Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth (CSEY) 101

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Objectives

1. Understand statues and definitions related to commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) of youth and factors that contribute to vulnerabilities and increased risk

2. Learn practical strategies for screening, engagement, and resource connection

3. Review case scenarios to demonstrate identification of sexually exploited and sex trafficked youth in medical settings and mandatory reporting responsibilities

Significance in Healthcare

>80% of individuals who experienced sex trafficking had contact with a medical provider during their victimization

However:

- <50% of providers could correctly classify trafficked individuals
- 90% of providers & 79% of social workers were not confident in identification, screening & response
- 95% wanted to learn more (2015 study)

Lederer. The health consequences of sex trafficking and their implications for identifying victims in healthcare facilities. *Annals of Health Law*. 2014

Beck. Medical Providers' Understanding of Sex Trafficking and Their Experience with At-Risk Patients. *Pediatrics*. 2015

Hansen. Development and Assessment of an Online Training for the Medical Response to Sex Trafficking of Minors. *Academic Pediatrics*. 2018

Stats from WI Department of Children & Families (2018-2021)

72 counties reporting

- 2018-2021 call data consistently reflects child welfare reports, specific to trafficking, in all 72 counites

Impacts all genders

- 79.6% female (2021)
- 19.8% male (2021)
- Slight increase in identified males each year

445 reports to Access (2021)

- Typically screened as a non-caregiver SA
- Majority ages 14-17
- 58% white, 30.3% black, 11.7% other/unknown

83 substantiated (2021)

- Known or unknown maltx
- Relies on disclosure/ endorsement by youth or LE confirming evidence

Other significant findings

2018 Dane County research study* found:

- 2% of **ALL** High School Students surveyed reported being involved in sex trading
  - "Have you ever had sexual contact in order to stay safe or to get something like a place to stay, money, gifts, alcohol, or drugs?"
    - 13,714 responded to this specific question
    - Voluntary anonymous participate
    - 24 high schools across 17 Dane County School districts
  - 91% of those who endorsed were minors
- Similar findings to students who responded "yes" on the MPS YRBS in the same school year

Milwaukee Public Schools 2022-2023 YRBS added trafficking question to unwanted sexual behavior section of survey and found:

(19,511 students, grades 6-12)

- **10% of responding students stated "yes"** – "Ever tried to encourage, pressure or force you to exchange sexual acts for money, a place to stay, food, clothes, gifts, favors, drugs, or protection"
  - 4% responded "not sure"
- **12% sent or received nudes** / sexually explicit videos through social media one or more times in **the last 30 days**
- **10% reported forced sexual activity** one more times in **the last 12 months**

*Sex Trading Prevalence: Understanding Sex trafficking Risks Among Dane County Students

Sex Trafficking of a Child

Whoever knowingly recruits, entices, provides, obtains, harbors, transports, patronizes, or solicits or knowingly attempts to recruit, entice, provide, obtain, harbor, transport, patronize, or solicit any child for the purpose of commercial sex acts (s948.051 Wisconsin Statute)

CSEY

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth (CSEY)refers to the sexual abuse or exploitation of a young person for the financial benefit of any person or in exchange for anything of value (including monetary and non-monetary benefits) given or received by any person. (OJJDP)

Important Reminders

Elements of force, fraud, and coercion do not apply in cases for minor victims

Sex trafficking of a minor does not require a third party / trafficker to be arranging or financially benefiting from the commercial sex acts

Minors can NEVER give legal consent for their participation in commercial sex

Adults who purchase sex acts from minors are perpetrating sexual assault (and trafficking), even when the minor is seemingly cooperative

Regardless of youth behaviors, choices, or experiences - exploitation / trafficking is a result of the actions of the exploiters, NOT the youth.

Adults are responsible for setting and maintaining boundaries to not cause harm towards kids and teens.

Who may be involved?

- Dating partners
- People in the neighborhood
- Family members, friends of the family
- People who have their own past experience of exploitation
- People who pay for sex
- People who use their profession to get close to youth
- People who use online, sometimes anonymous, spaces to find, develop relationships with, and exploit youth
- Hotels, private homes, vehicles, strip clubs, locally, far away … *anywhere demand for commercial sex exists*

Vulnerabilities & Protective Factors

- Food insecurity
- Housing instability
- Family/caregiver rejection or conflict
- Prior victimizations
- Child welfare/youth justice involvement
- Substance misuse
- Lack of healthy coping mechanisms & trusted support
- Family/peers involved in the sex trades
- LGBTQ+ youth who are unsupported
- Immigration status

- Supportive adult relationships
- Understanding of un/healthy relationships
- Consent and refusal skills
- Awareness of trafficking/exploitation
- Having basic needs met in a sustainably, developmentally appropriate way
- Connection to community & extra curricular activities
- Understand how to apply all the above to social media and online

Observed Indicators in Medical Practice

- History of other sexual abuse
- Struggling with substance abuse or recreational use
- Cognitive delays & vulnerabilities (mental health conditions, trauma)
- Pregnant by an adult or pregnant and still having multiple sexual partners
- Drastic change in appearance between visits
- Evidence of homelessness, but still meeting their basic needs without known adult support
- Use of multiple cell phones during the visit, having large amounts of money or other things atypical for a teen
- Frequent clinic or ED visits for reproductive or STI concerns
- Presents alone or with adult who cannot be properly identified
- Teen dating violence / physical abuse by adult partner
- Unexplained injuries, report of strangulation / “choked out”

How it can look in patient care

- 17 y/o F previously trafficked by a boyfriend & frequently runs from group home
  - Needs money for daily living supplies and places to stay due to lack of family support and trouble at the group home where she is supposed to be staying.
  - Feels her current situation is safer than when she was trafficked by another person.
  - Still accesses health care thru EDs and PCP – sometimes endorses the CSE screening questions & is open with PCP about having multiple partners.
- 16 y/o M meets another male online, chats on an App & texts for several weeks, send each other nudes
  - Attends a party with the male friend.
  - Men at the party offer them money for sex acts / to record the two teens engaging sexually with each other.
  - Parents check his phone, become concerned and bring him for medical evaluation.
- 14 y/o F with history of trauma & mental health issues
  - Exhibits crisis behaviors in which parent is unable to control for youth/family safety.
  - When running away, she attempts to catch rides from one city to another – asked to perform sex acts in exchange.
  - Learns that sex has monetary value and begins responding to adult solicitations as means to meet her basic needs while on the run, but uninetnionally becomes involved with multiple men who (violently) assault and traffic her to others.
  - Uses EDs as part of her safety plan and sometimes opens up to staff about what is happening, despite not being ready to fully exit

Other ways youth may explain their situation:

"I'm trafficking myself / prostituting"

"I'm doing what I have to do to survive / take care of myself"

"You don't understand. I'm keeping the money"

"No one is telling me what to do."

"I'm not doing sex trafficking"

Best Practices Around Language

Ask and Listen

"Tell me more about what that means to you / what you mean by that"

Keep an Open Mind

Terms and words will vary and change from patient to patient and over time

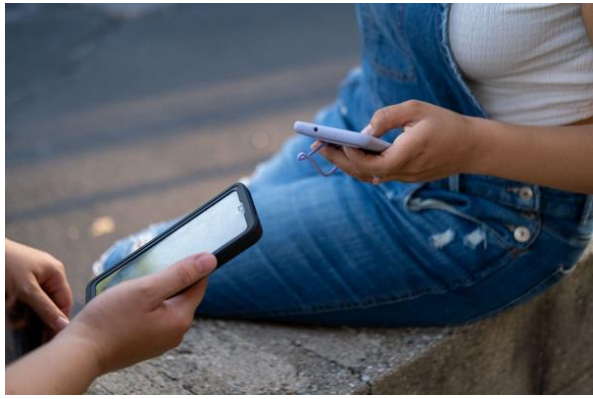
Trauma Informed Language / Images

PERSON – FIRST LANGUAGE

- Youth who experience(d) trafficking / exploitation
- Youth who trade sex to meet their needs
- Youth who is vulnerable
- Youth who is missing from care

EMPOWER VS. RESCUE

- Dignifies people with lived experience
- Reduces re-traumatization by not implying they made a wrong decision
- Allows youth to come to their own conclusions about their experience
- Honors individual rights, autonomy, & self-determination

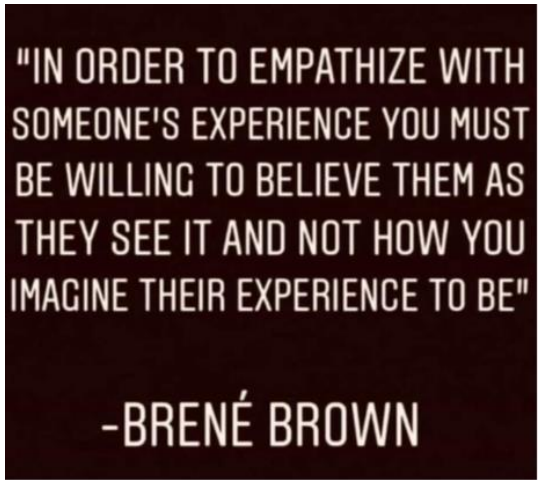


Patient Barriers

- Fear & safety issues due to their living situation
- Shame around their experience and symptoms
- Not identifying their experience as a victimization; thus, reducing the likelihood of seeking sexual assault care
- Concern about confidentiality & mandated reporting, especially for minors
- Experience of judgement by the care team (real or perceived) about their actions or choices
  - Can also lead to unintentional victim/patient blaming for harm they've experienced

Patient Engagement

Your words matter!



DO:

- Approach with kind & caring nature
- Address what is most important to the patient
- Consider what options may be available during the visit to promote self-determination & rapport building

DON'T

- Limit identification to disclosure or youth seeking sexual assault care
- Impose judgment or advice about the youth's decisions
- Mislead youth to think something can stay private/confidential when it cannot

Universal Screening Format: *Inform, Norm, Ask*

UNIVERSAL SCREENING FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS

- *Inform:* Sometimes we hear from patients about making money for themselves or other people on the streets, or thru people they meet online. Or they may be doing sexual things or asked to do sexual things like send nudes to take care of themselves.
- *Norm:* Because this has an impact on people's health, we talk to all teens about it to make sure they know what medical and other resources are available.
- *Ask:* Have you heard of this? / Has this ever happened to you or someone you know? / Would you be okay with me sending you home with some resources?

UNIVERSAL SCREENING FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS (EXAMPLE)

- *Inform:* Sometimes we hear from teens we work with about making money for themselves or other people on the streets, or thru people they meet online. That could also be doing sexual things or asked to do sexual things like send nudes to take care of themselves.
- *Norm:* Because this has an impact on people's safety and wellbeing, we talk to all teens about it to make sure they know what resources are available or so that they can learn more about keeping themselves safe.
- *Ask:* Have you heard of this? / Has this ever happened to you or someone you know? / Would you be okay with me sending you home with some resources?

Motivational Interviewing Technique: *Affirm , Elicit, Ask (repeat)*

MI SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS:

- *Affirm:* Thank you for explaining the concerns you have about your body. There's a lot going on in your life right , but you still made it a priority to make it here today which shows how much you care about your health.
- *Elicit:* Before we talk more about [treatment options], I wanted to find out what you already know about [xyz]….
- *Ask:* Okay, so it sounds like you've not had a great experience with [medication] in the past. Would it be okay if I share some additional information to see if there are opportunities for adjustments or other treatment options that could be a better fit?

MI SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS:

- *Affirm:* Thank you for helping me understand your concerns about your [living situation]. There's a lot going on in your life right now, especially [at ____'s house] and it makes sense that you feel like you need a break.
- *Elicit:* I am wondering if there have been other times you felt this way? ….. I have some resource options that I can share, but first am curious what you already know about the youth shelters / resources around here?
- *Ask:* Okay, so it sounds like [Resource A] did not work out for you last time. Would it be okay with you if we talked about [Resource B]? I won't know for sure that they have space until we call, but first we can figure out if it's even something you're interested in.

"Soft" screening / Safety questions

- "Tell me about who came with you today" (if alone with patient)
- "Do you have a place to go after this where you feel safe?"
- "Do you have any concerns about getting things you need to take care of yourself like food or somewhere to stay?"
- "Would it be okay with you if I shared some resources before you leave?"
- "Do you have safe access to a phone where someone can contact you about results/follow up after today?"
- Emotional safety / suicide screening

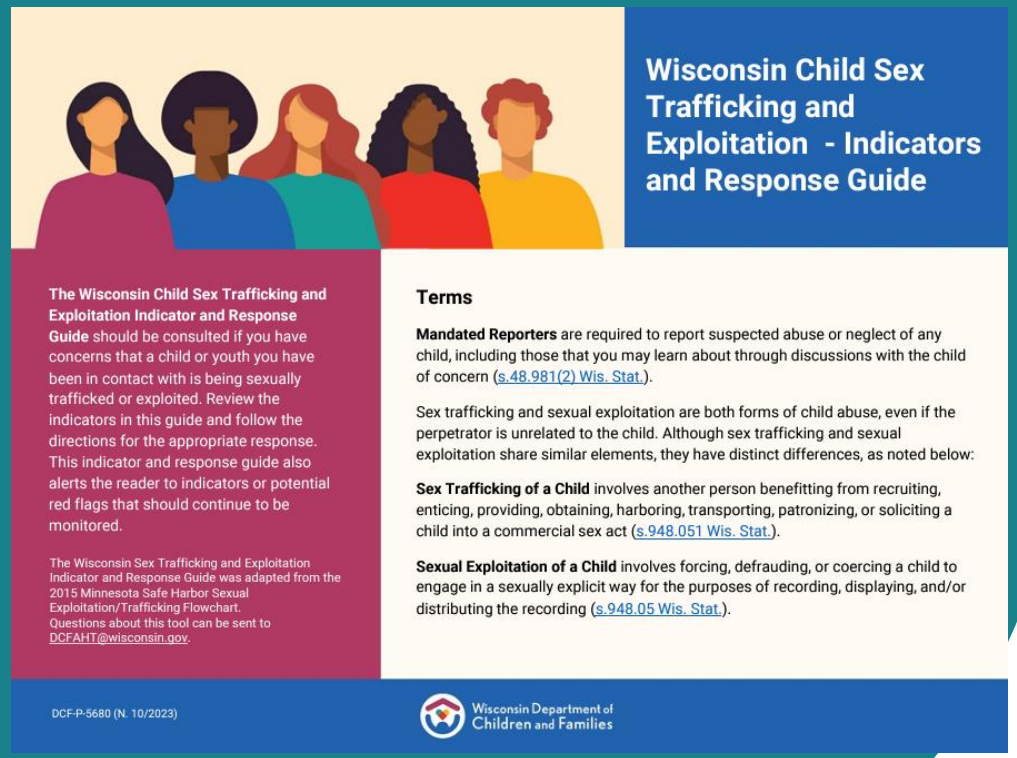
***Patients will respond based on their stage of readiness and what they perceive is most relevant or safe to their current situation. *MOST youth meeting their needs through exploitive relationships or being trafficked will NOT be ready for exit while in our care* ***

Responding to Patient Disclosure

#1 - Acknowledge what you heard!

- "Thank you so much for sharing that. It will help the care team understand the full range of options we can offer you today"
- "It is never okay for any person to take advantage of you like that or cause you harm. We are going to do our best to take care of the concerns you have about your body."
- "Having a place where you feel safe to stay is important to your overall health and wellbeing. While you are waiting for your lab results, would it be okay with you if I check with a colleague to see if they know of any other resources you may be interested in?"
- "You mentioned don't have a phone number that is safe for us to call with your results? Let me check with a colleague so we can brainstorm some other options on how to get in touch after you leave today. Also – if there is anything else you want to talk about regarding safety, we have a therapist who may be available to check-in while you're waiting for me to come back."

Mandatory Reporting



Wisconsin Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation - Indicators and Response Guide

The Wisconsin Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Indicator and Response Guide should be consulted if you have concerns that a child or youth you have been in contact with is being sexually trafficked or exploited. Review the indicators in this guide and follow the directions for the appropriate response. This indicator and response guide also alerts the reader to indicators or potential red flags that should continue to be monitored.

The Wisconsin Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Indicator and Response Guide was adapted from the 2015 Minnesota Safe Harbor Sexual Exploitation/Trafficking Flowchart. Questions about this tool can be sent to DCFAHT@wisconsin.gov.

Terms

Mandated Reporters are required to report suspected abuse or neglect of any child, including those that you may learn about through discussions with the child of concern (s.48.981(2) Wis. Stat.).

Sex trafficking and sexual exploitation are both forms of child abuse, even if the perpetrator is unrelated to the child. Although sex trafficking and sexual exploitation share similar elements, they have distinct differences, as noted below:

Sex Trafficking of a Child involves another person benefitting from recruiting, enticing, providing, obtaining, harboring, transporting, patronizing, or soliciting a child into a commercial sex act (s.948.051 Wis. Stat.).

Sexual Exploitation of a Child involves forcing, defrauding, or coercing a child to engage in a sexually explicit way for the purposes of recording, displaying, and/or distributing the recording (s.948.05 Wis. Stat.).

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Please review each level of risk

At-Risk

- ☐ Travel out of the area/to somewhere out of the ordinary or unusual for the child without caregiver permission and/or knowledge
- ☐ Child has a history of school truancy
- ☐ Child has a history of physical or sexual abuse
- ☐ Child has family/friends who have been or are currently involved in the commercial sex industry (e.g., sex worker, exotic dancing, pornography)
- ☐ Reports by child or adults that the child has a history of multiple sexual partners (known or unknown)
- ☐ Child has possession of money, electronics, or other material items that are unexplained, unusual, or out of the ordinary for that child (e.g., nails, hair, clothing, shoes)
- ☐ Child has sexually explicit pictures of themselves that may or may not be on the internet
- ☐ Child has an older boyfriend/girlfriend/partner, or is unwilling to provide information about the sex partner
- ☐ Child has a history of sexually transmitted infections and/or pregnancies
- ☐ Gang affiliation is reported, confirmed, or suspected

High Risk

If you have checked **YES** to one or more of the following:

- ☐ **Three or more of the "At -Risk" factors have been checked**
- ☐ Child has a history of being missing/runaway/kicked out 2 or more times within the last 6 months (caregiver doesn't know where/who child is with)
- ☐ Confirmed or reported use of hotels for parties or sexual encounters
- ☐ Child has unexplained injuries
- ☐ Child has unusual, unexplained, or out of the ordinary tattoos

Confirmed

If you have checked **YES** to one or more of the following:

- ☐ Child reported "consensual" participation in a sexual act in exchange for food, shelter, transportation, drugs, alcohol, money, status, or other items of value
- ☐ Child reported being forced or coerced into sexual activity for the monetary benefit of another person
- ☐ Law enforcement confirmed through an investigation that the child has been trafficked or engaged in any commercial, sexually-exploitative activity

1 or more High Risk items selected

1 or more Confirmed items selected

Fewer than 3 At-Risk items selected AND no High Risk or Confirmed items selected

3 or more At-Risk items selected

Continue to **MONITOR** the child. **REFER** to the DCF Anti-Human Trafficking website: https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/aht or the DOJ Human Trafficking website: https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/human-trafficking for more information.

REPORT to the local Child Protective Services Agency or Local Law Enforcement if you have 3 or more At-Risk items OR 1 or more boxes checked in the High Risk or Confirmed sections. The agency will determine next steps. You can find contact information for the local agency on the backside of this page or at: https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/reportabuse.

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Let's Practice!

Scenario 1: Would you report concern for trafficking?

- 16M mental health patient
- Acting depressed and different than usual
- Parents are concerned about social media
- 16M opens up to therapist about anxiety
- 16M discloses concerning sexual relationship

*YES – Report concern for trafficking CPS

Scenario 2: Would you report concern fo trafficking?

- 15F dropped off at ED under the influence
- Inappropriately dressed for the weather
- Refusing to share personal information
- Combative with staff
- Concerned about STIs
- Ran away from group home
- Indicates adult boyfriend who takes care of her

*YES – Report concern for trafficking to CPS

Scenario 3: Would you report concern for trafficking?

- 13F at the ED for SA
- Offered marijuana while walking home from school
- Went to hang out with the guys she smoked with
- Felt pressured to have sex with one of them
- Was sexually assaulted by two others
- Told her caregiver right away

*NO – not for trafficking, but should be reported for SA

Resource Review

Harm reduction framework as a resource

Connecting to local resources

Consultation

Safety planning *with* youth

- Practical
- In Advance
- Specific
- Safe

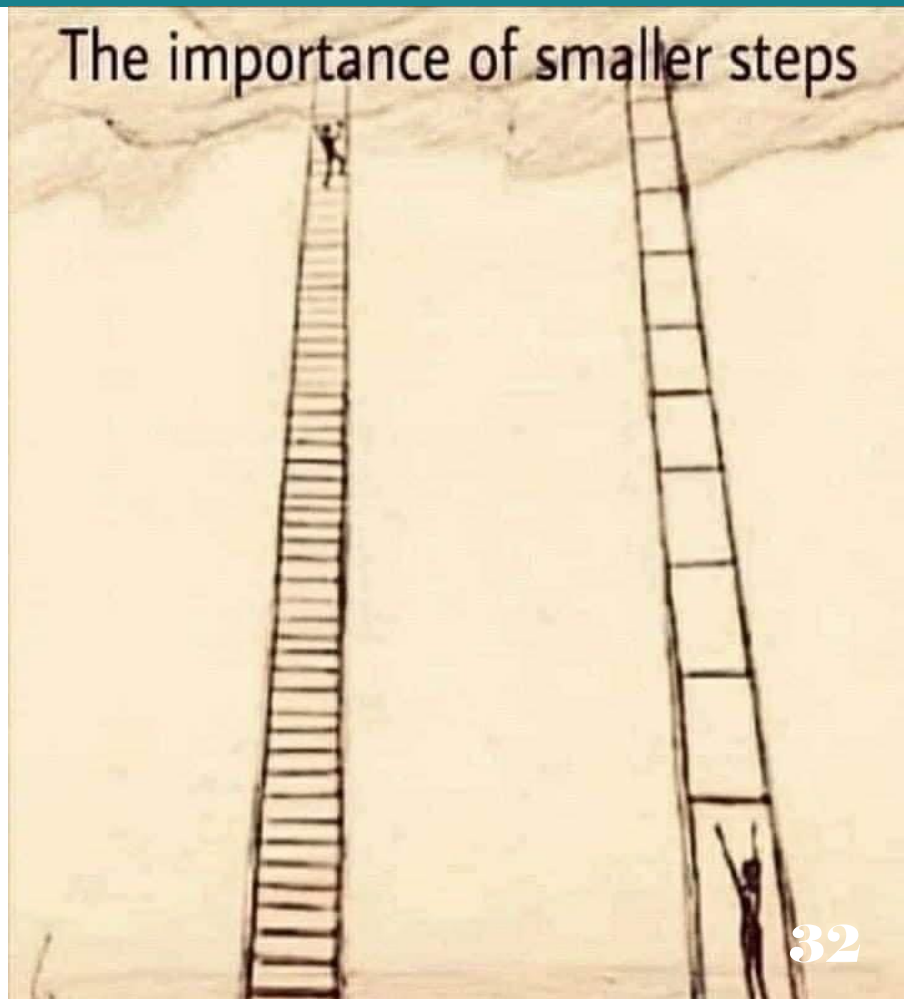
What is Harm Reduction Framework?

Figuring out what youth are ready for (or already doing) right now, versus waiting for the exploitation to end

Sets up the youth / patient to be the expert of their own safety plan based on what they already know, connections they have, and what they reasonably can do or are open to learning about

Harm reduction as a resource / engagement strategy

- Redefines success or justice in the youth's own terms
- Prioritizes relationships as an essential component of youth safety
- Provides opportunities for choice, voice, and understanding possible outcomes
- Partner with youth to identify safer vs. safest options
- Offers low barrier resources and supports – attainable to youth in crisis
- Honors youth as the expert of their experience
  - Models respect towards the youth amongst other adults
- Requires creativity and mutual openness ☺



Victim Advocate Accompaniment

CRAY Advocacy Training May 2024

Per 2015 WI ACT 351 all victims of sexual assault and sex trafficking have the right to advocate accompaniment for related medical services and interviews with law enforcement

- *"Victim advocate" refers to an individual who is an employee of or a volunteer for an organization the purpose of which is to provide counseling, assistance, or support services free of charge to a victim. 950.045(e) Wis. Stat.*
- *Community based advocacy may be confidential; help improve youth coping during crisis; help youth explore their options and empower them to make informed choices surrounding safety, medical, legal, etc.*

YOUTH RIGHTS

LOTUS Legal Clinic 414-453-2535 *(English)* or 414-435-2553 *(Spanish)* • Free help from lawyers if you are frustrated or unsure of what to expect after being identified as a victim by someone other than yourself and have questions, call for help around your rights and legal options.

Public Defenders Office at Children's Court 414-266-1182 • Reach lawyers at the public defenders' office here, get legal help, clear your capias, and navigate other situations.

★ **TakeItDown.NCMEC.org** Anonymously request removal of explicit pictures/videos shared of you on social media from when you were under 18. Use the Cyber Tipline to help you or a friend.

LGBTQ YOUTH RESOURCES

Diverse and Resilient 2439 N. Holton Street, 414-390-0444 • Health services, programming, & groups for youth ages 13-18 • Walk-in Tues & Wed for free, confidential HIV/STI testing (ages 12+ no guardian consent needed) • Peer Navigator for gay individuals of color living with HIV • Individual & group support on health education, trans health, name change, anti-violence work.

Project Q (MKE LGBT Community Center) 315 W. Court Street, 414-271-2656 • Supports & services for youth 13-24. Check online calendar mkelgbt.org for groups & activity schedule or @mkelgbt for updates • Drop-in times • Like skills development • Health & wellness • Arts & expression • Free mental health counseling. *Ask which services need* parent/guardian consent

MEDICAL CARE *including* PRIMARY CARE & SEXUAL/REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Aurora Healing & Advocacy Services 945 N. 12th Street *(Sinai Hospital)* or 8901 W. Lincoln Avenue *(West Allis Hospital)* • Walk-in for specialized nursing services after sexual assault or partner violence. 24/7

Keenan Health Center 3200 N. 36th Street, 414-286-8840 • Walk-in Mon-Fri. Call/check online for daily hours • Free STI testing/treatment (confidential for ages 12+) • Request birth control pills or Depo shot • Pick up free condoms & emergency contraceptives like Plan B.

★ **Midtown Pediatric Clinic** 5433 W. Fond du Lac Avenue, 414-277-8900 • Call to request appointment with Kaitlin Michel, APNP or Dr. Wendi Ehrman. • Primary & reproductive care for teens and up to 21 • Can see you ***and*** your child if you are a young parent.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin 1-800-230-PLAN (7526) • Call, check online, or use the app for a center near you. Appointments recommended.

Care for all ages & confidential STI testing for patients 14+ ***Some locations may offer walk-in appts***

- *Outreach Community Health* 210 W. Capitol Drive 414-727-6320
- *Progressive Community Health* 3522 W. Lisbon Ave 414-935-8000 and Urgent Care location at Aurora Sinai
- *Sixteenth Street Clinic* 414-672-1353 Search location options sschc.org

PREGNANT & PARENTING YOUTH

Blanket of Love Program 414-465-3637 Call Brenda Hoskins for meeting times & location. • Prenatal & parenting education • Help getting the baby supplies you need • Weekly virtual groups • Monthly in-person gatherings

Milwaukee Healthy Start *Call* 414-292-4243 • apply online, or ask your case manager to make a referral. MilwaukeeHealthyStart.org *Youth under 18 need* parent/guardian consent • Health Navigator to help you access benefits, medical care, baby care items • Pregnancy & postpartum support • Individual & group support options for fathers

★ **MPS Pregnant & Parenting Youth Program** • Talk to your MPS School Social Worker to get connected or apply on the MPS website (search PPYP). *Youth under 18 need* parent/guardian consent • Education, wellness, and personal goal support for school-aged parents

Parenting Network 7516 W. Burleigh Avenue, 414-671-0566 • Confidential counseling on any parenting issue, home visiting programs, connect to resources. Virtual & in-person classes/workshops listed theparentingnetwork.org

SHELTERS FOR TEENS

★ **Pathfinders Emergency Youth Shelter** 1614 E. Kane Place, 414-271-1560 • A safe place to stay and crisis support for youth ages 11-17 for a few hours or up to 2 weeks. Located on the East Side. Call first or walk-in. 24/7

Walker's Point Teen Crisis & Runaway Program 732 S. 21st Street, 414-647-8200 • A safe place to stay for youth ages 11-17 for a few hours or up to 2 weeks. Located on the South Side. Call first or walk-in. 24/7

Some of these places won't report you if you have run away, have a warrant, or are AWOL. Some places are required by law to report concerns for youth safety to police or social services.

Ask what these places can keep confidential.

24 / 7 IMMEDIATE HELP

Children's Wisconsin Emergency Department 8915 W. Connell Court • Walk-in anytime for medical emergencies, health needs that cannot wait

MKE Mobile Crisis Call 414-257-7222 for all ages having mental health emergencies

Crisis Text Line *(text HOME to* 741741*)* • Message on *WhatsApp*, Chat crisistextline.org. • Confidential crisis counselors support all ages in any type of crisis or experiencing painful emotions.

Pathfinders 24/7 Hotline 414-271-1560 • Confidential counseling, or help if you have no safe place to go.

Aurora Healing & Advocacy Services 24/7 Hotline 414-219-5555 / *Text* 414-219-1551 • Confidential support for all ages experiencing sexual assault or partner violence.

211 Call 2-1-1 / *text your zip code to* 898-211 • Food, shelter, jobs, and other resources near you. Ages 18+ seeking shelter must call for coordinated entry.

National Runaway Safeline Call 1-800- RUNAWAY (786-2929) / *chat* 1800runaway.org • Help for teens who have run away or are thinking about running away; can help you get back home from another city.

ANTI-VIOLENCE ADVOCACY

CRAY Responders *Call/text* 414-800-CRAY (2729) Sunday – Friday, 4pm – midnight • Confidential advocate support for ages 11-25* with life experience trading sex and/or being taken advantage of sexually. • Will meet you at the hospital • There for you when talking to police • Help understand your options• Connect you to more resources.

★ **Pathfinders New Paths** *Call/text* 414-587-5247 for the lead advocate Mon-Fri • Safe, confidential advocates support ages 11-25* with life experience trading sex and/or being taken advantage of sexually. • Will meet you where you are • There for you as you navigate legal stuff • Help you find medical care• Explore different options for support • Connect you to more resources.

If under 18 ask your advocate about reporting requirements

UMOS Latina Resource Center *(English/Spanish)* 2701 S. Chase Ave., Suite D, 414-389-6510 • Supportive services for sexual assault, dating violence, and sex & labor trafficking. • Sexual health & healthy relationships education/groups • Programming and help for youth & adults

LoveIsRespect.org *Text LOVEIS* to 22522 /call 1-866-331-9474 • Confidential advocate support for all genders & relationship types • Get help for you or a friend • Online quizzes about you & your relationships • Info on safety/respect in dating, relationships & situationships 24/7

MENTAL WELLNESS & HEALING

★ **Milwaukee Center for Children & Youth** *Call/text* 414-248-3996 (English/Spanish) or *DM* @mccymilwaukee • Help for youth (6-17) to find healing & access resources. • Legal, medical, educational accompaniment • Support groups for resilience & well-being • Some services confidential

Pathfinders Hand in Hand Program 4200 N. Holton Street • For questions & referrals contact the Hand in Hand Program Manager directly at 414-651-1083 • Individual & group therapeutic services for youth survivors of sexual abuse & assault (ages 8-23) parent/guardian consent

Walker's Point Youth & Family Center 732 S. 21st Street, 414-647-8200 • Free mental health counseling for 11-17 year olds. Youth ages 14+ can ask for counseling without parent permission. Call to schedule a time to meet.

Wraparound Milwaukee 414-257-7607 • Care coordinators partner with youth, families, and their selected community resources to channel their strengths and dreams into a creative plan for the life they want. parent/guardian consent

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

GLOW 414 *Call/text* 414-218-1001 or fill out online form to sign up. • Drop-in activities and programming for teen girls & youth up to age 22. Check GLOW414 for locations, schedule, send DMs. *Some programs need* parent/guardian consent • Counseling • Etiquette • Leadership • Life skills & healthy living • Hygiene products, clothing bank, snacks

United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee (UNCOM) ***Find out what's going on around the city & your neighborhood. Visit a neighborhood center for activities, sports, mentoring, field trips, hot meals, help with school work & jobs*** *Some programs need* parent/guardian consent

- **COA Youth & Family Centers** (Riverwest & Amani)
- **Neu-Life** neulife_mke (near-north side)
- **Journey House** PeopleofJourneyHouse (near-south side/Clarke Square)
- **Silver Spring Neighborhood Center** ssnc_mke (northwest side)
- **Neighborhood House** neighbormke (near-west side)
- **Running Rebels** (Hillside & east locations)

DROP-IN & OUTREACH

Pathfinders Drop-In Center 4200 N. Holton Street, 414-964-2565 • Basic needs, case management, showers, laundry, hygiene supplies, clothes, kitchen, computers, prevention services for ages 11-25. Walk-in Tues.–Sat. Call for daily hours.

Owen's Place 4610 W. Fond du Lac Ave. 414-977-4249 • Computers/internet access, kitchen, hygiene supplies, other programs and activities for ages 16-24. Walk-in Mon.–Fri., 9am – 5pm

★ **Street Beat Youth Outreach** *Call/text* 414-852-3027 for outreach worker • Or check @StreetBeat MKE for location updates. Confidential support where outreach workers come to you to help find services or to talk. Street hours for north & south sides 1pm – 6:30pm, Tuesday – Friday.

JOB SKILLS & CONNECTIONS

Employ Milwaukee 414-270-1700 or apply online employmilwaukee.org • Follow on social media for info on hiring events and workshops. • Earn & Learn for youth 16+ • Career planning & skill development • Job connections

Disability Benefit Program 1220 W. Vliet St. Suite 300, 414-289-6660 • Help for youth 18+ accessing SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, and other benefits you may be eligible for. Call to connect with a specialist.

Un recordatorio breve de **LO BÁSICO**

EXPLOTACIÓN Tomar ventaja de alguien o tratarlo injustamente para obtener un beneficio o ganancia personal.

TRATA DE PERSONAS

Trata laboral: Cuando alguien toma ventaja de otra persona para que trabaje, utilizando la fuerza, fraude o coerción. Por ejemplo, obligar a trabajar sin remuneración bajo la promesa de un pago que nunca llega o devolver una deuda.

Tráfico sexual: Es el intercambio de un acto sexual por algo de valor (como dinero, drogas, alimentos, refugio, ropa). Cualquier persona puede ser víctima del tráfico sexual, pero si tiene 18 años o más, debe estar presente el uso de la fuerza, fraude o coerción. Si tienes menos de 18 años, cualquier intercambio de un acto sexual por algo de valor se considera tráfico sexual.

FUERZA Someter físicamente, golpear, violar, confinar.

FRAUDE Hacer falsas promesas, mentir, engañar, negar el salario.

COERCIÓN Amenazar, chantajear.

EXPLOTACIÓN SEXUAL Y COMERCIAL DE MENORES Cuando una persona abusa sexualmente de un menor (por debajo de 18 años) a cambio de algo de valor. La explotación sexual y comercial de menores incluye la pornografía infantil, trata de menores con fines sexuales, turismo sexual infantil y contraer matrimonio con menores a cambio de una remuneración.

AGRESIÓN SEXUAL Contacto o comportamiento sexual que se produce sin que exista consentimiento explícito de la víctima.

VIOLACIÓN Introducción, por mínima que sea, de cualquier parte del cuerpo u objeto en la vagina o el ano, o introducción oral de un órgano sexual de otra persona, sin el consentimiento de la víctima. La violación es un delito que se produce por motivos de poder y control.

CONSENTIMIENTO Cuando alguien está de acuerdo, da permiso o dice "sí" a realizar actividades sexuales con otras personas. El consentimiento se da libremente, y todas las personas en una situación de carácter sexual deben sentir que son capaces de decir "sí" o "no" o de detener la actividad sexual en cualquier momento. Hay tres aspectos principales a tener en cuenta a la hora de juzgar si un acto sexual es consentido o constituye un delito: Ambas personas 1) tienen la edad suficiente para dar su consentimiento, 2) tienen capacidad para dar su consentimiento y 3) están de acuerdo con el contacto sexual.

PLAN DE SEGURIDAD Pensar en distintas formas posibles de mantenerse a salvo que también podrían ayudar a reducir el riesgo de sufrir daños en el futuro. Esto puede incluir prever futuras crisis, considerar las distintas opciones y tomar una serie de decisiones sobre los pasos a seguir.

ESPACIOS SEGUROS Y REFUGIOS

GLOW 414

Llama o envía un mensaje de texto al (414) 218-1001 o consulta en Facebook la cuenta @GLOW414
Organiza actividades sin cita previa y ofrece programas para las jóvenes de hasta 22 años.

Owen's Place

4610 W. Fond du Lac Ave., (414) 977-4249
Acceso a computadoras e Internet, cocina, artículos de higiene y otros programas y actividades para personas de 16 a 24 años. Abierto de lunes a viernes, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Pathfinders

4200 N. Holton St., (414) 271-1560, línea directa 24/7
Brinda asesoramiento o ayuda confidencial a jóvenes que no tienen un lugar seguro al que acudir. Se encuentra situado en la zona norte/este. Ofrece refugio, servicios de atención sin cita previa, apoyo en situaciones de crisis y necesidades básicas.

Street Beat Youth Outreach

Llama o envía un mensaje de texto al (414) 852-3027 para que te atienda un trabajador social, o consulta en Facebook o Instagram la cuenta @StreetBeat MKE para obtener información actualizada sobre las ubicaciones
Brinda apoyo confidencial con la ayuda de trabajadores que acuden a ayudarte a encontrar servicios o a hablar contigo. Horario de atención al público en la zona norte y sur. De martes a viernes, de 1:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Programa Teen Crisis and Runaway de Walker's Point

732 S. 21st St., (414) 647-8200; Abierto 24/7
Está situado en la zona sur. Es un lugar seguro para jóvenes de 11 a 17 años, donde pueden permanecer unas horas o hasta dos semanas. Brinda asesoramiento, apoyo en situaciones de crisis y atención de necesidades básicas.

LÍNEA DIRECTA

Líneas directas en caso de crisis para jóvenes en Milwaukee 24/7

- **Pathfinders: (414) 271-1560 / (866) 212-SAFE (7233)**
- **Walker's Point: (414) 647-8200**

Centro Nacional de Recursos sobre la Trata de Personas

Llama al (888) 373-7888 o envía un mensaje de texto al 233733 (gratuito) traffickingresourcecenter.org
Brinda ayuda en caso de que tú o alguien que conoces ha sido víctima de la trata de personas o se encuentra en una situación potencial de trata de personas.

National Runaway Safeline

(800) RUN-AWAY (786-2929) 1800runaway.org
Safeline ofrece asesoramiento, recursos, refugio y alimentos, y se pondrá en contacto con tu familia o te conseguirá un pasaje de autobús para que puedas regresar a casa si eso es lo que quieres hacer.

The Trevor Project

(866) 488-7386 • thetrevorproject.org
Es línea de ayuda para jóvenes lesbianas, gays, bisexuales, transexuales y con inquietudes que estén atravesando una crisis o considerando el suicidio. También ofrecen recursos de apoyo para educadores y padres.

LoveIsRespect.org

Llama al (866) 331-9474 / envía el mensaje de texto LOVEIS al 22522
Brinda apoyo confidencial de defensa en casos de violencia en el noviazgo.

211

Llama al 2-1-1 / envía un mensaje de texto con tu código postal al 898-211
Brinda ayuda para encontrar alimentos, refugio, trabajo y otros recursos cerca de ti. Las personas mayores de 18 años que busquen refugio deben llamar para coordinar su entrada en el mismo.

988 Lifeline

Llama al 9-8-8; Brinda apoyo 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana, a personas que estén atravesando una crisis de suicidio.

TakeItDown.NCMEC.org

Puedes solicitar de forma anónima que se eliminen fotos o videos explícitos compartidos en las redes sociales. Utiliza Cyber Tipline para denunciar cualquier caso de explotación.

MPS MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Una guía de

AYUDA LOCAL para jóvenes EN MILWAUKEE

¿No tienes tiempo para ver todo esto?

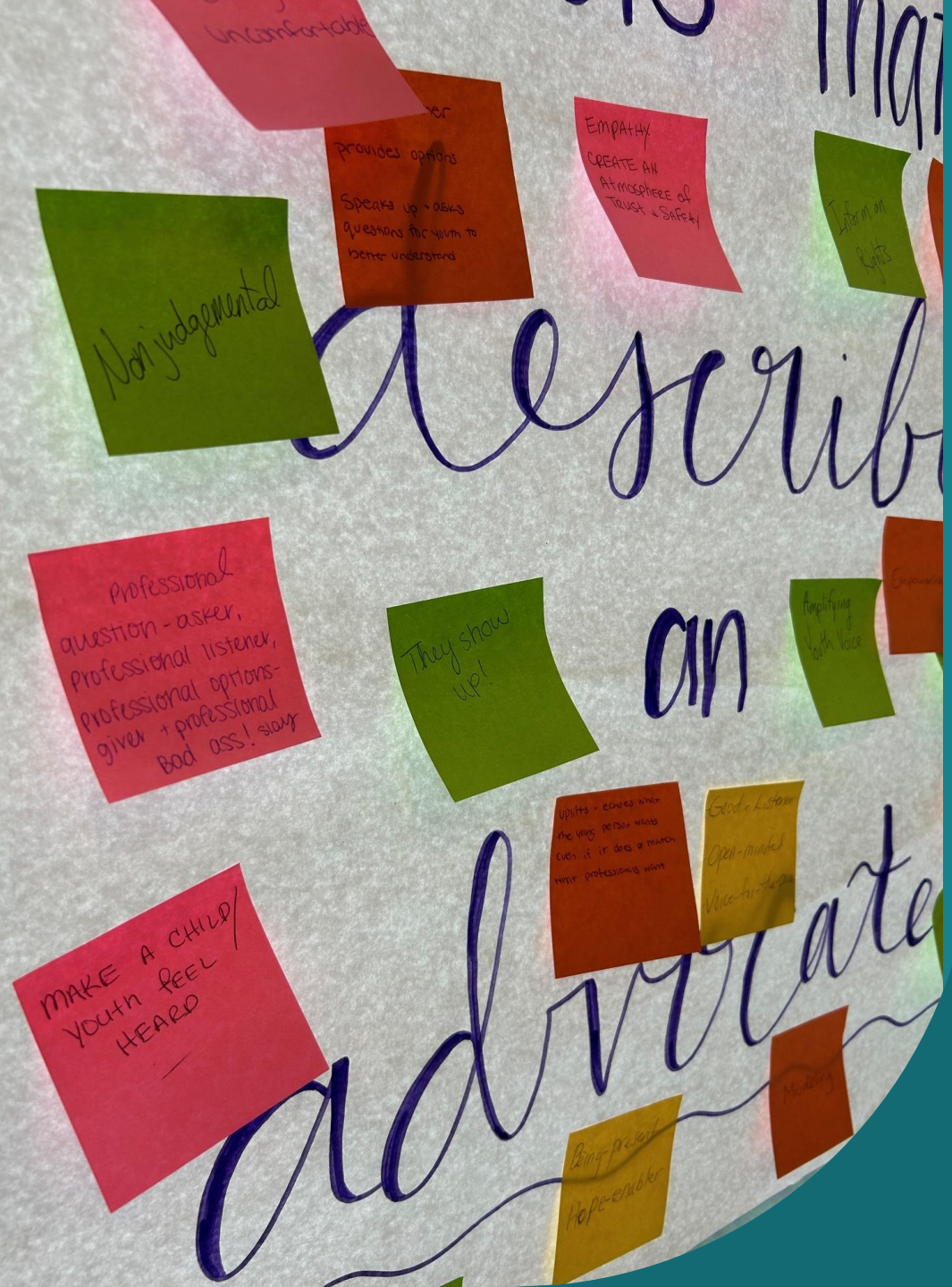
LLAMA AL 211

Te pondrán en contacto con alguien.

mpsmke.com/mpshtpe

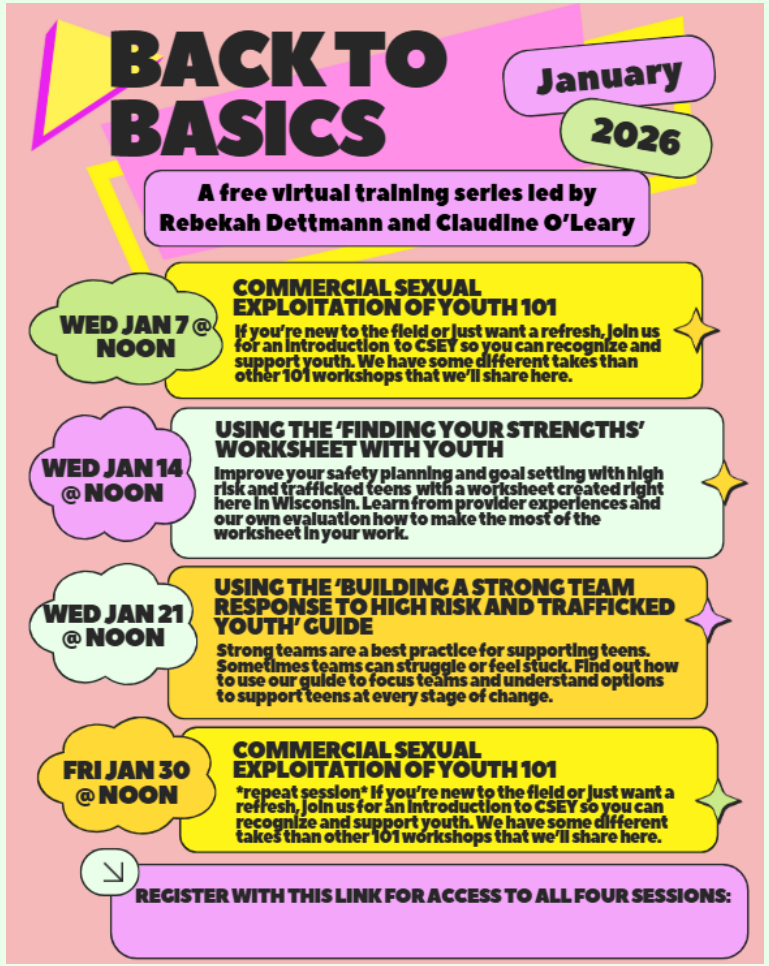
Online & Caregiver Resources

- Love 146 Caregiver Resources
  - https://love146.org/caregivers/
  - 20 tips for caregivers on safety and supporting youth
- Take it Down (NCMEC) (anonymous)
  - https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/
  - Request removal of online nudes, partial nudes, and sexually explicit photos & videos of youth under 18
- Cyber Tip Line (NCMEC) (can also be anonymous)
  - https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/cybertipline
  - Report sexually explicit images, online solicitations, & other suspicious predatory behavior
  - Tips are reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency
- Common Sense Media
  - https://www.commonsensemedia.org/
  - Entertainment & technology recommendations for families – informed by families and experts
- NetSmartz Caregiver Resources (NCMEC)
  - https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources
  - Caregiver Tip Sheets: AI guide for parents, What Parents Should know about Sextortion, Being a Trusted Adult, Talking to Teens about Sexting, Cyberbullying, Social Media Safety for Teens



Takeaways for Practice

1. Familiarize yourself with possible indicators of sex trafficking
2. Approach each patient/client situation as unique & affirm their decision to seek medical care / social services
3. Remove expectation that patient/client will leave trafficking situation, rather address their identified health concerns or situation that brought them to you. Continually offer support and resources that meet their immediate needs at each encounter
4. Understand your role in the mandated reporting process and the types of concerns/disclosures you would need to assist in reporting to Child Protective Services and/or Law Enforcement
5. Consultation is available! Contact your local Child Advocacy Center, Regional DCF AHT Grantee Program, or the DOJ AHT Task Force to connect with resources and local expertise
6. Share and promote accurate information about domestic sex trafficking & sexual exploitation to increase awareness in your professional and personal networks ☺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January
2026
A free virtual training series led by Rebekah Dettmann and Claudine O'Leary
WED JAN 7 @ NOON
COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF YOUTH 101
If you're new to the field or just want a refresh, join us for an introduction to CSEY so you can recognize and support youth. We have some different takes than other 101 workshops that we'll share here.
WED JAN 14 @ NOON
USING THE 'FINDING YOUR STRENGTHS' WORKSHEET WITH YOUTH
Improve your safety planning and goal setting with high risk and trafficked teens with a worksheet created right here in Wisconsin. Learn from provider experiences and our own evaluation how to make the most of the worksheet in your work.
WED JAN 21 @ NOON
USING THE 'BUILDING A STRONG TEAM RESPONSE TO HIGH RISK AND TRAFFICKED YOUTH' GUIDE
Strong teams are a best practice for supporting teens. Sometimes teams can struggle or feel stuck. Find out how to use our guide to focus teams and understand options to support teens at every stage of change.
FRI JAN 30 @ NOON
COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF YOUTH 101
repeat session If you're new to the field or just want a refresh, join us for an introduction to CSEY so you can recognize and support youth. We have some different takes than other 101 workshops that we'll share here.
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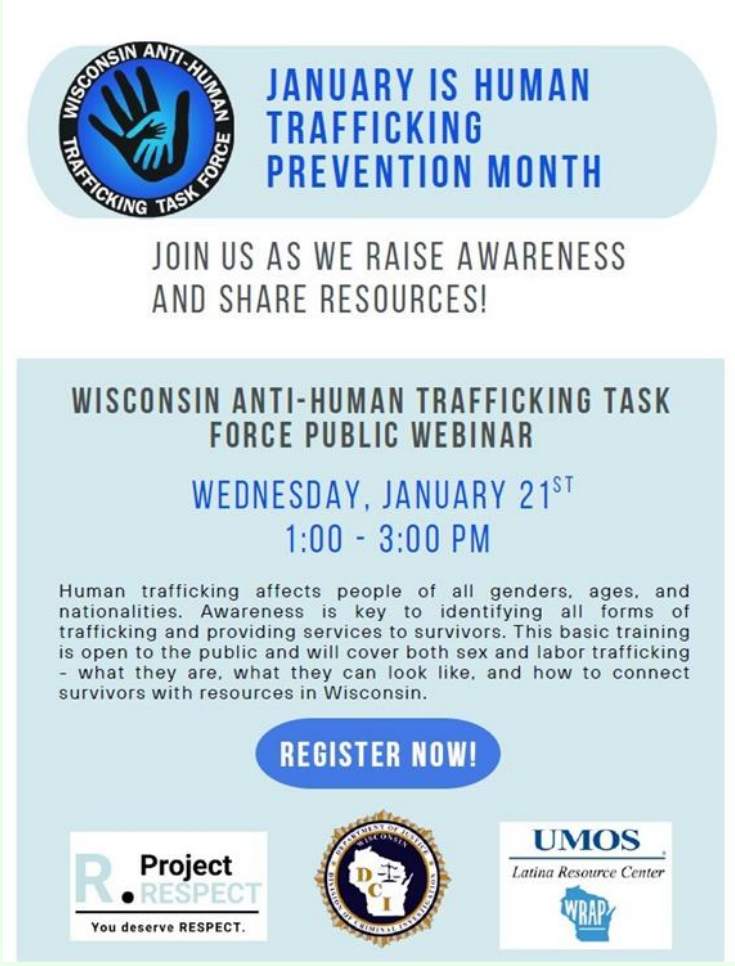
WISCONSIN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE
JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH
JOIN US AS WE RAISE AWARENESS AND SHARE RESOURCES!
WISCONSIN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE PUBLIC WEBINAR
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST
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Human trafficking affects people of all genders, ages, and nationalities. Awareness is key to identifying all forms of trafficking and providing services to survivors. This basic training is open to the public and will cover both sex and labor trafficking - what they are, what they can look like, and how to connect survivors with resources in Wisconsin.
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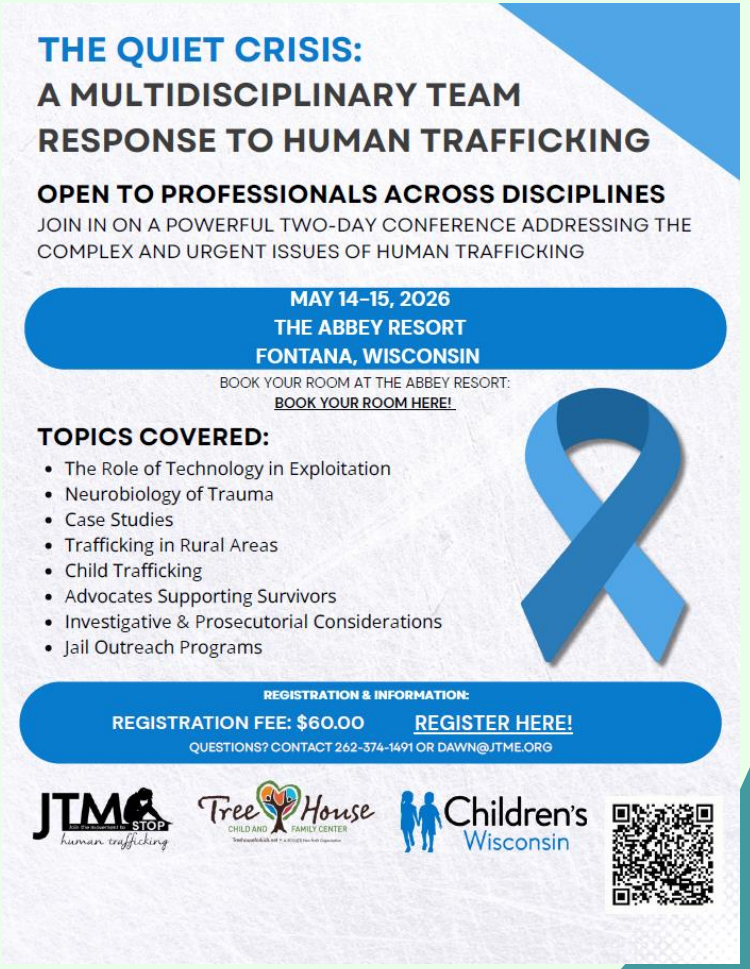
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Case Studies
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Child Trafficking
Advocates Supporting Survivors
Investigative & Prosecutorial Considerations
Jail Outreach Programs
REGISTRATION & INFORMATION:
REGISTRATION FEE: $60.00
REGISTER HERE!
QUESTIONS? CONTACT 262-374-1491 OR DAWN@JTME.ORG
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Children's Wisconsin

Thank you

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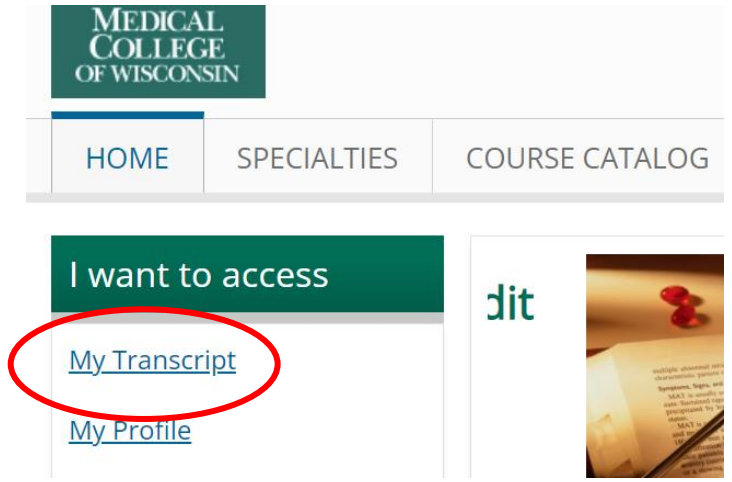

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