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National Human Trafficking Awareness Month: January 2019

Understanding Human Trafficking of Children and Youth



Human trafficking is defined as the exploitation of an individual for profit through forced labor or commercial sex. It affects all populations: adults, children, men, women, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, and all economic classes. Federal human trafficking laws define minors involved in commercial sex acts as victims of trafficking, and requires state child welfare agencies to identify and provide services for trafficked youth and those at risk. In Maryland, child sex trafficking refers to the trafficking of anyone under the age of 18 and is a form of child abuse. Maryland human trafficking laws, updated in 2012, opened the door for minor victims to receive child welfare services, rather than a juvenile justice response. This change also required mandated reporters to report suspected child sex trafficking victims to local Department of Social Services to investigate and respond to child needs.

The University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), PARI in collaboration with other vital collaborating partners, received funding from the Children's Bureau, Department of Justice, and Casey Family Services to build capacity in Maryland to address the issue of human trafficking within the child and youth population. PARI has built internal infrastructure between state and local agencies with the development of the Human Trafficking training for mental health providers, law enforcement, child welfare workers, and other community providers to ensure that children and youth who have been trafficked or at-risk for being

trafficking have access to an array of comprehensive, high-quality services. In addition, PARI staff have been instrumental in the coordination of Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs) across the state to enhance coordination between agencies involving victims of trafficking. Our partners at the SAFE Center have been instrumental in working with PARI to address labor trafficking of youth victims across Maryland.

To learn more about human trafficking in Maryland, feel free to visit our website, or stop by one of our human trafficking awareness events.



Human Trafficking Awareness Event: June 12, 2019



In observance of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, January 11, 2019, PARI will host a community event on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 5401 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland

21239 from 2:30-4:30 pm. State, city and local leaders will provide information and education on spotting the signs in our community, victim vulnerability and social safety nets, with special guest, Nicole Lee, Executive Director of the SOAR Project. A special mass is being offered at 5pm that evening to pray for victims of human trafficking worldwide. You are not required to stay for the mass. St. Matthew's Catholic Church is comprised of native Baltimoreans and immigrants (documented and undocumented) from more than 40 countries.



Top 5 Ways to Get Involved in Human Trafficking Awareness Month

1. Share your passion and knowledge with others! We challenge you to find 10 friends or contacts and share tell them about human trafficking in Maryland. Use our [labor trafficking infographic](#) and/or [sex trafficking infographic](#), share our social media posts and encourage them to sign up for our PARI Periodical for more information.
2. Host a resources drive to encourage your community to donate items for victims support. Here are a current [list of needs](#) for survivors of human trafficking.
3. Want to learn more about human trafficking? Attend a community training event,



- the next one is scheduled for January 12, 2019. Share the attached [event flyer](#).
4. Be a conscientious and informed consumer. Ask who picked your crabs, tomatoes or made your clothes, or check out the Department of Labor's [List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor](#). Take steps to prevent human trafficking in supply chains.
 5. Follow the three **C's**: Be **C**ompassionate, Be **C**autious, and Make the **C**all....Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center to report what you're see: 1-888-373-7888.



To commemorate Human Trafficking Awareness Month, each week during the month of January 2019 we will highlight facts about human trafficking.

Week One:

1. **Did you know** that human trafficking is a 150-billion-dollar industry worldwide? About 40.3 million people are estimated to be victims of trafficking globally. Unlike arms dealing and drug trafficking where goods can only be sold once, a person is able to be sold countless times. (http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_243201/lang-en/index.htm)
2. **Did you know** that migrant workers are particularly vulnerable to labor trafficking? Since agricultural work is often seasonal or temporary with large amounts of work to be completed in short timeframes, employers often rely on employees with temporary work visas. This leads workers to be transient and follow the crop seasons, thus increasing a gap in understanding support networks, laws, and services. Specifically in Maryland, labor trafficking may exist in the seafood industry. (<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/resources/picked-apart-hidden-struggles-migrant-worker-women-maryland-crab-industry>)
3. **Did you know** a migrant worker may sign an agricultural contract that promises an hourly rate but then pay on a piece-rate basis. This limits earning potential and further entraps the victims. Abuse of migrant workers can occur on various levels due to the chain of recruiters, managers, contractors, subcontractors, growers, and buyers. (<https://polarisproject.org/sites/default/files/Polaris-Typology-of-Modern-Slavery.pdf>)



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PARI?



PARI, Prevention of Adolescent Risks Initiative is one of the Ruth Young Center for Families and Children's newest initiatives created to increase visibility and knowledge to address adolescent health issues. The federal grant projects under the **PARI** umbrella include:

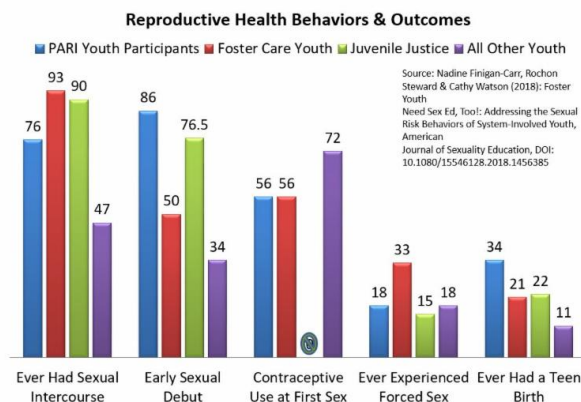
- The Baltimore Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative for Out-of-Home Youth (BTPPI)
- Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative (CSTVI)
- Maryland Human Trafficking Victims Initiative (MHTI)



The Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative (CSTVI) created this heat map for the *Engaging Child Victims of Sex Trafficking: Role of the Child Welfare Worker* training being rolled out to all Department of Human Services (DHS) staff through a collaboration with DHS, CSTVI and the Child Welfare Academy (CWA). The heat map provides a visual for trainees to see where child sex trafficking is actually happening in Maryland. This map was last updated in February 2018.



The Maryland Human Trafficking Initiative (MHTI) created this public service announcement (PSA) to address awareness of labor trafficking in Maryland. This PSA was created in partnership with the *Healthy Teen Network*. The PSA highlights the definition of labor trafficking, where it is being reported, signs/red flags and what you should do if you see labor trafficking. Follow the **3 C's**: Be Compassionate. Be Cautious. Make the Call.



The Baltimore Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative for Out-of-Home Youth (BTPPI) published findings in the American Journal of Sexuality Education in April 2018. The chart highlighted in the article *Foster Youth Need Sex Ed, Too: Addressing the Sexual Risk Behaviors of System Involved Youth* offers reproductive health behaviors and outcomes for PARI youth participants in comparison across systems and the general youth population. The article was led by Dr. Nadine Finigan-Carr in collaboration Rochon Steward, Program Manager at UMSSW, and our sponsor representative, Cathy Watson, at the Baltimore City Health Department.



Thoughts from our Director

Happy New Year and thank you for being a part of our network to prevent adolescent risk behaviors. We here at PARI are looking forward to the future in 2019 and beyond. This year some of our funding will end. However, new funding opportunities are on the horizon. As



such, I am amazed by what can be done in support of children and youth in our community.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. It is a time to pledge our solidarity with victims of human trafficking and raise awareness about, and work to end, this insidious crime. During this month, we will be participating in events and disseminating information about human trafficking both in person and on social media. We invite you to participate by supporting our events in person and signal boosting online. Follow and use the hashtag #EndChildTraffickingMD so that we can all work together to be a unified voice to combat trafficking.

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