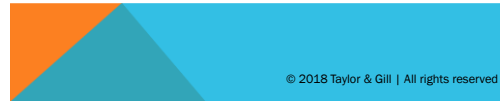




Welcome Our Presenters:

Marq D. Taylor - Survivor Advocate, Founder & President of The B.U.D.D.Y. House, Inc.

Margie Gill, LPC, CPCS, ACS – Founder & Executive Director of Tabitha's House, Inc.



OBJECTIVES

- Identify warning signs associated with male sexual exploitation
- Identify risk factors associated with male sexual exploitation
- Discuss the statistics associated with male sexual exploitation
- Address possible reasons why male survivors are underreported, underserved, and ignored in service implementation
- Identify sellers and buyers
- Discuss the impact of sexual exploitation on the psychological, physical, and social well-being on male survivors



MALE SEX TRAFFICKING

Male Sex Trafficking



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Male Sex Trafficking – Globally

- Bacha-Bazi - Dancing Boys of Afghanistan
- Urban Light – Thailand
- Blackbox International – Dominican Republic

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Male Sex Trafficking – USA

Of the 100,000-300,000 American children who are sexually exploited annually...

- How many of these youth are males?



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Male Sex Trafficking – Vulnerabilities

- Previous physical/sexual abuse (including same sex abuse)
- Dysfunctional family
- Precarious living situations
- Lack of self-esteem/self-worth
- Rejection due to gender identity or sexual orientation
- Residential area (e.g., living in area with increased sex tourism)
- Survival

VULNERABLE

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Male Sex Trafficking – Risky Behaviors

- Substance abuse (dependency/addiction)
- Sexual promiscuity
- Participating in experimental online sites
- Illegal activity
- Involvement in foster care or DJJ
- Running away
- Couch surfing



How do these risks differ from females?

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Culture

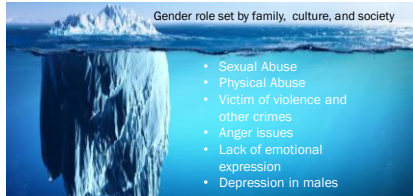
Particular to Males

- The "pimping" relationship is atypical to the female experience
- Increased physical violence with perpetrators
- Boys report living with smaller groups or alone
- Higher rates of illicit drug use
- Increased physical brutality
- Motivated by monetary profit and competition



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Male Sex Trafficking – The Culture *Silenced by Stigma & Shame*

Gender roles based on American culture

- Remain strong
- Stay in control
- Boys do not cry or express emotions
- Individualistic culture
- Only express masculinity
- Keep your problems to yourself

What other roles and expectations can you name?

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Culture *Silenced by Stigma & Shame*

What happens when there are deviations or you have no control over your situations?

- Too young to accurately describe what happened
- Coerced by someone who is considered powerful, bigger, and in authority.
- Deceived into "playing a fun game" or offered "prizes" that are to be kept a secret.
- Bribed with gifts.
- Threatened of harm to self or family.
- Concerned that the person doing the exploiting will "get in trouble."
- Accepts blame for abuse
- Believe that they will be considered a liar and will be punished for disclosing abuse.

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- Confused because this person is nice to them in other ways.
- Been taught to respect their elders.
- Don't know who to trust.
- They hate conflict, and suspect this will cause a conflict if the abuser is confronted, so suffer in silence.
- The abuse is painful, so they want to forget it.
- They don't have a good relationship with their parents, get in trouble for other things already, or haven't been taught open, healthy communication.
- Don't want their friends and others to know about the abuse.
- Find it challenging to access/seek services.
- They don't recognize and/or admit to sex trafficking experience
- They may have other faulty cognitions, maladaptive behaviors, and impaired emotional regulation.
- Overlooked in the criminal justice system

"Boys and young men represent a small percent of minors who enter the criminal justice system on prostitution charges." (And Boys Too, ECPAT USA)

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Game *Where does this happen?*

- Backpage.com/Mocospace.com/Rentboy.com
- Gay bars
- Pornographic sites
- Youth camps
- Homeless shelters
- Afterschool programs
- Private male parties
- Smoke-out parties (marijuana and other drugs)
- Sporting Events
- Truck Stops
- Conventions (Secular, Religious, and Business)

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Game *The Rules*

Males are often required to:

- act-out John's preferred sexual orientation while working, even if different from their own
- report the John's choice of sexual orientation and fantasies to the pimp/trafficker/market facilitators

Pimps/Traffickers/Market Facilitators embody similar recruitment/grooming/breaking tactics that are used with females.

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Game

Who is involved?

Sex trafficking survivors speak of experiences as being dealt and traded like a deck of cards.

Dealer: Market Facilitator, Parent, Pimp, Sugar Daddy

Player: Middle class White males represent the majority of buyers for male sex trafficking

Card: Males

- Average age of recruitment 11-13 years
- All races

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Game

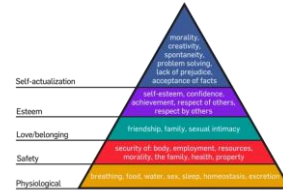
Understanding the Language

- Choose up
- Gay for Pay
- Straight for Pay
- Tranny
- Sugar Daddy
- Market Facilitator (Buddy/Pal)
- John/Tick/Date
- Pimp

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Game

Why does this happen?



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Male Sex Trafficking – The Game *The Prizes*

Children report receiving perks and incentives for their “work”

- Tickets to sporting events, theme parks,
- Money
- New clothes
- Food

Pimps/Market facilitators/Johns also:

- Post bail or bond young men out of jail for criminal activity
- Offer protection while working

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Game *The Control*

Tactics used to suppress and eliminate willpower, drive, motivation, and personal desires.

- Mental manipulation (false promises, lies, threats, coercion)
- Psychological abuse
- Physical abuse (beating, torture, rape, drug dependency)

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Aftermath *Social Impact*

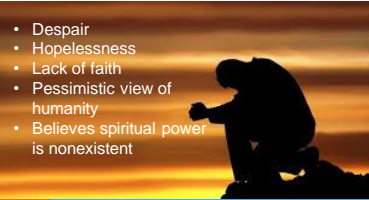
- Isolation or socially withdrawn from family, friends, and society
- Homelessness
- Incarceration
- Limited or the absence of life skills
- Trust issues/impaired relationships
- Educational deficits
- Lack of job skills/employment opportunities

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Aftermath

Spiritual Impact

- Despair
- Hopelessness
- Lack of faith
- Pessimistic view of humanity
- Believes spiritual power is nonexistent



Male Sex Trafficking – The Aftermath

Lack of Services

Currently, there is only one restorative-care residential facility designated solely for male domestic minor sex trafficking victims in the US.

More services and resources are needed that are designed and created specifically for male survivors of sex trafficking.

Male Sex Trafficking – The Aftermath

Healing & Restoration

What can we do to help:

- Advocate, Advocate, Advocate
- Create more gender inclusive services
- Demolish gender roles & expectations
- Create more safe spaces
- Increase awareness
- Create prevention programs
- Develop more therapeutic interventions that are trauma and culturally sensitive to address mental health needs
- Treat the complex traumas
- Group work/Think tanks
- Increase legal support and employment opportunities



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Male Sex Trafficking – The Aftermath
Healing & Restoration

Silenced No More...Marq's Voice

My Story

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Male Sex Trafficking – The Aftermath
Hope for Better Care



The B.U.D.Y. House, Inc.

- Outreach, support, & services to sexually exploited boys

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