

*Domestic Human Sex Trafficking:
Law Enforcement Training*

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YMCA Anti- Human Trafficking Initiatives

- Court Support –work directly with police, victim services, victim witness and the Crown to provide full spectrum support to those currently involved in or exiting trafficking.
- YES Program – provide HT education to youth 12-18 years including warning signs, how traffickers lure and recruit, resources for a way out, local supports – program will be lead in partnership with the City of Hamilton; Hamilton Police and support/survivor workers from YMCA
- Community Awareness – provide education to youth grade 6 and up. Offer 90 minute HT 101 awareness; 4 hour in-depth HT awareness

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Anti- Human Trafficking Youth in Transition Worker

Assigning a primary client contact is essential from a number of points of view. A YMCA AHT Support Worker can:

- Serve as a single point of contact to the trafficked person
- Assess the client's needs and service supports
- Ensure continued safety and periodically reviews safety plan
- Identifies, obtains and coordinates the services for the client
- Coordinates and manages communication across systems
- Serves as a liaison and advocate for the client
- Accompanies the client to appointments
- Victim Centered and Trauma-Informed Approaches

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Types of Human Trafficking



SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION



LABOUR



DOMESTIC
SERVITUDE



FORCED
MARRIAGE



ORGAN
HARVESTING

Defining Domestic Sex Trafficking

Traffickers follow a familiar pattern of psychological manipulation and control that includes luring, grooming and exploiting their victims to perform sex acts for their financial gain. Traffickers often pose as partners and friends to gain the victims trust and take advantage of them.

Force, Fear and Coercion facilitated by a third party.

Covid-19

- Demand for commercial sex has remained high
- Majority of sex buyers are not concerned about potentially spreading or contracting Covid-19
- Increased demand for webcam and pornography
- Child exploitation increase from an average of 110 normally to 240 in March 2020 alone.
- Traffickers are taking advantage, building relationships to exploit youth after covid-19 and/or getting them to take pictures/caming

Stages of Exploitation

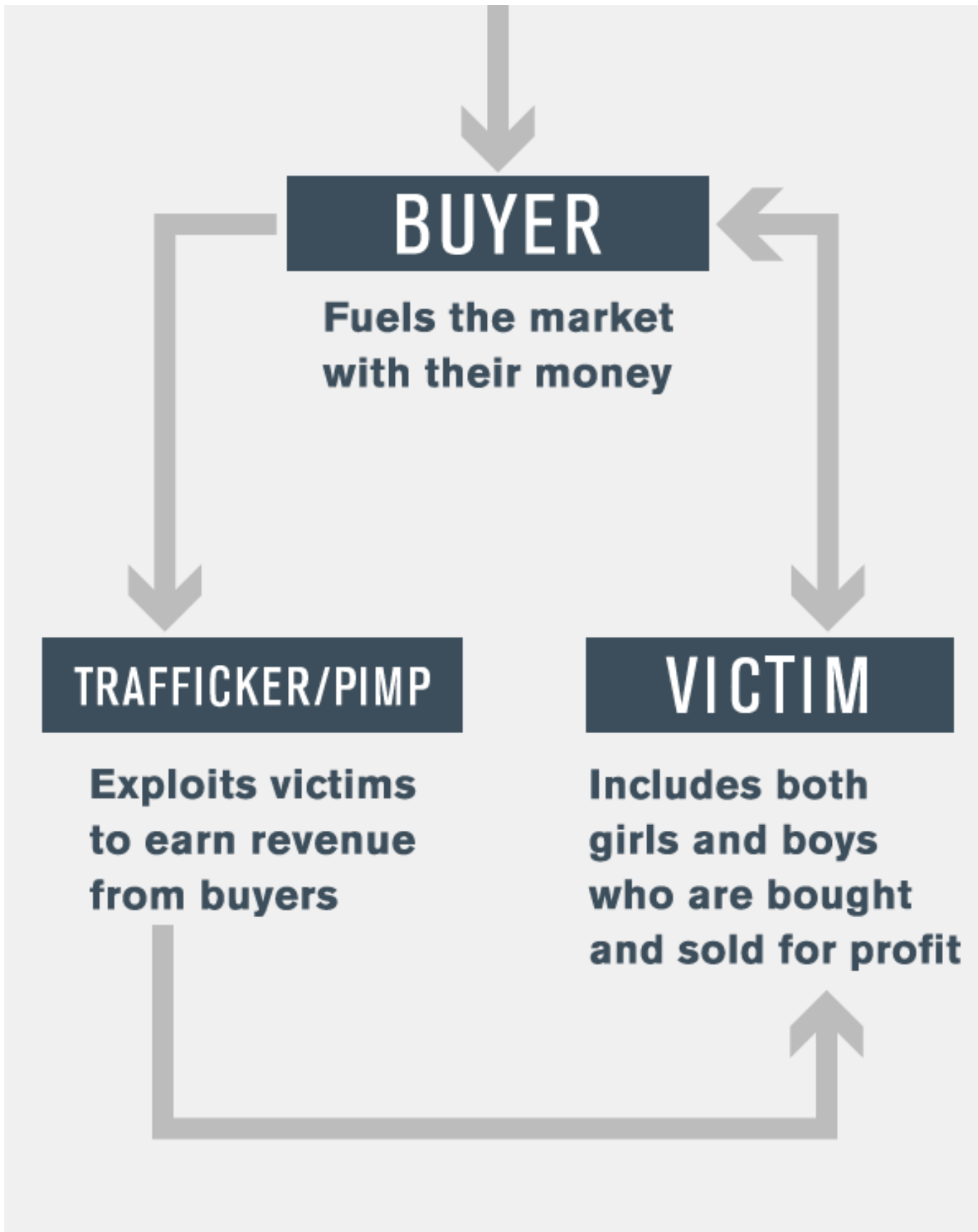




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WITH MARKIE ETHIER

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The cycle of Human Trafficking

It thrives because there is a serious demand

The buyers

It is illegal to purchase sex in Canada

Often times the johns are lightly reprimanded or being used to build a case against the traffickers.

80%- 90% are married men

On average John's are between the age of 24-55

Roughly 70% have completed College or University & earn over \$50 000 CND+ a year

15% seek arrangements with girls below age of consent

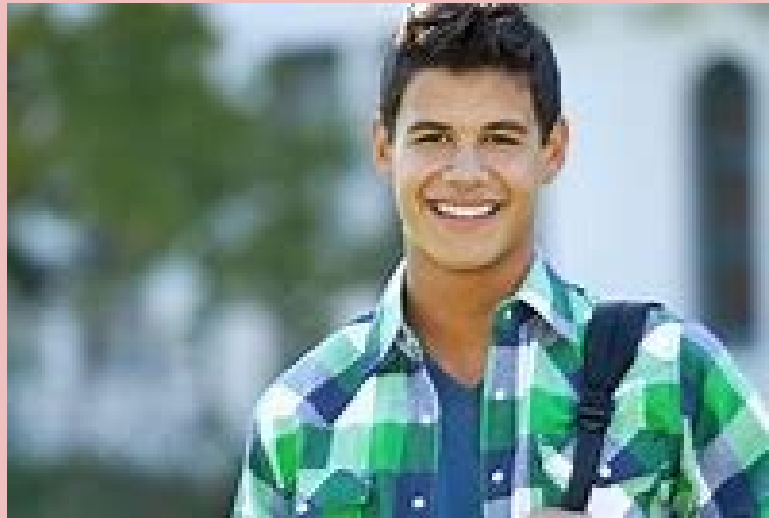
Significant portion have issues with poverty, drug & alcohol addiction or mental illness

Victim mentality

- All I want is to be loved. I'm willing to do anything to have that.
- I got myself into this
- {My pimp} is the only one who cares for me and gets me
- Fear of safety
- Fear of prosecution
- No where else to go
- My body is sore, I'm scared of getting an STI and getting pregnant
- I wish I could make my own choices
- Trapped emotionally
- I'm lonely and feel judged by everyone
- I can't trust anyone



Male victims:



- have similar vulnerabilities as female victims
- Men account for 25% of the victim population
- stigma attached to being a victim

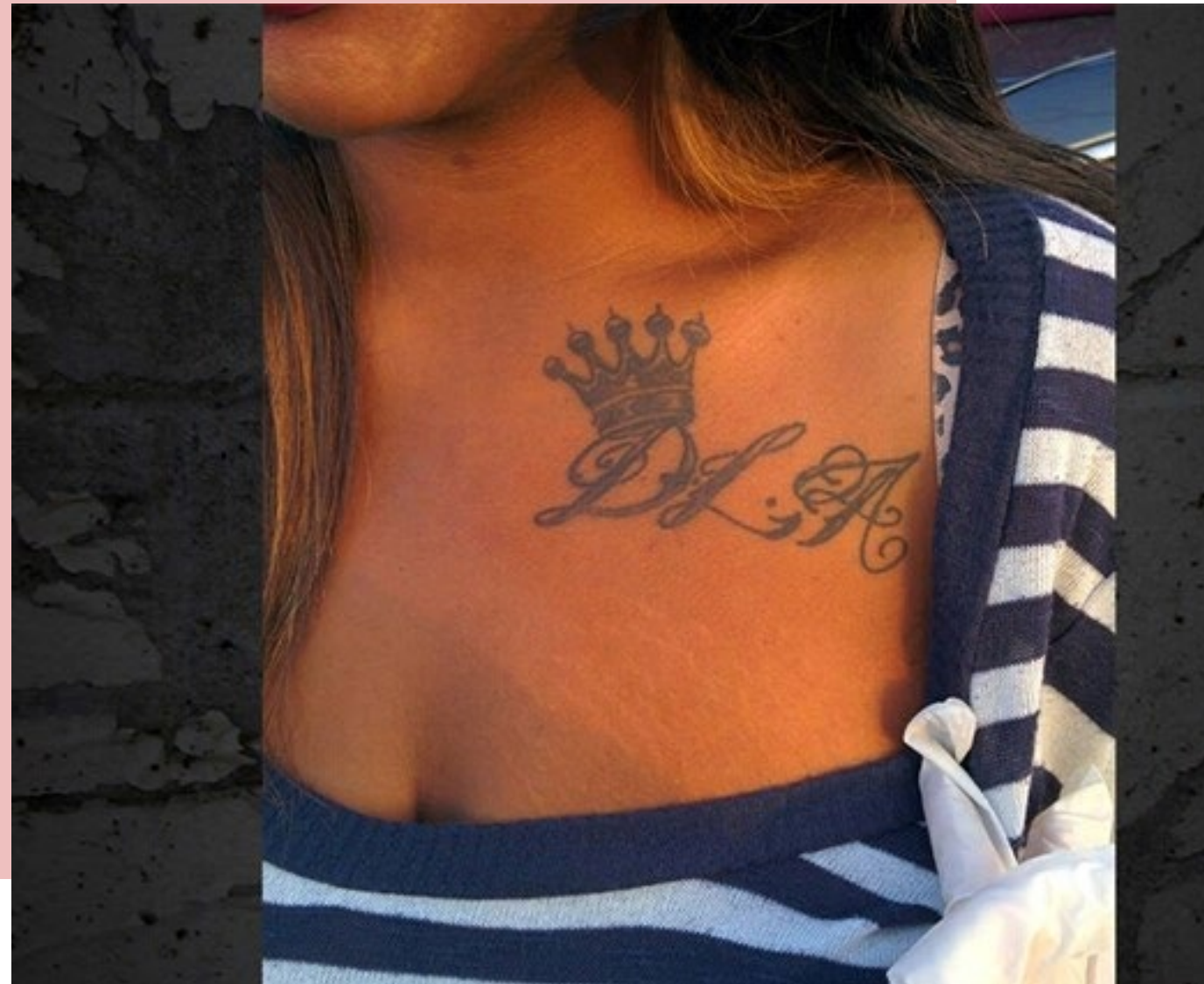
Risk and Vulnerability factors – Victims

- Youth who identify as LGBTQ2S+
- Developmentally disabled sector
- Black communities
- Indigenous communities

" Being in foster care was the perfect training for exploitation. I was used to being moved without warning, without any say, not knowing where I was going or whether I was allowed to pack my clothes. After years in foster care, I didn't think anyone would want to take care of me unless they were paid. So when my pimp expected me to make money to support 'the family' it made sense to me."

Signs of Trafficking:

General



- Frequent relocation
- Neglecting healthcare needs/ showing signs of physical abuse
- Always owing people money
- Withdrawing from friends
- Secretive, very protective about privacy
- Signs of controlling/ abusive relationship
- Branded with tattoos or scars

Signs of Trafficking



- No ID
- Inconsistencies in their story
- More than one phone
- Seems like they are reading off a script
- Abusing drugs/ alcohol
- Accompanied by someone who speaks on their behalf
- Limited contact to supports



Supports & Resources

Local Supports & Resources

Hamilton Victim Services	(905) 526-4904
YMCA Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative	(289-659-6290
Native Women's Centre; Healing Sisters	(905) 389-9908

National & Provincial Supports & Resources

Canadian Human trafficking Hotline	1 (833) 900-1010
Centre de Santé Communautaire	1 (866)437-7606
Crime Stoppers	1 (800) 222-TIPS (8477)
Pre Legal Support (free restraining orders)	1 (833) 999-9211

Don't get trapped by false promises!

Thank you

Questions?

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