

Sex Trafficking

POWER & CONTROL

ECONOMIC ABUSE

Creates debt that can never be repaid • Takes money earned • Prohibits access to finances • Limits resources to a small allowance

USING PRIVILEGE

Treats victim like a servant • Uses gender, age or nationality to suggest superiority • Uses certain victims to control others • Hides or destroys important documents

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Shoves, slaps, hits, punches, kicks, strangles • Burns, brands, tattoos • Denies food/water • Exposes to harmful chemicals • Forces pregnancy termination • Induces drug addiction as means of control

SEXUAL ABUSE

Uses sexual assault as punishment or means of control • Forces victim to have sex multiple times a day with strangers • Treats victim as an object for monetary gain • Normalizes sexual violence and selling sex

COERCION and THREATS

Threatens to harm victim or family • Threatens to expose or shame victim • Threatens to report to police or immigration

INTIMIDATION

Harms other victims, children or pets • Displays or uses weapons • Destroys property • Lies about police involvement in trafficking situation

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Humiliates in front of others • Calls names • Plays mind games • Makes victim feel guilt/blame for situation • Convinces victim they're the only one that cares about them

ISOLATION

Keeps confined • Accompanies to public places • Creates distrust of police/others • Moves victims to different locations • Doesn't allow victim to learn English or to go to school • Denies access to children, family and friends

DENYING, BLAMING, MINIMIZING,

Makes light of abuse or exploitation • Denies that anything illegal or exploitative is occurring • Places blame on the victim for the trafficking situation

Labor Trafficking

street/online prostitution, residential/commercial-front brothels, truck stops
businesses, farms, domestic work, begging/peddling, stripping

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