Understanding Human Trafficking
Let’s start with what it’s NOT
Myths About Human Trafficking
Myth 1: Slavery is a historic blight and not a current crisis.
Myth 2: Human trafficking is motivated by bias and hate.

Myth 3: Foreigners Must Be Involved
Myth 4: About Movement and Borders

You Cannot Take a Picture of Coercion
Myth 5: All Human Trafficking is Sex Trafficking

Don’t Forget About the Labor Cases
Myth 6: All Victims Are Minors

[Image of a sign saying "NO ADULTS ALLOWED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY CHILDREN CPC 653G"]
Myth 7:
Victims Self Identify
Myth 8: Crime of Confinement or Captivity
Use of force, fraud, or coercion to cause a person to engage in labor, services, or commercial sex, or commercial sex of a minor
Sex Trafficking Threat Assessment

Commercial Sex

- Sex Trafficking
  - Under 18
- Sex Trafficking
  - Force, Fraud, or Coercion
Pimp Controlled
Internet Based
Pearl Of The Orient

MASSAGE

CHINESE
SHIATSU
SWEDISH

MASSAGE
Establishment Based
Substance abuse controlled
Transnational Sex Trafficking
A profitable crime: Each year, more than 70,000 Vietnamese and Chinese irregular migrants are smuggled into the EU and the USA, often paying fees that exceed 50,000 USD per person.
Guest Workers

The Guest Worker Program

H-1B

J-1 Visa

H-2A Visa Program

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Disability Rights Are Civil Rights
Carnival
Roofing/Construction
Restaurant
Salons
Traveling Sales Crews


Homeless Need Food
Domestic Servitude
Diplomats
Labor Trafficking Threat Assessment

• Which industries have adverse work conditions?
  • Harsh work environment, onerous hours
  • Low or irregular pay
  • Substandard or controlled living arrangements; isolation

• Where are there vulnerable workers?
  • Undocumented migrants, visa overstays, guestworkers
  • Juveniles; individuals with disabilities or drug dependencies
  • Discrepancies in guestworker applications

• Are there coercive terms or practices?
  • Declining debts, quotas, company store
  • Wage kickback schemes
  • Restricted access to earnings, documents, accounts, transactions
New Partners
Federal
NGOs and Others
Who has the data?

Where are the guest workers?

Who are the employers?

Who regulates those industries?

Who doesn’t follow the rules?
Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit

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