

WHAT TO LOOK FOR...

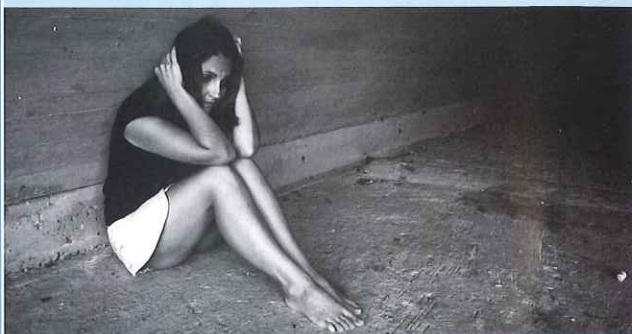
Constantly accompanied by a controlling person or boss, not speaking on their own behalf.

Lack of control over personal schedule, money, identification or travel documents.

Transported to and from work, lives and works in the same place.

Debt owed to employer/crew leader, unable to leave job.

Bruises, depression, fear, overly submissive.



WHAT TO DO...

If you think you have come in contact with a victim of human trafficking in the Pinellas, Pasco or Hillsborough County area, call the CATF Hotline at **(727) 562-4917**; other areas can contact the national Trafficking Information and Referral Hotline at **1-888-373-7888**.

These hotlines will help you determine if you have encountered victims of human trafficking, will identify local resources available in your community to help victims and will help you coordinate with local social service organizations to help protect and serve victims so they can begin the process of restoring their lives. For more information, visit www.catfht.org.

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?



Trafficking in women and girls for the purpose of sexual exploitation in the form of prostitution, pornography and escorts is a growing phenomenon in the US and throughout the world. These women become prey to traffickers who promise such work as dancing or hostessing. Instead, these women end up living in slave-like conditions, under the control of the trafficker.

Human trafficking is the exploitation by force, fraud or coercion of vulnerable people – often immigrants – for forced labor, domestic servitude or commercial sex operations. Human trafficking has become a multi-billion dollar global crime impacting nations – and neighborhoods – around the world. **Florida is one of the highest destination states for women and children trafficked into the United States.** In the past five years, law enforcement and social service providers have identified multiple cases of human trafficking in the Tampa Bay area.

In October 2006, the Clearwater, Florida Police Department was awarded a Department of Justice grant to fund the creation of the Clearwater/Tampa Bay Area Task Force on Human Trafficking (CATFHT). The mission of the task force is to identify and rescue victims, create a coordinated law enforcement system to investigate and prosecute these crimes, and to deliver social, legal and immigration services to human trafficking victims in the Clearwater and Tampa Bay area.



Human trafficking also includes children and adults who are forced into unpaid labor in sweatshops, commercial agriculture, domestic servitude, construction, restaurant, housekeeping and other service industries in the US and abroad.

THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:

Clearwater Police Department

The US Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida

World Relief

The Regional Community Policing Institute

Hispanic Outreach Center of Clearwater

Religious Community Services

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Pasco County Sheriff's Office

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement

The Salvation Army

The Largo Police Department

The Social Security Administration

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

The Pinellas Park Police Department

The St. Petersburg Police Department

The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

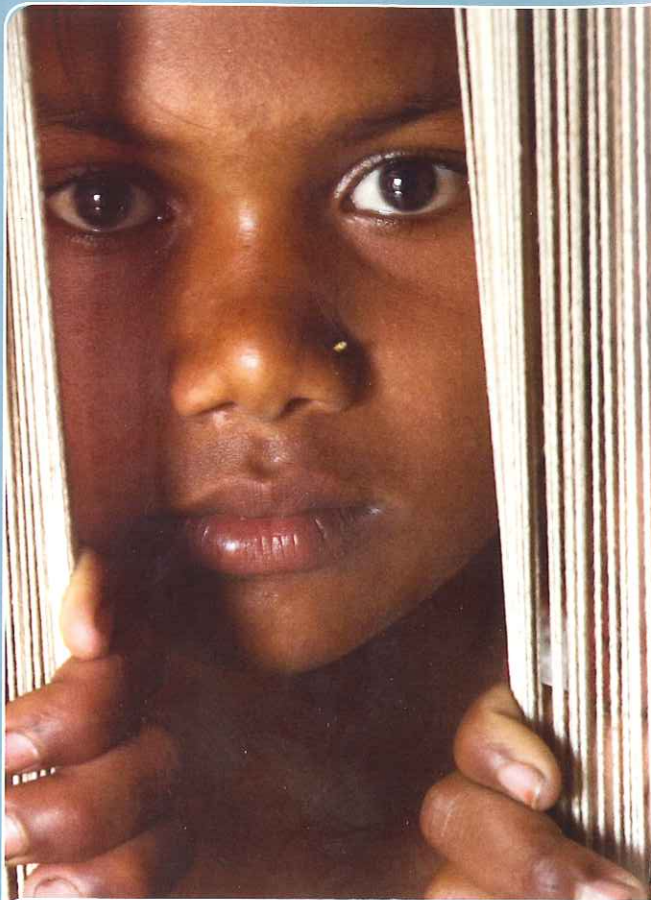
Florida State University *Center for the Advancement of Human Rights*

U.S. Border Patrol

The Florida Department of Health

The State Attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit

Directions for Mental Health, Inc.



Clearwater Police Department

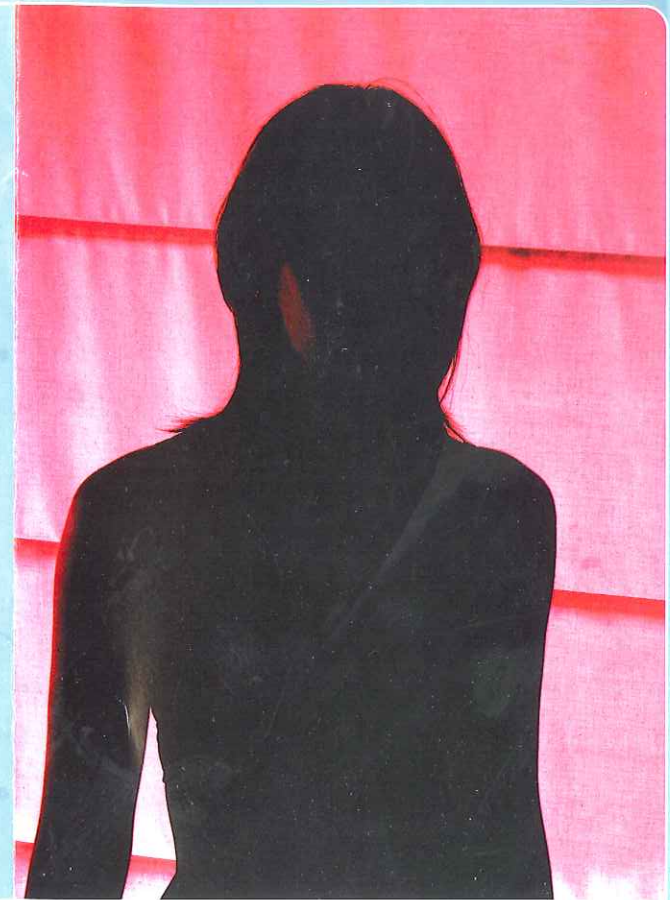
645 Pierce Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

(727) 562-4242 main line

(727) 562-4917 tip line

(727) 562-4917 línea de información

WWW.CATFHT.ORG



YOU CAN HELP STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

To report a suspected case of human trafficking in the Tampa Bay Area, to obtain information about the crime or to arrange for a presentation to your group or agency, contact:

James McBride

Task Force Detective

direct **(727) 562-4916**

fax **(727) 562-4488**

email **james.mcbride@myclearwater.com**

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