



Introduction to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country Webinar Wednesday Series

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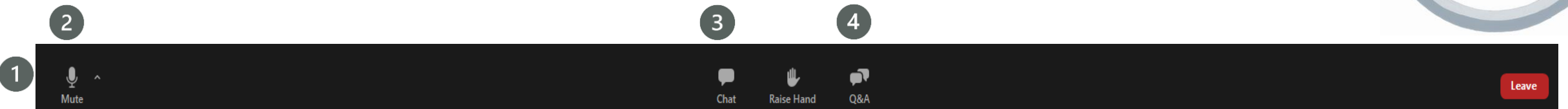
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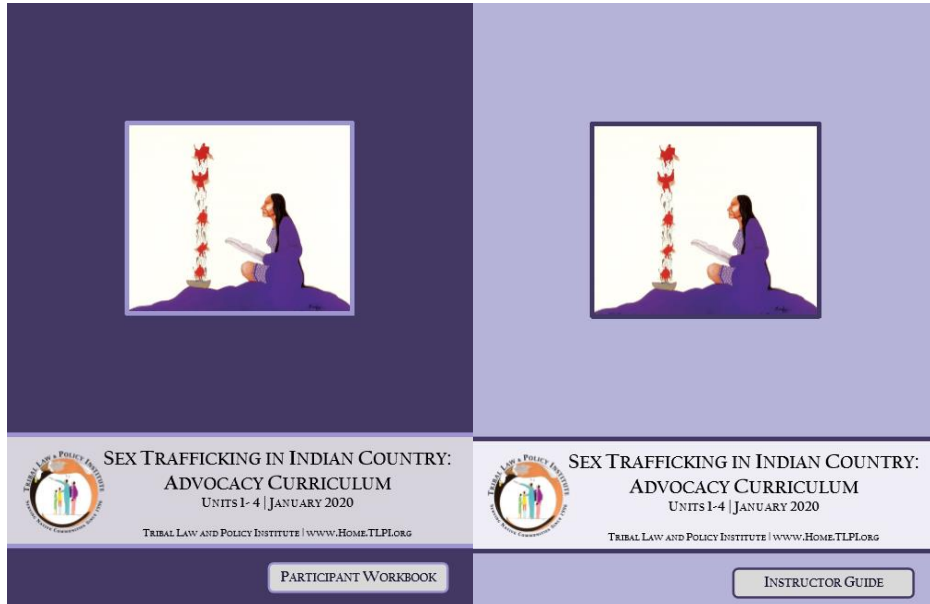


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Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum | Unit 1
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Training Agenda

- Welcome, Invocation, Introduction, and Housekeeping
- Overview of Unit and Learning Objectives
- “Training Expectations” — Large Group Exercise
- What Is Sex Trafficking?
- Advocate’s Working Definition
- Common Misconceptions
- “Anything of Value” — Small Group Exercise
- “No Force, Fraud, or Coercion Required” — Large Group Exercise
- Where Does Sex Trafficking Occur?
- Why Does Sex Trafficking Occur?
- Question and Answer



Learning Objectives

As a result of participating in this workshop, you will be better able to:

- Discuss sex trafficking generally;
- Discuss why sex trafficking occurs;
- Identify where sex trafficking can occur;
- Identify some sex trafficking risk factors; and
- Understand the importance of identifying sex trafficking myths and misconceptions.



Large Group Exercise

Training Expectations



Large Group Exercise

What are one to two expectations that you have for this training ?



Legal Definition of Sex Trafficking

Federal Definition (18 U.S.C. §1591(a))

(a)Whoever knowingly—

(1) in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, or within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, obtains, advertises, maintains, patronizes, or solicits by any means a person; or

(2) benefits, financially or by receiving anything of value, from participation in a venture which has engaged in an act described in violation of paragraph (1),

*knowing, or, except where the act constituting the violation of paragraph (1) is advertising, in reckless disregard of the fact, that **means of force, threats of force, fraud, coercion described in subsection (e)(2), or any combination of such means will be used to cause the person to engage in a commercial sex act, or that the person has not attained the age of 18 years and will be caused to engage in a commercial sex act,** shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).*



Legal Definition of Sex Trafficking

Please Note: Force, fraud, and coercion are legal terms that will vary depending on the jurisdiction.

18 U.S.C. §1591(e) provides definitions for coercion and other terms used in 18 U.S.C. §1591(a)

(e)In this section: ...

(2)The term “coercion” means—

(A)threats of serious harm to or physical restraint against any person;

(B)any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that failure to perform an act would result in serious harm to or physical restraint against any person; or

(C)the abuse or threatened abuse of law or the legal process.



Advocate's Working Definition of Sex Trafficking

- Sex trafficking is the sexual exploitation of another person for personal/commercial gain.
- This crime usually includes the trafficker exercising power and control over the victim.
- Victims may not be free to come and go as they choose.
- Remember “force, fraud, or coercion” needs to be proven if the victim is over 18 years of age.



Common Misconceptions

- Sex trafficking must involve kidnapping, confinement, or physical force.
- Sex trafficking must involve travel across state or international boundaries.
- Traffickers are always strangers to the victim.
- Sex trafficking victims are always female.
- Getting paid any amount means an individual cannot also be a victim.
- Victims are eager to receive help, self-identify, and discuss their victimization.
- Domestic violence is always different from sex trafficking.
- Sex trafficking always involves the exchange of money.



Myths and Misconceptions



Small Group Exercise

Anything of Value



Small Group Exercise

What items may be of value to you?

Identify an object other than money with your small group.



Large Group Exercise

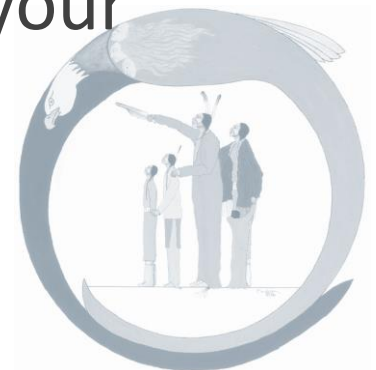
No Force, Fraud, or Coercion Required



Large Group Exercise

Review and reflect on the federal definition of sex trafficking provided in this resource. Why do you think this law does not require a showing of force, fraud, or coercion if a person is under the age of eighteen years?

Take a minute to think, then list possible answers in your workbook.



Poll Question

Where does Sex Trafficking occur?

Where Does Sex Trafficking Occur?

- Private homes
- Hotels
- Casinos
- Truck stops
- Bus terminals
- Pow-wow grounds
- Malls
- Detention facilities
- Shelters
- Bars



Where Does Sex Trafficking Occur?

- *Do you know if sex trafficking is occurring in your community?*
- *Do you know where sex trafficking occurs in your tribal community?*
- *Where do you think sex trafficking may occur?*



Why Does Sex Trafficking Occur?

- Limited research available.
- Social risk factors may make it more likely in tribal communities.
- Native nations stripped of jurisdictional authority to combat the problem.
- Substance use and abuse can contribute.
- Housing and family instability.
- Contemporary problem, but can be linked to colonization.



Why Does Sex Trafficking Occur?

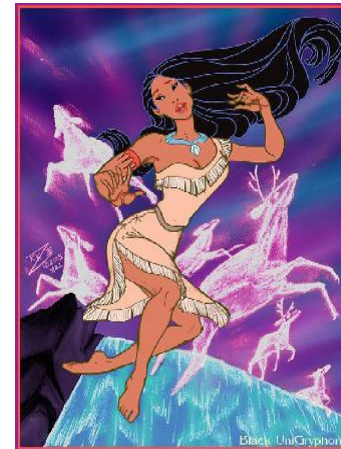
- Precontact Native peoples had varied traditions and some considered violence against women taboo.
- Colonization disrupted Native lifeways and imposed a new social, political, and religious worldview.
- Postcontact, Native women's bodies were commoditized, exploited.
- Native women and girls viewed as hypersexual and sexually objectified.



Colonization and Sex Trafficking



Colonization



Systemic Change to a Systemic Problem

- Contemporary sex trafficking is a symptom of colonization.
- Advocates and tribal communities must address societal norms and attitudes.
- Identify and dismantle systems that support traffickers.
- Look to traditional community values that can be used to support anti-trafficking efforts.



Additional Resources

If you are in danger, please call 911 and click this button to quickly EXIT THIS WEBSITE

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This website provides comprehensive information on sex trafficking as it impacts Native people and Native nations; including, publication resources, victim service directories, and training calendars. Be sure to visit our blog, **Sex Trafficking in Indian Country Update**, which contains the latest media, news articles, and policy updates on sex trafficking in Indian Country.

We envision this site as a place for Native people to find help when dealing with violence. Individuals can reach out to their local **Tribal Coalition(s)** for assistance or they can easily use our **Victim Services Directory** themselves. We suggest, however, that individuals contact their local tribal coalition for assistance first. A Tribal Coalition is comprised of tribal advocates that work to end domestic violence and sexual assault and can help individuals navigate options and services. Utilizing coalition connections can increase a person's chances of receiving services or referrals immediately.

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Webinar Wednesday Series

1. Wednesday, October 14: Introduction to Advocacy Curriculum (90 min)
2. Wednesday, October 28: Unit 1 - Introduction to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country (90 min)
3. Wednesday, November 11: Unit 2 - Identifying and Screening for Sex Trafficking (105 min)
4. Wednesday, November 25: Unit 3 - Advocacy for Victims of Sex Trafficking (90 min)
5. Wednesday, December 9: Unit 4 - Legal Advocacy, Part I (90 min)
6. Wednesday, December 23: Unit 4 - Legal Advocacy, Part II (90 min)

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