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Survivor Stories

The following stories are derived from the Polaris Project and are about sex trafficking that is taking place in the United States. There are many assumptions that trafficking happens only internationally; however, a large part of trafficking is taking place in our communities and with our youth. These are some examples:

Sarah

Sarah is a 17-year-old Caucasian female who grew up in rural Ohio. Sarah ran away from home a few times because her mom and stepfather drank a lot and did not pay attention to her. A few months ago Sarah was walking to the store alone and a 30-year-old male drove up beside her and told her how pretty she was and asked why she looked so sad. Sarah told him that she was angry with her mom and just needed to take a walk. He asked if he could take her to get her nails done down the street to cheer her up, and she agreed. He paid right away while giving compliments and telling her he wanted to meet again the next day. For the next two months he picked Sarah up and took her to eat, to get her nails done and continued to act like a loving boyfriend. They both began calling each other boyfriend and girlfriend. They spent a lot of time together and he asked Sarah to move in with him, but after another month of living together he told her he couldn't make the rent payment and needed help. He asked her to go on dates with older men and engage in commercial sex. Sarah felt uncomfortable but agreed because she would do anything

not to return home, and wanted to make him happy. Her boyfriend praised her and told her he didn't mind that Sarah helped them get money for rent this way. This continued until one night when Sarah was out on the street and was raped by a stranger who initially solicited her for sex.

Brittany

A man approached Brittany at a mall in her hometown, asked if she was looking for a job, and gave her a business card for a local restaurant he owned. When Brittany called the number on the card, the man confirmed that he was looking for waitresses to start working immediately. Brittany needed the job and asked for the restaurant's address, but the man told her he would pick her up at the mall where they first met. Instead of going to the restaurant, the man drove her to a nearby hotel and told her that she was going to be a prostitute instead of a waitress. At gunpoint, Brittany was forced to drink bottles of vodka and take blue pills that made her dizzy and disoriented. Brittany tried to look for help but was locked in the hotel room without access to a phone. After three days of being beaten, drugged, and forced to have sex with at least 60 men, Brittany managed to escape and asked the first car she saw to call the police.

Keisha

Keisha is a 16-year-old African American female originally from Florida. She was raised by an aunt until she was 10 years old and then

placed in the foster care system. At the age of 14, Keisha first ran away from her foster family to avoid sexual harassment from one of her foster family's relatives. During that time, she met "Mastur D", a 26-year-old man who offered to help her get back to her biological family. He said he would be able to pay for some of the expenses to get them there, but that she needed to help support them financially by engaging in commercial sex with some of his friends. With no money or other options Keisha took him up on his offer. He drove her back to Florida but insisted when they arrived that she had not earned enough money to cover their hotel and gas costs. He physically assaulted her and told her she would never see anyone else in her family if she did not engage in sex with other men of his choosing. She felt she had no other choice and continued to earn money for Mastur D to pay him back for the money he paid for her to get back to Florida.

<http://www.polarisproject.org>

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Human Trafficking

What is it? Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud or coercion to compel a person into any form of labor against their will. Human trafficking can occur in any industry, including agriculture, construction, domestic service (housekeeper, nanny), restaurants, salons, commercial sex work, massage parlors, and small businesses. With awareness, you can help to identify and report cases of human trafficking.

Information Derived From: <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/identifying-trafficking-victims.cfm>

Anyone can be a victim of the various forms of Human Trafficking. For the purpose of this particular issue of **The Advocate**, we are going to focus on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.



Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) is sexual activity involving a child in exchange for something of value, or a promise thereof, to the child or another person or persons. The child is treated as a commercial and sexual object. CSEC is a form of violence against children and includes street prostitution, pornography, stripping, erotic massage, escort services, phone sex lines, private parties, gang-based prostitution, interfamilial pimping, and internet-based exploitation. **Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)** consists of all forms of CSEC involving a third party that profits from the sexual activity with a child originating from the country in which the activity occurs.

What's the difference? The primary difference is that DMST always involves a third party, whereas CSEC may not. For example, a homeless youth trading sex with an adult to stay at their house would be commercial sexual exploitation but no one else is profiting from that interaction. CSEC is the term that is most widely used in the advocacy field (though there is now debate about whether we should use 'youth' instead of 'child'). This might be because it is a broader term but also because 'trafficking' is used more in general.

Information from the Washington State Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP): <http://www.wcsap.org/general-information-csec>

The Business of DMST:

(From The National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking-<http://seattleagainstslavery.org>)

Children who are exploited through prostitution, pornography and sexual entertainment are victims of domestic minor sex trafficking. Due to misidentification, ignorance, or efforts to keep victims safe from traffickers these minors are often labeled as delinquents and placed in detention facilities. The business of sex trafficking of America's youth is flourishing. Growing demand for commercial sex with young, innocent girls and boys is fueled by a glorification of pimping and normalization of sexual exploitation. Sex trafficking of America's children is driven by demand for the commercial sex acts they perform. Demand of buyers – people who rent the body of a child for sexual purposes or entertainment – allows the business of child sex trafficking to continue. The industry grows as traffickers seek to fulfill the demand by targeting and recruiting more of America's youth for sexual exploitation. **AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE THE VICTIMS:**



American children are easy targets for sex traffickers. The vulnerability is the child's age. Pre-teen and adolescent girls are especially susceptible to the deception and manipulation of traffickers. Traffickers target locations that commonly attract youth like schools, malls, parks, even shelters and group homes.

WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS? A trafficker is anyone who profits by receiving cash or other benefits in exchange for sex with a minor. These criminals are often called pimps. Across the United States, family members, friends, and "boyfriends" were identified as pimps. Traffickers and pimps use physical, emotional and psychological abuse to coerce young women and girls into a life of sex trafficking. Traffickers are master manipulators and employ tactics to create a trauma bond between the victim and trafficker. Traffickers often use the threat of violence against the victim or a victim's loved one to secure their submission. **WHO ARE THE BUYERS?** Many buyers are men; however, the buyers can be anyone - young and old, locals and tourists, military and civilian, students and professionals, family and strangers.

Demand: “Driven by demand and fueled by the ease and secrecy of the internet, we are facing a crisis of child exploitation in this nation.” – Congressman Chris Smith, Congressional Human Trafficking Caucus Chair



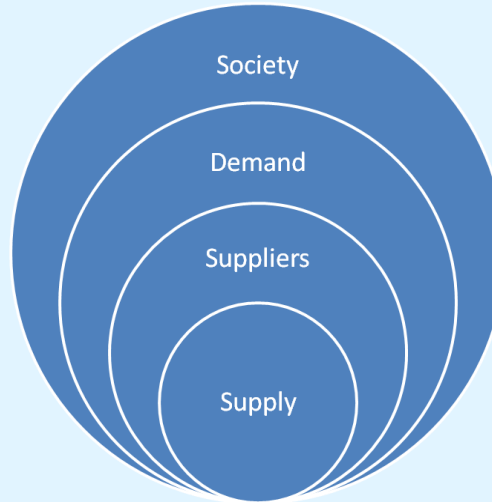
Demand drives supply and distribution – and, as with any market, the sex trafficking industry would not exist without demand. The ‘demand’ is the buyer of sex, referred to as Johns. The ‘supply’ is the victim, a girl or boy who has been lured, forced or coerced into trafficking. The greater the demand for sex, the more pimps, “the suppliers”, will need to recruit young girls and boys. Interfering with supply or distribution will not change the demand – **to adequately disrupt the supply chain, demand must also be confronted.**

Society: Creates the Culture that normalizes sexual violence

Demand: Buyers of Sex- “Johns”

- 48% of men use pornography once a week or more. Average age a man first purchases sex is 21.
- 85% of US johns have regular female sexual partners
- 60% are married
- 83% said jail time and 79% said a letter sent directly to their family would deter them from purchasing sex from a minor
- 42% of these same men who purchased sex were willing to ignore warnings that the female was adolescent or they specifically sought out young females

Supply Chain of Sex Trafficking



Suppliers: Traffickers (Pimps, Madams, Gangs, etc.) Tactics include: maintaining power and control through a cycle of attention, affection, threat, shame, force, coercion, violence, many times combined with forced drug use.

Supply: The victims of sex trafficking are overwhelmingly women and children. She is the woman or child that has been called a prostitute, a tramp, an ‘easy’ girl. She is the honors student whose grades are slipping, the homeless child who just needs money for food, the ‘gang-banger’ who desperately needs a family. There is no one type of victim – they come from all walks of life, ethnicities, and socio-economic classes. However, as more light is shed on this issue, it is becoming apparent that boys are also victims.

Information Adapted From the New Edge Trafficking Assessment, Tri-Cities 2013: <https://www.new-edge.com/pages/social-responsibility>

Impact on Victims of Human Trafficking

- Lack of care to vision, dental, physical and mental health
- Educational losses
- Loss in “wages”; belief that “the life” is the only job for which they are qualified
- Losses in skills development
- Cognitive issues from trauma, drug use or injury
- STI's, chronic gynecological health issues, pregnancy
- Somatic issues (numbing, desensitization)
- Malnutrition
- Physical injuries, often left untreated

Mental Health Impacts:

- Disturbances of self or identity
- Decreased self esteem/self efficacy
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Guilt
- Shame (Stigma)
- Substance abuse
- Impulsivity
- Aggression or Anti-social behaviors
- High-risk sexual behavior

Trauma Responses:

- Fear (of real or perceived threats)
- Anger and rage
- Manipulation
- Learned helplessness
- Fight, flight or freeze

- Substance use/abuse
- Internalized behaviors (cutting, self harm, disordered eating)
- Externalized behaviors (aggression, fighting)
- Trauma bonding/Stockholm Syndrome (attachment to perpetrator)

MIND CONTROL Stockholm Syndrome:
A psychological phenomenon in which hostages express empathy and have positive feelings towards their captors, sometimes to the point of defending them.

Information Derived From: The Center for Children & Youth Justice: Project Respect

What the Community Can Do:

If you are concerned about a youth or potential vulnerability of a youth, please report it to Law Enforcement!
Benton County Non-Emergency Dispatch: (509) 628-0333 OR Franklin County Non-Emergency Dispatch: (509) 545-3510

Some potential red flags for exploitation are:

- Chronic Run-Away
- Homelessness
- History of Childhood Abuse, Especially Sexual Abuse
- Gang Affiliation
- Involvement with Criminal Behavior
- An Older Boyfriend
- Long-Periods of Time Where the Youth Goes Missing
- Possession of Multiple Hotel Keys, Provocative Clothing, Large Amounts of Cash, Etc.
- Substance abuse

April 2014: SARC Community Events

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. During the month of April, we plan a variety of community events to demonstrate our agency's commitment to ending sexual violence. The Crime Victim Service Center is also busy planning an event to recognize the National Crime Victim's Rights Week, April 6th-12th, 2014. SARC encourages all the readers of the *Advocate* to get involved with their community events during the month of April. We need to send a strong message that sexual violence is not tolerated and we are prepared to make a change. We invite you to pair up with a local advocacy center to engage in their events or plan your own. SARC invites community members from Benton and Franklin Counties to participate in the events below.



Strides of Strength April 12th, 2014



Strides of Strength is a walk designed to empower victims and survivors of crime and to give our community the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their commitment to preventing crime. With each step we provide strength and support to crime victims. This year the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center/Crime Victim Service Center is hoping to gain more community group involvement. SARC /CVSC will be holding group registration, so please get a group together and get involved in this great event!

Community members who attend will also have the chance to win prizes!

The prizes are as follows:

*Largest group will win \$200 cash

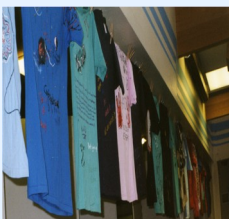
*Second largest group will win \$100 cash

*All other groups or individuals attending will be able to enter in a raffle to win \$50 cash

(Each group member will get a ticket entered so those with larger groups will have a higher chance of winning. Each participant must register to be eligible to win.)

Please call (509) 374-5391 for more information. Registration for the event will start at 10:30 AM and the Strides of Strength walk will begin at 11:00 AM. This exciting event will be held at The Lord of Life Church at 640 North Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Clothesline Project:



The T-shirts that are displayed for this project are designed by victims of sexual assault. The design represents the journey through their experience with sexual violence and their recovery to follow. The

clotheslines are displayed around the community at the local libraries in Benton and Franklin Counties. The Clothesline Project is a great visual reminder about the effects and impact sexual violence has on victims in our community. Each story told is unique and powerful.

Come and check out the local libraries from March 31 to April 4 to see for yourself!

Pancake Breakfast

Please attend the 10th annual Pancake Breakfast!

Proceeds raised from the Pancake Breakfast will benefit Safe Harbor Support Center and the Kids Haven Program at the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center. The Pancake Breakfast will take place on



Saturday, June 7th, 2014 at Jefferson Park on George Washington Way in Richland, WA. The event will run from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Donations are welcomed.

We hope to see you there!

Little People Project:

Each wooden figurine of a child in the Little People Project represents one of the approximately 500 children who were involved in a law enforcement investigation of abuse in the last year in Benton and Franklin Counties. They are placed throughout the community to raise awareness about child physical and sexual abuse. The Little People will be placed at the Columbia Center Mall, Washington State University Tri-Cities, and Columbia Basin College during **the week of April 4-10**. You can **sponsor a Little Person** by purchasing a "little heart" for **\$10**. The "little heart" will have the sponsor's name as well as an inscription saying, "Helping Little Hearts Heal". Each sponsor is also listed by name or organization on a sign that goes on display. The Little People Project is a great visual reminder of how often child abuse occurs within our community. If you would like to sponsor a Little Person, please contact Lindsay or Denise at (509) 374-5391. We appreciate your support and participation.



Kids Haven Benefit Auction April 2014

We are inviting you to participate in our twelfth annual online auction to benefit children. All proceeds raised through this event will be used for counseling and advocacy services for children who have been physically or sexually abused. Kids Haven is a joint program of our local city and county governments and the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center. Our benefit auction will be held online from April 12 to May 4, 2014. Please visit www.biddingforgood.com/SARC to view all of our great auction items. Help us raise funds this year to keep this valuable program going!

How You Can Help



- *Become a Sponsor**
- *Donate an item or service to the auction**
- *See something you like? Bid on it!!**

Please call or email Mitzi or JoDee for questions: (509) 374-5391 or jgarretson@frontier.com / mveng@frontier.com



End-of-Auction "Cinco de Mayo" Celebration Dinner

Please join us for a festive evening of food, silent auction, on-line auction, games, and fun to benefit the Kids Haven Program at the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center. We will celebrate the last day of online bidding on May 3rd, 2014 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Richland Community Center (500 Howard Amon Park Dr., Richland, WA). Tickets are \$50 each; they include a fabulous authentic Mexican dinner, and two beverages; wine, beer, margarita, or non-alcoholic drinks. For more information or to purchase your tickets please call (509) 374-5391 or email jgarretson@frontier.com.

We hope to see you there!





Crime Victim Service Center

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Crime Types

- Assault
- Child Physical Abuse
- DUI/DWI Crashes
- Elder Abuse
- Fraud
- Hate Crimes
- Human Trafficking
- Identity Theft
- Kidnapping/Missing persons
- Property Crimes
- Robbery
- Survivors of Homicide or victims of Attempted Homicide
- Vehicular Assault

All crimes other than sexual assault or domestic violence.

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Dear Readers,

This issue of the Vigilant is regarding a form of modern-day slavery. Human Trafficking is an issue that affects millions of people world-wide and there are several ways in which people can become victims. I chose to focus on the issue of Labor Trafficking because it is sometimes hidden in plain sight. This is an issue that needs more attention and more victims need the assistance of their community members.

Thank you for reading-Norma Torres-Chavez, Crime Victim Advocate

Human Trafficking in the Labor Industry

Labor trafficking is most definitely an existing crime nationwide. This section will focus on labor trafficking in both children and adults, and how you can help put a STOP to it.

DEFINITION:

“The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.”

Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) <http://www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/labor-trafficking-in-the-us>

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Entitled To Nearly \$2 Million, Says Court

Article from the Huffington Post, Written by Shannon Dininny, August 17, 2011

-- A federal appeals court awarded nearly \$2 million on Wednesday to more than 600 Latino farm workers who accused a farm labor contractor and two Washington state growers of violating federal labor laws.

The Yakima Valley farm workers claimed that Valley Fruit Orchards and Green Acre Farms illegally and intentionally displaced them by hiring Los Angeles-based Global Horizons to bring in foreign workers in 2004.

U.S. District Judge Robert Whaley in Yakima awarded \$237,000 in statutory damages to the workers in 2009, which was to be paid by Global Horizons.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned that decision, ruling that the workers were entitled to damages of nearly \$2 million and that Global Horizons and the growers were jointly liable.

"This is a huge victory for local farm workers in the Yakima Valley," Jose Perez, one of three representative plaintiffs in the class-action lawsuit, said in a statement issued by his lawyers. "We've waited a long time for this day and we're glad the court validated these important worker rights." Perez worked for Global Horizons at Valley Fruit Orchards from February 2004 through August 2004. He and his crew claimed they were fired and replaced by temporary workers brought to the U.S. by Global Horizons.

Representatives for the two farms did not return telephone messages seeking comment Wednesday evening.

An attorney for Global Horizons, Michael Green, said he didn't really have a comment on the ruling but that his clients don't have any money right now anyway.

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"This is a great day for farm workers everywhere and it places responsibility for the damages on the companies that brought Global Horizons, one of the worst labor contractors in history, to Washington state," attorney Lori Isley of Columbia Legal Services said.

Washington state revoked Global's operating license in January 2006, after repeatedly accusing the company of violating state wage and labor laws.

Global Horizons' president and other officials are the target of a criminal prosecution in Hawaii on accusations that they exploited Thai workers in what the FBI has called the country's largest human trafficking case.

However, the fate of that case became unclear earlier this month after U.S. prosecutors abruptly dropped similar accusations against a Hawaii farm in a related case.

A trial against Global Horizons CEO Mordechai Orian is set for February in Honolulu. He has denied the allegations.

In the Washington state case, the appeals court remanded to the lower court a decision on whether the growers or Global Horizons will pay the plaintiffs' attorneys fees, which had previously been estimated at about \$1.8 million.

The appeals court also denied a third claim that the growers should be liable for punitive damages for race discrimination.

A jury had already awarded the farm workers more than \$300,000 on a claim of race discrimination by Global Horizons. That verdict still stands, but the appeals court rejected the workers' claim that damages should be collected by the growers as well, saying the workers had earlier waived it, Isley said.

"My clients are now eating at fast-food restaurants and they aren't getting the large fries," he said.

Global Horizons brought about 175 temporary agricultural workers from Thailand to the Yakima Valley under the federal H-2A guest-worker program in 2004 and 2005. The program allows a labor contractor to bring in foreign workers if it can prove workers can't be found locally. An estimated 600 workers claimed they were fired and displaced as a result, but company officials said the plaintiffs in the case either quit or were terminated for cause.

Article from the Huffington Post, Written by Shannon Dininny, August 17, 2011: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/08/17/yakima-valley-farm_n_930033.html

Stories of Human Trafficking Survivors in Washington State:

From WARN: Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network

◆ "They said they would pay me to work in their home and take care of their children. I was locked inside their house. I worked from 6am to 10pm every day with no days off. They did not pay me the agreed amount. They used to threaten me. They controlled everything I did."



◆ "She promised me a better life and then forced me to work, threatened my family, and kept me as a hostage and a slave."

◆ "My wife and I were forced to do agricultural and construction work to pay off our debt. Our small children were abused and forced to do household chores. We were all forced to live in the garage and were threatened with deportation. Food was locked up and we were not allowed to eat without permission."

◆ He promised me work then forced me to give up my passport, my wages, my freedom."

◆ "They promised to bring us to the U.S., then they took my children from me and forced me to pay thousands of dollars to get them back. They forced my young sons to work in construction and to sleep in a storage unit on concrete floor. They didn't give them food for days and days."

◆ "My brother said I could come to the US and go to school. Then his buddies forced me to sell drugs and give them all the money. They were very violent. They threatened to hurt my mom. I had to do what they said. I ended up in jail."

◆ "My uncle told my parents I'd have a better life and education in the U.S. He forced me to work in his restaurant and treated me as a slave in his home. He hit me when I asked to go to school. He threatened me when I cried or complained."



◆ "I was never allowed to go anywhere by myself. They took my documents. They threatened me with deportation and jail. I was a slave and a prisoner. I was hopeless, depressed and scared. I didn't see any future for myself at all."

Information Derived From: <http://warn-trafficking.org/stories/>

Child Trafficking

Definition

Child trafficking is a modern form of slavery that involves displacing a child for the purpose of exploitation. A child, considered to be merchandise, can be moved from one country to another or within a country's own borders. The global market of child trafficking at over \$12 billion a year with over 1.2 million child victims. (UNICEF-2011)

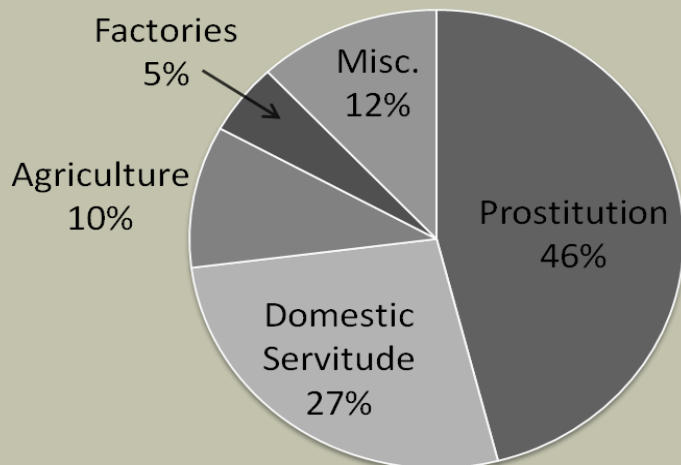
Child Trafficking in the United States

Many individuals assume that child trafficking is not an issue in the United States. Unfortunately, trafficking is not just an issue that happens to people in other countries. The United States is a source and transit country, and is also considered one of the top destination points for child trafficking and child slavery victims. Cases of human trafficking have been reported in all 50 U.S. States (National Human Trafficking Resource Center Report, 2011). It is important to understand that anyone can be trafficked regardless of race, class, education, gender, age, or citizenship when forcefully coerced or enticed by false promises.

<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/areas/Traffickingofchildren/lang--en/index.htm/> <http://www.unicefusa.org/work/protection/child-trafficking/>



Types of Trafficking



Statistics

- 14,500-17,500: estimated number of people trafficked into the United States each year
- 50% of people trafficked into the U.S. each year are children
- 800,000 people are trafficked worldwide each year
- East Asia/Pacific is the region that is the largest source of people who are trafficked into the U.S. each year

Information Adapted From U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; U.S. Department of Justice; Free the Slaves

Barriers and Challenges to Accessing and Providing Services

Based on research from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, trafficking victims are often reluctant to identify themselves as victims; therefore, self-referrals are less common than with other types of crime. Victims of human trafficking are also a hard-to-find, hard-to-reach population. Many victims have been taught to fear law enforcement authorities. Victims are often reluctant to come forward because they fear retribution from their traffickers and fear arrest and deportation.

For Victims:

- ◆ Unable to self-identify
- ◆ Lack of knowledge of services
- ◆ Fear of retaliation
- ◆ Fear of law enforcement/arrest/deportation
- ◆ Lack of trust
- ◆ Shame/stigma
- ◆ Learned helplessness/PTSD
- ◆ Cultural/language barriers
- ◆ Lack of transportation

For Providers:

- ◆ Difficult to identify/reach victims
- ◆ Lack of awareness/training (hidden crime)
- ◆ Lack of adequate resources/services
- ◆ Cultural/language barriers
- ◆ Ineffective coordination of services
- ◆ Safety concerns

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/07/humantrafficking/LitRev/#barriers>

Labor Trafficking

Trafficking Facts

- ◆ The National Human Trafficking Hotline receives more calls from Texas than any other state in the US. 15 percent of those calls are from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
- ◆ Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year.
- ◆ Human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking).
- ◆ It reportedly generates a profit of \$32 billion every year. Of that number, \$15.5 billion is made in industrialized countries.
- ◆ According to the U.S. State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year. More than 70 percent are female and half are children.
- ◆ There are approximately 20 to 30 million slaves in the world today.
- ◆ According to some estimates, 19% of trafficking involves labor exploitation.
- ◆ Victims or forced into slavery
- ◆ The International Labor Organization estimates that women and girls represent the largest share of forced labor victims with 11.4 million trafficked victims (55 percent) compared to 9.5 million (45 percent) men.

Information Derived From: <http://www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/11-facts-about-human-trafficking>

Identifying a Victim

Victims of labor trafficking are not a homogenous group of people. Victims are young children, teenagers, men and women. Some of them enter the country legally on worker visas for domestic, “entertainment,” computer and agricultural work, while others enter illegally. Some work in legal occupations such as domestic, factory or construction work, while others toil in illegal industries such as the drug and arms trade or panhandling.

Although there is no single way to identify victims of labor trafficking, some common patterns include:

- ◆ Victims are often kept isolated to prevent them from getting help. Their activities are restricted and are typically watched, escorted or guarded by associates of traffickers. Traffickers may “coach” them to answer questions with a cover story about being a student or tourist.
- ◆ Victims may be blackmailed by traffickers using the victims’ status as an undocumented alien or their participation in an “illegal” industry. By threatening to report them to law enforcement or immigration officials, traffickers keep victims compliant.
- ◆ People who are trafficked often come from unstable and economically devastated places as traffickers frequently identify vulnerable populations characterized by oppression, high rates of illiteracy, little social mobility and few economic opportunities.
- ◆ Women and children are overwhelmingly trafficked in labor arenas because of their relative lack of power, social marginalization, and their overall status as compared to men.



Office of Refugee Resettlement: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/fact-sheet-labor-trafficking-english>

If you feel you have come in contact with a victim of labor trafficking, or have questions in determining whether you’ve encountered a victim, please contact:

- **National Human Trafficking Resource Center/Hotline** at **1.888.373.7888** or text to BeFree (233733) for specialized victim services referrals.
- **Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network-Victim Assistance Line** **206.245.0782**-<http://warn-trafficking.org/>
- **Local Law Enforcement**-Franklin County Non-Emergency Dispatch: (509) 545-3510 AND Benton County Non-Emergency Dispatch: (509) 628-0333
- **Crime Victim Service Center/Support, Advocacy & Resource Center:** (509) 374-0130/(509) 374-5391
www.crimevictimservicecenter.org/www.supportadvocacyresourcecenter.org

Quote for this newsletter:

“Some values must be universal, like rights and the equal worth of every human being.”

-Bjorn Ulvaeus

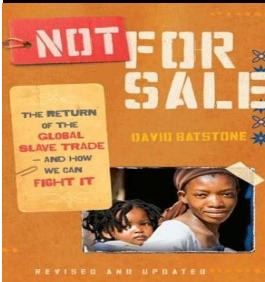
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If you would like to know more about the topic addressed in this issue of The Vigilant, please don't hesitate to contact the Crime Victim Service Center 509)374-0130.



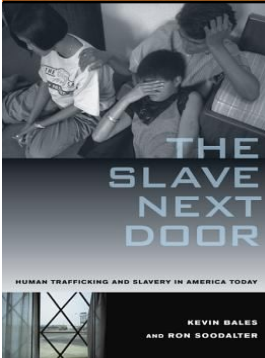
Recommended Books



Not for Sale

By: David Batstone

Human trafficking generates \$32 billion annually and enslaves over 30 million people, half of them children. Award-winning journalist David Batstone, whom Bono calls "a heroic character," profiles the new generation of abolitionists who are leading the movement. This groundbreaking global report is now updated with the latest findings, new stories, and statistics that highlight what is being done to end this appalling epidemic—and how you can join the movement.



The Slave Next Door

By: Kevin Bales & Ron Soodalter

In this riveting book, authors and authorities on modern day slavery, Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter expose the disturbing phenomenon of human trafficking and slavery that exists now in the United States. In *The Slave Next Door* we find that slaves are all around us, hidden in plain sight: the dishwasher in the kitchen of the neighborhood restaurant, the kids on the corner selling cheap trinkets, the man sweeping the floor of the local department store. In these pages we also meet some unexpected slaveholders, such as a 27-year old middle-class Texas housewife who is currently serving a life sentence for offences including slavery; this book is also a call to action, telling what we, as private citizens, can do to finally bring an end to this horrific crime.

REMINDER: All CVSC library books and videos are free to checkout.

Additional Resources

- **Tri-Cities Coalition Against Trafficking** is a local effort of Multi-Disciplinary Professionals working together to ensure a helpful, consistent response to victims and training for the community.
<http://www.tc-cat.org/>
- **Lutheran Community Services Northwest** offers a variety of services to adults, adolescents, children, families, schools, businesses, congregations, neighborhoods and communities:
www.lcsnw.org
- **Youth Care** provides a variety of services for homeless youth:
www.youthcare.org
- **Seattle Against Slavery** is a coalition working to make a slave-free world one city at a time:
www.seattleagainstsavery.org
- **Polaris Project** explains the types of labor trafficking in both adults and children:
<http://www.polarisproject.org/resources/resources-by-topic/labor-trafficking>
- **Child Trafficking** has a variety of information regarding the various ways children are victimized by trafficking: childtrafficking.com
- **Anti-Slavery** goes into detail in explaining trafficking and what you can do to help stop modern slavery:
http://www.antislavery.org/english/slavery_today/trafficking.aspx

Crime Victim Service Center

The Crime Victim Service Center (CVSC) is designed to offer services to crime victims and their non-offending family members, friends, secondary victims, and witnesses to crime. CVSC provides services to victims of crime including; assault, homicide, burglary, robbery, kidnapping, elder abuse, child abuse, identity theft, trafficking, and gang violence. CVSC is a program of the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center of Benton/Franklin Counties in Collaboration with the YWCA of Lewiston/Clarkston and the Walla Walla Police Department. The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) is a non-profit United Way Community Partner. SARC has served Benton and

Franklin Counties since 1977. SARC's mission is to provide crisis services, support, and advocacy to victims of all non-domestic violence crimes, non-offending family members, and others who are impacted by crime. We strive to create and maintain a community without violence through prevention-based education. The YWCA of Lewiston/Clarkston is a private, non-profit social service organization that operates a comprehensive crisis intervention program serving residents of Asotin, Garfield, and Columbia Counties. The YWCA is committed to providing direct services for victims, educating the public and advocating for social change to improve the quality of life in our communities.

The Walla Walla County Crime Victim Service Center is located within the Walla Walla Police Department. You do not need to file a police report to contact one of the victim advocates. The Walla Walla CVSC handles all crimes except sexual assault and domestic violence.

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Benton,
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Garfield and
Asotin
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The Crime Victim Service Center (CVSC) is here to help you. CVSC is available 24-hours a day to assist anyone who has questions or concerns about crime and the confusion that comes along with being a victim of a crime. CVSC services are free of charge and are confidential. Please contact CVSC at (509) 374-0130 for information or to access the following services.

Services

Legal and Medical Advocacy

Our agency staff respond to hospital calls to provide medical advocacy to victims of crime. We also provide legal advocacy at police interviews and court proceedings. Moral support and information is given to victims, family, friends, and witnesses to crime.

Crisis Intervention

Our staff provides short-term crisis intervention to clients. Advocates provide information, support, and validation for the client's feelings. We often recommend that clients seek additional therapy to assist in the healing process.

Library Resources

Some CVSC Programs have a wide collection of books on the topic of crime and issues surrounding crime victimization. These resources are available for CVSC clients and the general public.

Crisis Line

CVSC advocates are available 24-hours a day to answer questions, or simply provide support if you just need someone to listen. This line also serves as a point of contact for clients who may need immediate emergency assistance.

Referral Services

Our staff is able to assist clients in finding resources and information related to their victimization.

Therapy Referrals

Referrals are available for

counseling. We have information regarding payment options; sliding fee scales, Provider One ("medical coupon"), and Crime Victims Compensation; a program through Washington State Labor & Industries.

RCW 7.69.030

Right of victims, survivors, and witnesses

(9) "To have a crime victim advocate from a crime victim/witness program present at any prosecutorial or defense interviews with the victim, and at any judicial proceedings related to criminal acts committed against the victim..."



SARC Program Reports



Sexual Assault Program

Client Highlight: A 13 year-old client was a victim of exposure by a local Ice Cream Truck Driver; he had been saying inappropriate things and attempting to get her into the truck. After the exposure she immediately reported the incident and began working with an Advocate. Through all of the chaos of the investigation and the legal proceedings she kept her grades up and kept a positive attitude. After she testified in court the offender was found guilty multiple charges. During the holiday season we were

contacted by the Detective and the Prosecutor to see if there were any resources to help the family for Christmas. We were able to get them connected to a sponsor who generously supplied items for Christmas. The family was so grateful, especially after dealing with so much in the past year. Our advocate continues to work with the family and assist her in getting connected to resources that will encourage her positivity and goals for the future.



Crime Victim Service Center (CVSC)

Client Highlight: One of the clients we have been working with through the CVSC was selected to receive a very special gift. At the beginning of November we were connected to a local auto shop, Atomic Auto Body. The owner, Mike Young, was working along with the General Manager, Brandon Lenz, to fix up a car with the intention of giving to a deserving community member. Mike is a fellow Rotarian with our Director, JoDee Garretson. Atomic selected our agency to identify a client that would benefit from such an amazing gift. The client that was chosen is someone we have been working with



since January 2013. We began working with her at the beginning of an investigation regarding her children who made allegations of physical abuse from their father in Linn County Oregon. She has three children and her two youngest were the victims. In the past year she has ensured that her children were receiving regular counseling, participated in various groups and programs and that they made it to the doctor to ensure healing from their injuries. For each appointment she took the bus with a 3 and 7 year old in tow. Many of the counseling appointments caused the 7-year old to miss a lot of school because it sometimes took hours to get to an appointment. Additionally, the client had and will have to travel from Kennewick to Linn County Oregon for all of the ongoing court hearings for the criminal case and for custody of her children. Once she knew she was selected to receive the car she did everything to ensure that she could carry insurance and maintain the vehicle. In February Mike, Brandon and Atomic's Staff were finally able to give the car to the client. It was an amazing thing to witness pure generosity and to see how genuinely grateful she was to be the recipient. The thing that she was most excited about with the car was being able to take her children to the park because on the bus route she was only able to take her kids for a very short time and only to certain parks. She also expressed her excitement for being able to volunteer within her community. Many volunteer opportunities that she was interested in required access to a vehicle and now she has the ability to give back.

McCurley Integrity Dealerships and Akzo Nobel Refinishes contributed \$1,900 of supplies and materials. The 2002 Subaru Impreza was purchased for \$1,000 in June 2013. Since that time 16 employees at Atomic Auto Body worked a combined 85 hours using \$3,432 in parts and materials turning this car into a dream come true for the client. Since she received the car her family has been on many outings to the park and is enjoying the convenience and luxury of being able to get around town!



For more information regarding these reports please contact Renee Blackman, rblackman@myfrontiermail.com

Sexual Assault Statistics

Types of Assaults	Six Month Statistics (7/2013-12/2013)
Adult Survivor	6
Date Rape	8
Acquaintance Rape	32
Stranger Rape	5
Marital Rape	4
Family Molestation	55
Acquaintance Molestation	24
Stranger Molestation	2
Sex Trafficking	2
Family Rape	13
Other	16
Total	167
New Clients	167

General Crimes Statistics

Types of Assaults	Six Month Statistics (7/2013-12/2013)
Child Abuse	15
DUI	0
Elder Abuse	0
Hate Crimes	0
Harassment	23
Robbery	3
Assault	15
Identity Theft	0
Kidnapping	3
Vehicular Assault	4
Property Crimes	1
Fraud	3
Trafficking	0
Homicide	13
Other	0
Totals	80
Total New Clients	75

Prevention Program

In the first half of the year the Prevention Programs have increased overall by 15% and 21% just in the 2nd quarter! The programs that have significantly increased this year are: Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds (31%), Technology Safety (15%), Personal Body Safety (62%) and Creating Healthy Relationships (44%).

This year has been unique in the way that we began scheduling programs. At the end of the last school year we began booking programs for this year and by the beginning of the school year our schedule was so full that we were scheduling all the way through Springtime. This is the first year that our Prevention Programs have been booked so solidly. We have had the opportunity to become more involved in a variety of events, schools and/or groups this year that we have not previously been involved in. Some of those opportunities are: Lewis & Clark Elementary School, Lamb Weston Employee Resource Fair, Boys & Girls Teen Center, 9/11 Memorial Event, Reach Out! Resource Event for Those in Recovery, Educational Edge Booth, Pasco Discovery Coalition Towne Hall Meeting in Pasco & Prosser, ECAP Family Nights, Union Gospel Mission, Human Trafficking Panel at WSU, Robert Frost Elementary, and Park Middle School. It is exciting to see such a positive response from the community regarding our prevention. Additionally the changes to our programs have been well received by the audiences.

Something that we have seen that is new this year is a community wide focus on providing youth prevention-based education regarding human trafficking. Schools and community groups have expressed interest in receiving programming regarding the topic. In response to the desire for this type of prevention we made some changes to our program Creating Healthy Relationships and integrated information about trafficking. The changes to the program are directly related to how we see trafficking victimization take place in our community, through relationships. Instead of creating a new program, this material was the perfect fit to be able to expand the focus. We are focusing less on the trafficking cases that involve kidnapping and forced drug use/extreme violence and more on the emotional manipulation and fear that occurs in these cases. Additionally, we include various ways youth can be exploited and types of exploitation they experience. This year we've had a 44% increase in the facilitation of the program and have received very positive feedback from the audiences.

We are really excited to compare our statistics each quarter within this program as we are seeing increased requests and receiving great feedback from audiences!

Total Sessions Offered for Each Program

Six Month Comparison	Boundary & Body Safety	Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds	Personal Body Safety	Technology Safety	Harassment & Bullying Prevention	Creating Healthy Relationships	United Way Rallies	SARC Services	Other	Total Presentations
2013-2014	7	120	78	88	185	43	10	39	1	571
2012-2013	12	83	30	75	215	24	7	35	6	487



Kid's Haven Program

The interviews for Kid's Haven have increased by 5% for the first 6 months of the year. The interview types have changed: there was a 7% decrease for sexual abuse interviews, 57% increase in physical abuse interviews and 100% increase in the witness to violence category. We are pleased to see that our multi-disciplinary team members are utilizing Kid's Haven for more than Child Sexual Abuse cases and they see the benefit of utilizing the Children's Advocacy Center.

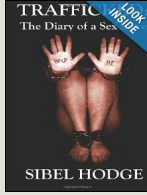
At the end of last fiscal year Kid's Haven was asked by the Children's Advocacy Center's of Washington (CACWA) to participate in a pilot outcome measurement system. The system consists of an initial survey and follow-up survey for client feedback, and a survey for the members of our multi-disciplinary team. Now that we are 6 months into the new system things are working well. We are receiving more thorough feedback from clients regarding services, which is all very positive and helpful. The challenge is getting the follow-up surveys returned from the clients. We continue to actively call and mail surveys to clients to attempt getting the feedback.

Camp SARC

(Strengthening And Revitalizing Children)

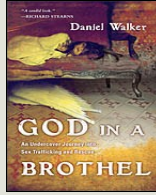
Currently the SARC Advocates are looking for campers to participate in the 2014 CAMP SARC!
If you know a child, aged 6-12, that has been impacted by abuse or neglect, please contact SARC for more information. Camp SARC is a unique and innovative program that combines the rite-of-passage experience of summer day camp with group psycho-education and support for young victims of abuse. The camp is complete with wacky songs, arts and crafts, pizza and parachute games. Camp SARC engages kids in healthy and fun activities in an environment that validates and normalizes their experiences. In addition to fun, we provide group psycho-education, support, teach safety techniques and help kids gain the courage to move toward healing. All children will be pre-screened prior to being accepted to participate in Camp to ensure a positive experience for all.

Library Resources



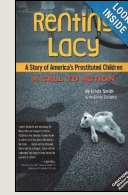
Trafficked: The Diary of a Sex Slave
By: Sibel Hodge

Trafficked: The Diary of a Sex Slave is a gritty, gripping, and tear-jerking fictional novella, inspired by real victims' accounts and research into the sex trafficking underworld. Hodge took her readers to a rare journey that touches and break the hearts all at the same time through the eyes of Elena, the victim to whom the diary belongs. Some of the things that happen to Elena are truly horrific but somehow she never quite loses hope that she will be reunited with her daughter again. Being written in diary form, I could see her in my head and I truly felt the things she was going through.



God In A Brothel; An Undercover Journey into Sex Trafficking and Rescue
By: Daniel Walker

This is the true story of an undercover investigator's experiences infiltrating the multi-billion-dollar global sex industry. It is a story of triumph for the children and young teens released from a life of slavery and the rescuer who freed many hundreds of victims leading to the prosecution of dozens of perpetrators. And it is a story of haunting despair for those left behind in corrupt systems of law enforcement. It is the personal story of Daniel Walker, one man who followed a path of costly discipleship, agonizing failure and unlikely redemption. And it is a challenge to God's people to join in the battle that all might be freed.



Renting Lacy: A story of America's Prostituted Children
By Linda Smith with Cindy Coloma

The average age of entry into prostitution in America is 13 years old. Forced into a life they never chose, manipulated, abused and tortured at the hands of the pimps who control them, our country's children are sold on the streets, on the internet and at truck stops across America every night. They aren't bad kids who made bad choices. They are victims of child sex trafficking. They come from our neighborhoods, our schools, our churches, and sometimes our own homes. Author Linda Smith brings to life characters based on real stories and interviews with teen survivors. Meet *Lacy* and *Star* as they reveal the underbelly of our country's commercial sex trade. Let *Renting Lacy* draw you into the lives of these young girls as they struggle to survive each night. Let it compel you to action.



Mid-Columbia Sex Offender Information

This Notice is For Information Only



**Level III Sex Offender:
Benton County, WA**

NAME: Stephens, Shane Thomas
ADDRESS: 700 block S. Garfield St.
Kennewick, WA.
SEX: Male
HAIR: Brown
EYES: Blue
HEIGHT: 6 ft, 0 in
WEIGHT: 210 lbs.
DOB: 9/23/1977
CONVICTION DATA: Level III Sex offender
NOTES:
Convicted Benton County - 1999:
Rape of a Child in the Second Degree



**Level II Sex Offender:
Benton County, WA**

NAME: Michael Eugene Engstrom
ADDRESS: 1000 Block W. Canal Dr.
Kennewick, WA.
SEX: Male
HAIR: Brown
EYES: Blue
HEIGHT: 5ft 10 in
WEIGHT: 180 lbs
DOB: 08/18/1967
CONVICTION DATA: Level II Sex Offender
Convicted Pierce County -2003:
Rape of a Child in the First Degree,
Child Molestation in the First Degree

This information is provided in accordance with RCW 4.24.550. The Police Departments have no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, the offender is constitutionally free to live wherever they choose. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated. Such abuse could end our ability to do community notifications.

SARC NEWS

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Special call out to Barbara Smith & Project Linus, for the beautiful Quilts that you have donated over the years!

Upcoming Events



March 8th: Mitzi's 15 year anniversary
 March 17th: Board meeting
 March 31-April 4th: Clothesline Project
 April 4th-10th: Little people Project
 April 11th: Kid's Haven Online Auction Opens
 April 12th: Strides of Strength
 April 22nd: Denise's Birthday
 May 3rd: Cinco De Mayo Dinner
 May 26th: Office closed Holiday

Make a you tube Video for SARC and Win Cash!!

Videos must contain the SARC agency and contact information. Send your video to: jgarretson@frontier.com
 First 20 video submissions will receive 2 free regal movie tickets; Providing they are appropriate.

Here are the Categories:

1. **SARC is an Awesome Team!** Show how the people who work at SARC work together as a team!
2. **What does SARC Do?** How does SARC Help people?
3. **Join the SARC Team** Why would people want to work or volunteer for SARC?

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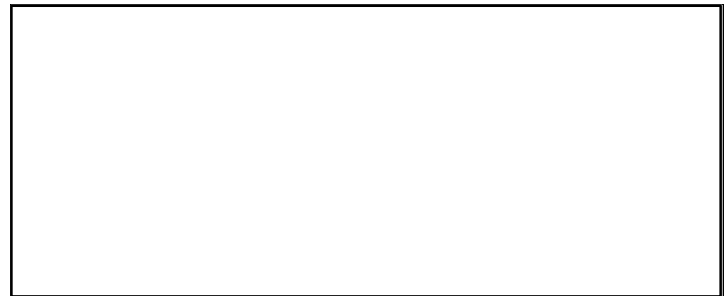
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about the program

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center serves Benton and Franklin Counties with sexual assault crisis and education services. We provide free and confidential assistance for victims of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, dating violence and adult survivors of child sexual abuse.

SARC also provides prevention education for our schools, day cares and community groups on sexual abuse and safety issues. Our services are available to all people regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or physical and mental ability.

The Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy accredits SARC as a Community Sexual Assault Program. SARC is a member of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs and

the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties.

Services are provided through grants from the state and federal government, local and regional foundations, and through donations from our generous community.

The opinions expressed in the "Point of View" section of this publication do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of staff, board of directors, volunteers and sponsors of SARC.

The SARC Advocate is designed to educate, inform and promote community awareness regarding sexual assault issues. Reader feedback and submissions are always welcome. Mail to: 830 North Columbia Center Blvd., Suite H, Kennewick, WA 99336 or contact us via e-mail.

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