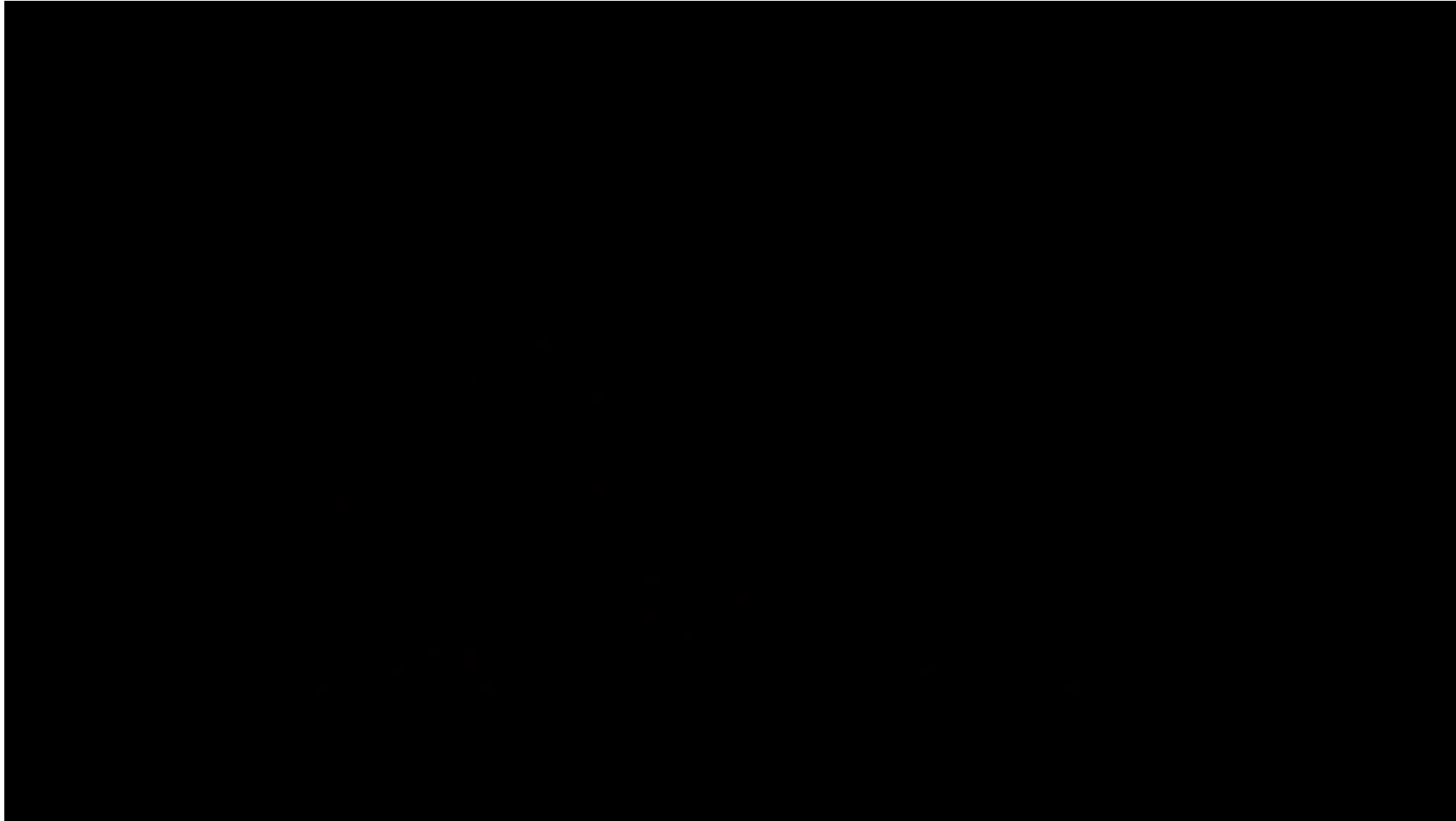


Video: "Lured by a Job, Trapped in Forced Labour"



Video: Small Group Discussion

Reactions?

What have you heard about/what do you know about human trafficking?

Trafficking: Big Picture

The consequence of other failed systems, including foster care, child protection, immigration, and labor standards.

An old crime that is finally being addressed by social services, legal services, and law enforcement.

A crime difficult to prosecute because victims don't always realize they've experienced a crime and may avoid police for fear of prosecution or deportation.

TVPA

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000:

Establishes the crime of trafficking
(prosecution),

Builds awareness and systems (prevention),
and

Enhances services and collaboration
(protection).¹

1. "Current Federal Laws."

. Web.

Definitions

Human trafficking: compelling into labor/commercial sex work through force, fraud or coercion, for economic gain of a trafficker.

Or any minor in commercial sex work is a victim/survivor of human trafficking.



How do traffickers recruit and control?

may appear as:

Bait and switch (ie, fraudulent relationships, the promise of a better job or opportunity)

Force (kidnapping or assault)

Manipulating a person's vulnerabilities (addiction, criminal record, poverty)

into trafficking may include:

Abuse including sexual and physical abuse, starvation, confinement

Emotional manipulation including threatening friends or family, shaming victim about informing family of activities

Other means of coercion including supplying or withholding basic needs or alcohol, prescription or illicit drugs

Tactics: Force, Fraud, Coercion

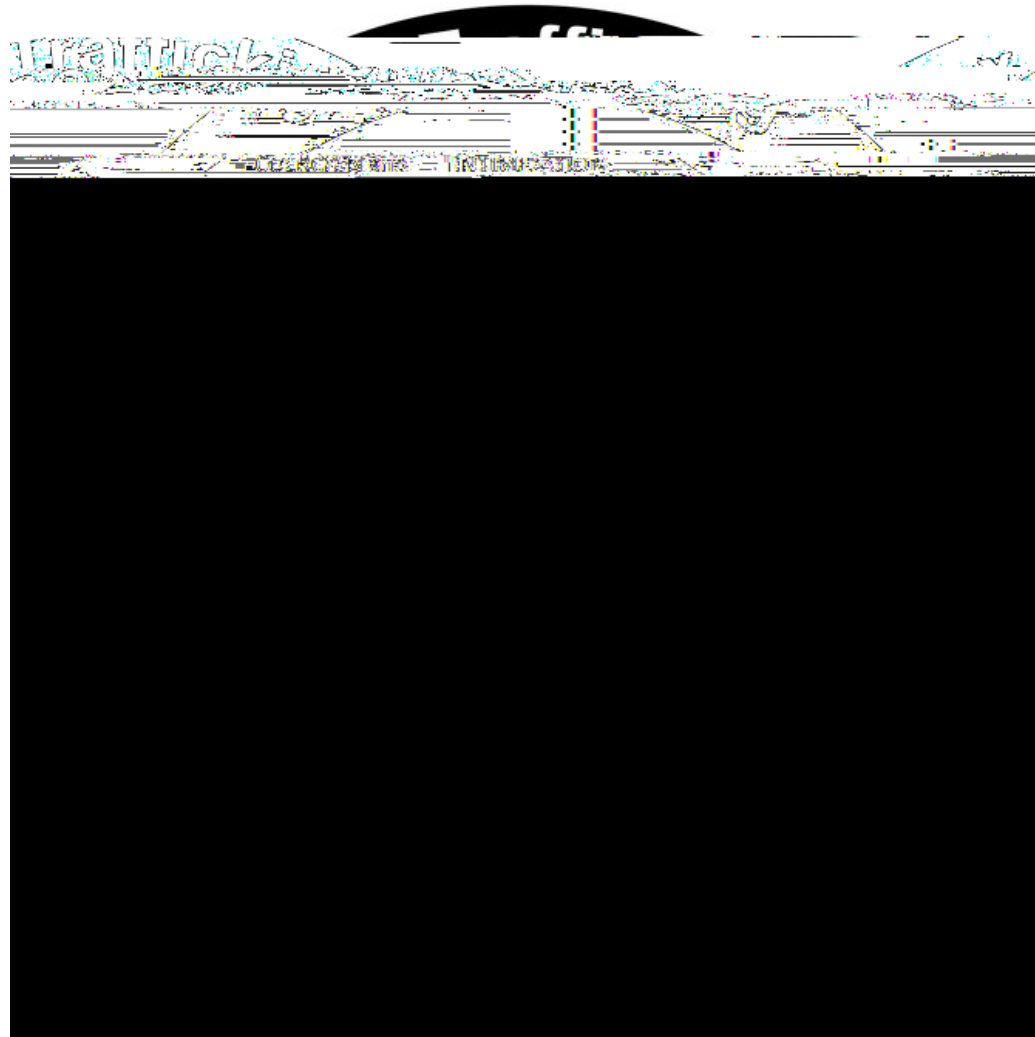
How do traffickers ensure someone continues to work for them after recruitment?

Force: sexual assault, rape, physical abuse and violence, isolation, imprisonment, torture

Fraud: deception, false promises, illegal contracts

Coercion: holding documents, withholding pay, debt bondage, threats of violence against victims, threats to report immigration status to authorities, threatening family or friends in home country, emotional and psychological abuse

Tactics, continued



Laws: Maine



Data: In Maine

Limited Data

More Efforts Needed:

Increased Partnership

Increased Identification

Expansion of labor exploitation laws

What have we seen in Maine?

We know each county in Maine has reported sex trafficking
Preble Street Anti-Trafficking Collaborative, since spring
2014, has served:

60% over the age of 25

Over 88.7% percent did not have stable housing at intake

PSATC Approach

Client-centered

Empowerment philosophy increases access to:

Services

Support

Information

Supports survivor's right to make choices

Facilitate growth and healing

PSATC Services

Intensive Case Management

Assistance with basic needs, including medical and substance use treatment

Mental health and substance use counseling

Shelter and housing referrals

Linkages to other services

Help with access to public benefits

Civil, criminal, and immigration referrals

Culturally sensitive services

Advocacy through the criminal justice system

Preble Street Approach

Low Barrier access to our services

Case Management – Judgment free

Advocacy through CJS

Meet clients where they are at – LITERALLY!

Housing First

Housing is at the center of each service plan

Substance Use and Mental Health Treatment do not determine “Housing Readiness”

Harm Reduction

Service plans that emphasize the

Client goals may minimize harm rather than eliminate it

Needle exchange, sheltering options appropriate to current use



Vulnerabilities:

Who is vulnerable to trafficking?

Youth, especially runaway and homeless youth

Foreign nationals; displaced individuals

Mental health concerns/cognitive disabilities

Those living in poverty, oppressed, marginalized

Indicators and Red Flags:

community partner with suspicion of trafficking.

No access to _____, especially passports for foreign nationals.

Mentions of _____ in reference to employer/family member/partner.

_____ (without known resources to do so).

_____ or areas known for criminal activities.

_____ or signs of untreated illness of disease.

_____ or cut off from any family or support system.

Works _____ or unusual hours and is unpaid, paid very little or paid only through tips.

_____ or residence.

_____ 3rd party speaks or translates for them.

_____ (including STIs and a history of pregnancies).

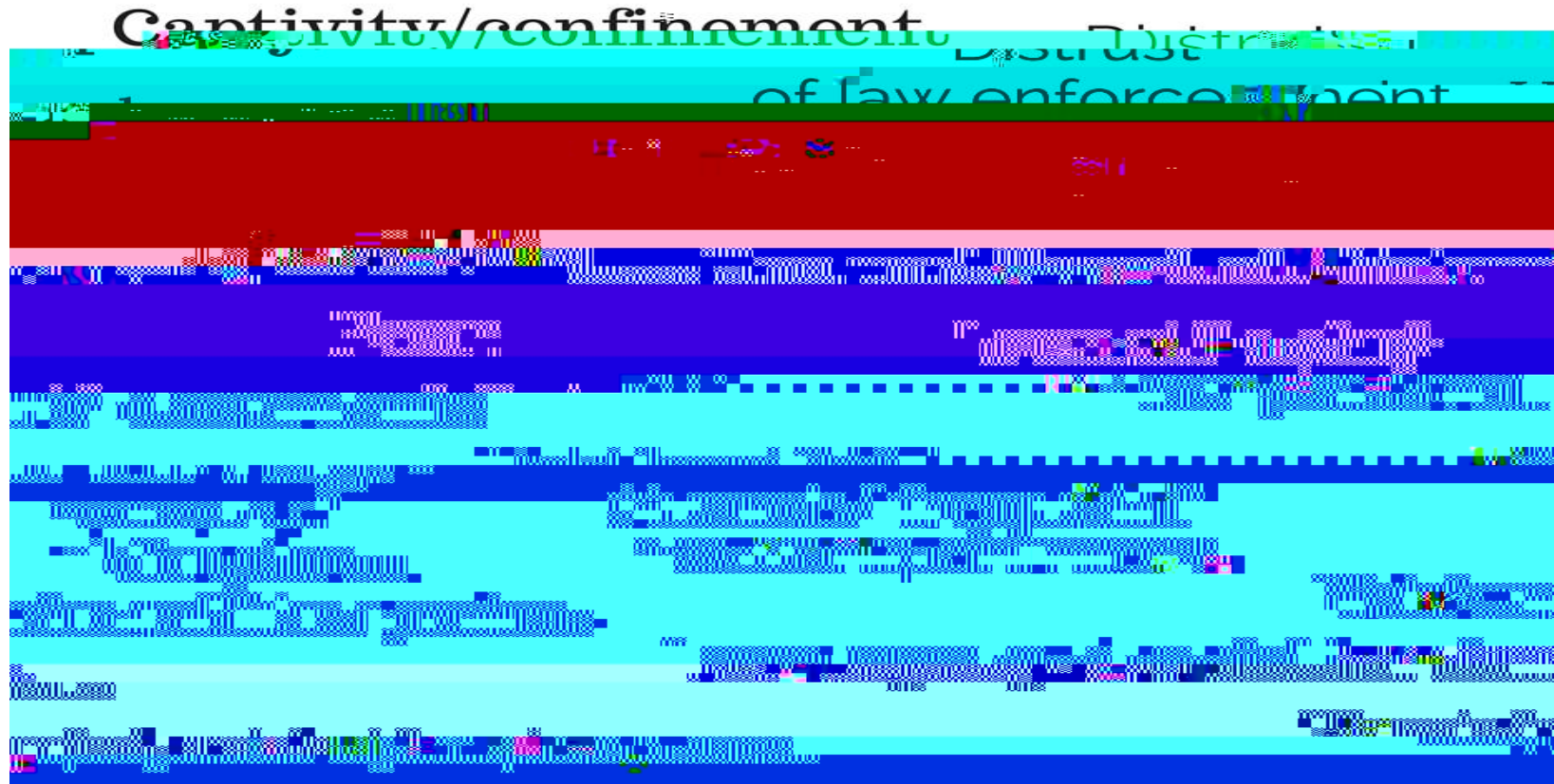
Evidence of _____ employer, partner or older adult.

Scenarios: Identifying a Potential Victim

presents at an appointment with a primary care provider complaining of chronic pain and an untreated skin condition. Rosie says she works as a nanny, and is accompanied to the appointment by her employer, who is from the same home country as Rosie. Rosie's employer says that she will act as interpreter during the appointment.

Discussion:

Why might a victim/survivor not report their experience?
How might they respond to law enforcement or providers?



Possible Assessment Questions

Have you ever traded or been asked to trade sex/sexual acts for food, shelter or other basic needs?

Does someone control, supervise or monitor what you do?

How did you meet this person/how did you find out about this job?

Is your communication (calls, emails, conversations) ever restricted or monitored?

Do you have access to all your identification/personal documents?

Do you have access to any money or the money that you earn? Does anyone take all or some of your money?



Maine Service Structure



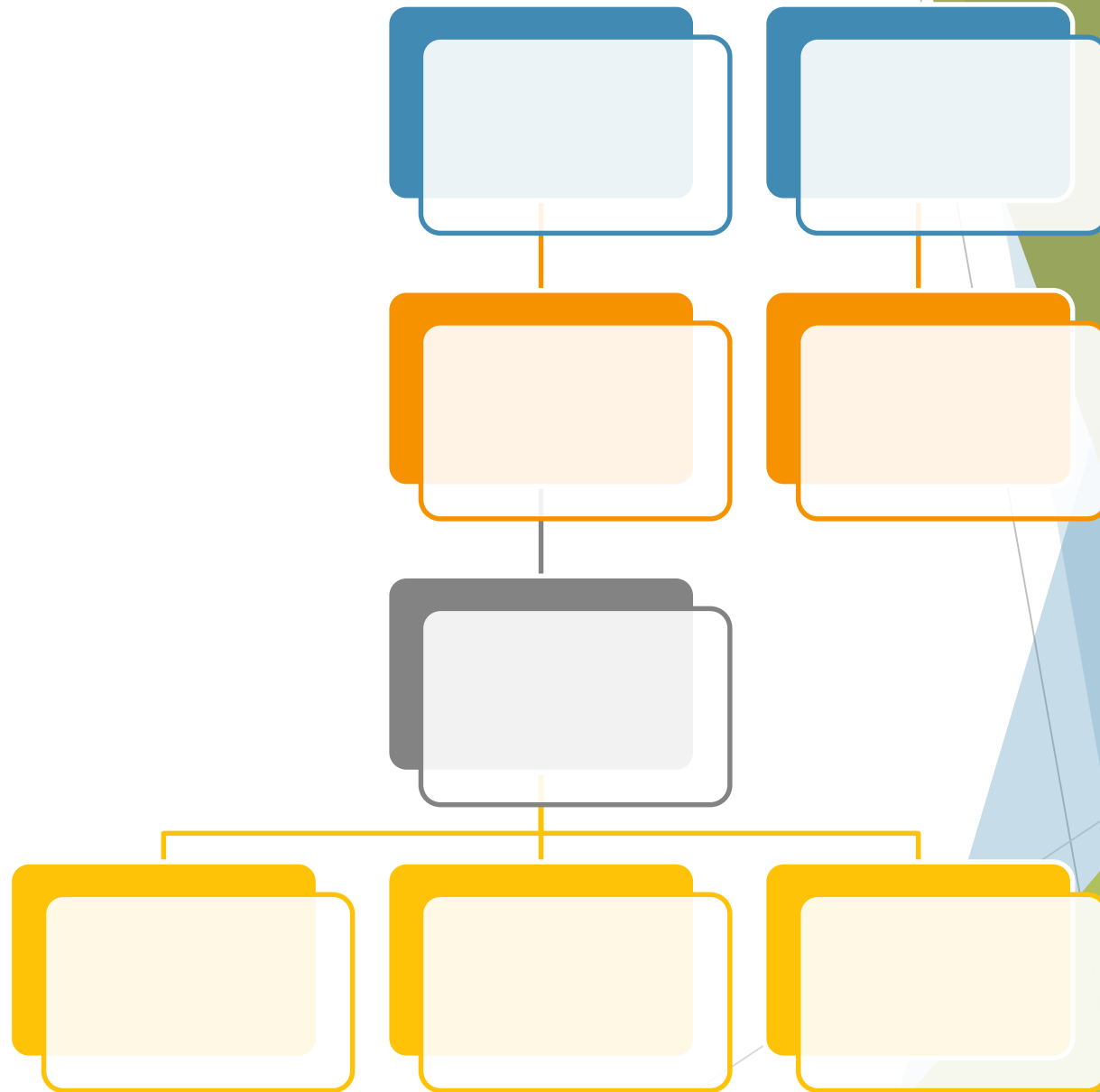
After-Hours:

The National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH):
Maine's Single Point of Contact for Trafficking.

The toll-free hotline is available for urgent and non-urgent calls, 24/7.

200 languages are available.

A call to the NHTH can connect you with local Maine resources.



I am doing exceptionally well for the first time in 17 years. This program is a really good fit for me and things are hard but all in all good. I am in counseling and therapy. I have seen a psychiatrist and have gotten back on my meds..... I am safe and I am not being hurt or forced to do anything that I do not want to do...

-- Former PSATC Client; Maine
Trafficking Survivor

Thanks to:

