

Understanding Child Victims of Human Trafficking

Understanding the mindset of child human trafficking victims is important to helping them restore their lives.

Their reasons for coming to the U.S. vary, but consistently, children succumb to exploitation under the guise of opportunity—children may believe they are coming to the United States to be united with family, to work in a legitimate job or to attend school. Additionally, children may be subject to psychological intimidation or threats of physical harm to self or family members.

Child victims of human trafficking face significant problems. Often physically and sexually abused, they have distinctive medical and psychological needs that should be addressed before advancing into adulthood. Taught by those who traffick them to fear government officials—and in particular, law enforcement and immigration officers—they are often distrustful of the system.

Children have the most impressionable minds, and the road to recovery is long. Understanding their mindset and building trust through open dialogue is the first step to rescuing and restoring their faith in a new beginning.

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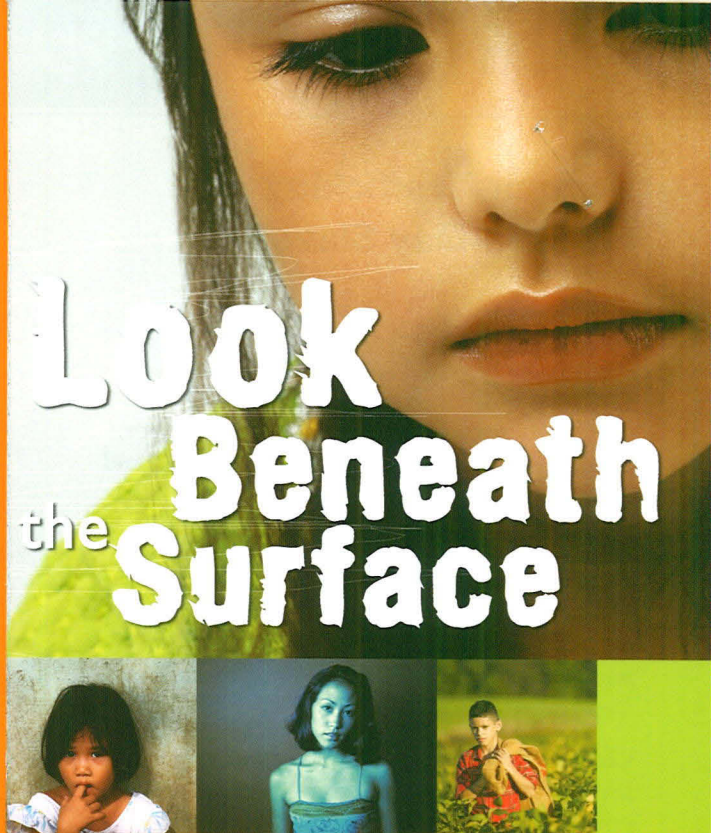
Support for Child Victims of Human Trafficking

If you suspect a child is a victim of human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at **1.888.3737.888** to obtain information and to access supportive services through the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2006 (TVPPRA). This hotline will help victims safely and securely rebuild their lives by connecting them to basic services related to:

- Immediate shelter/specialized foster care
- Health care
- Immigration assistance
- Food
- Legal assistance

Child victims of trafficking may be eligible for the T visa, which allows them to remain in the U.S. and may adjust their status to lawful permanent resident after three years. Through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), unaccompanied trafficked children also are eligible for the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program, which provides a comprehensive range of services for children and places them in culturally appropriate foster homes, group homes, or independent living arrangements, appropriate to their developmental needs.

For more information about human trafficking, visit www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking.



Can you recognize child victims of human trafficking among the people you help everyday?

As a law enforcement officer, a health care professional or a social service provider, you can help rescue and restore the future for victims of human trafficking.

Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Victims are young children, teenagers, men and women.

Approximately 600,000 to 800,000 victims annually are trafficked across international borders worldwide according to U.S. government estimates. **More than half of these victims worldwide are children**, according to the U.S. Department of State.

Child victims of trafficking are often exploited for sexual purposes, including prostitution, pornography and sex tourism. They are also exploited for forced labor, including domestic servitude, sweatshop factory work and migrant farming.

Child victims of trafficking can be found in:

- Commercial sex
- Domestic servitude (servants)
- Sweatshop factories
- Construction
- Farming or landscaping
- Fisheries
- Hotel or tourist industries
- Panhandling
- Janitorial services
- Restaurant services

Identifying Child Victims of Human Trafficking

Children who are victims of human trafficking may be mistaken for prostitutes, runaway youth, migrant farm workers or domestic servants. By looking beneath the surface, picking up on the right clues and asking the right questions, you may uncover children who are being exploited.

- Children exploited for labor are often hungry or malnourished to the extent they may never reach their full height or they may have poorly formed or rotting teeth.
- Children exploited for sexual purposes may show evidence of untreated sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, urinary tract infections, and kidney problems.
- Children who are victims of trafficking can also be identified by environmental factors, including whether the child is living at the workplace or with an employer, living with multiple people in a cramped space, or not in school, attends school sporadically or has a significant gap of schooling in the U.S.
- Forced labor may expose children to physical abuse or leave signs such as scars, headaches, hearing loss, cardiovascular/respiratory problems and limb amputation. They may also develop chronic back, visual and respiratory problems from working in agriculture, construction or manufacturing.
- The psychological effects of exploitation include helplessness, shame and humiliation, shock, denial and disbelief, disorientation and confusion, and anxiety disorders including post traumatic stress disorder, phobias, panic attacks and depression.

Communicating with Child Victims of Human Trafficking

When communicating with children who have been exploited, it is important to remember child victims have special needs and may assume what has happened to them is their own fault. Often, child victims of trafficking may not establish trust easily due to their experiences. They may have been coached to answer your questions in a certain way. With the guidance and involvement of a child welfare expert, asking some of the following questions may help you determine if you are dealing with child victims of trafficking:

- Why did you come to the U.S.? What did you expect when you came? Were you scared?
- Do you have any papers? Who has them?
- Are you in school? Are you working? Can you leave if you want?
- Where do you live? Who else lives there? Are you scared to leave?
- Has anybody ever threatened you to keep you from running away?
- Did anyone ever touch you or hurt you?

While these questions provide a beginning to a challenging dialogue, it is vital to remember that the child should be approached in a manner that reflects his or her age, development, culture, language and what is known about the nature of his or her experience.



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November 15, 2010

Dear Karla,

We would like to request time on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 to present to the City Council/Commissioners information about our upcoming 3rd Annual Northwest Conference Against Trafficking that is presented by Soroptimist International Northwestern Region.

For information on our organization please visit www.soroptimistnwr.org and for further information on the conference and our region's Northwest Coalition Against Trafficking (NWCAT) please visit www.nwcat.org.

The person representing our Region and NWCAT is our SI NWR Public Awareness Chairperson, Michelle A. Bart. Michelle also serves as NWCAT Coordinator and the Conference Chairperson (2009-2012). The address for the organization is P.O. Box 872494, Vancouver, WA 98687.

If you should have any questions please contact Michelle directly at (626) 644-3472. We are also attaching the flyer for the conference and press release.

Sincerely,

Sue Riney

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Subject: RE: Request to speak on December 15th - Portland City Council

Hi Karla,

The organization is fine, I will be representing us: **Soroptimist International & the Northwest Coalition Against Trafficking.**

Thank you Karla!

Michelle

From: Moore-Love, Karla [mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov]
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Michelle,

Request received and I will include the two attachments in the Council packets as well.

The Governor (or did you want just the organization's name?) will be placed on the December 15, 2010 Portland City Council Agenda under the Communications portion of the agenda. Communications are the first item on the agenda and we start at 9:30 a.m. You will have three minutes to address the Council but may also submit written material, please provide seven copies.

Please note communications allow the Council to hear of issues that interest our citizens, but do not always allow an opportunity for dialogue.

Council takes place at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., 2nd Floor, Council Chambers.

Please let me know if you are not able to keep this appointment.

Regards,
Karla

Karla Moore-Love

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And just in case you need some additional materials to give to members of the Council, here is the flyer and press release.

Thank you Karla!!
Michelle

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DARYL HANNAH AND JANE VELEZ-MITCHELL TO HEADLINE HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE JANUARY 14-16, 2011

Portland, OR – Soroptimist International Northwestern Region's Northwest Coalition Against Trafficking (NWCAT) will be hosting the annual Northwest Conference Against Trafficking January 14-16, 2011 in Portland, Oregon.

NWCAT is a coalition of many Agencies, Political Leaders, Community Organizations, Individuals, Media and Business Supporters throughout the Northwest working to *Inform, Educate, and Protect* the women and girls from the Human Labor & Sex Trafficking in the Northwest Region of the United States of America.

The conference will offer breakout sessions, networking receptions, keynote speakers, a luncheon, exhibit resource expo, brunch & brothels w/ actress and advocate **Daryl Hannah**, and continuing education trainings. The **Jane Velez-Mitchell Journalism Award** will also be presented. The emcee for the conference is **Alexis Del Cid, Koin6**.

Other speakers include: Washington State Attorney General **Rob McKenna**, **Linda Smith** (Shared Hope), **Eric Brown** (YWCA Greater Portland) and **Bradley Myles** (Polaris Project) and many others.

The public is invited to visit www.NWCAT.org for registration and more information. Registration opens next week!

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