

# National Human Trafficking Prevention Month: Confronting Labor Trafficking Through a Victim-Centered Approach

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### Welcome!

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# Framework: Tools to Combat Labor Trafficking

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## A Note on Language

- Survivor
- Vulnerability

You know, when we hear "America" back in my country...to come here you have a big opportunity; you can give everything to your family that they need. So I take the chance.

Labor Trafficking Survivor



### Framework: Tools to Combat Labor Trafficking

**GOALS** 

Increase
collaboration of
labor trafficking
professionals

Improve service delivery to labor trafficking survivors

Enhance anti-trafficking programs by supporting intentional and sustainable survivor engagement

Dedicated to the creation of tailored, engaging, and user-friendly training, resources, and individualized support.



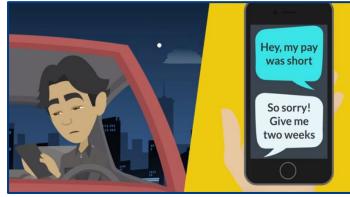


### Framework Resources for You!









- Case Study Practice Videos
- Webinar and Training Recordings
- Blog Posts
- Tip-Sheets
- Survivor Created Resources
- Healing from Trauma Online Gallery
- Online Certification Courses
- \*Mentorship
- \*Communities of Learning

All resources are free for use in your regional trainings!



# What are people saying about Framework?

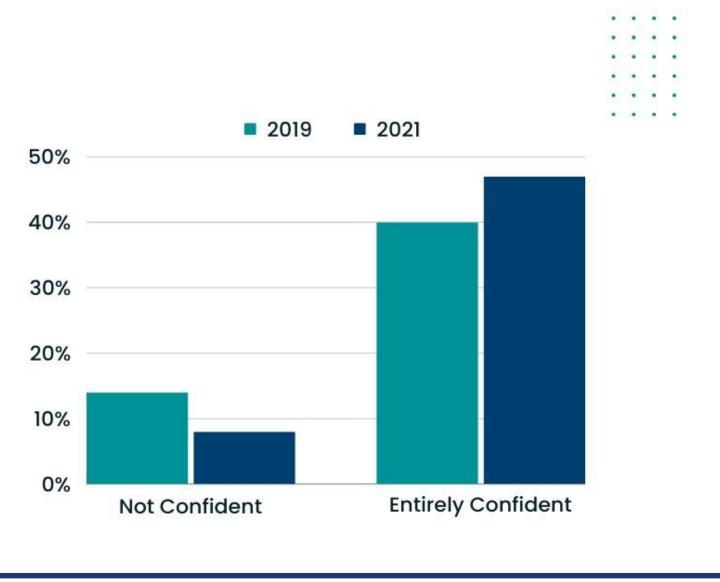
The trainings feel like conversations where we are learning together to think critically about our services and improve ways to support survivors

These presentations are engaging, dynamic, and well researched but also had heart.

Framework addresses huge issues and provides deep information. Always while upholding and centering those most impacted.

This is the best event I've ever attended. The ways content was addressed was empowering. I felt inspired.







### **Human Trafficking**

A crime involving the exploitation of a person for labor, services, or commercial sex.



Tip-Sheet From Our Crossover Between Sex & Labor Trafficking Event



# **Labor Trafficking**

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) defines forced labor as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

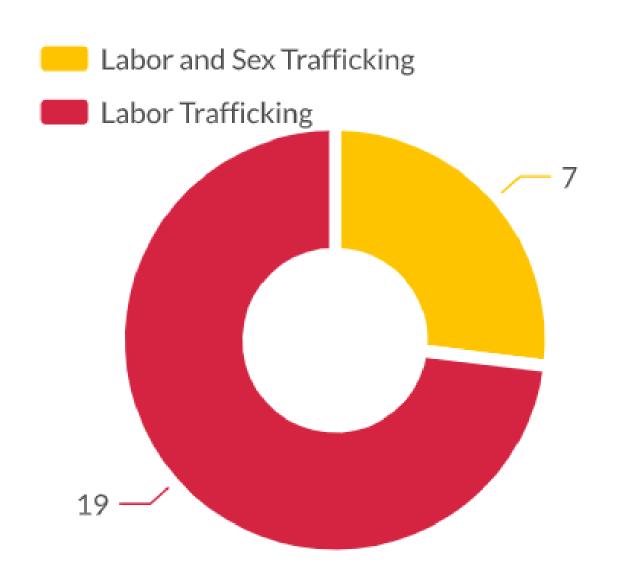
\*Minors experiencing labor trafficking must prove force, fraud, or coercion



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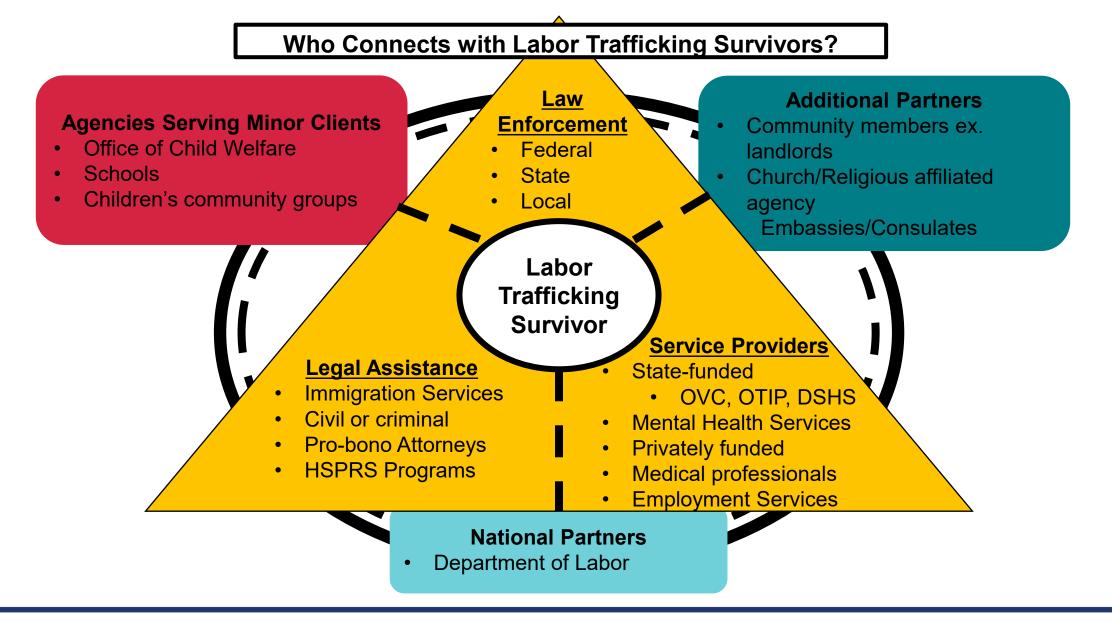
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# Where Does Labor Trafficking Happen?

- Agriculture
- Domestic Servitude
- Hospitality
- Restaurants
- Massage/Body Works
- Construction
- Landscaping/Forestry
- Entertainment/Sports
- Street Performance or Online

- Bars/Strip Clubs
- Illicit Industries such as drug sales and identity theft
- Group crime and gangs
- Telemarketing
- Driving and delivery
- Anywhere!







# **Experiences of Labor Trafficking Survivors**



### Force, Fraud, and Coercion

#### **Force**

- Physical assault such as being hit, kicked, punched, stabbed, strangled, burned, shot, raped
- Confinement such as being locked in a room or closet, handcuffed, tied up, bound, or otherwise physically prevented from moving or leaving a situation
- Drugging a person to incapacitate him/her

#### **Fraud**

- False promises of a better job, good pay, new life in the U.S., better circumstances for one's family
- Use of fraudulent travel documents such as passports or visas
- False advertising

#### Coercion

- Putting a gun to someone's head
- Holding a person at knifepoint
- Threats or intimidation against the victim or victim's family, including threats to physically harm a loved one
- Blackmail
- Threats of deportation or sending someone to jail



## **Examples of Force**

"My body shut down and I was sick all the time. We were only given noodles twice a day."

"I tried to leave but she hit me. I cried and knew I would never try it again."

"We worked 18-hour days.

I was always so tired I couldn't event think straight."

"They are always watching me. I can't leave."



## **Examples of Fraud**

"My contract says I should be making more."

"I was told my dreams would come true, but I'm not working as a model. I work in a massage parlor."

"He said he loved me and would take care of me.

After we got married, everything changed."

"I was promised housing, but I sleep in a room with four other people."



### **Examples of Coercion**

"I saw what happened to the last person that said, "No." "He said he'd call every place in town and tell them how terrible of a worker I am.

"My documentation status was used against me."

"She said if I didn't listen to her, she wouldn't love me anymore."



### **Watch and Reflect**

What are clues that Anna's experience might be labor trafficking?

What were some of the barriers to Anna's self-identification?

Where are some places that Anna interacted with outreach?

What would motivate Anna to reach out to a provider?



## **How Do Agencies Reach Survivors?**





# Framework Resources Offer Self-Guided Learning

# What are clues Anna's experience might be labor trafficking?

- Working more hours and days than is legal
- Illegal deductions from pay such as breaks, sick time, and safety equipment
- Rumors of bad things happening to people who quit/didn't pay their debt
- Mentions of owing a debt

# What were some of the barriers to Anna's self-identification?

- The portrayal of human trafficking survivors being disproportionately white is common in outreach
- Representations of excessive force such as chains
- Use of words without examples
- No understanding that labor trafficking victims may still be paid

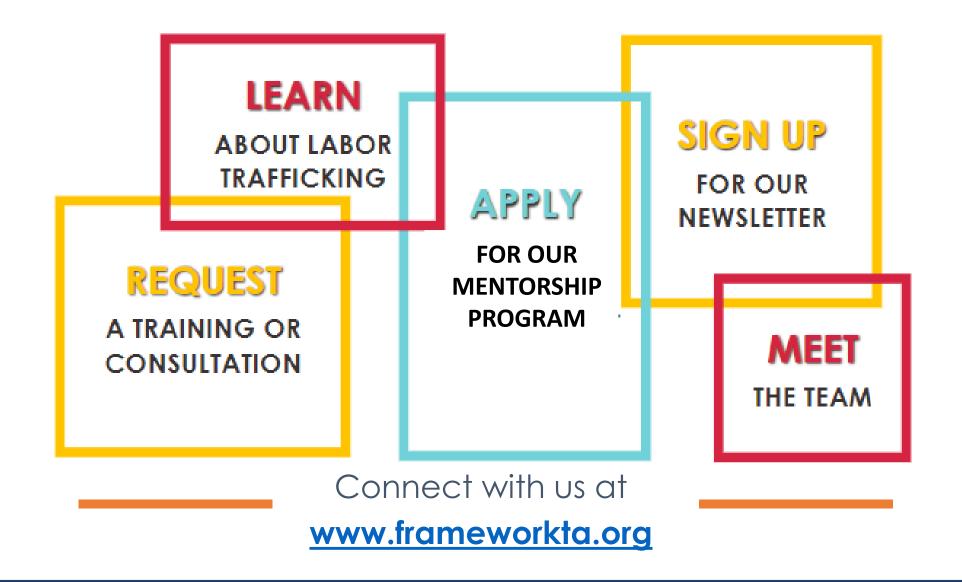


# Foundations to Combat Labor Trafficking eLearning











Framework Survey!



### **Questions?**



Submit questions in the **Q&A** box Send to All Panelists



# Resources: Research on Labor Trafficking

Stay updated with the latest NIJ research on human trafficking @Publications Listing | National Institute of Justice (ojp.gov)

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# Resources on Labor Trafficking

- Office for Victims of Crime: <a href="www.ovc.gov">www.ovc.gov</a>
  - About Labor Trafficking: <a href="https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/human-trafficking/about-human-trafficking">https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/human-trafficking</a>
  - Grants & Funding | Human Trafficking | Office for Victims of Crime (ojp.gov)
- Framework: <u>www.frameworkta.org</u>
- U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) website on child labor: www. dol.gov/agencies/whd/child-labor

