

My name is Robin Hassler Thompson, and I'm the executive

director of Stack the survive and thrive Advocacy Center

were based here in Tallahassee, Florida.

We serve people in this area of the Big Bend of Florida as

well as some adjacent areas and judging from past webinars.

I know we probably have people here from the Big Bend as

well as people all over Florida and the nation so welcome

everyone. This is one of several.

All a monthly trainings that stack and the big band Coalition

against human trafficking provide to our area.

And as you see from a greater area all over the Big Bend

Coalition against human trafficking was established several

years ago and like many parts of the nation this Coalition

works together to address human trafficking in our area with

a coalition that includes law enforcement Social Services

providers agencies.

It'll agencies and community members faith community and

many others.

So we're grateful to have all of us working together on this.

It's really the only way we can do this work wanted to start

today's presentation with you and give you some introduction

based on really what's going on in the world around us first

overall, just to make sure we all keep in mind that human

trafficking is something that goes on whether or not there

is a covid or The other kind of emergency.

In fact, what we've seen is both sex and labor traffickers

are extremely Nimble in times of Crisis that they take advantage

of crises and they continue to exploit if not expand their

exploitation of victims.

We know that this happens in both sex and labor trafficking.

We also know that people who are already disadvantaged and

vulnerable in our community are now I even more vulnerable

thanks to this crisis and to what traffickers will do to

take advantage of them on the slide.

You see some observations that really reflect this reality

every time before we do this presentation.

I like to just ground us a little bit and where we are here

now and to and to kind of put in context and I know soon

you'll hear from Marina, she'll talk about gangs and trafficking

and knowing now that this is taking place during In covid

and what those implications are might be something you want

to keep in the back of your mind as we move forward here

are some observations about what providers and the research

has been showing us over the past several months first.

We might see that some of the reports are down for both sex and labor trafficking.

We think this is due to the fact that people are isolated and for children that mandatory reporters are not as close to them as they used to be and we are concerned that when covid you know, maybe starts to go away and we're more in touch with one another that we will see more people coming forward. There may be quite a crush of cases.

I know marinas going to probably talk about some of the online exploitation that takes place vis-à-vis gangs, but know that that is really happening a lot more especially as our youth are online because of schooling or because of just being isolated from their friends.

We've seen here in Tallahassee that the impact has really

affected some of our service provider agency partners.

So that availability of Housing Shelter food other kinds

of care that survivors need can be restricted because these

nonprofits and other agencies are also suffering during covid.

We're also seeing that the disparities in our systems and

in our society are being exploited more in fact in preparation

for today.

I came across Is an article in the from Polaris that discussed

this and I really wanted to also bring home to you that some

of these issues that underlie our Society racism and other

systemic inequalities and inequities are being kind of exacerbated

here. For example, some of the research has shown that for

example in Louisiana that 84 percent of child sex trafficking

victims were black while black children and Comprised only

seven percent of the population.

Sorry that was in Washington state King County in Louisiana.

The numbers was black girls accounted for 49% of child sex trafficking cases.

Although they're only 19% of Louisiana's population.

So what we're seeing, you know, we're seeing very clearly

here that the existence of racism and other forms of discrimination

particularly economic discrimination it And discrimination

and say access to healthcare are intersecting and really

providing greater vulnerabilities for those who are already

vulnerable in our communities.

So, please keep that in mind as we move forward and as you

work together and support your local anti-trafficking and

other efforts in your communities.

I'd like now to introduce Marina Anderson and Marina.

So glad you're here with us again today.

Marina has been a present presenter with us on several of these and I have to say you're at doing yourself in terms of the number of people who are eager to hear from you today.

Marina Anderson is the Florida Department of Children and Families Regional Human Trafficking coordinator for Northeast and Northwest regions of Florida joining the department in in the department of children and families and the office of child welfare and May of 2015 after having started her career with DCF in 2002 for 13 years.

She worked as a child protective investigator in Duval County and and 2014 became a field support consultant for DCF.

She's a recognized expert in many many Arenas including the safety methodology training and mentoring and was It's like recognized by the governor of the state of Florida as a Starchild

CPI child protective investigator.

Marina has an extensive bio that's on Stacks website survive

and thrive advocacy dot-org that you can see but I just want

to highlight a couple more things.

She's an approved trainer for the Florida sheriff's Association.

She does Great Law Enforcement Training overall a board member

of our local human trafficking task force.

Force as well as many in our region and is also serving

across the board in all of these areas trying to bring all

of us together in the in this kind of Big Bend region of

Florida. I'd like to acknowledge to and thank the International

Rescue committee our local partner here stack partners with

them in order to provide our services and we do direct victim

care as well as provide these kinds of education and Outreach

programs throughout Our area and throughout many professions.

So with that Marina, I'd like to stop and turn it over to

you and welcome again everybody.

Thank you for the introduction.

I appreciate that and I hope you guys learn a lot today on

not only games but how it does intersect with human trafficking

and how we are seeing more and more cases of game trafficking

and hearing from law enforcement that they know that this

is occurring and and the obstacles that they have to investigate

these cases and to identify not only the victims of this

crime, but also All the perpetrators that's involved in this

game sex trafficking, you know, we're going to learn a little

bit what gangs are and how that comes about we know that

there is a lot of involvement a lot of different people that

are involved with this.

So we want to make sure that we investigate these cases appropriately

and we know what to look for if you're working in a gang

unit or work with clients that may be affiliated.

Games that what to look for and what to do.

If you do believe someone that you're working with is Affiliated

or a member of a game.

So first of all, what is a game so for our state definition

here in Florida, it's three or more persons that shared Collective

name signs or symbols including criminal activity equals

a criminal street gang now the difference between our state

law and the federal definition the only thing changes is

that three or more persons changes.

Has the fiber markers but everything Remains the Same Again,

you have to have that criminal criminal activity element

because if you don't what do you have you can have Boy Scouts

you kept sporting teams because they all share the same colors.

They show uniforms Collective identity.

But when you add that criminal aspect in it, when you add

possession of weapons, when you add the game symbols when

you add the criminal activity piece whether that be drug

sale or Um other criminal battery robbery a lot of things

that go along with with games as well as sex trafficking.

So again for that our code for sale Florida is 875 .03 criminal

gang needs a formal or informal ongoing organization Association

or group that has one of its primary activities to submission

of a criminal or delinquent act that consists of three or

more persons have a common name of common identifying sign

color or symbols including but not limited to tears organizations

in papers.

So what's the motivation of joining a game you have protection

money and drugs control the Racial and cultural similarities

common enemies respect acceptance by peers Loyalty Rewards

recruitment intimidation control of her but the ultimate

is that sense of belonging and so what you really think about

that sort of that meaning sense of belonging we all want

to sense of belonging right?

We all want a way to fit in we all want the commonality with

our friends and how we associate and what we have in common

that we like to do things with and that's really just a Really

important part of every human beings life.

So a lot of times what happens with kids that are constantly

seeking that well, they have that vulnerability.

They're singing their sense of belonging whether that be

for peer groups.

Maybe that's family.

It comes in all different shapes and sizes and variations

but recent why kids that That are in care and for instance

in foster care group CARE kids that parents are very very

busy. Usually with work maybe both parents are working or

maybe it's only a one parent household and they're working

several jobs to be able to maintain that household and their

they really are lacking that person in their life that person

that beloved brings that sense of family that sense of belonging

and that's a big factor that we see with kids joining these

games also, A lot of it is protection his if they live in

a community in which gang affiliation is all around them.

You know, they may be scared to go to the local park or even

just walking to the bus stop.

Sometimes they have to go through different turfs or territories.

So sometimes they join just for that added barrier protection.

So I want you to kind of keep that in mind throughout this

presentation. So where's the recruiting for games is happening

where where kids are which is the same that we see also with

human trafficking right there going to be Where the kids

are they're going to hang out at the bus stops.

They're going to be recruiting right out of your middle and

high schools.

They're going to be on social media which we are seeing a

tenfold of this.

We've been seeing an escalation of social media recruitment

of the last few years, but since covid this has become even

a bigger issue because of the amount of time kids have on

social media on apps on websites schooling gaming systems

and perpetrators.

Is and traffickers know this is occurring.

They know this is where kids are so they're actively reaching

out and communicating with kids to recruit them.

Not just for games but also into human trafficking all together.

So you really need to monitor your kids social media accounts.

You need to be paying attention to the apps that they're

downloading the games that they're playing.

Who are they playing with on these games who are their friends

in are they truly their friends?

Are they online friends and the dangers and we did we have

a whole separate.

Nation of social media safety that's actually on the SEC

website as well as well as the apartments children families

and no see that ocw and University of South Florida.

So, please feel free.

If you haven't seen that presentation to pull that up bus

station shopping mall Sports venue Skate Park City libraries.

Basically anywhere kids congregate or Young Folks congregate

is where you're going to see trafficking recruitment happening

and gained tracking recruitment also happening.

So What is the process a lot of people tell me oh, well,

you know what?

They're not a gang member there a wannabe.

Well, I can tell you from experience that this category can

be even more dangerous than a full-fledged Affiliated gang

member. And the reason for that is they have something to

prove right?

They they're out there.

They're trying to get noticed to the games to show that they're

hard enough to be in the game.

So there's all constantly trying to prove themselves and

there's a lot of instability with that and then you have

of course the ogs Original gangsters and honestly, we're

seeing that generational.

So we're seeing you know, grandparents that were gang members

are currently gang members Aunts Uncles parents siblings

and it almost becomes a rite of passage for these kids.

Once they reach a certain age that they're going to be initiated

in Jump.

Then there's a violent beating process and that is basically

for females and males Sexton is primarily female and we do

see this quite often.

This is a Allure way to initiate a female into the game and that's why it's so important if you're working with a possible female is affiliated with the game.

You need to really be paying attention and dig because most likely she is being used in a sexual way for that game.

So sex then they have to roll a die or a dice and whatever they roll is how many gang members have to have sex with them in front of the game?

Most games other than just a small percentage of females have no voting rate.

They have no voice in the game.

So if a male gang member at any point was to have sex with that female she has to submit she can't say no it whether that's one gang member or five game all of the same time.

So if that's the case, then that's what has to happen.

They also will Outsource them.

So they supplement their income by selling the females within  
the game.

I'm for sex trafficking and that's what we're seeing.

And if you're working in game units, whether you're law enforcement  
or on Social Services side, you need to be paying attention  
to that because I work with a lot of different gang units  
throughout Florida and they may tell me how we know they're  
running girls.

We know they've been doing it for a long time, but we just  
can't get them to talk.

Well, we're going to go over white that is why it's so difficult  
for that to happen.

And then also that want to be category they commit a criminal

act. To prove themselves tough enough to be a gang member.

So they're blessed in and I could be a drive-by shooting.

It could be a big drug sale.

It could be multiple things that can happen to have them

be able to be blessed in the game without having to be jumping

so some of the street gangs we see in Florida.

And of course, this is on the national or national level

games for us to really dig deep in your local areas and push

you guys are from all over the country.

I really encourage you to seek out.

Out your local gang units and talk about your local street

gangs that you're seeing and what's happening in your own

Community because it will vary and we're going to talk about

hybrid street gangs for for a few minutes, but I can't focus

on it too much because we learn such a widespread area.

What is happening one area for instant, Jacksonville or Tallahassee

or Miami is going to be very different than what might be

happening in your county.

So what are the National level games that we know are here

locally. We know felt Nation Crips Bloods Hispanic gang such

as this renders Latinos MS-13 hybrid street names as well.

So what to look for folk Nation, we're going to go over this

very briefly because I really want you two guys to get into

knowing what to do.

If once you identify gang member that you might be working

with but one of the most popular ones that we have here is

folk nation, and we know folk nation is very heavily involved

in sex trafficking we've had multiple cases that has been

prosecuted throughout, Florida.

As well as the United States with the Gangster Disciples,

there's pockets of our state that is pretty much 90% of all

trafficking that we are identifying has an affiliation with

Gangster Disciples.

So we know they were heavily involved in recruitment of minors

and young adults.

We know that their colors are blue black gray and white,

we know that there with all games.

It's not just about Nation, but all games are alphabetical

and numerical It's so for instance 274 is black gangster

disciple 7 for Gangster Disciple.

So you really need to pay attention to the lettering the

abbreviation compared to the numbers of the alphabet because

there's a correlation there right side oriented and their

Rivals are people Nation so you can see the Gangster Disciples

is that deep royal blue or that Duke Blue?

So you might see some of your clients if they're wearing

these colors maybe that you go into a home.

It and the entire closet is full of this royal blue a lot

to do a lot of Georgetown is another popular color that they

use our affiliation that they use Stars a David also very

common with that is a lot of 70 fours 274 Z you would see

that in whether it's clothing, you know artwork or different

things of that nature.

So really be a pay attention that so again going back if

you're doing a home visit and you see That you know, they

have all this one color and none of any other colors.

What's the reasoning now?

They could be there just a huge Duke fan or huge storage

camping in maybe they have a sibling that goes there.

Maybe they aspire to go there one day there's obviously an

explanation but if there's no explanation you're talking

to that parent years, as you know, we don't know all of a

sudden they just decided that they are absolutely against

the color red and they want everything that we purchased

to be this royal blue then obviously you need to be paying

attention to that.

See exactly what's going on.

Living on the people Nation black p Stone Nation by sludge

Latin Kings.

There's a lot of artwork that comes in there a lot of graffiti

that you may see their artwork is pretty extravagant there.

You'll see it on fences roadways underpasses.

The colors are black red or yellow and their Rivals wrote

nation in their left side already.

So the Latin Kings are yellow and black you're going to see

again that artwork.

I want you to pay attention to the points on the crowns and

the Tiaras on tattoos and artwork is that's going to lead

you to the possibility of knowing which gang they might possibly

be Affiliated or teenagers.

Is this red color?

We're going to go that second Crips.

So with cramps that's blue light blue or orange and ends

on the subset.

They robbed a Bloods or the black Gangster Disciples in the

Serena's there this baby blue color.

So more likely UNC colors.

So that's what differs between the Gangster Disciples again.

Is that royal blue?

Perhaps is more of a lighter blue color.

You may see this again.

I'm clothing.

You may see it on belt buckles shoelaces hair bows or here

beating bandanas moving on to the Bloods red or green.

I mean depending on the subset primarily it is red.

They rival the Crips.

You're going to see a lot of the 52 you're going to see a

lot of the Chicago Bulls the coloring a lot of again a lot

of that red coloring and with clothing and they're going

to be absolutely against any other color especially blue.

Moving on to Sorrento's Southern Spanish.

The colors are blue black and brown and again depending on

that subset 13 or 18 and is usually the numbers you're going

to see Affiliated and they rival the norteros.

Nortenos again, it's going to be read their number is 14

and they will rival the Sorrento's.

Moving on the MS-13.

So this is based out of a El Salvadorian gang begin that

light blue and white so it can be a little bit confusing

sometimes because of the crypt colors as well.

They may also use blue and gray.

They Humber 13 Number 13 and to rival everyone.

I was going to ask you if the somebody's asking if the surenos

and the MS-13 are the same gang of their rival gang.

They're not part of the same gang.

They're there.

They they do rival because MS-13 is going to rival any one.

MS-13 is very very heavily involved in trafficking again

many many prosecutions throughout our nation with this particular

game again, they're heavily tattooed.

Not just the males but the females as well very little voice

or voting right at all with the females.

There's this also is a lot of Labor trafficking.

As well as sex trafficking that occurs within this game.

It's a lot of traveling a lot of movement depending on what's

going on in the Life times.

You can see that also with the labor trafficking piece when

they're moving from different agricultural Fields, depending

on the season on what what's coming in such as crop Citrus

or blueberries and there's like a things.

So we do see that there are very violent game.

Definitely do not approach.

Unless you obviously working in the gang unit and that's

part of your job.

But as far as a community member you need to be very careful.

If you are working with a client that you feel is Affiliated,

please you know use caution with what you do with any game

for that matter, but this particular game that's is known

for very violent activity.

Definitely notify your supervisors if you feel like anyone

that you're working with has any affiliation with gangs.

Yes.

I think someone just said about the face tattooing that's

very heavily.

And that's again males and thinks it's very common.

So we're moving on Insane Clown Posse.

A lot of people want to do this presentation kind of chuckle

or like what in the world is this but it meets the classification.

Remember I said state definition three or more Federal definition

is 5 or more and this is a hugely a traveling group.

They're entertainers their jugglers fire-breathers.

We see a lot of this with our runaway youth that are get

involved with this particular group and they travel from

City to City depending on what's going on.

Sometimes you can see them, you know, the street panhandling

for money and things of that nature, but they're there is

the rivals really depend on the Location and what's going

on and more the rivals is more of that street level, you

know, this is my street.

This is where we perform you can't perform here because this

is our location moving on to other games that fall under

both state and federal definition is the area in game two

skinheads is probably one of the most popular extremist groups.

You see a lot of that Neo-Nazi anti-gay anti immigrant.

Aunt you're going to see the swastika Coast you're going

to see a lot of again the skinheads the combat boots moving

on to peckerwoods again, they and I saw this myself before

I even was gaining strength and it really didn't know what

I was looking for.

I was in South Florida and I was checking into a hotel and

this guy had the Woody the Woodpecker tattoo on his calf

and I thought well that's kind of strange for a grown man.

But you know, maybe you just a big fan and I've seen other

things other cartoon characters so didn't really think a

whole lot of it, but I remember it stuck out because it was

different and later on when I was getting trained.

I realized oh, wait what I missed was, you know, he didn't

have the shaved head.

He was wearing combat boots.

He was wearing pants.

And with rolled up and there was just a lot of things that

stood out that I didn't catch up on his I didn't have this

training. So that's something that look for letters pwap.

W again that same numerical falls under the same thing as

the other National level games that 88 1623 is all very common.

Hamer skin is another one.

You'll see the cross hammers as identifiers Confederate flags.

A lot of the Nazi symbols on Cross Celtic cross very similar

also two skinheads and then also biker games so not to say

that all bikers are bad, right my husband and I have why

don't have a motorcycle personal drive it but I do ride with

him and there are a lot of great groups.

There's a lot of biker groups that Just great things we work

to get Bikers Against trafficking that does amazing work

Bikers Against Child Abuse again does great work, but there

are games out there biker gangs that are also have a lot

of criminal activity a lot of drugs sell a lot of meth marijuana.

There's clubs throughout Florida.

We have the big four also here the Hells Angels the pagans

the pindy knows that we're going to talk about So look for

that MCU oftentimes see this on their leather.

It's a special social meaning and motorcycle gang motorcycle

club rather is what the MC stands for 13 and its meaning

in the biker World.

It has several different meanings.

It could be associated with drugs and narcotics sale.

The letter M is the 13th letter of the alphabet.

So it's also just and for marijuana or motorcycle and it's

generally assumed to someone wearing a 13 patches.

Either a user of marijuana or other drugs or is involved

in selling them the and also has been known to stand for

methamphetamine and the third definition of 13th patches

that the where is his own judge and jury this is due to 13

standing for 12 jurors in the additional one being the judge.

So pagans is one of the top four again involved in a lot

of criminal activity.

They've been known for arsons bombings murders stockpiling

a heavy machinery.

Is in other type of weapon tree they often time come in contact

the Hells Angels.

There's a lot of conflict between those two biker games and

then the Outlaws world's oldest motorcycle club.

There's over 1,700 members across a hundred seventy six chapters

and they're often at war with war with the Hells Angels moving

on to Hells Angels.

The brand is strong.

They actually have to have happened.

There are label or their Insignia to have an incorporated

and US and Canada.

They have over 2,500 members across six continents.

So again, they're everywhere Hells Angels are often ordered

in a lot of turf wars.

They battle the Mongols often as well as the Outlaws the

Mongols they have about 800 members are largely around, California.

A big Force there in that area a lot of turf wars as well.

They're largely based on race.

So the majority of the Mongols are Hispanic or Native American

and the club was founded after a number.

The Latina bikers were denied entry in the Hells Angels due

to their race.

Banditos 2,000 members one of the largest games here in the

United States.

They are in 16 States in 14 countries, and they also make

up the Big Four.

Warlocks they have kind of a nasty reputation amongst a lot

of the biker games a lot of extreme violence.

They known to commit crimes something rival gang members

killing police officers are has also been linked to the warlocks.

They're very active in, Pennsylvania and Florida.

And their Associated also with a lot of meth sale or Methamphetamine

self moving along the hybrid grains.

This is your homegrown.

These are your local street names and you'll know especially

if you live in some more of an urban type Community, you

may see this you may be watching the news and on Friday night.

There's a shooting and then a couple hours later a couple

streets over there's another one or the next day.

There's a lot of retaliation.

There's a lot of the state of flux.

There's Lack of organization.

There's again that retaliation piece there.

It's just constant.

There's a lot of confusion honestly with the hybrid games

because so they are obviously smaller local than based on

your national game.

So sometimes if your local departments do a large bust of

know whether it be for trafficking or whether it's drug trafficking

or other violent crimes or a murderer or What have you and

they bust up a particular local gain?

They may merge with another local game to keep keep them

viable. We also see those mergers happen in prisons and in

jail systems, and sometimes that's for safety reasons or

for their own safety.

They merge So we do see a lot of that and sometimes when

that happens the colors change or the colors are not associating

correctly the numerical maybe off and alphabetical.

So those are things that I know that when I'm working with

the gang unit Stacy and sometimes it can get very confusing

why they were in this particular number but this particular

color to those local gangs May adopt symbols or large gains

in more than one city.

They rival gangs and more corporate criminal activity is

disengaged. Maybe change your name or merge with other gangs

to form new ones gangs are not organized along strict racial

or ethnic lines.

Like you see on the national level gang members may have

multiple affiliations including memberships and rival gangs.

It's a lot of trading off Ivory games may borrow symbols

for feeding and gang colors from different games and mix

them up again.

That's how it can get very confusing.

That's why you really need an Outreach to your local gang

unit your local department and What's going on in your local

level when they move or leave or leave their old games and

align themselves with the new local gang that has no ties

to their original game and gave members may change their

affiliation from one game.

So some things to look for in the clothing items tattoos.

Brandy's hand signs for Fede artwork on vehicles motorcycles

that dress to identify that is clothing colors.

The jewelry backpack grooming Brands belt shoelaces dress

code. code The old English riding colored shoe laces hat.

Spandana socks up shorts over long bell shaped eyebrows.

Now one of the things that you can do if you're wondering

what exactly is going on in my local community where oftentimes

these items are sold is that your local farmers markets or

your local flea markets you often times see these colors

or see these items and you made that maybe give you a red

flag of what's going on in your local.

all area Understanding the difference of the colors and the

examples of these are things that have been taken into the

property rooms the belt buckles and things of that nature

the tattooing again looking at those points of that tattoo

looking at the star David looking at the numbers and the

Miracle is very important.

Or sex trafficking tattoos.

It's a lot of royalty.

It's a lot of goddess Queen princess.

You're going to see that often.

You're going to see the money symbol.

Now that money symbol is also a drug or drug trafficking

as well or drug sale, but it's also common tattoo in the

sex trafficking world the Diamonds.

The stars are also very common again.

They're common tattoos in general right you may have one

of those yourself but it diamonds and stars.

And the money signed is very common again.

Like I said that Goddess that Queen princess look for those

points in that Tiara or the Crown's look for the alphabetical

and numerical significance.

So some signs again.

These are very common signs that you may see within the hand

signals or hand signs that you may see on the national level

as well as your local level.

Look for that crossed out look for that upside-down anything

upside down crossed out.

There's some robbery going on.

Those.

Are you really need to be paying attention to those when

you're working in the field when you're driving around your

maybe at a stoplight and you look over and you see a stents

or you see a wall and you see a lot of these things crossed

out or upside down or even just the The other indicators

be aware of your surroundings for your safety and not only

your safety but the people that you work with as well, but

you know, and obviously if you see it if you go that route

every day and yesterday it wasn't there and now it is you

want to report it.

You want to make sure you're contacting your local game units  
or Patrol together that entail that something could be going  
down fairly quickly.

Gang vocabulary five people Nation their blood six folk Nation  
crip 187 is a homicide or a murder threat.

These are things you can see in a lot of social media.

There's a lot of beefing going back and forth a lot of banter  
and these are common things that are being said back and  
forth to 11th and armed robbery BK blooded killer seek.

A Crip killer crab is disrespectful for Crips slob is disrespectful

for Bloods cuz a greeting for one trip to another I VL insane

Vice Lords nortefios Hispanic for another northerner which

frequents the number 14 Sorrento's Hispanic frequents.

The number 13 vlb is the by the local boys Spanish disciples

and then drug sale and symbol.

It's the dollar sign.

So types of incidents it can be a stabbing shooting robbery

blunt-force injury rate domestic violence child abuse recruitment

for sex trafficking.

You see all these things happen in the games.

We talked about this a little bit in the beginning about

the sixth in in the jumped in differences.

I really want you to pay attention again, like I said before

if there's a female that's involved or Affiliated look at

their social media when you're doing your investigations,

and of course you guys are all over the place in the game

that you may just be a Community member that's interested

in this topic.

You may be in a law enforcement or Social Service person.

Make sure if you're any form of it.

Investigative capacity or have any form of authority over

that person there on your caseload or what have you and their

safety is Paramount to you?

Make sure that you're looking at their social media.

Who are they affiliated with who are they friends with are

they friends with gang members as their chatter back and

forth and banter what exactly is going on?

You really need to be paying attention whether it's YouTube

whether it's Instagram Facebook.

Snapchat Tick Tock.

This is all very common that you will see that there's a

lot of banter going back and forth.

We're going to play a video and we have edit the lyrics Just

for this presentation just because there's always lots of  
folks on here.

Normally when I do this presentation for law enforcement  
or other groups, we do play the actual video so you can see  
what it looks like and see the actual lyrics but you can  
figure it out even with the editing the vulgar nation and  
what exactly they're trying to come across and what he 50  
Cent In this in his lyrics of this song really spells out  
what it's like to be a trafficker be a pimp.

So you guys should be able to be able to fill in the blanks  
of what they were what 50 Cent's was saying there.

If not, you can definitely Google or YouTube the lyrics of  
to see the actual unedited version, but you can tell there's  
you know, there's no love there.

There's no it's all about the money is all about what how

weather going to go about purchasing.

It's not what about the female.

Which is primarily all game sex trafficking is primarily

female. We have seen some games that use transgender persons

within the game.

But for the most part is primarily female, whereas with human

trafficking we know it's male female young old all costs

the gamut but we do know spelled it out very clearly of what

it's all about.

If you turn on them, this is what's going to happen.

There's only Silence there's going to be catching charges.

They're going to expect them to take the blame there to protect

the gang.

So there's a lot of problems that goes along with the games

as well.

Rena a couple people have observed how high school students

romanticize gangs and that somebody else noted that they've

listened to the song all their lives and never had dissected

it in this way.

Yeah, that's actually the common comment that I get that.

You know.

Hey, we were bumping in the club All These Years the song.

I really didn't really know what it it what the lyrics were

and to be honest with you.

I probably guilty of that myself.

He was very popular when I was in college and around and

I probably myself did the same thing as our kids do right.

So our kids even today's music that they listen to her.

If you really listen to the lyrics or really break it down.

Leave them alone.

What it is is there's a lot of like you said a lot of Glamour

with the street life a lot of Glamour with the games but

a lot of and this is how they recruit as well.

They recruit kids middle school high school kids and that's

what we're up against right as workers in the field.

You know, we we promote for kids to get continue their education

to go into a trade to be successful, but we're up against

Society. We're up against and over sexualized Society to

begin with were up against gangs that are saying hey come

work for us and we can make fast cash and we want these kids

to work at Chick-fil-A and they're making maybe you know

what 10 12 dollars an hour, but you know, you can go and

sell drugs and you can make you know, 500 days.

So what are you what are we saying to these kids?

You know what this is what we're up against.

Why would you want to go work for Chick-fil-A when you go

do this and so it's really how to explain but what they don't

See is the violence and the continued violence exactly you

exploitation that they're being.

Yeah, somebody's asking to about whether the song what do

you know if the song was written to promote prostitution

or you know what the purpose of it was and then someone else

asked. What is a sick girl.

What does that term mean?

So sick girl is just one egg within the stable.

Also, maybe heard soccer the Um the bottom always brings

in the money to the bottom is the one that's kind of in control

when that traffickers not there when that gang members not

there that bottom which is female well kind of oversee the  
the other girls to make sure that they're doing what they're  
doing need to be doing and if they're given the correct amount  
of money and they're not hiding money.

So those are things that we see common terminology within  
and they do have their own terminology.

And again, that's something that just Do the time we're not  
able to add I do have it in some of my other presentations  
but it's something that you can easily Google.

There's a lot of terms the street life or in this presentation.

You'll have my email if you would like a terminology list.

I'll be happy to send it out to you.

Just again just to recap some of the stuff that we talked  
about when you're working in your areas be paying attention

to the colors be paying attention to the graffiti.

And again, whether there's a lot of the graffiti you're going

to see it on fences you're going to see it on fall on the

walls of businesses, especially condemned or closed down

businesses. You may see it in electrical boxes and neighborhoods

is very common in as well.

So be paying attention to those things.

If you're working with families, you know communicate with

the family and their concerns if they do the children always

feel the need to be in possession of a weapon whether that's

a gun.

Under the knife or some other type of bat or some other type

of weapon again that one like for one color and dislike for

other colors again, I'll give you that terminology list are

these terms or in a corporation in their everyday language,

but they using hand symbols or signs to to communicate with  
their friends or in pictures.

Now, sometimes you have to be careful that's to sometimes  
even the best of kids like to throw these signs just me.

Be funny.

So you have to really you know, look at that for what it  
is and what's going on.

So we know that it's alarming increase of games and into  
human trafficking and what they've learned is what a lot  
of the traffickers when I say traffickers.

I'm referring to a pimp by the way.

We just don't use pimp because it's not her legal language,  
but we know they can supplement their income right?

You probably heard many times.

You can sell one a person over and over again, but you know,  
you sell a drug and then you have to go back and get more.

That's so that's one reason.

They've learned that they can make more money selling putting  
these women in these young girls on tracks.

They're working when I say tracks.

It's like a shift, you know, they're working 12 14 hours  
a day.

There's a lot of also drug sale running their drugs running  
their weapons because oftentimes law enforcement doesn't  
look as much as the female as they look at the mail.

So sometimes they will have the females running their drugs  
or selling their drugs or Or maybe even crossing over state  
lines and same thing with the guns.

We also see this with gangs and recruiting these itty bittys.

And when I say any videos, I mean like the under 10 and that

for the same reason law enforcement's not looking at an eight-year-old.

They're looking at the 16 17 year-old Sibley.

So often times they'll recruit the young ones to be Watchers

for the game where to run their drugs or guns.

Now when I say that I always tell people be very think about

this if you have a kid that's under the age of 10.

Probably can't control their emotions very well or their

anger, right?

They get mad.

They're still having temper tantrums at the grocery store

when we tell them that they can't have the receipt PCS, you

know, and so think about that if you have a 6 7 year-old

with possessions of weapons, that's dangerous because they

can't control their emotions.

So when their friend gets upset with them about something

instead of having an argument or what have you it's easy

for them to apply to gun and shoot their friend and we've

seen where we've had gun activity and death Her with this

young population and a lot of it's because they've had possession

As Weapons they gauge his promise of protection the status

money T-money loyalty.

They're going to make them a star they're going to make them

successful again females and games are the lowest ranking

members and usually have no power other than a few games

that allow some type of ranking and she's force of violence

and threats of intimidation.

Again.

This is a big Point here when I told you why Or not more

prosecutions more recipe a within the three-game sex trafficking.

This is the reason it's Force its violence threats intimidation

violence starts almost immediately, whether they're jumped

in or whether they're sexed in ongoingly.

They're saying drive-bys they're seeing drug sales.

They're seeing burglaries are seeing robberies on the daily.

If they tell them if you don't continue to do what I tell

you to do.

I'm going to kill you.

I'm going to kill your family or I want to go after you too.

It'll sister.

It's a viable threat and they know that so they're not going

to talk sex trafficking victims oftentimes not self-identify

even on just human trafficking alone.

But you bring in that game sex trafficking not only are they

not self-identifying they say they're part of the staying.

This is their family.

This is where their loyalty is.

This is their sense of belonging therefore.

They're not going to roll in their family and whether that's

male gang members are females are not going to roll.

Not want to talk you're going to be loyal to that game.

And again, they're scared.

They're terrified and they have absolutely 100% reason to

be we've had multiple cases here in the State of Florida

as well as all over our nation where that bad things have

happened to these girls and women that try to get out and

then they retaliated or they start talking and then even

though there's a hit put on they may arrest one person.

They gain or a couple people in the game.

But again, it's Eric.

Gained of one know it's three to five or more right?

So therefore you might arrest a few and then the game retaliates

on that victim.

So we see this ongoingly.

It's an ongoing issue and it's something that we have to

ask providers as a workers in this field whether you're law

enforcement or social services or again a provider you need

to take in consideration the safety of your victim consider

it a viable threat consider what you need to do to Of them

lived outside of your local area if need be or whatever you

have to do by partnering with your local state and federal

law enforcement to try to keep your victim safe.

It is Paramount.

We've had kids we've had young adults that was severely injured  
in have been killed.

From gang members because they talked so it's a very important  
that we take their safety and 100% consideration again gangs  
are going to use social media websites to advertise almost  
all the advertisement that street-level prostitution is very  
limited in certain areas.

Almost everything is one through social media advertisements  
or web-based advertisement in the same thing the exchange  
of money.

It's not so much cash on hand anymore.

They're using cash apps there.

Say then those PayPal's the transfer that money The Gangs  
often tattoo and bring the females and they view them as

their property.

Marina real quick someone ask them just noted that a lot

of the gangs you've described our Latin XR black members.

Are there any white gangs white white gang members hate groups

Etc. That would be included in what you're talking about.

Absolutely any of the games pretty much that I talked about

there's affiliation on whites and blacks.

It's not all black.

It's not all white other than some of the Hispanic gangs.

Already, you know all Hispanic rarely.

Will you see another ethnicity group but you there's Bloods

and Crips that are have white gang members and other gang

members other ethnicities as well.

Of course, you know, the white supremacy groups are primarily

they're going to be all white that we see throughout the

nation in some of the biker clubs.

Like I said, some of them have they're black.

They're white.

They're all Ethnicity groups and then there's a few that

majority are just Hispanic or Native American.

Where I was going with the gangs with the tattoos in The

Branding if you are working with a client or you know, someone

that has a gang tattoo whether they're male or female and

they want out of that gang in the same thing.

We'll just sex trafficking with human trafficking at they

have been branded by their traffic or they have a tattoo

or branding and they want it removed or covered up all the

local circuit task forces and throughout Florida work with

tattoo artists work with plastic surgeons and Mythologist

that are willing to provide cover ups or willing to provide

removals for free for gang members as well as sex trafficking

victims and labor trafficking victims.

So, please please please if you are working with someone

and if you're outside the State of Florida, please still

contact us.

We have contacts all over the nation that we can assist you

with finding someone that's willing to assist with doing

a cover-up or removal.

So has unexplained physical injuries has unexplained cash

or Goods jewelry clothing shoes hair and nails are very common

in trafficking in general.

You're going to see a lot of the hair nails and new clothing.

That's a number one sign if they cannot afford that they

did have no means to support it or not working.

Their families are not providing them this money.

How are they getting that?

I want you to think about how people how in general if people

have cell phones?

It's jewelry Hair Nails close and they are not working.

How are they paying for these items people are not going

to just give you these things people are going to start and

doesn't get drugs away.

You know, what is the exchange think about that?

So I want you to always keep that in the back your mind because

you normally when you're working with maybe a client they're

going to tell you their friend bought these things and I

want you think about your friends you might be able to score

mani-pedi for your birthday or Christmas or something, but

most likely if you're not, you know, maybe you're going out

for beers or what did they buy around but usually your friends

are not buying these things for you on a regular basis.

They're not paying for your cell phones.

They're not buying you a cell phone.

They're not paying for you to get your hair done every week.

You're not paying for you to get your nails done every couple

weeks. So what's going on in this change for that traffickers

want the money is always about the money right always about

the bread like 50 Cent set.

So if it is, what's the reason for the The clothes the jewelry

the perfumes the colognes hair and nails I always tell people

if you're going to go sell your car.

Are you going to sell it the way it looks like in your driveway?

No, you're going to wash it armor-all it make it look nice

because you want top dollar.

Well these traffickers want top dollar for these people.

So they don't want them to come, you know in there haven't

been washing several days or haircut hadn't been done in

months or they don't have the best clothes.

As they don't smell the greatest they want them to look best

so they can get top dollar.

So it's not out of their kindness of their heart.

They're paying for these things.

It's all about the money in the prophet to keep that in mind.

I'm has criminal record Affiliates in areas that's known

for gang activity.

They sell drugs or using drugs or using gang signs or slaying

and symbols or keeping late hours breaking curfew rules carrying

weapons declining School Behavior.

So what should you ask the parents?

That display of creative and specific artwork gang symbols

school books clothing or on walls as unexplained injuries

can inconsistent with the physical altercation.

All right, so to say consistent with the physical altercation

but inconsistent with how it happened, so for instance, they

may said that they ran into a door or they fell down a stairwell.

Is that consistent with what they're presenting as their

injury as unexplained cash clothing jewelry or high-end Electronics

feels the need to do some type of weapon shows interest in

particular colors and dislike for others insist on wearing

specific logos or particular type of clothing use of unusual

hand signals to communicate with Friends new or unusual interest

in gang influence music videos movies or web pages and that's

why it's so important to be paying attention to what your

kids is watching on TV.

What movies are watching what music videos are listening

to what video games are playing because it is glamorized.

Well, I give you their social sites or cell phone.

Well, that's a whole nother thing.

Especially if you're a parent is if you own that cell phone,

that's your cell phone so or your computer so you make sure

that your children are aware of that that you can take it

back at any time.

It's if it's negative behaviors not common with that child.

So what can you do to prevent from joining games spend quality

time with you?

Keep youth involved in activities be a positive role model

and said examples tutor students encouraged.

School and further education get to know the youth and their

friends and always keep an open line of communication encourage

job training and internships be proactive and always has

questions encourage participation and positive after school

activities with supervision such as sports or youth groups

provide anger management conflict resolution is Stress Management.

This one is Big the our kids these days has no conflict resolution.

No anger management skills teach you to how to cope with

peer pressure.

Sure, it is okay to say no always encourage and provide praise

for their behaviors.

And also let them have that open Communication in a safe

person whether that's yourself or someone else that they

can go to when they're having problems.

Don't be in denial.

You have to take action for the first sign of gang affiliation.

When the first time that is happening.

You need to present it to your supervisor immediately and

take action establish a plan of action and clearly document

your signs and your concerns notify local law enforcement

gang units in the child is involved with DJJ notify their

JP or their juvenile probation officer of your concerns,

if you wait, it might be too late, so don't be afraid to

take action.

We're going to do another film.

This is through the Polaris project.

It's also available on YouTube.

We're going to link this to this presentation as well.

But I think what the poem States is a very impactful to listen

carefully. She was four years old the first time a man looked

at her the way it means looks at his wife on their wedding

day little girls are supposed to dream about being models

and doctors and veterinarians instead.

She falls asleep eyes wide with Terror of another night greeted

by her stepfather Shadow.

He was a real monster in her bedroom and Mom.

She was too fragile too selfish to accept the truth that

her little girls Innocents have been stolen one night when

her boyfriend decided she wasn't good enough anymore.

Is this a little girl never had a real father?

She accepted his advances because he always promised her

his touches were acceptable because he loved her when you

don't know yourself and you don't love yourself you will

fall for anything that sounds like love and feels like love.

She was a Walking Corpse stained with their Fingerprints

of strangers and all she wanted was to walk the earth without

the heaviness the weight of all the men who tore piece of

her and took it with them.

She never made it to see her 18th birthday.

This is The pain for the stains that bath water won't wash

away for the scars of them are hearts of the fatherless child.

This is for the girls objectified instead of Praise like

Queens. This is for the agony growing up without a father.

But all you really want is love and you don't understand

love. So one day when some guy stops you on a train station

or a street corner and tells you you're beautiful you are

quickly intrigued you like the fact that someone notices

you and you will do anything to feel like his everything

and he promises you everything and the Things he convinces

you to do.

They don't seem that bad if afterwards he shows you how much

he loves you.

Your morals are abandoned on that sidewalk where you turn

your first trick.

Your beauty is left in that hotel room where some stranger

touch you like his girlfriend and then left the money on

the nightstand and every night you died again compromising

your word for what your pimp calls love and security the

hustle the streetlights the schemes and never seems worth

it, but you have the liquor to comfort your fears and as

long as your Affix meet expectations, you will have what

you always wanted your whole life loved loved.

It doesn't feel right.

But it's all you think you're worth.

So you take it every day who sleep when the sun comes up

rise when the sun is down conceal the torment with makeup

and stylish hairdos put on your best outfits something arousing

because you have to make them happy the man the tricks The

Pimps. This is for the pain.

This is for America in hopes that you will notice that 12

year old girl who was forced to trade her lunchbox and sneakers

for a Chanel purse and pumps.

This is for the 16 year old girl kidnapped by a gang of men

on her way to school and held captive in a house right next

door to you.

This is for the 20 year old girl who took her last beating

today because she couldn't bring herself to let another man

hold her down and violate her.

We are all slaves for love the grading ourselves for acceptance

of a Man, that's the closest thing to a father figure we've

ever known.

We were once just girls with aspirations in a small piece

of Hope now who will notice us who will save America's daughters.

He's going to save American starters.

It's up to us and Society to do our part to mentor to provide

kids with safe activities to provide communities with safe

places for kids to congregate for understanding that they

are loved and that they are cared for and that they don't

have to join a game to have that sense of belonging.

There's some other forms of positive sense of Long Wings

within neighborhoods and communities and reach out if there's

so many kids that are in need of good homes good, you know

adoptive homes.

If you're in a position or interested in becoming an adoptive

or a foster parent or an adoptive parent, please feel free

to reach out.

If you're in Florida, if you're somewhere else in the country,

please feel free to reach out and I will get you in contact

with the local agencies in your area.

Area but it is so important that we do our part in having

other options for kids because a lot of times they feel like

they have no option there.

There's no hope there's no other way and there are other

ways but we have to do our part to get that information out.

So I hope you enjoyed this presentation.

This is my information.

The best way to reach me is by email and definitely a texting

me would be the second best option calling is not I'm doing

trainings constantly.

So sometimes I can be more difficult for me.

But please feel free to email me any questions concerns you

may have again, we're going to provide this link to on the

on multiple different platforms the terminologies as well.

And I am definitely open for any questions that you guys

may have Marina.

Thank you.

That was extremely extremely informative and powerful and

it's reflected in the chat as well.

Well, you have a lot of people noting how awesome it is and

wanting to kind of absorb this information so that they can

see the presentation later.

I do have some questions.

I'd like you to address if you could one is somebody asked

about their in a residential group home that that serves

at-risk population the general population, but there are

at at-risk kids and that population you have any special

special things that You should be doing beyond what you said

in the presentation.

Yeah, so with you know, all all walks of life, you know,

whether it's at rest or not.

You know, I always say what really defines that right we

had. We just recently are going through some definition changing

in that is one of the definitions we were working at what

defines out risk, right?

Because really when you look at different components all

kids are at risk all young people are at risk, especially

when we go back to that social media recruitment East.

So working in those group home settings or those Transitional

Living settings or working with a high-risk population in

general again.

We set a lot of tidbits in this presentation, but I would

say some of the number one things to look for look for if

they're coming about with hair nails new items that they

can't afford the multiple cell phones.

Those are huge indicators that something could be going on

and it could be trafficking and it could be something completely

different but We is some type of criminal element pay attention

to who their who they're around for all their friends older

if there are 13 14 years old and all their friends seem to

be 17 18, 19 20 plus huge concern for you that something

there's some type of recruitment.

There's some type of manipulation Factor coercion heast going

into play to pay attention to that.

Are they hanging out with people that are affiliated whether

that's gangs or maybe it's a Kids that we've already are

adults and we've already indicated as perpetrators or traffickers

or recruiters or Arnie identified as of commercially sexually

exploited children or csec children.

That's another indicator that you really need to look for.

Is there something going on that puts these kids even at

higher risk of getting involved into traffic?

Great.

Thank you.

Here's another question.

What is the best way of getting involved in helping other  
than fostering?

So the number one thing is to get involved in your local  
task force or a coalition.

So if you are here in Florida, we definitely have a list  
we have a task force or Coalition.

It depends on where you are.

Some are labeled task forces some reliable Collision coalition's  
depending on when you your when they came about so to speak  
the newer formed ones are all labeled task Force's some of  
the collisions were formed years before the legislation pass  
but getting involved in a big bed as a baby cat is definitely  
one of them in a Tallahassee area, but in every Circuit of

Florida, we have a task force or for a human trafficking

Coalition and they have different arms of that.

You know, we have an Committee, you have services and resources.

You have a law enforcement piece.

You have just a Community member and volunteer faith-based

subcommittees. So, please feel free to reach out to me and

let me know what your area if you're in Florida again, if

you're not in Florida, I can still reach out and get that

information for you in your local area.

But definitely get involved and know what's going on.

No, what's trending in your local communities?

Somebody just asked to Marina.

Where does the sex trafficking that gangs perpetrate take

place. Is it in hotels is it you know someplace else is that

everywhere? I mean, I guess they do it just like everyone

else is a sex trafficker.

Does it right?

Right.

It could be anywhere.

It could be in houses.

It could be in trap houses.

It could be and hotels it could be in the back of vehicles

or in the front of vehicles for that matter.

It could be in your local parts.

So it could be a multiple places.

I Say most commonly hotels more so than anything but definitely

it can happen any someone else has just asked to about a

lot of this is so hyper masculinized activity.

It seems like it's very Macho type type activity.

Do you see any other kind of gang activities were females

are involved As Leaders or there's other kinds of kind of

illegal portfolios drugs Etc.

Yes.

So there are a few gangs out there that has a female hierarchy

but there's not many those do not have a voice they are there

members but they have no boys.

No voting power or what have you but there are some that

do some hybrid gangs in some of the Hispanic gangs as well

has a form of a hierarchy for the females and they kind of

oversee the other females so to speak within the games.

So there is somebody that is limited.

Okay.

Okay.

Great.

Let's see any other questions coming in.

I work with undocumented youth.

Are there special special suggestions to keep in mind about

them? Yes.

So this is another high risk population group.

So depending on where they're from and their home country

gangs are play a significant role in other countries.

And also games play a significant role in also with the transportation

with people from one country to another so when they're coming

here a lot of times they are paying the games the be able

to transport them here and then sometimes they're paying

gang members.

Once they arrive here feeling on us soil to transport them

to where they need to go or the movement piece the transportation

piece. So be aware of that be aware of, you know, where their

home country where their home city is is there And affiliation

if so, what are their colors?

What are their numbers?

What's the look for so if you start seeing this activity

going on in your local area or being portrayed you need to

be aware and let local law enforcement know.

Something else just ask does this happen in the lgbtq plus

population? Yes, we are seeing more especially with our transgender

persons are getting involved games have realized again we

go back.

It's all about the money, right?

It's all about what they how much money they can make and

they have realized that there's a supply and demand and we

have seen multiple changes since being traffic out of gangs.

First of all, thank you again Marina.

You are awesome.

Just awesome.

Just amazing.

And thank all of you for all your questions.

We may do this again.

I think sometime maybe beginning of next year because this

has been such a well-attended almost 800 of you were with

us the whole time this slide that you have up now.

Just want to highlight a few things for you.

If you are in our area, we are having our next task force

meeting on September 9th and Kelly Daugherty is the person

to contact to get information on that meeting stack is hosting

its big event on September 10th.

We're going to be doing this online and this is a really

I would call it a fun event where we're going to have really

celebrate local businesses farms and others that are all

anti-trafficking and all using preparing foods with goods

and Supply chains that are slavery and trafficking free that's

a free event a very informative at lunchtime on the 10th.

The next third Friday training will be on September 18th.

The link is up on the stack website.

That's Hyperlink in the title there.

You can click on that and register we're going to have carried

odd must Bachelor and Teresa Kennedy from the south Florida

human trafficking task force present.

They have a very active task force every task force does

something a little different or Coalition?

So it's always fun to see what everyone's doing around the

state. We want to highlight the state of Florida's the Attorney.

General's annual human trafficking Summit where this will

be a program again.

I never read it.

Doing this again.

That's October 6, there's your link to register to for that

event. And again this link at the very bottom the educational

resources. That's the link that you can click on and see

all the past trainings.

We've had a focus on a Survivor story.

We've had focuses on a number of different topics.

I'm working with underserved populations online at risk activity

so you can really protect kids from Hackers and sex traffickers

online. So please take a look at that again.

Here is our contact information.

This is Graciela our victim Advocates name and number here

and our website here.

And that's I think it we are at 231.

Where a minute over again.

Thank all of you for participating great.

Thanks so much.

All right.

Thanks everybody.