

The Bible and Human Trafficking

Joseph (Genesis 37)
Deborah's Song (Judges 5:30)
The Widow and Elisha (2 Kings 4:1-7)
Paul and the Female Slave (Acts 16)

This is what the Lord says: "For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent. They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed. Father and son use the same girl and so profane my holy name." Amos 2:6-7

Human Trafficking: The Definition

A modern-day form of slavery involving illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain —Dept. of Homeland Security

The unethical, selfish use of human beings for the satisfaction of personal desires and/or profitable advantage
—Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

Recruitment, transport, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of threat or force or other forms of coercion, including abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability

Giving or receiving payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation

—AHA Foundation

The Economics

Fastest Growing Criminal Industry

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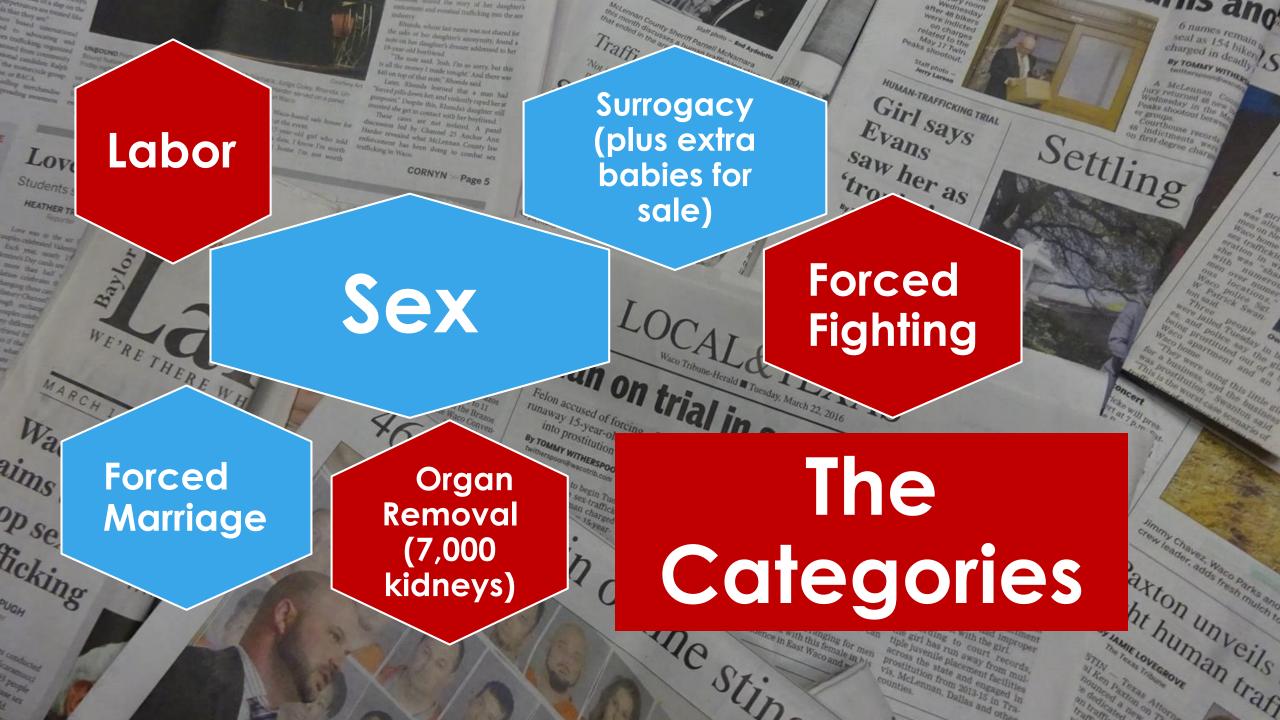
2nd Largest Criminal Enterprise

Annual Profits Exceed \$150 Billion...more than Google, EBay, Amazon

Desired individuals sell for between \$4,000 and \$50,000, depending on victim's origin and destination.

Low Risk High Profits

Sex slaves are repeatedly sold for an average of \$90 per session. Working alone, one trafficker with just two victims can generate more than \$250,000 annually.



The Method and the Means



THE A-M-P MODEL

Action

Induce Recruits Harbors Transports Provides Or Obtains

Means*

Force Fraud or Coercion

Purpose

Evans

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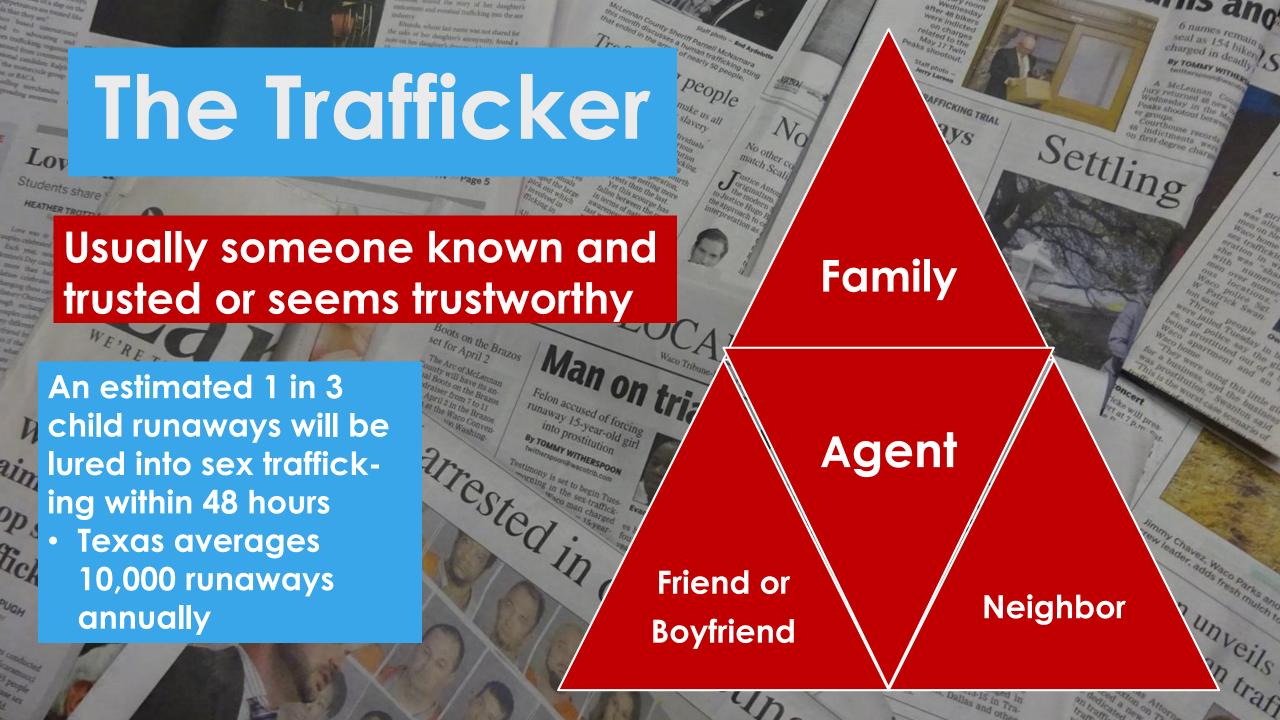
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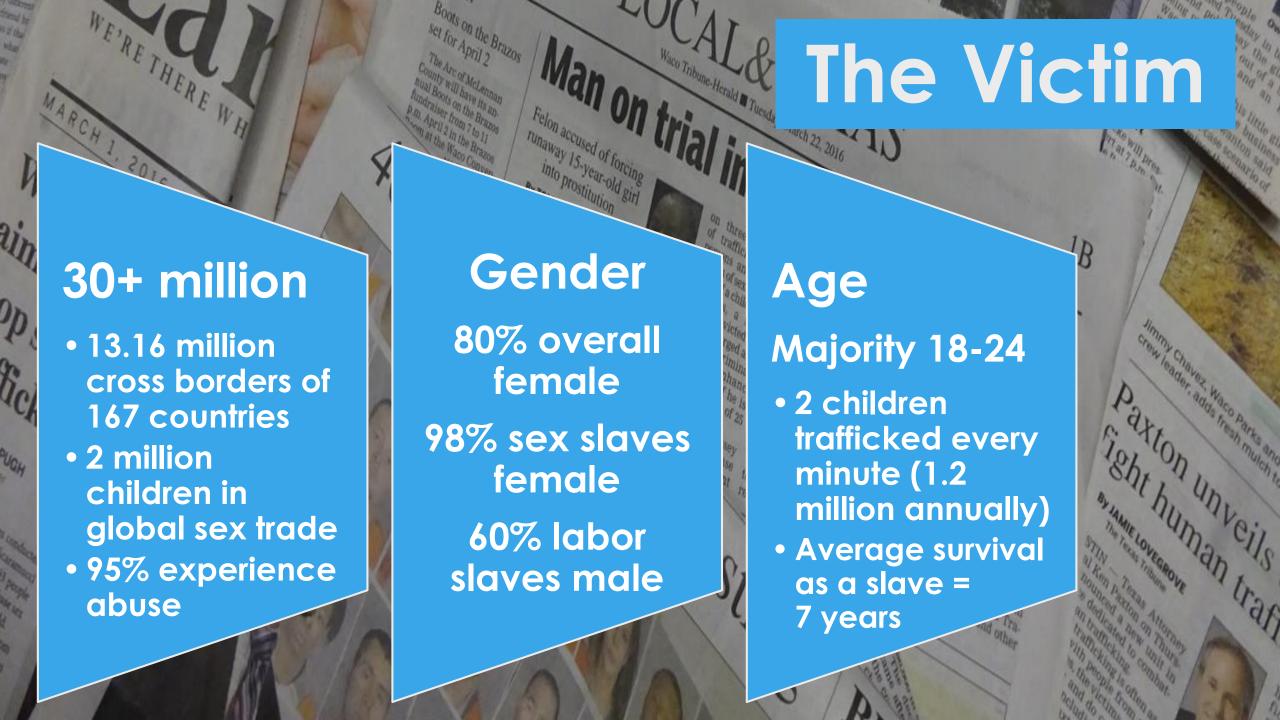
Commercial Sex (Sex Trafficking) or

Labor/Services (Labor Trafficking)

*Minors induced into commercial sex are human trafficking victims regardless if force, fraud, or coercion is present.

Yet the victim is often criminalized!





*Domestic Work abor slaves Love bu *Agriculture *Traveling Sales *Food Service *Health & Beauty *Hotel/motel *Construction *Carnivals *Elder Care *Forestry Est *Manufacturing

The United States

Males
without
female family
members

*Military bases

*Oil fields

*Sporting Venues

*Conventions

*5,544 reported cases

*3,506
calls from
victims or
survivors
*6,711

victims
identified
*Most US
citizens

Nat'l Hotline

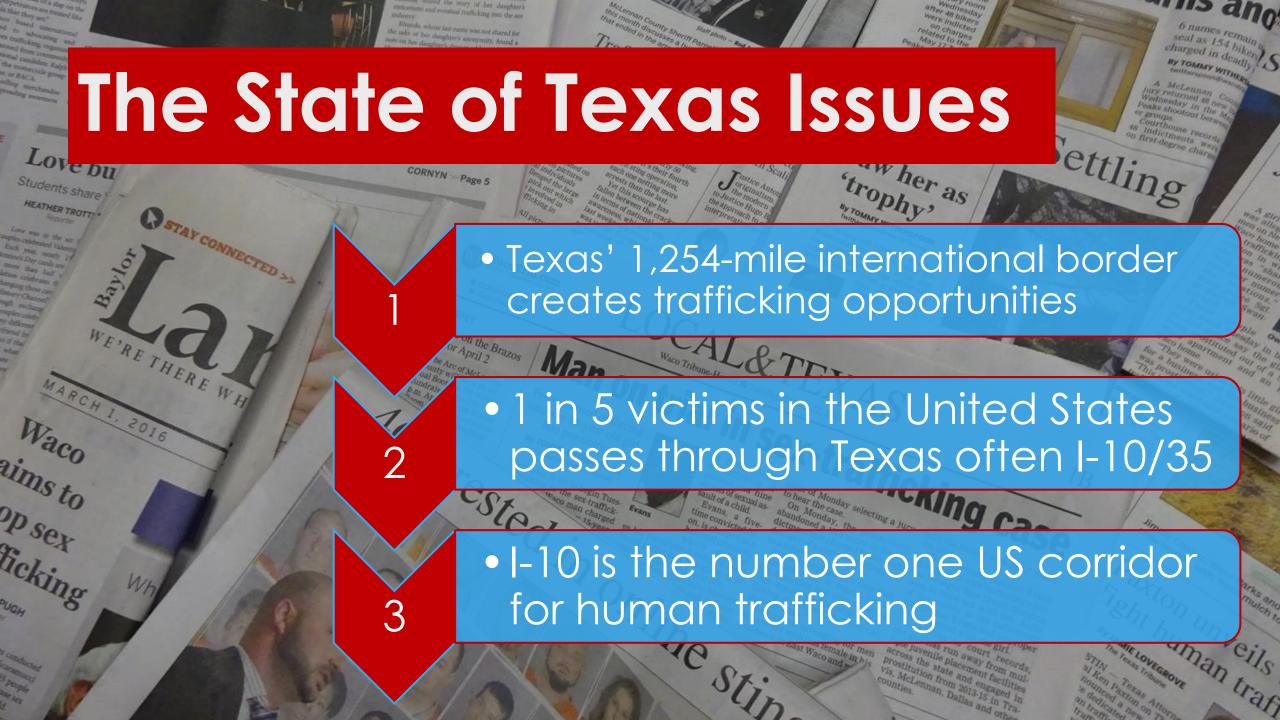
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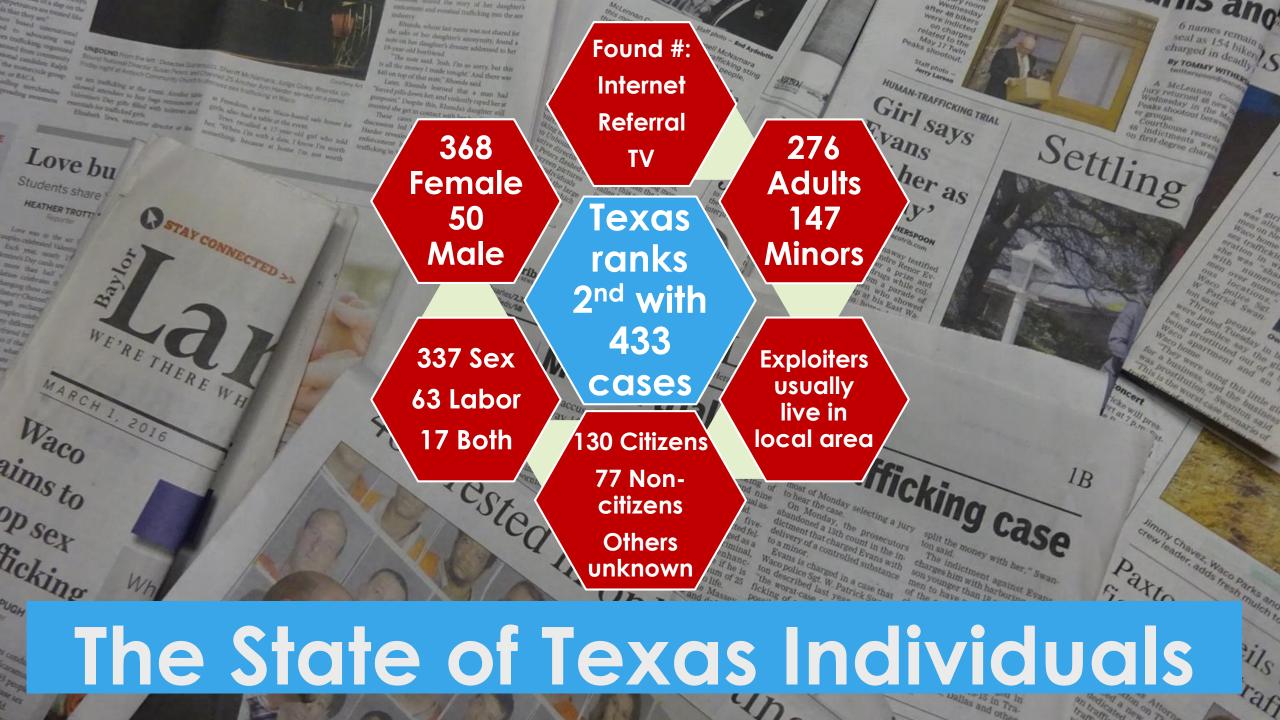
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The United Nations USA Recommendations

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- ▶ Adopt victim-centered policies at state and local levels
 - ► Ensure victims are not criminalized when coerced
- Provide safe housing for child victims, especially boys
- ▶ Provide sufficient shelter, especially for male labor trafficked victims
 - Seek input from survivors
 - Vigorously prosecute labor trafficking
 - ► Address demand for commercial sex
- Strengthen coordination among justice system and social services
 - ► Coordinate federal, state and local efforts
- ▶ Provide better screening and services for unaccompanied children
 - Issues: mandatory restitution, trust, complicity
 - ▶ Differentiate labor trafficking from workplace exploitation
 - Respond to the growing use of social media by traffickers





The State of Texas Initiatives

Texas Baptists Christian Life Commission Works in All Areas: Education, Training, Lobbying, **Advocating**

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Improve and Coordinate Victim Services Expand
Training for
Persons
Most Likely
to Identify
Victims:
Educators
and
Medical
Personnel

Address Root Causes: Sexual abuse, **Substance** abuse, Homelessness, Poverty, **Longing for** families

Enhance
Penalties
for
Trafficker
and
Buyer

Create
State Unit
to Assist
Local Law
Personnel
Investigate
and
Prosecute

The Waco Situation

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UnBound reports that the problem is worse today than at any time in the past.

Sex Trafficking: Not a destination but stop-over between Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Midland/Odessa, Fort Smith (AR) or from Killeen since trafficked women are moved frequently

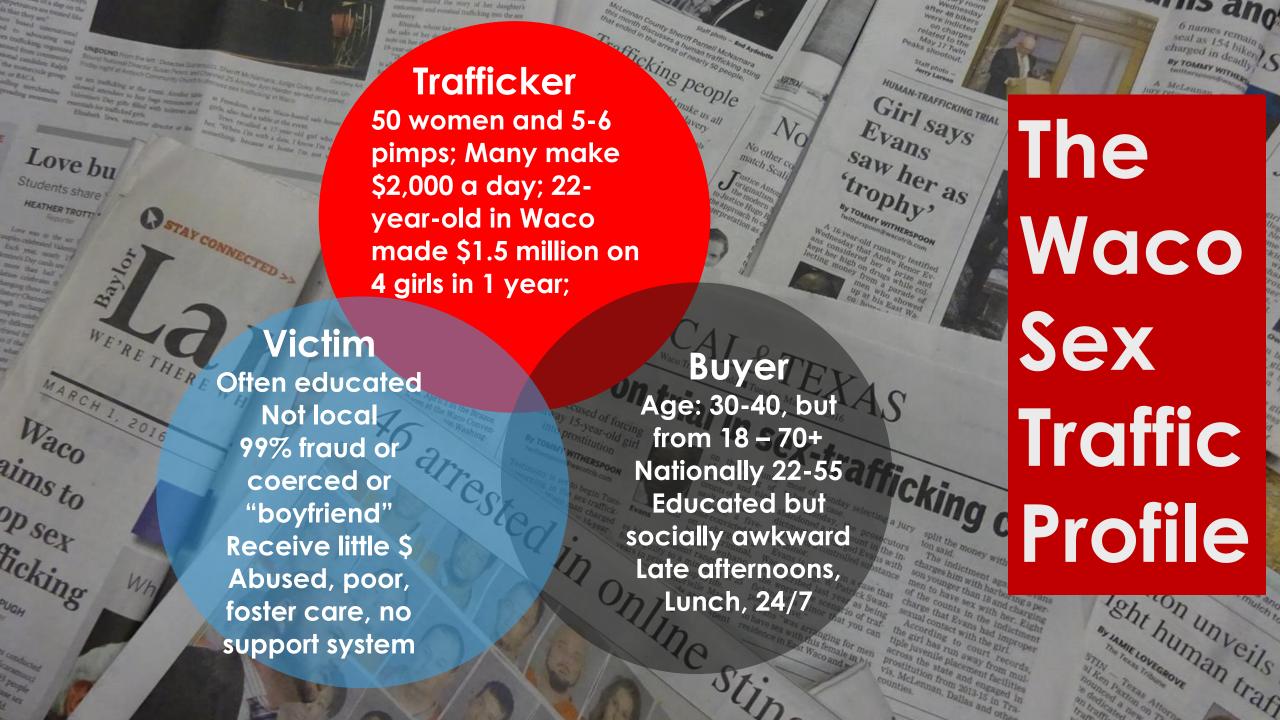
Labor Trafficking: Primarily massage but some food service

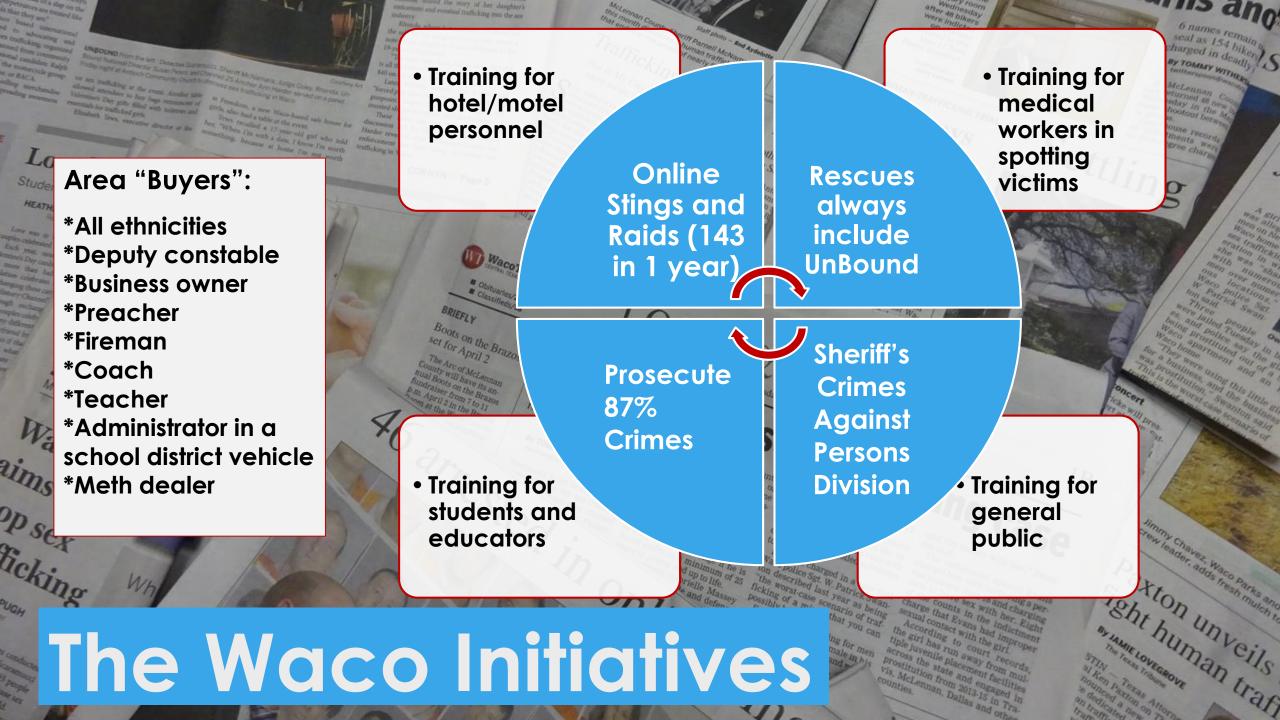
Most meetings arranged online

Preference for underage sex (30-40 weekly)

Most meetings are in motels along I-35

Robbery often accompanies sex sessions

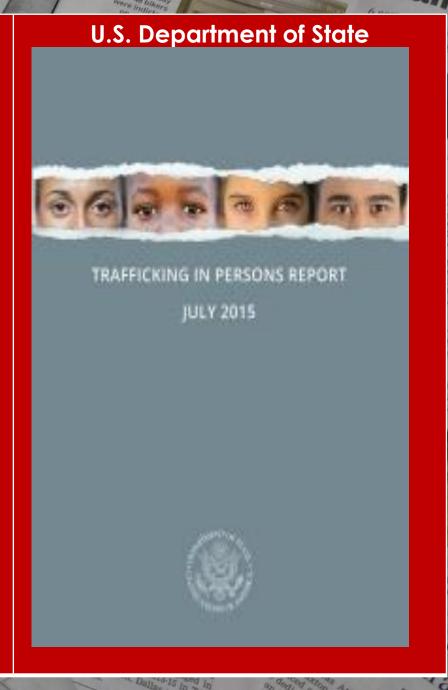


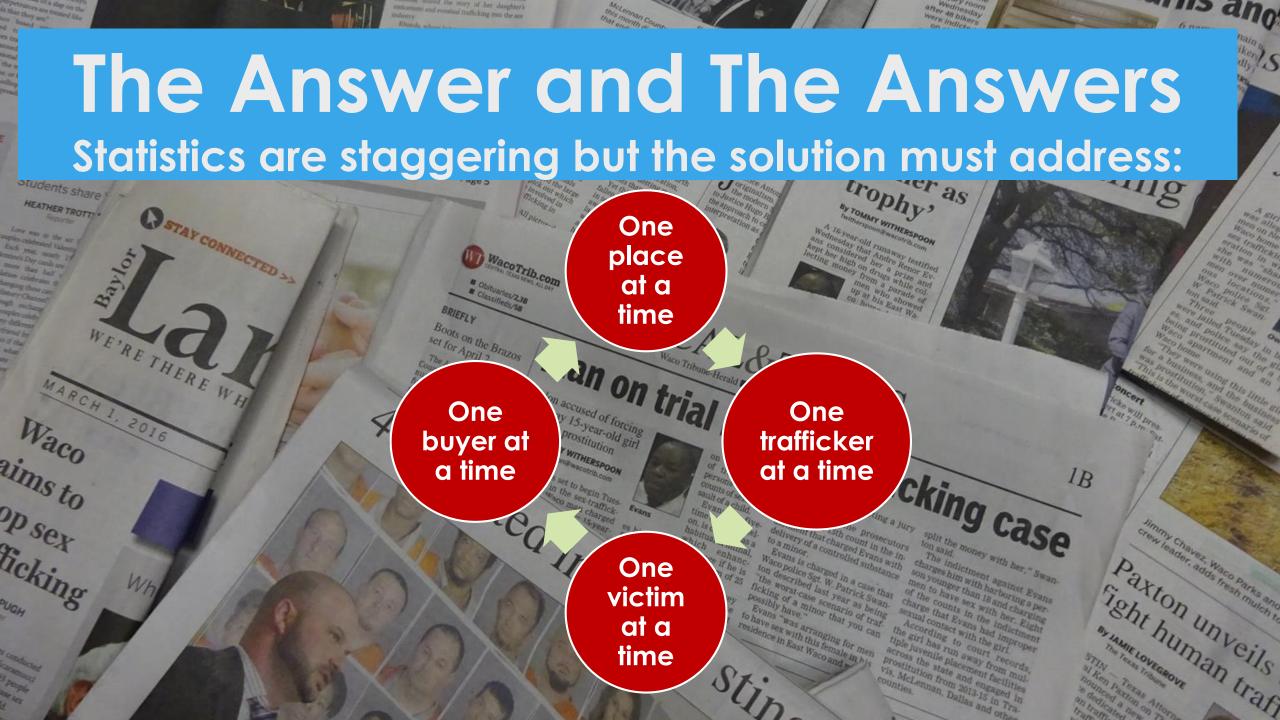


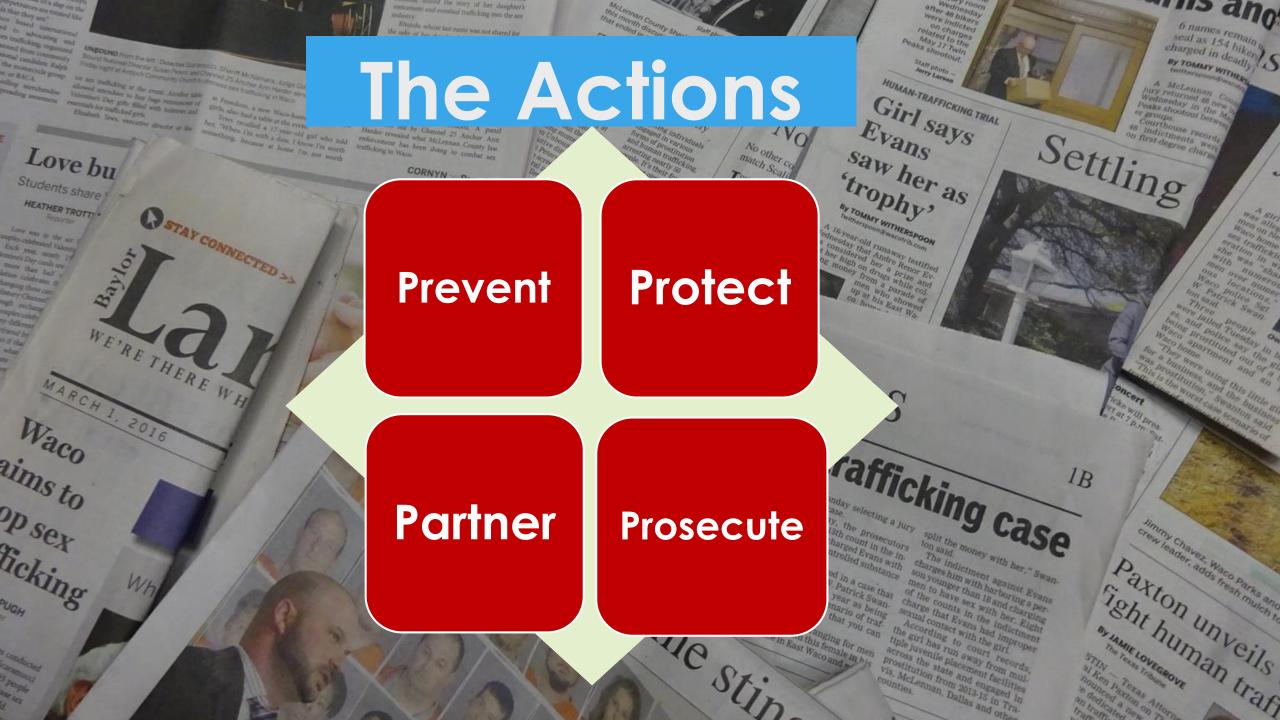
United Nations and U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security



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- Prevent: Tips are important!
- Interrupt and Intervene
- Educate: Locally Available Training
 - Advocate: Lobby, Listen, Volunteer
- Release/Rescue
- Restore/Rehabilitate: Safe Houses

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

