



COMPOUNDING INDICATORS OF TRAFFICKING

SEX TRAFFICKING: Is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act where such an act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion.

UNDER U.S. FEDERAL LAW: Any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking-regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.

- Exposure to domestic violence
- History of abuse or DFPS history
- Irregular school attendance
- Homelessness
- Unstable housing or many foster homes
- Frequent running away
- Sexual activity that causes harm
- Bullied about exploitation
- Someone preventing a safe place to sleep or basic needs met
- Pressured to get pregnant, have an abortion, or use contraception
- Tattoos or "branding"
- Sleep deprivation
- Physical injuries
- Substance abuse
- Poor Nutrition
- Highly distressed if separated from cell phone
- Appears on-edge
- Aggressive or risk taking behaviors
- Poor supervision from caregivers
- Connection to people who buy or sell sex
- Past involvement with police or Juvenile Justice
- Gang affiliations
- Social isolation
- Youth gives misleading information on age, location, relationships
- Repeated testing or treatments for STI's
- Unexplained money, credit cards, gifts
- Multiple cell phones or changes in phone number
- Explicit photos on phone or online
- Meeting online contacts in person
- Unhealthy or inappropriate romantic relationships
- Controlling Partner
- Friends or family receive threats

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