



TIPS FOR EDUCATORS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking is modern day slavery. It involves exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of forced labor, commercial sex, or both. Growth of trafficking in minors is attributed to increased demand and access.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **35,000 Texas children** attend school within 1,000 feet of an illicit massage business (uaht.org).
- Only 9% of perpetrators are strangers – **91% of groomers** / traffickers **have a relationship** to the student prior to capitalization (humantraffickinghotline.org).
- **Victims can be anyone.** Trafficking does not discriminate!

REPORTING:

- You must report to appropriate agency within 24 hours of trafficking disclosure: DFPS AND Local Law Enforcement
- DFPS 1-800-858-5400, txabusehotline.org

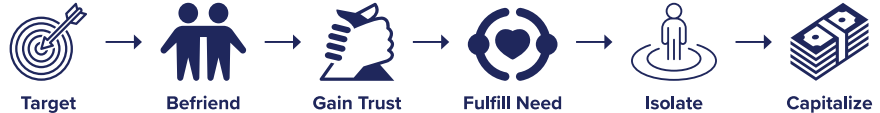
BEST PRACTICES:

There are many misconceptions surrounding human trafficking, here are the facts:

- Most victims are not kidnapped; rather, they are groomed and lured over a long period of time.
- Most victims know their trafficker. Traffickers are often a family member, friend, or boyfriend/girlfriend.
- Many victims do not feel safe due to emotional manipulation and psychological control by traffickers.

Be familiar with the grooming process:

- Grooming is any manipulation used to control or take advantage of another. It typically involves gaining the trust of another individual prior to exploitation.



Be aware of indicators of sex and labor trafficking:

- **Social** – changes in typical activities, friends, hobbies or demeanor; peer conversations about older boyfriends/girlfriends; rumors about someone offering a place where kids can party or live.
- **Behavioral** – fear of social interaction, scripted answers, inconsistent stories, injuries, uses advanced sexual terms, low self-esteem.
- **Physical** – branding tattoos (barcode designs or any symbol representing the pimp), gifts from unknown sources, homelessness or possession of hotel cards, multiple cell phones, malnourishment, lacerations, poor physical hygiene. (Keep in mind many victims will not show any physical signs of distress.)



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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS



STEP 1

Submit an anonymous tip



STEP 2

Your tip leads to an arrest or disciplinary action



STEP 3

Receive a cash reward
(up to \$5,000)