

# Meeting the Needs of Human Trafficking survivors

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**MICHIGAN  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
TASK FORCE**

- What do you know about human trafficking?
  - First time learners? Some knowledge? Experts?
- Questions to make sure we cover today?
- The National Hotline: 1-888-3737-888

# Samaritas

## Organizational Support:

- Equipping supervisors across child and family programs.
- Refugee Foster Care
- Traditional Foster Care (statewide)
- Homeless population (SE Michigan)
- Women's re-integration (SE Michigan)

## Foreign-born victim services:

- Refugee Foster Care Program:
  - Since 2001, trained and equipped to place identified foreign-born victims here without parents/ relatives
- Federally funded
- Comprehensive, holistic case management
- Coordination of housing, legal, medical and other services



# We can not help..... until we identify victims



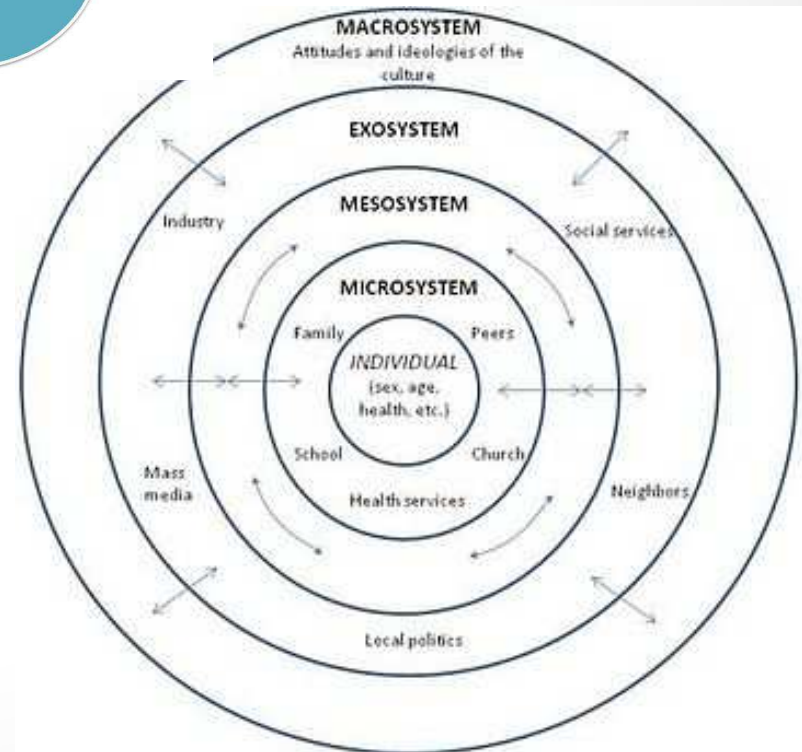
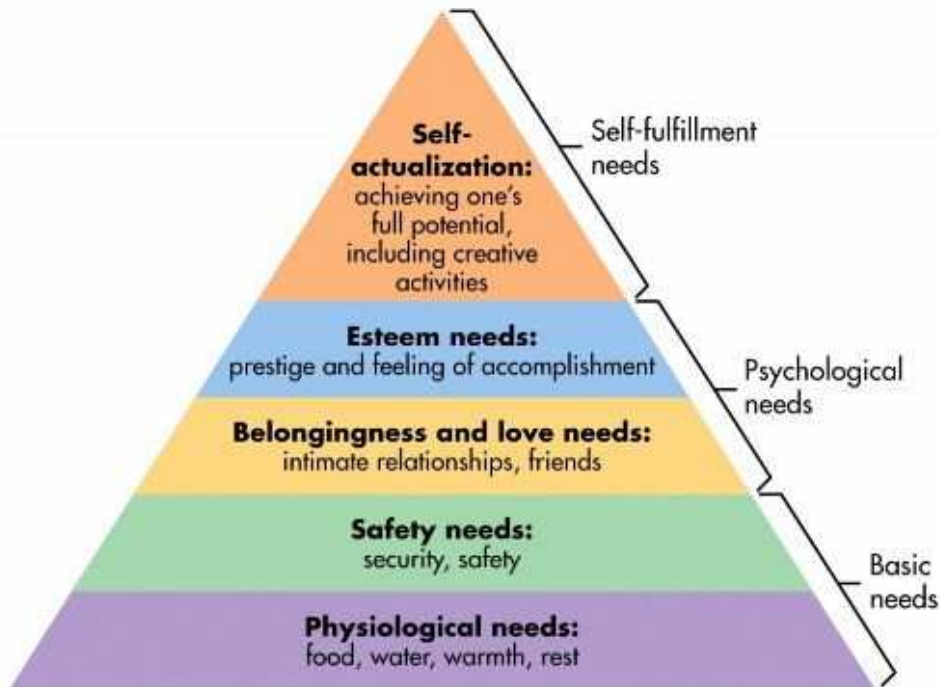
- Agricultural work
  - Immokalee Florida - farmworkers
- Restaurants
- Hospitality Industry
- Domestic Service
  - Nannies / housekeeping
- Manufacturing
- Massage Parlors
- Commercial Sex Workers
- Runaway youth
- Others you can think of?

# Identification Tools



- Taking a closer look
  - Being curious and aware
- General clues to identifying trafficking when you see it
  - Evidence of being controlled physically or psychologically
  - Unable to speak for oneself. Someone else controls ID documents.
- Social service providers - incorporate screening questions into intake process/review of cases
- Utilize Comprehensive Human Trafficking Assessment (or a similar tool another was developed by VERA Institute for Justice)

# Frameworks



# Overview of Needs of Survivors

- Office of Victims of Crime –  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SM76xeJNCs4>

# Identifying Needs

- Basic Needs
  - **Safety**
  - **Housing**
  - Identification
  - Food & Clothing
  - Medical & Dental
- Emotional/ Social
  - Acceptance/love
  - Therapeutic/Trauma treatment
  - Case Management
  - Connection to a support network – peer survivors, mentors, faith community, etc.
  - Development of life skills – communication, conflict resolution, etc.
  - Above all – **time**
- Legal Needs
  - Immigration
  - Coordination with law enforcement, representation for victim rights, advocacy, vacate past charges
  - Litigation/restitution
- Education/Employment
  - Entry into appropriate educational programming
  - Support services in educational setting
  - Life skills around interviewing, resume writing, job coaching
  - Assistance with finding employment
  - Career development



# Critical Components of Services

- Be person-centered!
- Be trauma informed... if you have not yet studied trauma, especially complex and chronic trauma and the effects on the brain, the body, everything you *MUST* when working with survivors
- Develop cultural competency
- Case Management/Coordination
  - Be collaborative
  - Provide control to the survivor
  - Include peer support and leadership development
- Therapeutic strategies
  - Effective interventions include art therapy, TF-CBT, DBT, EMDR, etc.
  - Be trauma-informed and strength-based

# You can't do this alone

- Collaborate with other organizations
- Develop relationships with law enforcement
- Know your legal providers
- Know your service providers
- Know entities that operate more freely (outside funding challenges), such as faith groups
- Help the survivor build their own support network

# Local Resources

- Connect with Michigan Human Trafficking Task force &/or regional task forces
- University of Michigan Human Trafficking Law Clinic
- Faith-based and other community justice groups
- Local human trafficking programs and outreach examples: Alternatives for Girls, Manasseh Project, Samaritas, Vista Maria
- Law Enforcement Collaboration (sherriff, city, & state police. FBI, Homeland Security,
- Child Protective Services
- Domestic Violence Service Providers

# References

- Polaris Project, International Labor Office
- National Human Trafficking Resource Center
- National Institute of Justice [www.nij.gov](http://www.nij.gov)
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services [www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org)
- VERA Institute of Justice
- Slave Next Door by Kevin Bales
- Call and Response (documentary)
- Department of Homeland Security
- US State Department Annual Report on Human Trafficking 2014

# Resource Materials

- Meeting the Legal Needs of Human Trafficking Victims. American Bar Association  
[http://apps.americanbar.org/humanrights/docs/project\\_docs/DV\\_Trafficking.pdf](http://apps.americanbar.org/humanrights/docs/project_docs/DV_Trafficking.pdf)
- Assisting Trafficking Victims: For Victim Advocates. National Sexual Violence Resource Center  
[http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications\\_nsvrc\\_guides\\_human-trafficking-victim-advocates.pdf](http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications_nsvrc_guides_human-trafficking-victim-advocates.pdf)
- Screening for Human Trafficking. VERA  
<http://archive.vera.org/sites/default/files/resources/downloads/human-trafficking-identification-tool-and-user-guidelines.pdf>

# What will you do now?

- Become a foster parent
  - [Lansinginfo@Samaritas.org](mailto:Lansinginfo@Samaritas.org)
  - 517-321-7663
- Volunteer
- Educate yourself and others
- Donate funds to an organization
- Join a regional or statewide task force

