

Identifying and Assessing Human Trafficking

An Assessment Tool

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Historical Context/Development of Tool

- ▶ Who/Why/How?
- ▶ Coordinated response nationally
- ▶ Locally (knowledge building)

The Assessment Tool

- ▶ Assists with Definitional Issues
 - Evolving beyond international sex trafficking
 - Labour/Marriage
 - Trafficking vs. Smuggling
 - Determining policy & programs
- ▶ Assistance with Identification
- ▶ Evidence for Best Practice
- ▶ Opportunity for Advocacy



Evolving Understanding of Human Trafficking

- ▶ Direct services/support to exploited/trafficked persons
- ▶ Systemic advocacy for law and policy changes
- ▶ Education and awareness building to the general public
- ▶ Service provider training

Committee Organizations:

Legal Assistance of Windsor
University of Windsor, School of Social
Work
Windsor Women Working with
Immigrant Women
Diocese of London Ministry to Refugee
Claimants
New Canadian Centre/YMCA
Can Am Native Friendship Centre
Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence
Treatment Centre

Victim Services of Windsor Essex
WEST
Windsor Essex Children Aid Society
Windsor Police Services
City of Windsor, Social Services
OPP
Mathew House
Victim Witness Assistance Program
Welcome Home Shelter
House of Sophrosyne



The Hawaii Case

In the old days, they used to keep slaves in their place with whips and chains," Simon said in an interview. "Today, it is done with economic threats and intimidation." FBI Agent Tom Simon: Honolulu Star; Sept. 3, 2010



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Marriage Trafficking

- ▶ Predominately Women and children
- ▶ Atonement
- ▶ Abuse
- ▶ Power/control
- ▶ Slaves in their own home



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Smuggling vs. Trafficking

- ▶ Human smuggling is, by definition, a transnational crime
 - ▶ Generally involves the consent of the person smuggled.
 - ▶ Generally free to do what they want once they arrive at their country of destination.
 - ▶ The source of profit for human smuggling is the fee associated with the smuggling act.
 - ▶ Trafficking in persons is not necessarily transnational;
 - ▶ Never consented or their consent has been rendered meaningless by the improper means used by the trafficker;
 - ▶ Liberty curtailed and are compelled to provide their labour services,
 - ▶ Profits are made through the ongoing exploitation of the victims.
- ▶ Dept. of Justice

Smuggling

Trafficking

Elements of Human Trafficking

Mobilization

- recruit
- transport
- transfer
- harbour
- receive
- give/receive benefit

Means

- violence
- threat of violence
- coercion
- abduction
- fraud
- deception
- abuse of power

Purpose

- sexual exploitation
- forced labour
- slavery
- servitude
- organ removal
- forced marriage

Identifying Survivors

CCR Preliminary Assessment Part 1

- ▶ Was your client misled or lied to about a better job/situation than they have?
 - Are their living or working conditions unreasonable? Are they unable to leave without fear of retaliation?
- ▶ Are they isolated or are their movements being controlled?
- ▶ Are their money or finances/identity or travel documents out of their control?
- ▶ In their current situation, have they been pressured or forced into doing something that they did not want to do for the profit of someone else, or to remain in a living / working situation they didn't want to be a part of?



The Data

- ▶ Policy & Programs
 - Nationally
 - Provincially
 - Locally

Next Steps

- ▶ Documenting & Collating
 - Developing a system
- ▶ Provincially & Nationally
- ▶ Dr. Sung Yun
 - ▶ <http://uwindsor.fluidsurveys.com/surveys/d-kqp/ht>

How to Use the Tool

- ▶ Part 2: Wednesday, September 14 @ 2:00 p.m.
- ▶ Maureen Thrasher
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Questions

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