

# Human Trafficking Happens Here

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# Monterey County Rape Crisis Center

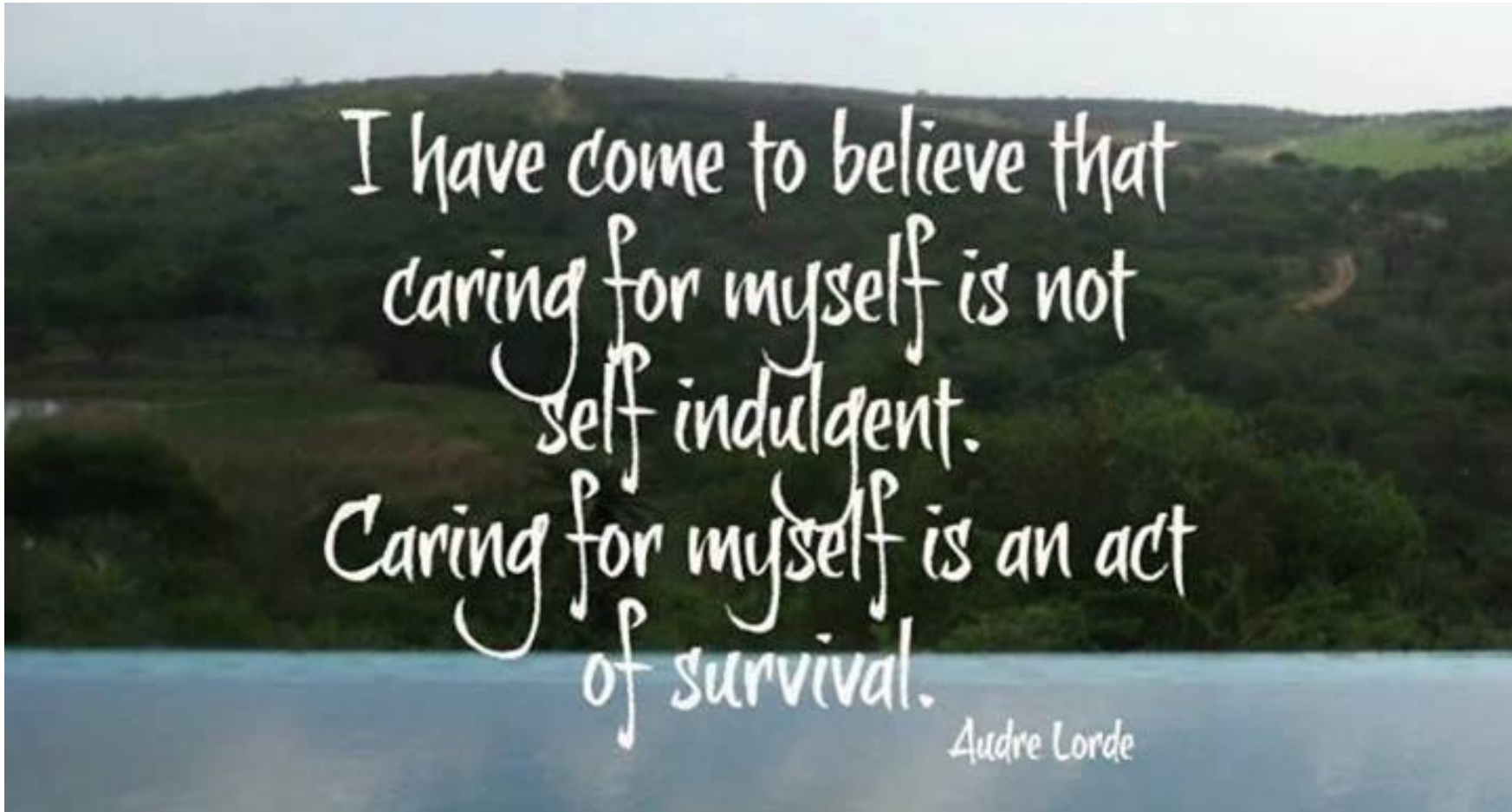
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- 24 Hour Bilingual Crisis Line
  - **831-424-4357 (HELP)**
  - 100% Confidential and Anonymous
- Counseling - Survivors & Significant Others
  - Free for under 18
- Advocacy
- SART
- Prevention



# Introductions

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# What is Human Trafficking?

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When A Person is Forced to Work Through Force Fraud Or Coercion

*And/or*

Any Minor Under 18 who is involved with Commercial Sex



# Smuggling Vs. Human Trafficking

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## Smuggling

Crime Against Nation

Must Cross National Borders

Free to leave After Border Passage

Person consents to be Smuggled

No labor or Sexual Exploitation Required

## Human Trafficking

Crime Against a Person

No Movement Required

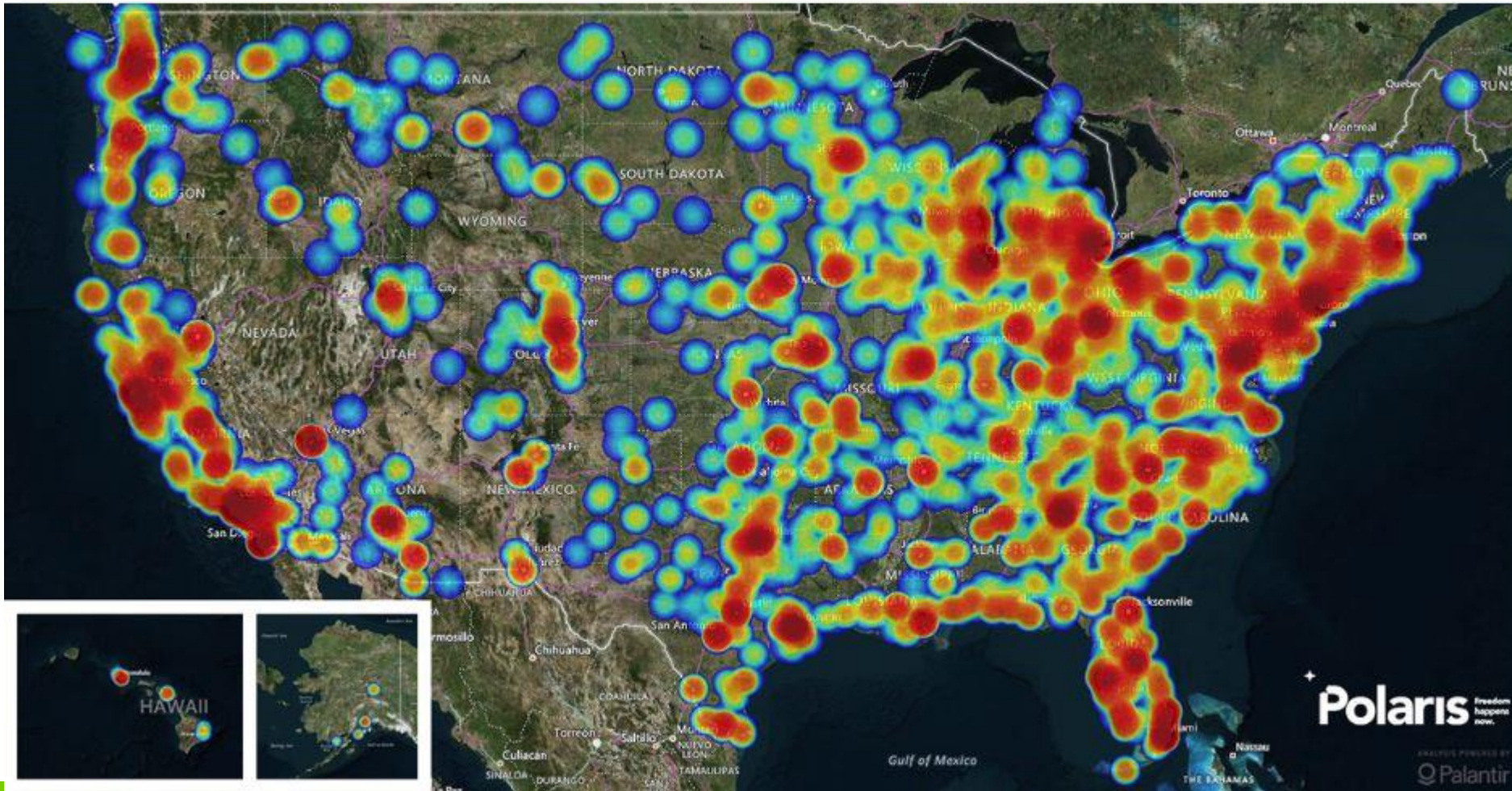
Not Free to Leave

A Person is Trafficked through Force,  
Fraud or Coercion

Involves Labor or Sexual Exploitation



# Human Trafficking In Our Community



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# 25 Human Trafficking Forms

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- Escort Services
- Illicit Massage
- Outdoor Solicitation
- Residential Sex
- Domestic Work
- Bars and Strip Clubs
- Pornography
- Traveling Sales Crews
- Restaurants and Food Service
- Agriculture
- Personal Sexual Servitude
- Health and Beauty Services
- **Construction**
- Hotel and Hospitality
- **Landscaping**
- Illicit Activities
- **Arts and Entertainment**
- Commercial Cleaning Services
- Peddling and Begging
- **Factories and Manufacturing**
- Remote Interactive Sexual Acts
- Carnivals
- Forestry and Logging
- Health Care
- **Recreational Facilities**

<https://polarisproject.org/typology>



# The People Behind the Label

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[Emelin's Story](#)

[Carissa's Story](#)

These stories are both very different, but what similarities do you notice?

(e.g. vulnerabilities, desires, needs, etc. )



# Who Are the Traffickers?

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Gang Involved/Organized Crime

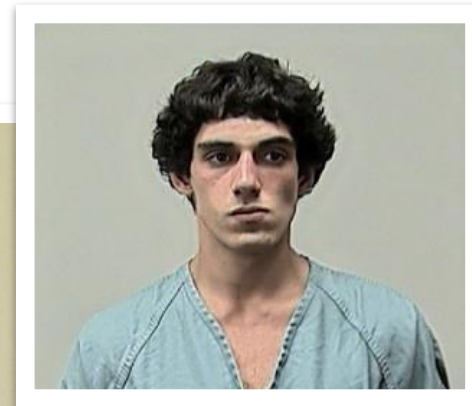
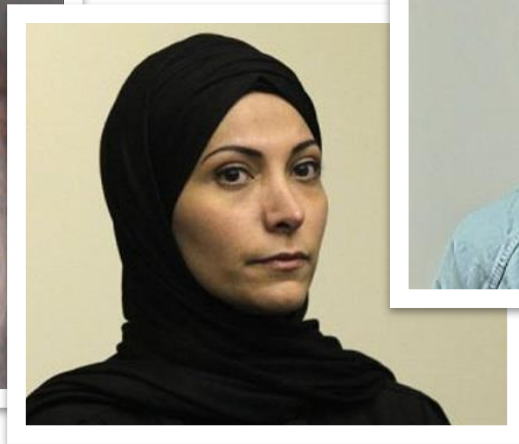
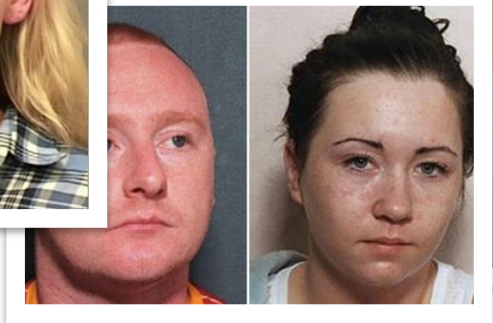
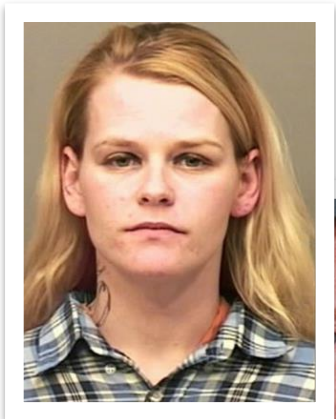
Parents and Family Members

Landlords

Agricultural operations

Owners of small or medium-sized businesses

Anyone...



# Who Are Trafficked People

## Media



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## Reality



# Pathways to Entry

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- False job offer
- Seduction and coercion - False romantic partners
- False advertising for “modeling,” “acting,” or “dancing” opportunities
- Internet enticement through social media or other sites
- Peer recruitment
- Violence and force
- Kidnapping/Abduction
- Parents selling children



# Youth at risk for recruitment

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- Own or have access to a computer
- Are attracted to consumer goods
- Desire to develop romantic relationships
- Sometimes feel insecure or misunderstood
- Fight with their parents
- Want more independence
- Test boundaries and take risks

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# Especially Vulnerable Youth

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- LGBTQ+
- Homelessness
- System Involved
- Unhealed Trauma and Previous Victimizations and Oppressions
- Discrimination



# Victims May Not Appear to Want Help

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- Physical, emotional, sexual health may be impacted
- Stockholm Syndrome/Trauma Bonding
  - View trafficker as lifeline
- Dependency
- Fear, shame, self-blame and hopelessness
- Non-identification as a victim
- Use or threat of violence
- Distrust of authority



# Possible Warning Signs (or not)

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- Expensive gifts, unexplained items
- Changes in typical behaviors, dress, weight
- Multiple cell phones, shows distress about access to cell phone
- Frequently runs away, brings suitcase in school
- Signs of physical trauma
- Sleep deprived
- Has “older” boyfriend, controlling partner
- Expresses non-age appropriate familiarity with sex and commercial sex
- Youth is on edge, hypervigilant
- Difficulty responding to danger cues and/or risk taking behavior



# What can you do?

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- Talk to youth about healthy relationships
- Discuss green flags and red flags in romantic relationships
- Be open minded and speak without judgement - they need someone to come to
- Talk to loved ones about the consequences and ethics of buying sex
- *Educators*: suspicion of involvement in commercial sex is a mandated report



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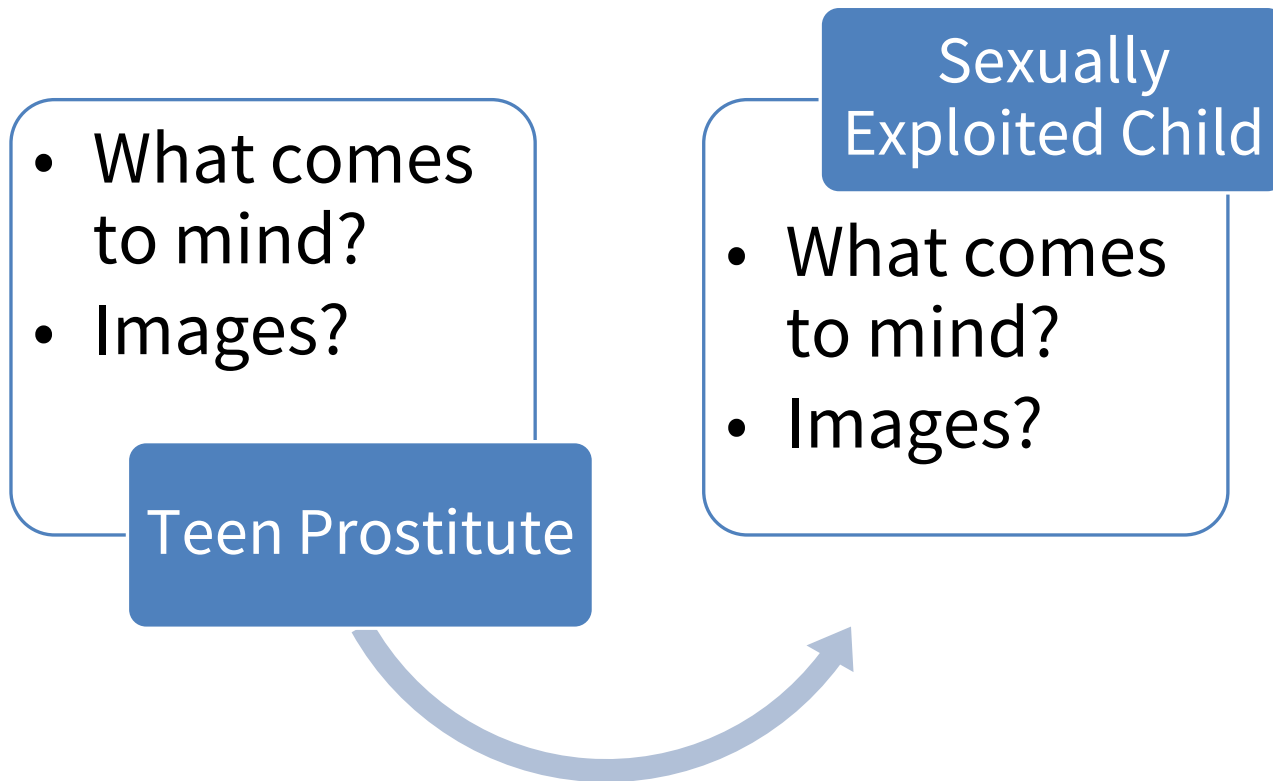
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- Know our services, use the crisis line,  
refer to MCRCC
  - 831-424-4357
- Learn More!
  - Resources, documentaries:
    - I am Jane Doe
    - Food Chains
- Change your language



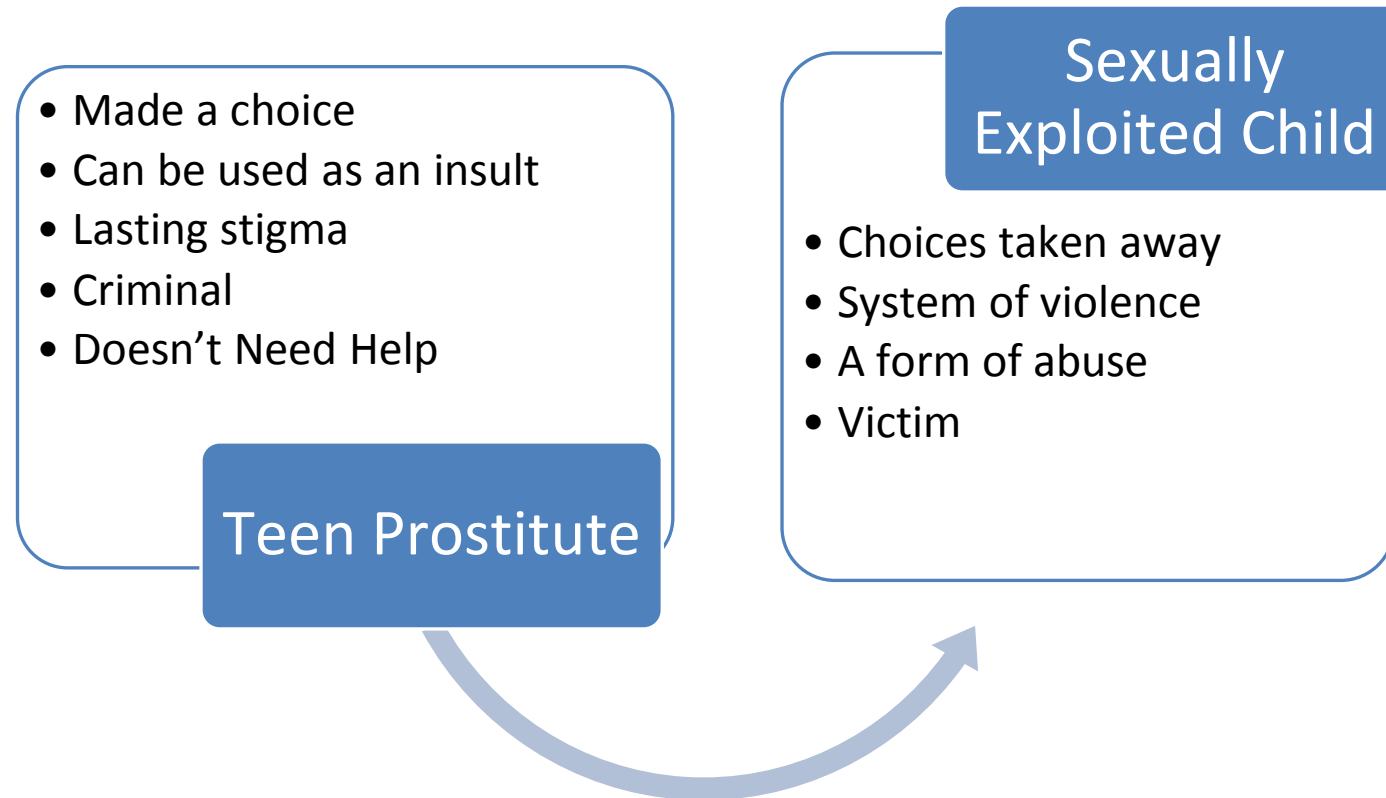
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# Changing the Language

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Teen Prostitution



CSEC

Delinquent/Criminal



Human Trafficking Victim

Illegal Alien



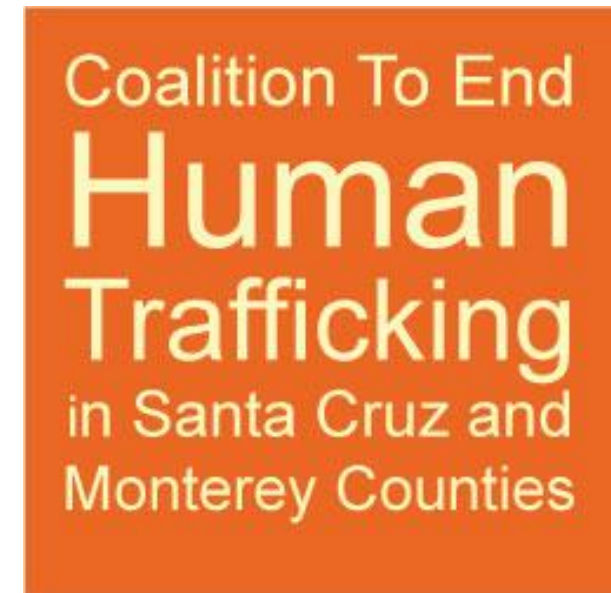
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# Coalition To End Human Trafficking

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- Founded in 2014
- Over 90 Organizations Involved In Some Capacity
- Goals
  - Collaboration
  - Training
  - Research
  - Outreach
- 3rd Tuesday each Month at Noon



# Monterey County Rape Crisis Center

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- Looking for volunteer advocates
  - Passionate about ending SV
  - Support survivors
  - Respond to crisis
- Bilingual advocates welcomed
- Call to get involved
  - Office line: 831-373-3955



# Thank You!

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