

**AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOCIATION,
INDIANA CHAPTER 2015,
HUMAN TRAFFICKING RECOMMENDATION**

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Subject: Human Trafficking

Whereas, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to exploit human beings for some type of labor or commercial sex purpose,* and

Whereas, millions of men, women, and children worldwide, including in the United States, are victims of human trafficking,* and

Whereas, victims are often lured with false promises of well-paying jobs or are manipulated by people they trust, but instead are forced, coerced, or drugged into prostitution, domestic servitude, farm or factory labor, and/or other types of forced labor,* and

Whereas, human trafficking is a worldwide problem that can and is affecting Massage Therapists in the neighborhoods and regions where they work, and

Whereas, the American Massage Therapy Association strives to be in step with national and state issues that affect our members, chapters, and the massage profession as a whole, and

Whereas, members' safety, professional standards, professionalism, and the betterment of the massage profession is a part of the American Massage Therapy Association's Core Values and Vision, and

Whereas, included in the American Massage Therapy Association's Strategic Plan, public safety is a concern in all elements of the massage profession, and

Whereas, human trafficking is a professional and public policy issue that relates to the mission and goals of the American Massage Therapy Association, and

Whereas, local, state, and/or federal law enforcement, including Homeland Security, are doing their best to resolve this difficult and far reaching problem found in every state, and

Whereas, the American Massage Therapy Association, when asked, should be prepared to support and/or assist any law enforcement agency or other organizations in combating human trafficking, and

Whereas, the American Massage Therapy Association should provide members, chapters, and staff information on the growing issues of human trafficking in the form of publications and workshops developed especially for massage therapists on how to recognize and report human trafficking to the proper agencies and/or authorities, and

Whereas, a work group/operations committee may also create a position statement for submission by a delegate to the House of Delegates, addressing the position the American Massage Therapy Association takes on “Human Trafficking”, and

Whereas, all efforts should be taken to keep our members safe.

Therefore be it resolved, that the House of Delegates recommend to the National Board of Directors that a work group or operations committee be established to research and recommend a plan that the American Massage Therapy Association can use to develop support material and create a guide for working with Homeland Security, the Human Trafficking Task Force, and other organizations working on human trafficking.

Resource* Department of Homeland Security, Human Trafficking,
<http://www.dhs.gov/topic/human-trafficking>

Addendum 1– Combating Human Trafficking, <http://www.dhs.gov/topic/human-trafficking>

Addendum 2- Human Trafficking Fact Sheet. –IPACT Indiana Protection of Abused and Trafficking Humans. National

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET:

Addendum 1

Human Trafficking is tied as the **SECOND LARGEST** and **FASTEST** growing criminal industry in the world, generating roughly \$150.2 billion worldwide, ¹ and it's **HAPPENING IN EVERY STATE**.

Human Trafficking occurs when people are recruited to work or provide services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. There are two types of human trafficking: **1) Sex Trafficking** **2) Labor Trafficking**

According to the U.S. Dept. of State:

- **27 million** men, women, and children are victims of human trafficking ²
- **800,000** people are trafficked across international borders every year ³

Nearly 300,000 American youths are at risk of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation. ⁴

12-14 years old is the average age of entry of U.S. children into commercial sex. ⁵

Human Trafficking reaches every culture and demographics. Some risk factors include:

- Youth
- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Homelessness
- Desperation and/or a need to be loved
- Homes in countries torn by armed conflict, civil unrest, political upheaval, corruption, or natural disasters
- Family backgrounds strife with violence, abuse, conflict
- Immigration Status

Trafficking is found in many industries including:

- The sex industry
- Factories, restaurants, hotels
- Health and beauty industries
- Forced labor in agricultural or construction industries
- Domestic servitude as servant, housekeeper, or nanny

Many victims don't self-identify with the term "human trafficking" or "victim." Here are some key indicators of human trafficking:

- The individual is not able to hold on to their own personal documents
- Behaviors and routines are controlled by another person
- Fearful of retribution or distrustful of others
- Extra security around home or place of business
- Living at place of business
- Physical, sexual, or psychological abuse

Human trafficking situations are often very dangerous and unpredictable.
If you suspect human trafficking, call 911 in an emergency and then contact the
National Human Trafficking Hotline at: 888-3737-888 (text BeFree- 233733).
If a child may be in danger, call the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline: 1-800-800-5556.

IPATH Indiana Protection of Abused and Trafficked Humans National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

¹ INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE, PROFITS AND POVERTY: THE ECONOMICS OF FORCED LABOUR (2014), available at http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---declaration/documents/publication/wcms_243391.pdf. See also REMARKS AT THE RELEASE OF THE 2014 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT, U.S. DEPT. OF STATE (June 20, 2014) available at <http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2014/06/228083.htm>. See also CIVILIAN SECURITY, DEMOCRACY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS: THE ECONOMICS OF FORCED LABOR, U.S. DEPT. OF STATE (June 2014), available at <http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2014/06/228083.htm>.

² U.S. Dept. of State Trafficking in Persons Report (2013), available at <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2013/index.htm>.

³ U.S. Dept. of State Trafficking in Persons Report (2010), available at <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2010/index.htm>.

⁴ Amanda Walker-Rodriguez & Rodney Hill, *Human Sex Trafficking*, FED. BUREAU INVESTIGATION (Mar. 2011), http://www.fbi.gov/statservices/publications/law-enforcementbulletin/march_2011/human_sex_trafficking

⁵ Some research indicates that the average age of entry for U.S. girls is 12 to 14, while the average age for U.S. boys and transgender youth is 11 to 13. See Amanda Walker-Rodriguez and Rodney Hill, *Human Sex Trafficking*, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, (March, 2011), available at http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/law-enforcement-bulletin/march_2011/human_sex_trafficking. See also Polaris Project, *Child Sex Trafficking At-A-Glance*, (2011), available at http://loveandlightoffreedom.org/uploads/Child_Sex_Trafficking_Polaris_Project_Jan_2012_.pdf. See also Ernie Allen, President and CEO of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, speaking to the House Victims' Rights Caucus Human Trafficking Caucus, Cong. Rec., 111th Cong., 2nd sess., 2010.

<http://www.dhs.gov/topic/human-trafficking>

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery, and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to exploit human beings for some type of labor or commercial sex purpose. Every year, millions of men, women, and children worldwide—including in the United States—are victims of human trafficking. Victims are often lured with false promises of well-paying jobs or are manipulated by people they trust, but instead are forced or coerced into prostitution, domestic servitude, farm or factory labor, or other types of forced labor.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is responsible for investigating human trafficking, arresting traffickers and protecting victims. DHS initiates hundreds of investigations and makes numerous arrests every year, using a victim-centered approach. DHS also processes immigration relief through Continued Presence (CP), T visas, and U visas to victims of human trafficking and other designated crimes.

Blue Campaign

In 2010, DHS launched the Blue Campaign, unifying the DHS components to more effectively combat human trafficking through enhanced public awareness, training, victim assistance, and law enforcement investigations. By expanding our collaboration within the department, as well as among domestic and international governments, law enforcement, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector, DHS is helping to protect victims from being trafficked both within the United States and around the world.

Recognize the Indicators of Human Trafficking

Everyone has a role to play in combating human trafficking. Blue Campaign created a variety of resources to inform people about the crime of human trafficking, how to report suspected cases of human trafficking, and how to get involved in combating human trafficking.

Report Suspected Human Trafficking

Report suspected human trafficking activity to law enforcement (available 24/7, in over 300 languages and dialects at):

Call 1-866-347-2423 (toll free)

Call 1-802-872-6199 (non- toll free international)

Report online at www.ice.gov/tips

Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-3737-888 to get help or connect with a service provider in your area. The NHTRC is not a law enforcement or immigration authority and is operated by a nongovernmental organization.

For more information, please contact the Blue Campaign at bluecampaign@hq.dhs.gov.

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