



Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

Organization for Adolescents (IOFA)

Child House (CH)

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Agenda

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| 12:00-12:10PM | Welcome & Virtual Introductions |
| 12:10-1:00PM | Panel with Technical Assistance Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning Objectives• What is Human Trafficking?• What is Sex Trafficking? Who is Affected?• What training, technical assistance & tools• Questionnaire highlights |
| 1:00-1:30PM | Discussion |

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Technical Assistance Partners



IOFA (established in 1999)

- seeks to eliminate human trafficking and exploitation of adolescents worldwide
- provides innovative programming and solutions to empower and protect young people

Courtney's House (established in 2008)

- searches for children forced into prostitution
- embraces survivors in a safe environment
- trains community officials
- creates awareness of the reality of sex trafficki

- ❑ **COLLABORATION:** 10+ year
- ❑ **TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** Create and implement survivor-led TTA
- ❑ **YOUTH SEX TRAFFICKING:** Expertise to equip youth-serving organizations nationwide with improved knowledge and skills to address Youth Sex Trafficking (YST).
- ❑ **OVW CYEMP GRANTEE SUPPORT:** Provide accessible, inclusive, survivor-led, youth centered, trauma informed training, resources and targeted TTA to OVW CYEMP grantees (2016-2021; 2023-2025)

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the difference between **human trafficking and sex trafficking**
2. Explore **why it is important** to address sex trafficking in your CYEM projects
3. Assess how to address sex trafficking in your **project planning and implementation**
4. **Gather information** from grantees on their work addressing sex trafficking
5. Highlight **training, technical assistance, and tools** that IOFA will provide



What is Human Trafficking?

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS

- Exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion
- Sex trafficking, forced labor, domestic servitude
- Any person under the age of 18 involved in a commercial sex act

WHERE?: Happening everywhere, even in the US.

WHO?: Victims can be US citizens or of any nationality, age, socioeconomic status or gender.

What are Human Trafficking Risk Factors and Impacts?

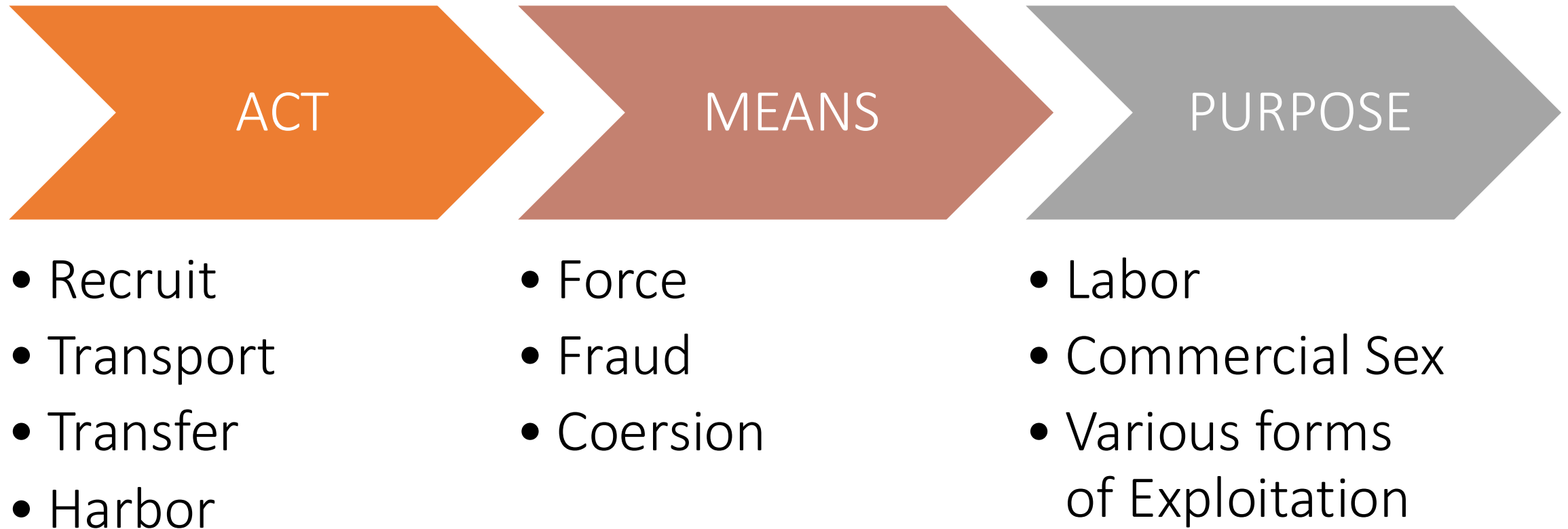
RISK FACTORS

- Marginalized youth
- Runaway/homeless
- In child welfare system
- Migration
- Mental concerns
- Disabled
- LGBTQI+

IMPACT

- Lost human rights
- Lost childhood
- Mental health
- Anxiety
- PTSD
- Depression
- Substance abuse

How and Why Does Human Trafficking Occur?





What is Sex Trafficking?

- **Sex Trafficking:** A crime when a person of any age and gender is forcefully involved in commercial sex acts.
- **Youth Sex Trafficking:** In the United States, any minor under the age of 18 engaged in commercial sex acts is automatically considered a victim of sex trafficking under the law.



Who is affected?

Where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age can affect a wide range of health and quality-of-life outcomes and risks, including risk of youth sex trafficking.

What training, technical assistance & tools will IOFA & Courtney's House provide?

Technical support

- Analysis of gaps and needs
- Online trainings and webinars
- Virtual small sessions
- Youth Advisory Board
- Office Hours
 - Policy/Procedure Review
 - Case Support
 - Collaborative Training with Partners

Tools

- Factsheets
- Prevention toolkit
- Webinars
- Social media campaign
- Resources for Staff and Clients

Questionnaire Highlights: CYEM Grantee Needs for TTA on YST

67 Grantee Responses

Current YST knowledge: 37% have limited to no knowledge of youth sex trafficking

YST Programs: 70% have no youth sex trafficking programs

Types of training needed: basic awareness, prevention strategies, identifying victims, survivor services, legal support

Preferred training format: Webinars (59%) & in-person (21%) were noted as best training format

Requested TTA: Protocols to identify YST (17%); Youth-centered services (10%); Prevention strategies (9%); Community partnerships & referral materials (7%); YST policies (4%)

Discussion: What specific challenges does your organization face in addressing YST?



CYEM Program
Grantee Questionnaire for TTA on
Sex Trafficking



Thank you!

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Text: HELP to 233733 (BEFREE)

Chat: humantraffickinghotline.org/chat

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