

Human Trafficking Slavery Still Exists

2018 Kansas FCE Educational Program Lesson Leader Guide

The goal of this lesson is to raise awareness of Human Trafficking that takes place in our communities and learn how we can respond.

Teaching this lesson: 1. Use the Leader Guide, Hearthfire #62 Someone is Asking.... About Human Trafficking, Human Trafficking Quiz. 2. Use a speaker (ideas in the resources). 3. Ask a member to give a book review about a book related to the topic.

Activities to go with the lesson: Worth of a Penny Bookmarks.

Ask participants to fill out the true and false Human Trafficking quiz, the answers will be revealed as the lesson is given.

"Nothing happens just because we are aware, but nothing will ever happen until we are aware." Gary Haugen

Introduction of Topic: Why are we studying Human Trafficking? Is this a problem in Kansas? In Kansas City, Wichita, Salina? In Dighton, Smith Center or Leoti? What is Human Trafficking?

LEGAL DEFINITION ~ (Front page of Hearthfire #62)

- *Human trafficking is the third largest criminal industry in the world (with the first and second being drug trafficking and arms trafficking). WHY do criminals prefer human trafficking to the other two crimes? Because when you sell drugs you only sell the drug once. When you have a victim of human trafficking they can be sold over and over.*
- *In 2016 it was estimated that 35.8 million persons were victims worldwide, 20.9 were victims of forced labor and 7.9 were victims of sex slavery.*
- *30,000 are trafficked through the U.S. on their way to other countries*
- *1.2 million children are sold into sexual slavery each year.*
- *Since 2007, the **National Human Trafficking Hotline**, operated by Polaris, has received reports of 22,191 sex trafficking cases inside the United States.*
- *In 2016, the **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children** estimated that 1 in 6 endangered runaways reported to them were likely sex trafficking victims.*
- *In a 2014 report, the **Urban Institute** estimated that the underground sex economy ranged from \$39.9 million in Denver, Colorado, to \$290 million in Atlanta, Georgia.*
- *80% of victims are female with a disproportionately high number women of color.*
- *50% of victims are children under the age of 18.*
- *There are more people in slavery today than at any other time in history.*

The following statistics represent calls made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline for 2016 and do not represent the scope or scale of the problem within an area.

	Calls	Cases	Female	Male	Adult	Minor
Nationally	26,727	7,572	6,340	978	4,890	2,387
Kansas	192	51	45	8	35	17

It is difficult to know an exact number of people enslaved, as victims are often hidden. Whether they be locked in a house or business, or hidden in plain view, disguised as farm workers, prostitutes, or house keepers, modern day slaves are not easy to identify. Every 30 seconds another person becomes a victim of human trafficking. Human trafficking creates approximately \$150 billion in illegal revenue annually. Even though 90% of the world's countries have criminalized human trafficking, it is still a thriving business.

PROFILE OF A VICTIM

Though there is no standard profile of a child-trafficking victim, several risk factors make certain children more susceptible. Reports indicate that traffickers often target children and youths with a history of sexual abuse, dating violence, low self-esteem, and minimal social support. Possible risk factors associated with child trafficking include the following:

- lack of personal safety
- isolation
- emotional distress
- homelessness
- poverty
- family dysfunction
- substance abuse
- mental illness
- learning disabilities
- developmental delay
- childhood sexual abuse
- promotion of sexual exploitation by family members or peers
- lack of social support

Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to compel adults and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will. Under U.S. federal law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.

The situations that sex trafficking victims face vary dramatically. Many victims become romantically involved with someone who then forces or manipulates them into prostitution. Others are lured in with false promises of a job, such as modeling or dancing. Some are forced to sell sex by their parents or other family members. They may be involved in a trafficking situation for a few days or weeks, or may remain in the same trafficking situation for years.

Victims of sex trafficking can be U.S. citizens, foreign nationals, women, men, children, and LGBTQ individuals. Vulnerable populations are frequently targeted by traffickers, including runaway and homeless youth, as well as victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, war, or social discrimination.

In order for human trafficking to happen there must be a triangle ~ the victim, the perpetrator and demand. "Today, we are sending a clear message - buying children for sex will not be tolerated in our community. We wouldn't have this problem if it weren't for men who think it's OK to buy children for sex as if they were ordering a pizza."

Successful treatment programs to help victims are often victim led.

"You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again you did not know."
William Wilberforce.

HOW FCE CAN HELP

Community Action Projects:

- National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed annually on January 11.
- Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.
- In 2013, the General Assembly of the United Nations designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons.
- Support abuse agencies, e.g. WKCAC ~ Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, Sedgwick County Child Advocacy Center, and Lifehouse Child Advocacy Center in Topeka (there are more throughout Kansas)
- Volunteer at CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)
- Sponsor a Dad/Daughter date night/dance night to promote strengthening our daughters

Websites of National Organizations

- Red Scarves ~ <https://warchestboutique.com/pages/our-story> ~ *Red silk scarves are available for \$10. You are challenged to buy a scarf and wear it every day for 30 days to raise awareness and educate other about this horrific epidemic.*
- Red Sand Project ~ www.AverageAdvocate.com ~ *Join us doing the #RedSandProject to create awareness for human trafficking.*
- Red Thread Movement ~ <http://eternalthreads.org/> ~ *raise awareness about trafficking and also help fund the work that Eternal Threads is doing to save girls in Nepal.*
- TAT ~ Truckers against Trafficking:
<https://www.facebook.com/truckersagainstrafficking/posts/960125707330901>
- Dreamcatcher for Abused Children: <https://www.facebook.com/DreamcatcherforAbusedChildren>
- Missing and Exploited Children: <https://www.facebook.com/missingkids?fref=nf>
- Stop Child Predators: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Stop-Child-Predators/18386115379?fref=nf>
- Shared Hope International:
<https://www.facebook.com/sharedhopeinternational/posts/10153871489183018>
- Stop the Traffick: <https://www.facebook.com/STOPTHETRAFFIK/posts/10152752620542197>
- Girls are not for sale: <https://www.facebook.com/girlsarenotforsale/posts/10152808296511056:0>
- Polaris ~ <https://polarisproject.org/>
- Darn good yarn www.darngoodyarn.com ~ *our online yarn store is dedicated to supporting women's economic empowerment, fair trade practices and principles of environmental sustainability.*
- Rethreaded.com ~ *Rethreaded is a social entrepreneurship that is breaking the cycle of the sex trade by offering viable and creative work to those affected by the sex trade.*
- Dress a Girl Around the World ~ <http://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/> ~ *We dream of a world in which every girl has at least one new dress. We want girls to know that they are worthy and respect, and that they are loved by God.*
- Donate Bras ~ <https://freethegirls.org/> ~ *We exist to help girls rescued from sex trafficking live a life of true freedom.*
- Bratz Dolls ~ <https://freexchangedolls.tumblr.com/FAQ> ~ *change the fashion doll's features into more childlike ones. The dolls present beauty ideals that are mostly unattainable and sexualize younger and younger girls.*
- Thistle Farms ~ <https://thistlefarms.org/> ~ *mission is to HEAL, EMPOWER, AND EMPLOY women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction*

BOOKS:

"The Slave Across the Street" by Theresa Flores
"Girls Like Us" by Rachel Lloyd
"Renting Lucy" by Linda Smith
"Reviving Ophelia" by Mary Pipher, Ph.D.

SPEAKERS:

NE Kansas

Veronica's Voice <https://www.veronicasvoice.org/> ~ *Mission: To empower women to exit from, to prevent the entry into, and to end all demand for prostitution-sex trafficking in the United States through survivor leadership.* Speaker Kristy Childs.

Office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, 785-291-3950, 800-828-9745, www.ag.ks.gov

NW Kansas

Penny Fryback, Colby, KS, Special Investigator with Kansas Corporation Commission, *The Kansas Department of Revenue Division of Vehicles has partnered with the Kansas Attorney General's Office to raise awareness about human trafficking along Kansas roadways. This informative slideshow helps show motorists what to do if any type of trafficking is suspected at truck stops along our highways and interstates.*

<https://www.ksrevenue.org/division/humantrafficking/>

SC and SE Kansas

WSU ~ <http://www.wichita.edu/thisis/home/?u=humantrafficking> ~ *dedicated to fighting all forms of human trafficking, whether labor or sexual exploitation.* Speaker Karen Countryman-Roswurm

End Human Trafficking ~ <http://ictsos.org/> ~ *We help human trafficking victims get a fresh start, give resources and volunteers to agencies who work with trafficked youth, and provide education to keep other kids from falling prey to sex trafficking.*

SW Kansas

Sister Trudy Tanner ~ *Order of Preachers, Dominican Sisters of Peace, is the director of, and is instrumental in establishing the Oasis of Peace Center, which will be opened in the near future. It will be a shelter with a mission to provide reintegration for trafficked women and their minor children.* 319-677-6107

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