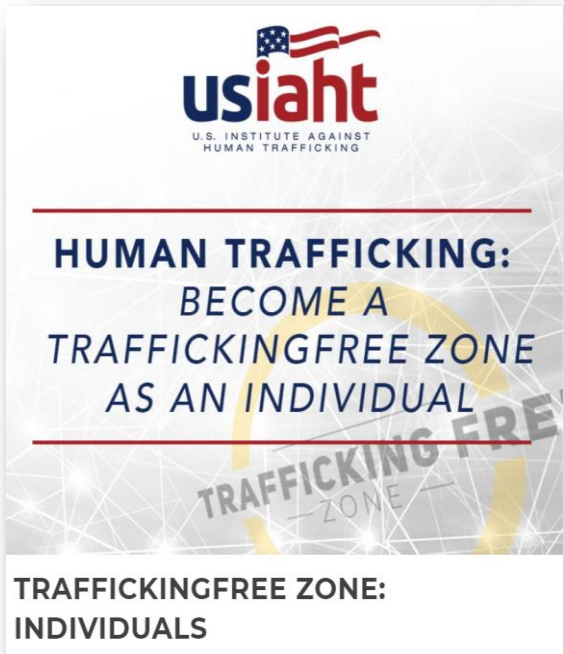
## 2. Sign Pledge



## 3. Get Engaged



ABOLITIONIST PROJECT



## WHO TO CONTACT

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Polaris Project  
runs the National  
Human  
Trafficking  
Hotline

02

24 hours a day,  
every day of the  
year

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Assistance is  
available in more  
than 200  
languages

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The number to  
call is: 888-373-  
7888

**Florida Abuse Hotline 800-96-ABUSE The Florida Abuse Hotline is available 24/7 and is operated by the Florida Department of Children and Families.**

# REFER VICTIMS & BUYERS



**Go to**

**[USIAHT.org/traffickingfreezone](https://USIAHT.org/traffickingfreezone)**

**and click on**

**GET HELP**

**for services near you**

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