

TRAFFICKING DEFINITIONS

BLACKMAIL

Demand money or another benefit from (someone) in return for not revealing compromising or damaging information about them.

BOYFRIENDING

A grooming process by which an individual, usually a female, enters into a romantic relationship with a male that escalates from mutual caring for one another to the male controlling and manipulating the female into thinking that she owes him something.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Child pornography is a form of child sexual exploitation. Federal law defines child pornography as any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor (persons less than 18 years old). Images of child pornography are also referred to as child sexual abuse images.

CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

Child Sex Trafficking is the commercial sexual exploitation of an individual through force, fraud, or coercion. When the victim is less than 18 years old, the presence of a commercial sex act is considered trafficking, with or without force, fraud, or coercion.

COMPLEX PTSD

Response to chronic traumatization over the course of months or, more often, years. Can include emotional, physical, and/or sexual abuses, domestic violence, living in a war zone, being held captive, human trafficking, and other organized rings of abuse.

DISSOCIATION

Mental disorder that involves experiencing a disconnection and lack of continuity between thoughts, memories, surroundings, actions, and identity. People with dissociative disorders escape reality in ways that are involuntarily and unhealthy and cause problems with functioning in everyday life.

ESCALATION

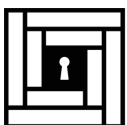
Rapid increase in the intensity or seriousness of something which in effect exploits the vulnerabilities of trafficked victims.

EXPLOIT

Traffickers exploit others' vulnerabilities for the profit gained from forced labor and commercial sex.

FAMILIAL TRAFFICKING

The commercial sexual exploitation of an individual by a family member through force, fraud, or coercion, or when the victim is a minor.



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GROOMING

The process of someone building a relationship, trust, and emotional connection with an individual so they can manipulate, exploit, and abuse them for a sexual offense.

HUMAN SMUGGLING

Forcibly and illegally moving someone across an international border.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for labor, services, or commercial sex acts by means of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of exploitation, involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, slavery, or any commercial sex act involving a minor. The federal definition of human trafficking in the US doesn't require travel, transportation, or movement to be a component.

SAFE HOUSE

A safe place aiding in helping sex trafficking victims through education, development, medical attention, detox and rehab, branding removal, legal counseling, and therapy.

SEX TRAFFICKING

The commercial sexual exploitation of an individual through force, fraud, or coercion or a commercial sex act when the victim is under the age of 18.

SEXTING

The sending of sexually explicit messages or images by cell phone.

SEXTORTION

Demanding sexual images under threat of releasing or distributing material the child seeks to keep private.

SEXUAL ABUSE

Form of child abuse involving a minor that includes sexual activity. Child sexual abuse does not need to include physical contact.

SURVIVOR IDENTIFICATION

Recognizing common signs and indicators of sex trafficking in order to identify those being trafficked.

TRAUMA BONDING

Caused by periods of intense love and excitement with a person followed by periods of abuse, neglect, and mistreatment.

