



ICTSOS

End Human Trafficking

ICT SOS is an anti-human trafficking non-profit based in Wichita, Kansas.

Programs Available

- **Community Awareness- Human Trafficking 101 & 102**
- **Next Step Volunteer Training**
- **Professional Development**
 - Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Medical Organizations
 - Education Groups/School Staff
- **Not Alone: Exploitation Awareness**
 - Middle School- 3 days
 - High School- 3 days

Mission

Our Mission

To see the end of human trafficking.

Our Mission in the Community

- Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Education
- Adult Client Services- Advocacy and Therapy
- Community Resource Coordination

Advocacy Services

- ❑ **No cost to clients**
- ❑ Case Management
- ❑ Trauma-informed supportive counseling/therapeutic services
- ❑ Resources and Referrals to other needed services
- ❑ Advocacy throughout legal and medical processes

Multidisciplinary Partners

Kansas
Department for Children and Families

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Wichita Children's Home

Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

CARPENTER PLACE

Wichita FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

SAFE PLACE

RISE UP FOR YOUTH

Child Advocacy Center
of Sedgwick County

EmberHope
YOUTHVILLE

Saint Francis MINISTRIES

HOPE
MEDICAL FORENSIC SERVICES

Wichita - Sedgwick County Kansas Exploited & Missing Child Unit

Fresh Start Bags



Every Fresh Start Bag Includes:

- Sweatshirt, Sweat Pants, T-Shirt
- Undergarments
- Toiletries
- Food Gift Card
- Journal & Pens
- Book/Comfort Item
 - Blanket

**What is something you know about
Human Trafficking?**

Human Trafficking is the buying and selling of people.

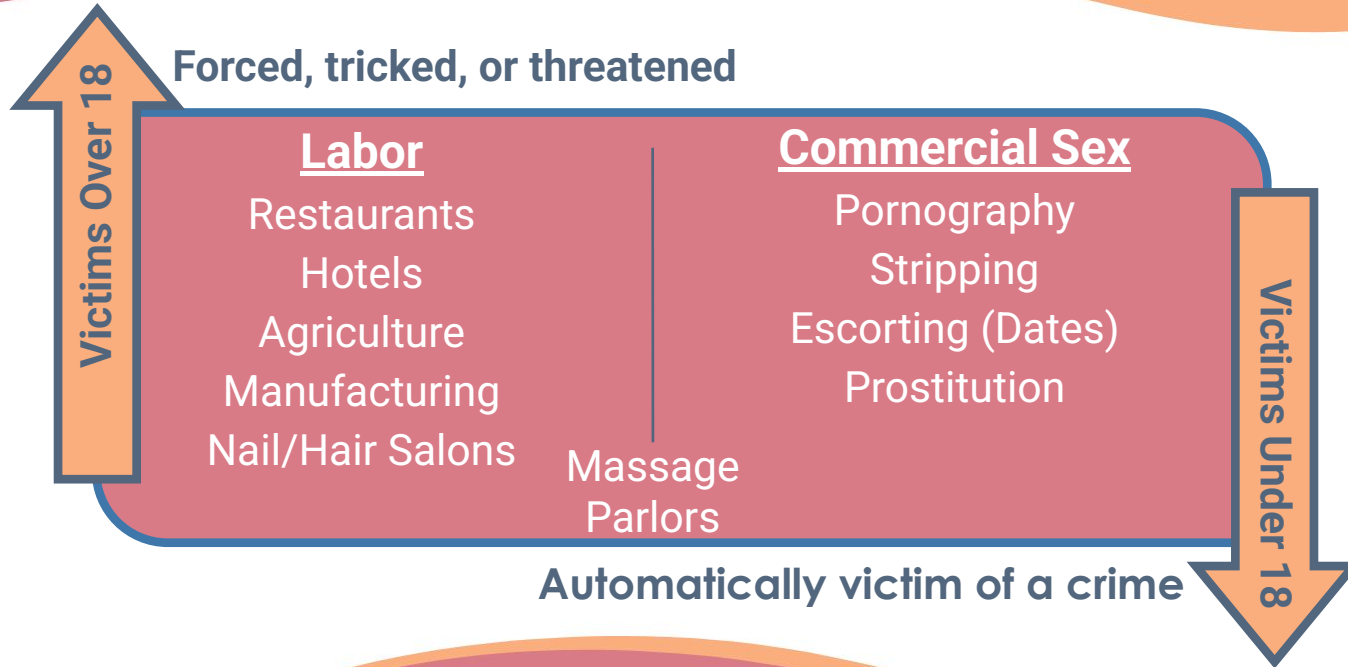
❑ Exploitation:

To take advantage of/use someone

❑ Exchange of Value:

Money, food, shelter, clothes, e-gift credits, etc.

Human Trafficking Defined



K.S. A. 21-5426 Human trafficking.

(a) Human trafficking is: The intentional **recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person** for labor or services **through the use of force, fraud or coercion**.

(b) Aggravated Human Trafficking

involving recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining, by any means, a person **under 18** years of age . . . **with or without force, fraud, threat, or coercion**. . . will be used to engage in . . . sexual gratification of another.

**Can you
guess the
average age
of entry for
trafficking?**



10-13 years old

Statistics

The ICAC Detectives report a **300 percent increase in online exploitation reports** and cases following the schools shut down.

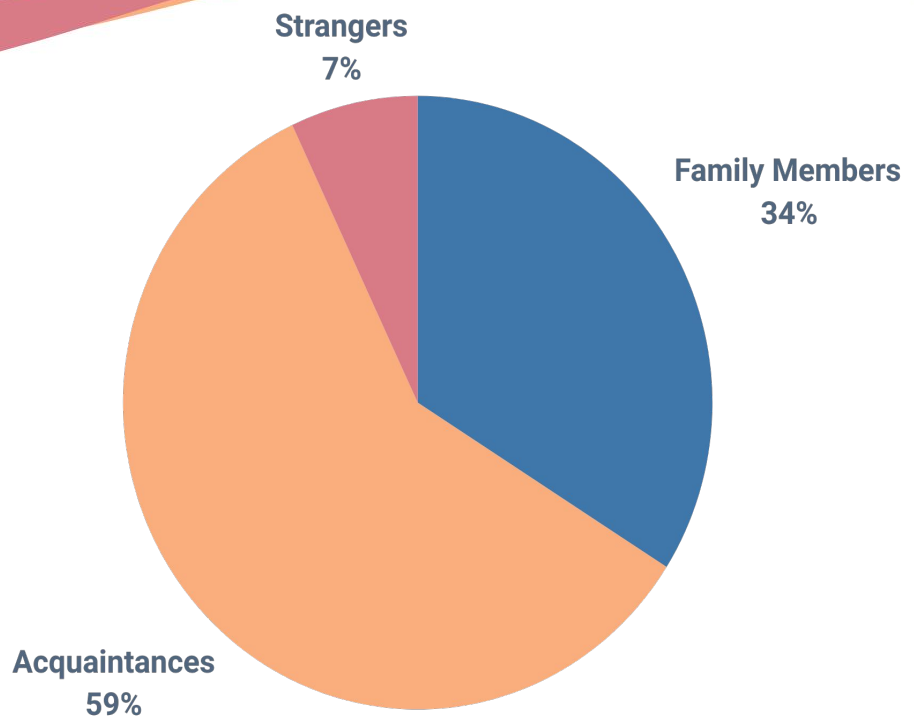
March 2020: 379,883

April 2020: 1,127,513

So far in 2025, EMCU identified 24 minor victims of human trafficking in Sedgwick County.

They receive on average 800 case per month from NCMEC.
Additionally, they are up over 100% from last year.

Minor Victim Statistics



data via RAINN

Discussion: Scenario 1

1. How could this be considered human trafficking?
2. What is the exchange of value?
3. Who could be charged with human trafficking?
4. What factors led this individual into an at-risk situation?

Victims of Exploitation

Victims Can Be:

- Any ethnicity, race, or religion.
- All social and economic backgrounds.
- Across all genders.
- All sexual orientations.
- All ages, including teens and children.

Groups More At Risk:

- Youth with histories of abuse
- Youth lacking a safety net
- Homeless and runaway youth
- Youth within the foster care system
- LGBTQ+

Red Flags & Warning Signs

- ❑ In a relationship with a controlling person.
- ❑ Controls access to phone, people, family.
- ❑ Controls conversations and interactions with other people.
- ❑ Makes them feel fearful, nervous, and/or submissive.
- ❑ Frequently calls and/or texts wanting to know location.
- ❑ Can't make decisions without partner's approval.

Indicators of Exploitation

- Defers to someone else for decisions/needs to constantly check in
- Multiple cell phones
- Evasive about life details, inconsistency in stories
- Chronic runaway or truancy
- Fake IDs, Lying about age
- Missing school
- Prepaid phones, credit cards, hotel key cards, etc.
- Bruises, malnourished
- Inappropriate age/relationship with 'Friend'
- Change in clothes/appearance
- Change in demeanor/behavior
- Tattoos (gang/pimp branding)

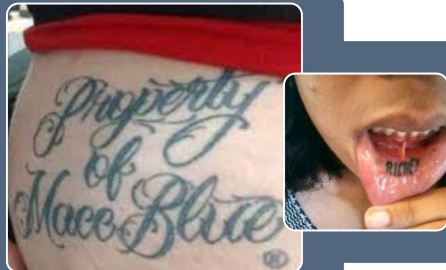
Tattoo Examples



Serial Numbers



Crown



Identifiers



Money Symbol



Phrasing

Control Indicators

- **Accompanied** by a controlling person
- Controlling person **does not allow patient to answer**
- Person **interrupts or corrects** the patient
- Patient is **not in control** of their **ID** or passport
- **Patient** exhibits **fear, nervousness,** and/or **avoids eye contact**
- Patient **frequently receives text or calls**
- Patient exhibits **hyper-vigilance** or **subordinate demeanor**

Examples of Screening Questions

- Have you ever exchanged sex for food, shelter, drugs, or money?
- Have you ever been forced to have sex against your will?
- Have you been asked to have sex with multiple partners?
- Do you have to meet a quota of money before you can go home?

Questions To Ask To Determine HT Risk

- Have you ever traded sex for food, shelter, drugs or money while on the run?
- Have you ever had to perform sexual favors while on the run?
- Have you or anyone else advertised on any internet sites?
- Have anyone taken photos of you and placed them on the internet or have you done this yourself?

**Suspicion of
Human Trafficking or Exploitation is a
MANDATED REPORT.**

Medical Considerations

- Most healthcare professionals have **never received education/training on human trafficking** and are ill-equipped to appropriately manage and refer trafficked persons, if they are able to recognize them at all.
- **95% of trafficked persons** who sought a healthcare professional during their time of enslavement were **never provided with information regarding human trafficking.**
- 47% of trafficking victims report being denied access to healthcare.

Obstacles to Overcome

Trauma

- May be in a trauma response
- Trouble recalling events due to trauma
- May experience trauma reminders

Relationships

- May care for trafficker
- Lacks desire to report trafficker
- Returns willingly

Best Practice

Respectful of
patient wishes

Validate patient's
feelings

Sensitive to the
complexity of their
needs

Aware of factors
that might have
rendered them
vulnerable to being
trafficked

Assess safety

Coordinated team
approach

Avoid re-
traumatization

“Knowledge on human trafficking may increase levels of empathy toward trafficked survivors and strengthen the patient-medical provider/nurse relationship, finally **allowing for trafficked persons to perceive hospitals and clinics as safe spaces** to seek medical care and disclose their exploitation.”

Shin, Oberlin, Rigby & Chelmow (2020)

Juvenile Resources



- Staff Secure Unit (SSU)
- Saint Francis Community Services
- DCCA, EmberHope, RFS, etc.



- EMCU
- Internet Crimes Against Children
- VICE Unit
- FBI
- HSI



- Via Christi Forensic Nursing
- Wesley Forensic Nursing
- Hope Forensic Medical Svcs.



- KVC Mental Health Hospital



- Child Advocacy Center
- Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

Adult Resources



- Harbor House
- Wichita Family Crisis Center
- StepStone



- HOT Team
- Broadway Corridor Team
- VICE Unit
- FBI
- DV/Sex Crimes



- Wesley Forensic Nursing
- Via Christi Forensic Nursing
- Hope Forensic Medical Svcs.



- Substance Abuse Centers of KS



- ICT SOS
- Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATISTICS

- Online recruitment accounted for **65%** of reported trafficking cases in 2021
- **26,718** reports of **financial sextortion** were received in **2023**, up from **10,731** reports in **2022**.
- **85% of survivors** report being sexually assaulted before the age of 18.

(NCMEC, Polaris)



QUESTIONS

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