

# **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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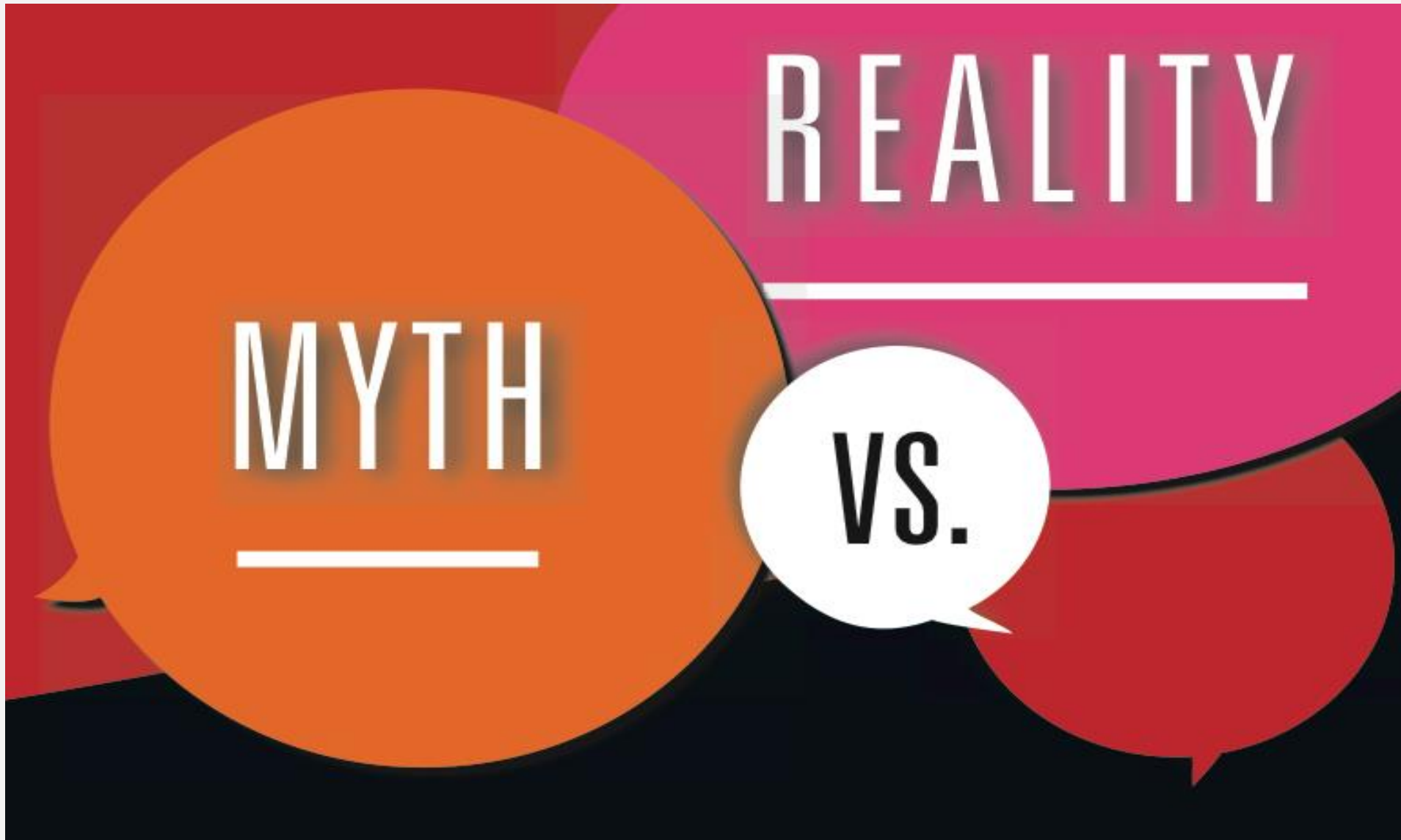
**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MICHIGAN**

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**AT THE END OF THE  
PRESENTATION THE  
PARTICIPANT WILL  
BE ABLE TO :**

- Understand the **types and venues** of human trafficking in Michigan and the United States
- Identify the **warning signs** of human trafficking
- Identify **victims** of human trafficking
- *Dispel myths and misconceptions regarding human trafficking*
- *Learn-Unlearn-Relearn*

# WE WILL DISPEL MYTHS





Learn



Unlearn



Relearn







**STANDING TOGETHER FOR  
CHILDREN  
IN CHALLENGING TIMES**















**WALKING TOGETHER  
TAKING 2 STEPS FORWARD...**





**OBJECTIVE:**

**UNDERSTAND THE TYPES AND  
VENUES OF HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED  
STATES**

# **WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?**



# WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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Human trafficking is a violation of human rights and a public health crisis.

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United Nations: a crime based on exploitation

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All trafficking victims share one essential experience: the **loss of freedom**.

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# LANGUAGE: MODERN DAY SLAVERY.. NOT RECOMMENDED !

- This language minimizes historical enslavement of African people and the multi-generational trauma and resulting impact. It can also be harmful to survivors, as it paints an inaccurate picture of many trafficking experiences.
- Approaching language with intentionality can help individuals and communities more intimately
  - understand the issue of human trafficking
  - who is most impacted by it
  - how to responsibly move toward action

REALITY

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MYTH

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VS.

# MYTH VS. REALITY

- **Myth :** *Sex trafficking is the only form of human trafficking and affects only women.*
- **Reality:** The federal definition of human trafficking encompasses both sex trafficking and labor trafficking, and the crime can affect men and women, children and adults.



## Federal Definition of Human Trafficking

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### Sex Trafficking

Commercial sex act induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which person performing the act is under age 18.

### Labor Trafficking

Using force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, or obtain a person for labor or services in involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

*What is done?*

**ACT**

Recruiting  
Transferring  
Transporting  
Harboring  
Receipt of  
persons



*How is it done?*

**MEANS \***

Force  
Fraud  
Coercion



*Why is it done?*

**PURPOSE OF  
EXPLOITATION\***

Sexual exploitation\*  
Labor trafficking  
Slavery/similar  
practices  
Removal of organs  
Other exploitation

## **Elements of Human Trafficking**



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Coercion



## ***Why is it done?***

### **PURPOSE OF EXPLOITATION\***

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## **Elements of Human Trafficking**

\*Any **child (under the age of 18)** who has been recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, obtained, advertised, maintained, patronized, or solicited to engage in a commercial sex act **is a victim** of trafficking regardless of **whether or not force, fraud, or coercion** is used.

The use of children in the commercial sex trade is prohibited both under U.S. law and by legislation in most countries around the world.

# **FORCE, FRAUD, & COERCION**

- **Force**
  - The use of physical restraint or serious physical harm.
  - Physical violence, including rape, beatings, and physical confinement, is often employed to control victims
- **Fraud**
  - False promises regarding employment, wages, working conditions, or other matters
- **Coercion**
  - Threats of serious harm to or physical restraint against any person
  - The abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process.

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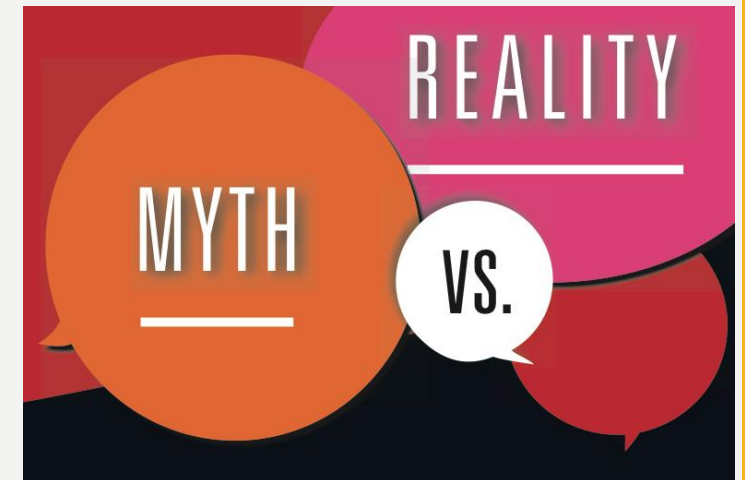
MYTH

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**VS.**

# MYTH VS. REALITY

- **Myth:** *Human trafficking is essentially a crime that must involve some form of travel, transportation, or movement across state or national borders.*
- **Reality:** Trafficking does not require transportation. Transportation may be involved as a control mechanism to keep victims in unfamiliar places but is not a required element.



# SMUGGLING VS. TRAFFICKING

**Human Smuggling** is transportation based



**Human Trafficking** is exploitation based (as we saw from the legal definition) and does not have to involve movement.

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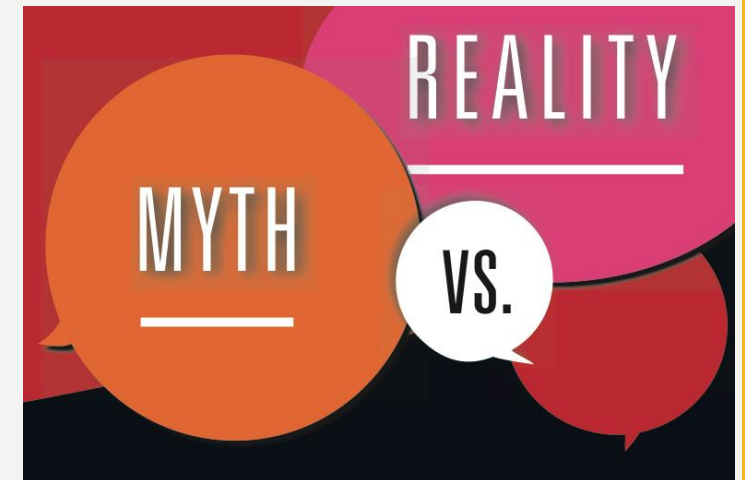
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# MYTH VS. REALITY

- **Myth** : *Human trafficking victims always come from situations of poverty or from small rural villages.*
- **Reality**: Victims can come from a range of income levels, and many may come from families with higher socioeconomic status. Chances are it's happening nearby!





# WHY AND HOW DOES IT EXIST?

- Victims are most often trafficked by someone they know, such as a friend, family member or romantic partner.
- Human trafficking is a market-driven criminal industry that is based on the principles of supply and demand
  - demand for cheap labor, services and for commercial sex
  - Vulnerable children and adults

**High Profits:** Individuals are willing to buy commercial sex and products. It is profitable for traffickers to sexually exploit children and adults.

**Low Risk:** Human traffickers perceive there to be little risk or deterrence to affect their criminal operations.

# **VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**

**ANYONE CAN  
BE A VICTIM...**

## Two types of victims:

- domestic
- international (foreign nationals)

## May be victims of:

- labor trafficking
- Sex trafficking
- both

## Victims may be:

- male
- female

## Victims may be:

- adults
- children

# THE SLAVE IN THE GARAGE



## **SHIYMA HALL: THE SLAVE IN THE GARAGE**

- Sold by her parents in 1998 when she was 8 years old to pay her sister's debt of \$30
- Smuggled from Egypt to the US
- Trafficked for 2 years
- Finally freed in 2002 when child services received an anonymous tip on her whereabouts













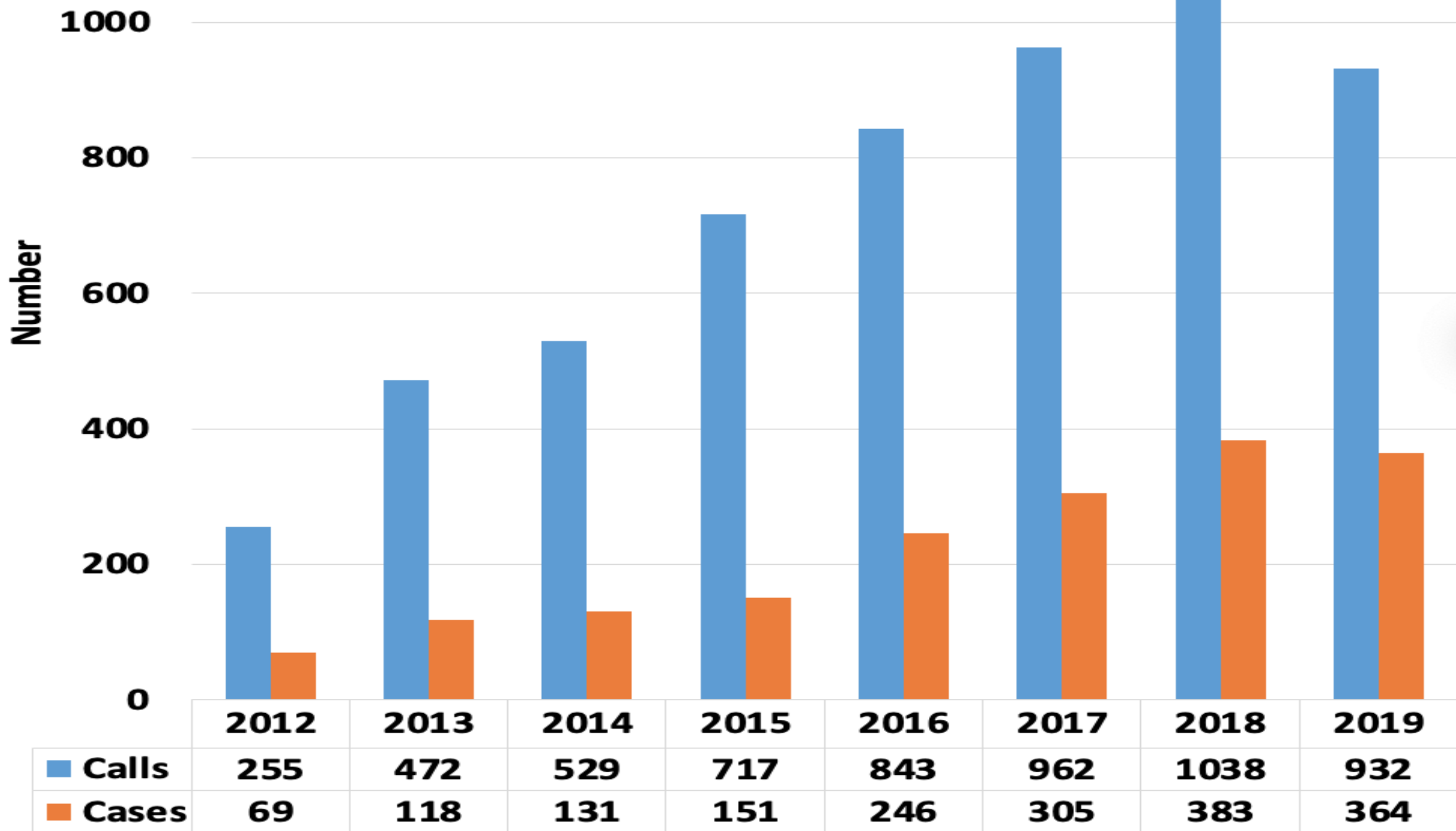
**DOES HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING  
HAPPEN IN  
MICHIGAN?**



# NUMBERS IN MICHIGAN

- Reliable statistics come from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) hotline run by Polaris
- <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states>
- 2019 statistics are current as of 12/31/2019/ not updated in 2020





# MICHIGAN

SINCE 2007 

Total Contacts: 6,586

Total Cases: 1,871

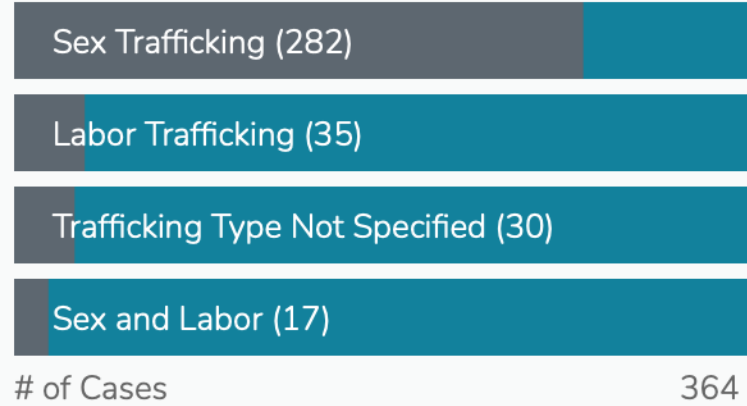
Total Victims - Moderate: 2,592 

Total Victims - High: 1,856

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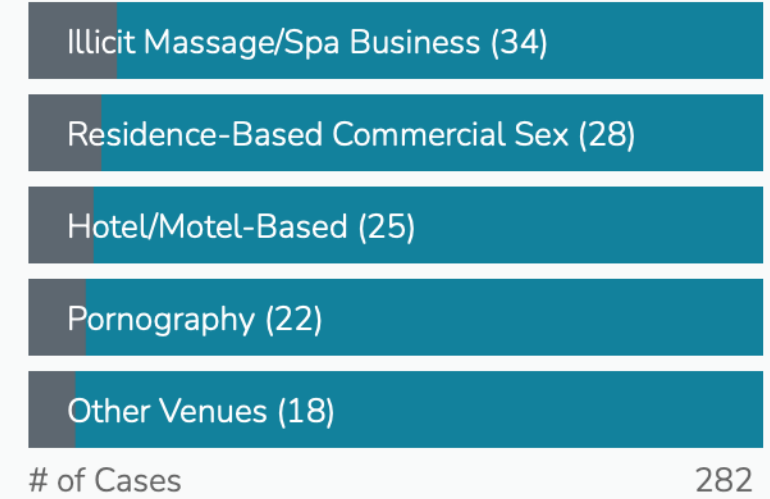
## TYPE OF TRAFFICKING



## TOP VENUES/INDUSTRIES FOR LABOR TRAFFICKING

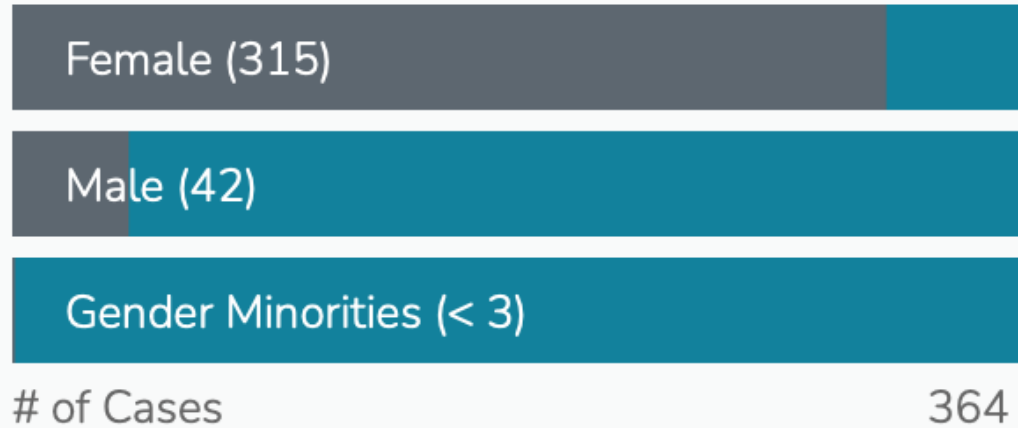


## TOP VENUES/INDUSTRIES FOR SEX TRAFFICKING

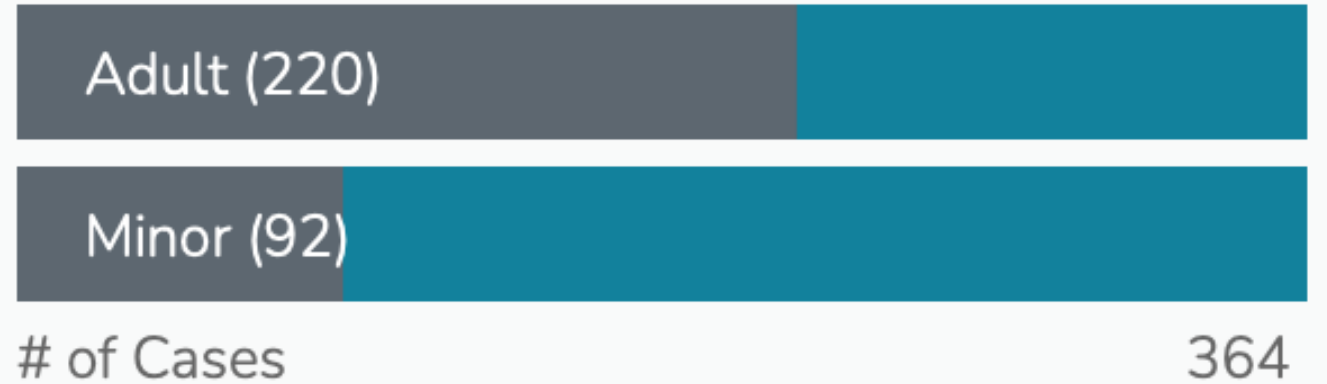


**IN MICHIGAN**

## GENDER



## AGE



**IN MICHIGAN**

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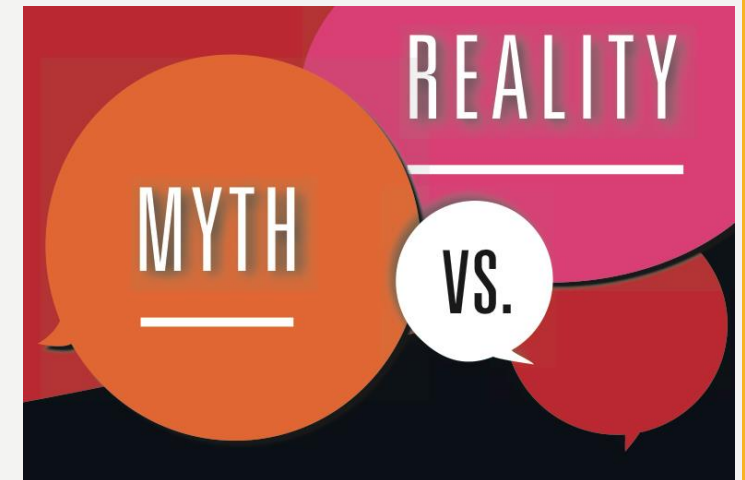
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# MYTH VS. REALITY

- **Myth:** *Human trafficking only occurs in illegal underground industries.*
- **Reality:** Trafficking can occur in legal and legitimate business settings as well as underground markets. It has been reported in business markets such as restaurants, hotels, and manufacturing plants, as well as underground markets such as commercial sex in residential brothels and street based commercial sex.

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/what-human-trafficking/myths-misconceptions>







**NOVI COUPLE PLEADS  
GUILTY TO HIDING 5  
ILLEGAL UNDOCUMENTED  
IMMIGRANTS WHO DIED  
IN 2016 FIRE**

# FIRE VICTIMS

- Brayan Medina Contreras, 16      Simeon Diaz Nunez, 18
- Leonel Alvarado Rodriguez, 18      Miguel Nunez Diaz, 23
- Pablo Alvaro Encino, 23.

- *"If Mr. Tam loved them like his own family, then why doesn't he know their names? Why didn't he pay them minimum wage? Or overtime? ...Why did he lie to the 911 operator when he told 911 that everyone was out safely?"*
- Two days before the fire, Tam and his wife left the Novi home because of a cockroach problem and went to stay at their lake house.



**STATE EFFORTS TO  
ADDRESS HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING**

# LEGISLATION

- In 2014, Governor Snyder signed into law a 21-bill legislative package to strengthen the state's efforts to address human trafficking
- Included in the legislative package:
  - Safe harbor provisions
    - Presumption that minors engaging in prostitution are victims
    - Allows victims to clear criminal records of crimes they were forced to commit by traffickers and avoid prostitution convictions
  - Tools to hold traffickers accountable
  - Training for medical professionals
  - Creation of the Human Trafficking Commission and Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board

**ACCORDING TO LARA RULE 388.2416 TRAINING STANDARDS FOR IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; REQUIREMENTS.**

**RULE 113.**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 16148 OF THE CODE, MCL 333-16148, AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING LICENSURE OR LICENSED SHALL COMPLETE TRAINING IN IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING THAT MEETS THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS: TRAINING CONTENT SHALL COVER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in the United States
- Identifying victims of human trafficking in health care settings
- Identifying the warnings signs of human trafficking in health care settings for adults and minors
- Identifying resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking.







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# AG WEBSITE

The image shows a browser window displaying the Michigan Department of Attorney General website. The browser's address bar shows "michigan.gov" and the page title is "AG - Human Trafficking". The website features a teal header with the text "DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL" and a navigation menu with the following items: MEET BILL, ABOUT, INITIATIVES, OUTREACH, RESOURCES, and CONTACT. Below the navigation menu, there are eight service tiles arranged in two rows. Each tile consists of a teal square with a white icon, a teal bar at the bottom with a white title, and a white subtitle below the bar.

Icon	Title	Subtitle
	Commission	Human Trafficking Commission
	Identify & Report	Identify & Report
	AG Cases	AG Cases
	Contact	Contact Us
	Training	Training
	Laws	Laws
	Resources	Resources
	Meetings/Minutes	Commission Meetings



## PEOPLE V. MITCHELL

Sedrick Mitchell, 32 of Detroit, charged with human trafficking and other crimes related to the enslavement two young girls who were forced to engage in prostitution in Detroit.

[Learn more](#)

# GRUESOME!



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- *Sedrick Leman-Isaac Mitchell, whose street name was Gruesome, was a pimp who preyed on young girls, forcing them into the sex trade.*
- *He kept several girls in a house on Detroit's east side, all of whom engaged in "prostitution" under Gruesome's direction. He forced the girls to work the streets at night and hand over their earnings, and would physically abuse them if they did not earn enough money for him.*
- *Apart from forcing these girls into the sex trade, he also raped victims, choking a 15-year-old when she resisted him.*

# GRUESOME'S VICTIM

One of his victims: *"I cannot sleep at night because I have bad dreams, the shakes and night sweats. I feel that I am not a normal teenager like my friends because of all the bad things he did to me and made me do with different men. I feel like I am nobody and nobody will ever love me."*



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**DETROIT PINK!**



# DETROIT PINK

- ***Detroit Pink was an online ~~prostitution~~ ring in Metro Detroit run by five local residents (ranging in age from 25 to 32, including a husband and wife).***
- ***The ring ~~pimped out~~ at least two- dozen women over a five-year period, including a 15-year-old girl. The service posted pictures of near-naked women, offered “dates” with them for \$300 per hour.***



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# NEW VOCABULARY

- Teen/Child “Prostitute”

- Implies choice
- Bad kid
- Resistant
- Not worth the effort
- Professional, working, doing job
- Juvenile offender, criminal
- Deserving of consequences: sexual violence, social isolation, incarceration



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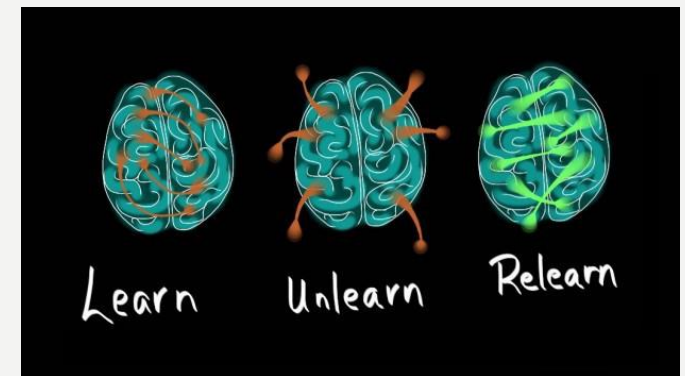


# SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILD

- A young person who has been sexually used, coerced, manipulated, and violently controlled for another person's profit
- Victim
- Inequality, power imbalance
- Vulnerability
- Multiple systems of oppression
- System of violence against women and children
- Call for social responsibility and accountability

# LANGUAGE OFTEN SENSATIONALIZES EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE.

- Gruesome details and graphic content of exploitation do not positively impact survivors or move the cause forward.
- Conversely, they serve only to shock the audience, rather than spread education.
  - Survivors are more than what has happened to them.
  - The focus should be on a young person's strengths and resilience.
    - How did they survive?
    - What has been their journey forward?
    - What can they share to help others do the same?





**OBJECTIVES:**


**IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING IN HEALTH CARE  
SETTINGS.**

**IDENTIFYING THE WARNING SIGNS  
OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN HEALTH  
CARE SETTINGS FOR ADULTS AND  
MINORS.**



# **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND HEALTHCARE**

# HEALTHCARE'S UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

- Healthcare professionals are on the frontlines to identify and intervene in cases of trafficking.
  - One of the most likely groups to interact with victims.
  - Unique opportunity to identify victims and offer assistance.
  - Approximately 88% of domestic sex trafficking victims had contact with healthcare while being trafficked
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**HOW TO IDENTIFY  
VICTIMS**

**QUESTION IS:  
WHO'S  
VULNERABLE?**















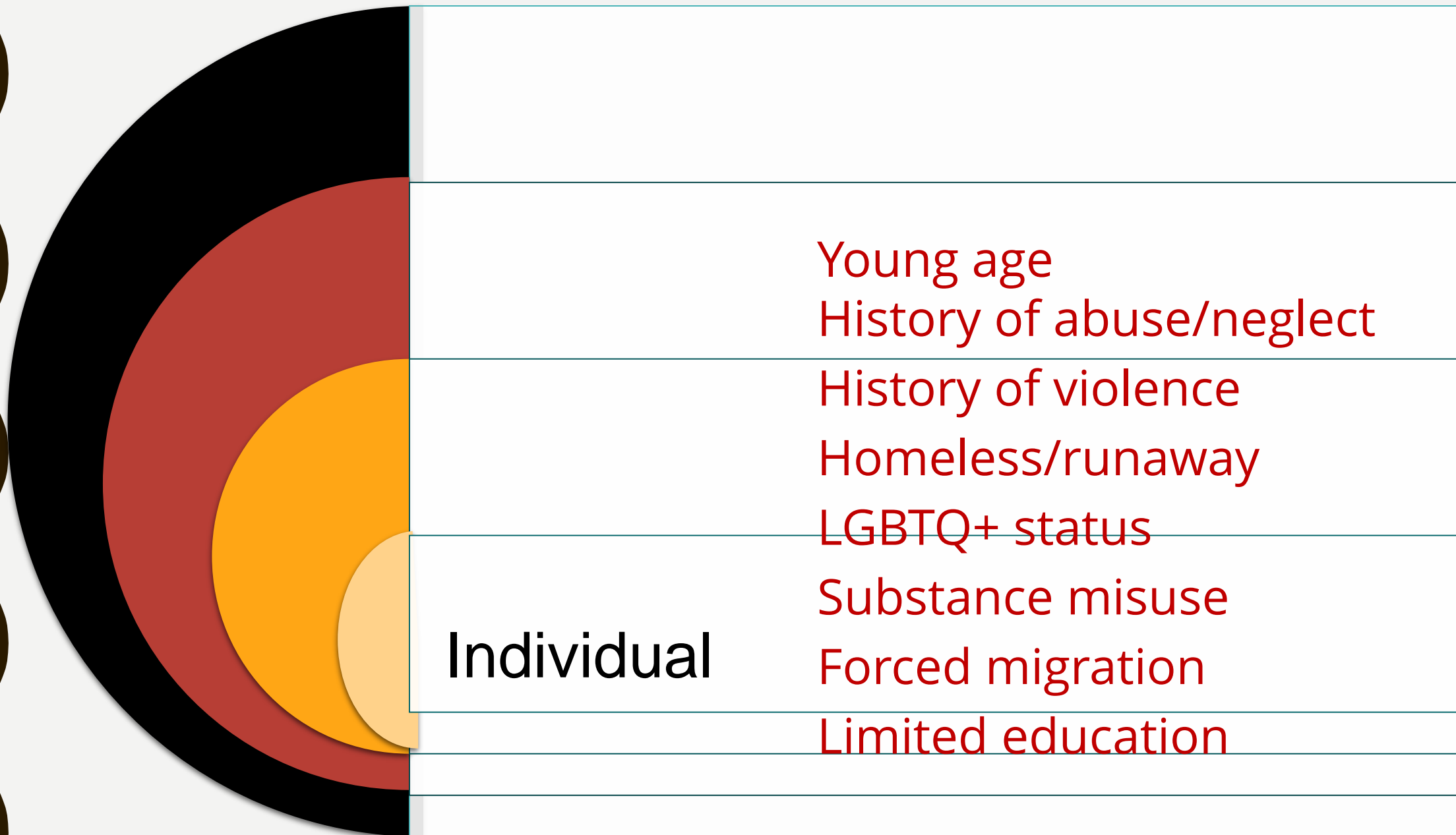
















<b>Relationship</b>	Family violence Familial poverty Family dysfunction
	Forced migration



## Community

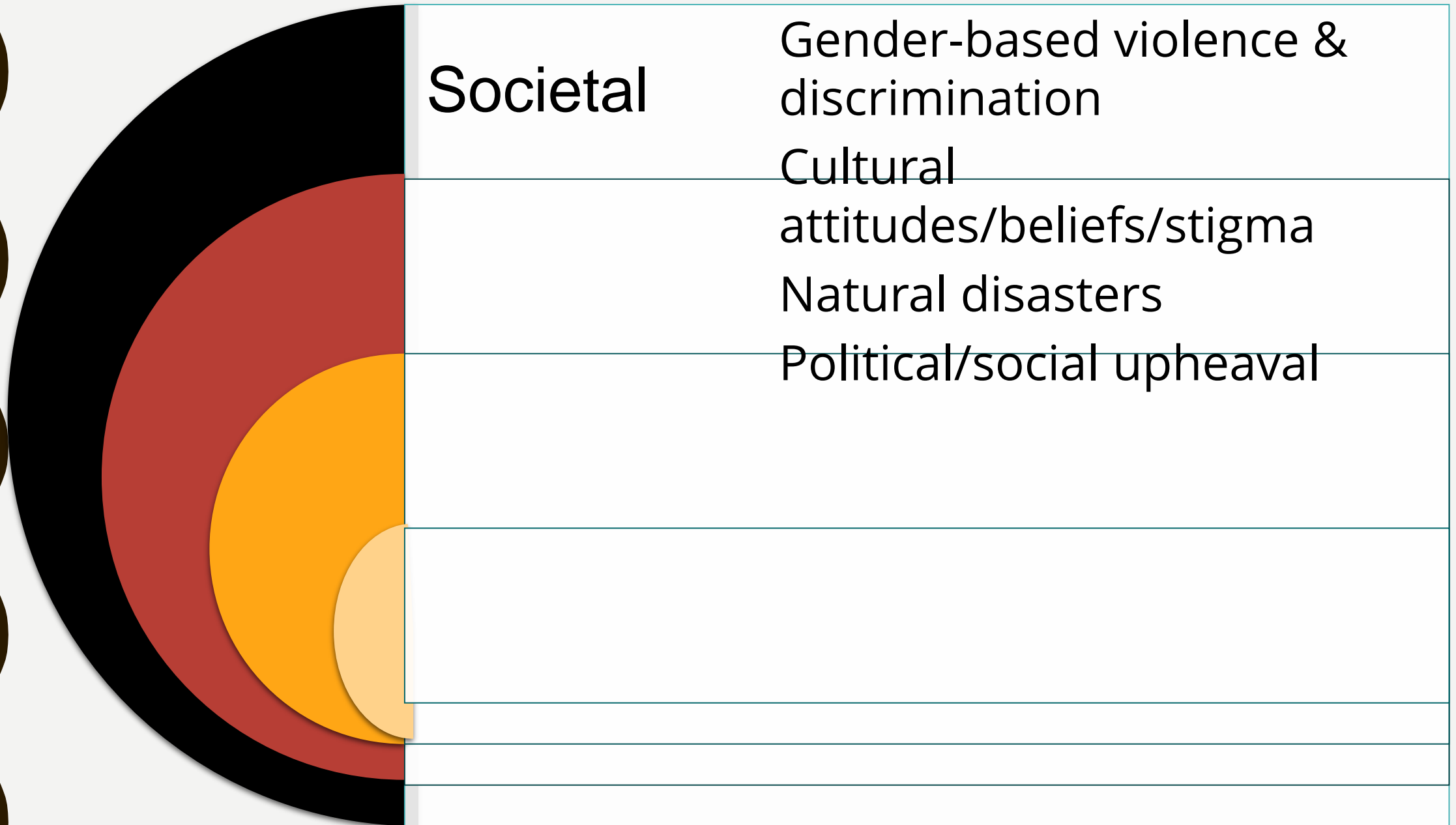
Tolerance of sexual exploitation

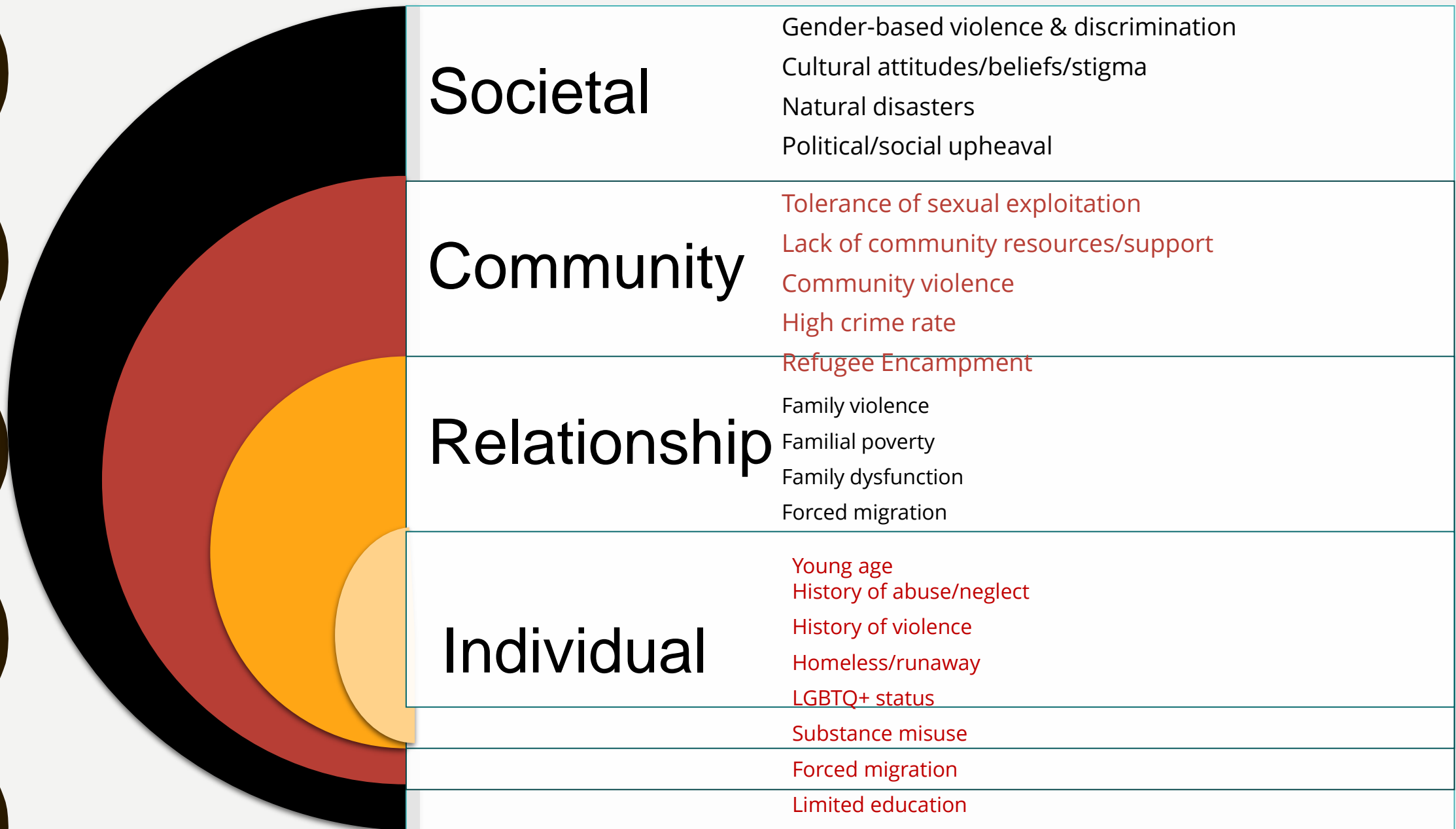
Lack of community resources/support

Community violence

High crime rate

Refugee Encampment







# **IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING**







# AUTUMN

- Autumn is a 19-year-old who presents to your clinic.
- She is pregnant and needs assistance with resources.
- She was sent by her family to live with her cousin in Detroit and pursue her education after her family experienced financial trouble in Mexico.
- She does not speak English and her cousin is by her side to translate.



# AUTUMN

- Autumn appears malnourished and exhausted.
- When asked for her ID, her cousin pulls it out of his wallet.
- She does not know her address and has had no prenatal care so far.
- Autumn says she works for her cousin at his convenience store.





# AUTUMN.. MORE TO THE STORY..

- Autumn was forced to do domestic work at her cousin's home all day and would work at his corner store late at night.
- She was not paid for her work and was denied education and medical care.
- She was kept away from the public's eye and neighbors didn't know she lived there.
- She was denied contact with her family and was verbally and physically assaulted.
- Recently her cousin started locking the store at night and having male customers come in where Autumn would be forced to "have sex" with up to 5 customers /night



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING RED FLAGS

- Indicators of control
- Physical Red Flags for sex and labor trafficking





# RED FLAGS: INDICATORS OF CONTROL

## Domineering accompanying individual

- May be accompanied by trafficker or person working for trafficker
- Other person with them may claim or actually be their boyfriend, husband, family member

## Subordinate, fearful, hyper-vigilant

## Scripted/inconsistent history



# RED FLAGS: INDICATORS OF CONTROL

Individual cannot give an address/doesn't know city

Lack of control over personal documents

Paying in cash

Clothing inconsistent with the weather

Delayed presentation for medical care





# COUPLE SENTENCED FOR HOLDING NIGERIAN NANNY HOSTAGE FOR 2 YEARS



The naturalized U.S. citizens originally from Nigeria recruited the woman there with the promise of a \$100 monthly wage.

Instead, authorities say they abused her physically and verbally while she worked at their home from September 2013 to October 2015.

REALITY

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MYTH

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VS.



- Myth: pimps-traffickers look like this!
- Reality: they may look like anyone!

## Jeffrey Epstein: The financier charged with sex trafficking

🕒 16 November 2019



Jeffrey Epstein death













# WINTER

Winter is a 17-year-old who ran away from his home in Lansing, MI. He ran out of money and was sleeping and living on the streets.

He was introduced to heroin by a group of friends who also introduced him to a group of older men who would pay him for “sexual favors”.

After a few years of living on the street, he decided to get tested for HIV and presented to the urgent care clinic.

He tested positive for HIV and Hepatitis C.

He got upset when asked for more information and refuses further help offered to him.



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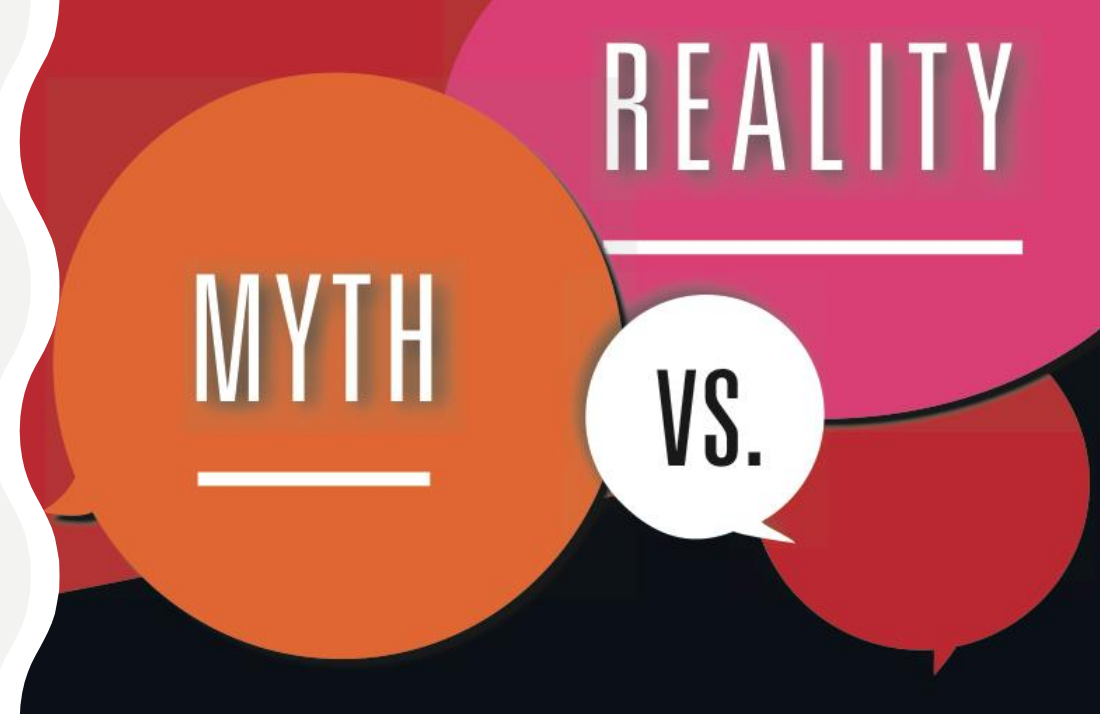
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**VS.**



# MYTH VS. REALITY

- **Myth:** *If the trafficked person consented to be in their initial situation or was informed about what type of labor they would be doing or that commercial sex would be involved, then it cannot be human trafficking or against their will because they “knew better.”*
- **Reality:** Initial consent to commercial sex or a labor setting prior to acts of force, fraud, or coercion (or if the victim is a minor) is **not relevant to the crime, nor is payment.**



# MYTH VS. REALITY

- **Myth:** *Victims of human trafficking will immediately ask for help or assistance and will self-identify as a victim of a crime.*
- **Reality:** Victims of human trafficking often do not immediately seek help or self-identify as victims of a crime due to a variety of factors including:
  - lack of trust
  - self-blame
  - specific instructions by the traffickers regarding how to behave and what to say



# IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER...

- Not every victim you identify will want or feel safe to leave their situation
  - Let them know your setting is a safe place
  - Equip with resources/hotline
  - Affirm they are not criminals
- Trauma-informed approach
- Empowerment vs. “Saving”



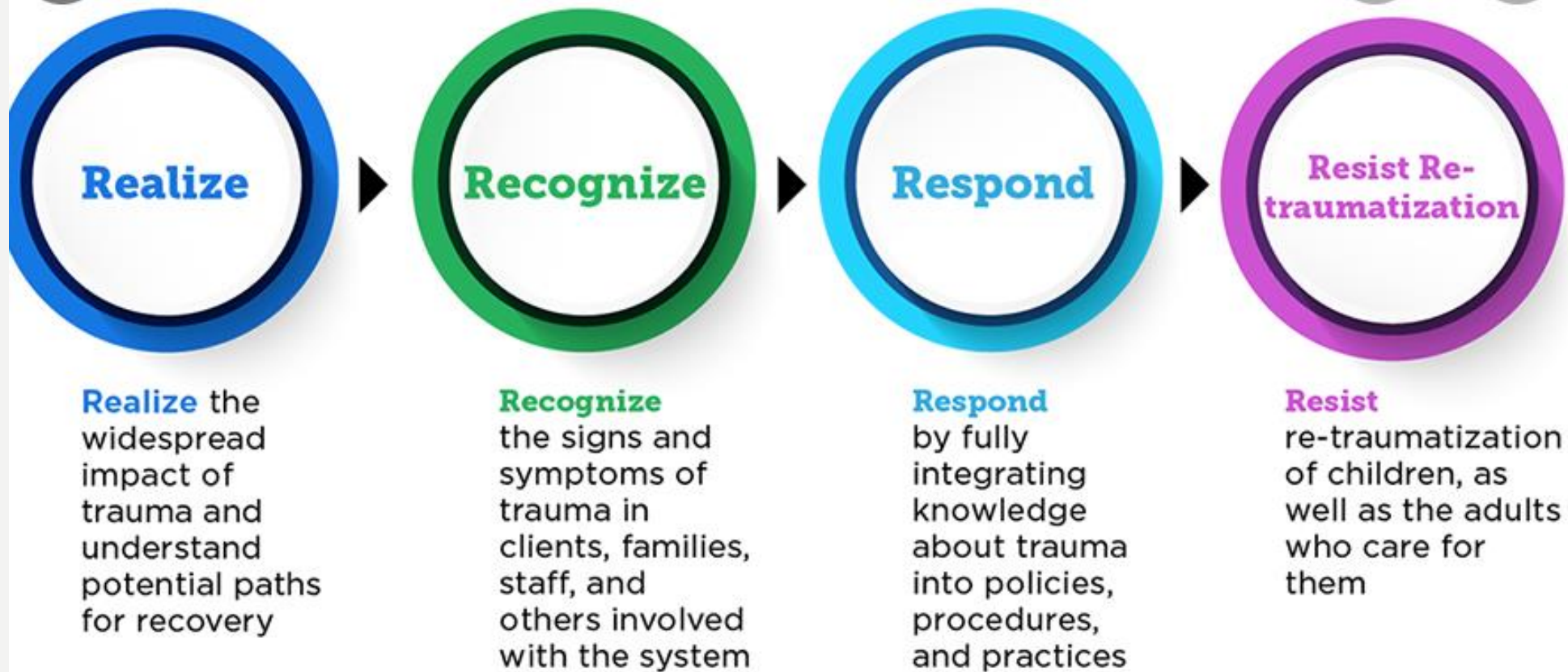
# TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

- Understand the impact of trauma on individuals, families, and communities.
- Understand that trauma may cause stress that manifests in a variety of ways involving physical, emotional, and behavior domains





# TRAUMA INFORMED CARE



This figure is adapted from: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2014). SAMHSA's concept of trauma and Guidance for a trauma-informed approach. HHS publication no. (SMA) 14-4884. Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

# DO NOT ASK ....

- How much of the money were you allowed to keep?
- What is your boyfriend's name?



# QUESTIONS YOU MAY ASK...

When was the last time you ate?

Did anyone physically hurt you?

Do you feel comfortable telling me about it?









# SPRING

Spring is a 13-year-old child who presents to the emergency department with vaginal discharge.

She missed her last 2 periods.

She states she is sexually active with multiple partners including her 30-year-old boyfriend and his friends.

She ran away from home and her boyfriend is providing her a place to stay.



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# CHILDREN AS VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

- The USE of any child <18 for sexual purposes in exchange for cash or in kind favors.

## **Don't have to show**

- Force
- Fraud
- Coercion

## **Minors cannot consent to commercial sex acts**







Learn



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The average age a child is first exploited through prostitution is

**13** years old,


though children as young as **infants** have been identified in pornography<sup>5</sup>


Not proven by research !  
However, a good reminder  
for us

Some victims may be forced to have sex up to

**20-48**

**times a day**<sup>6</sup>





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# **IDENTIFYING CHILD VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING**

# POTENTIAL INDICATORS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN HISTORICAL FACTORS



- Multiple sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Previous pregnancy/abortion
- Frequent visits for emergency contraception
- Chronic runaway behavior
- Chronic truancy or problems in school
- History of sexual abuse/physical abuse/neglect
- Involvement of child protective services (especially foster care/group home)
- Involvement with department of juvenile justice
- Significantly older boyfriend
- Frequent substance use/misuse
- Lack of medical home and/or frequent emergency department visits



**POTENTIAL  
INDICATORS  
OF  
COMMERCIAL  
SEXUAL  
EXPLOITATION  
OF CHILDREN  
PHYSICAL  
FINDINGS**



- Evidence suggestive of inflicted injury
- Tattoos (sexually explicit, of man's name, gang affiliation)
- Child withdrawn, fearful
- Signs of substance misuse
- Expensive items, clothing, hotel keys
- Large amounts of cash
- Poor dentition or obvious chronic lack of care

# JANUARY, 2018

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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## A Short Screening Tool to Identify Victims of Child Sex Trafficking in the Health Care Setting

*V. Jordan Greenbaum, MD,\* Martha Dodd, DNP, FNP-BC,\* and Courtney McCracken, PhD†*

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**TABLE 3. Six-Item Screening Questionnaire**

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Is there a previous history of drug and/or alcohol use?

Has the youth ever run away from home?

Has the youth ever been involved with law enforcement?

Has the youth ever broken a bone, had traumatic loss of consciousness, or sustained a significant wound?

Has the youth ever had a sexually transmitted infection?

Does the youth have a history of sexual activity with more than 5 partners?

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**ADDITIONAL  
QUESTIONS  
WHEN YOU  
SUSPECT  
CSEC:**

1. Has anyone ever asked you to have sex in exchange for something you wanted or needed (money, food, shelter, or other items)?
2. Has anyone ever asked you to have sex with another person?
3. Has anyone ever taken sexual pictures of you or posted such pictures on the Internet?




# MEDICAL EVALUATION


**FIRST AID IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES**




**REMEMBER  
YOU MAY BE THE  
VICTIM'S **ONLY** CHANCE!**

No matter how small your role as a first responder,  
you are part of a global effort to fight  
**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

 **UNODC**  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

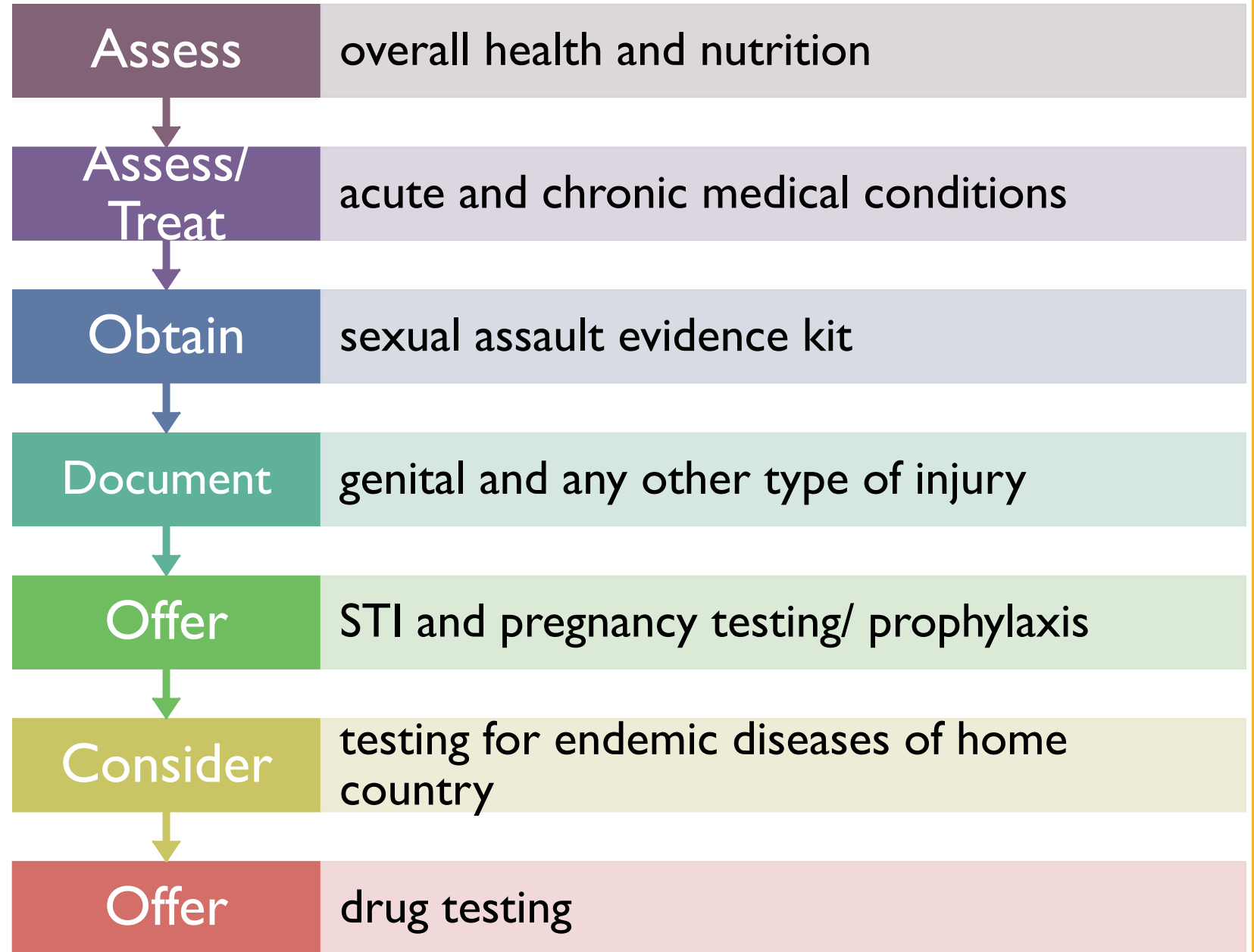
 **UN.GIFT**  
United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking

FIRST AID KIT FOR USE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDERS IN ADDRESSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

 **Human Trafficking**



**MEDICAL  
EVALUATIONS  
(PATIENT  
ASSENT IS  
NEEDED)**





# SPRING



- Her physical examination reveals a thin child with multiple bruises on her arms and legs
- Her anogenital examination is normal
- Her labs are positive for gonorrhea.
- Pregnancy test is positive







# SELF-HARM

# TATTOOS...BRANDING...







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**A NORMAL  
EXAMINATION  
DOES NOT RULE  
OUT SEXUAL  
ABUSE**





# IT'S NORMAL TO BE NORMAL

- Only a small percentage of children have signs of genital or anal injury upon examination.
  - no injury was sustained due to the nature of the physical contact
  - the contact involved penetration of tissues that stretched without being injured
  - the contact resulted in injuries that healed by the time the child was examined.



# "NORMAL" DOES NOT MEAN "NOTHING HAPPENED"

- Genital Anatomy in Pregnant Adolescents: "Normal" Does Not Mean "Nothing Happened" Nancy D. Kellogg, Shirley W. Menard and Annette Santos
- *Pediatrics* 2004;113:e67

Only 2 of the 36 subjects had definitive findings of penetration.



# WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Follow existing protocols for child abuse, sexual abuse, rape, domestic violence, etc.
- Explain reporting obligations to the patient
- Provide options while keeping in mind the patient's age and immigration status
- Know the local organizations that help survivors of trafficking – governmental, non-governmental, international
- In U.S., provide the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHRTC) hotline number: 1-888-3737-888





# **COMPLEX NEEDS OF VICTIMS**

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Housing

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Food, clothing, School etc.

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Interpreter services

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Emotional support

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Mental health care

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Legal advocacy

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Case management









# SUMMER

- Summer is a 14-year-old child who accepted a 'friend' request on Facebook. She was texting him back and forth using her school laptop.
- He asked for her photo and said he was in love with her and wanted more photos. He then requested to meet her.
- Summer sent him photos and agreed to meet him at a motel in Detroit where him and a group of men sexually assaulted her.
- Summer ran away from the motel to a nearby gas station and called her parents who notified the police.





# FORMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING & EXPLOITATION

## ONLINE :

- Grooming and Online Solicitation
- Child Sexual Abuse Materials (CSAM)
- Live-stream sex acts

## OFFLINE

- Prostitution, escort services
- Performing at sex venues
- Child Marriage; temporary marriage
- Sexual exploitation in armed conflict
- Domestic Servitude – Forced sexual services

*Often involves BOTH online and offline activities*

ECPAT, 2008; TIP Report, 2020



# POTENTIAL INDICATORS OF ONLINE EXPLOITATION



Spends more and more time on the internet and social media platforms

Becomes secretive about use of technology

Becomes more possessive of phone, anxious if someone wants to look at it

Agitated when answering phone, needs privacy for calls

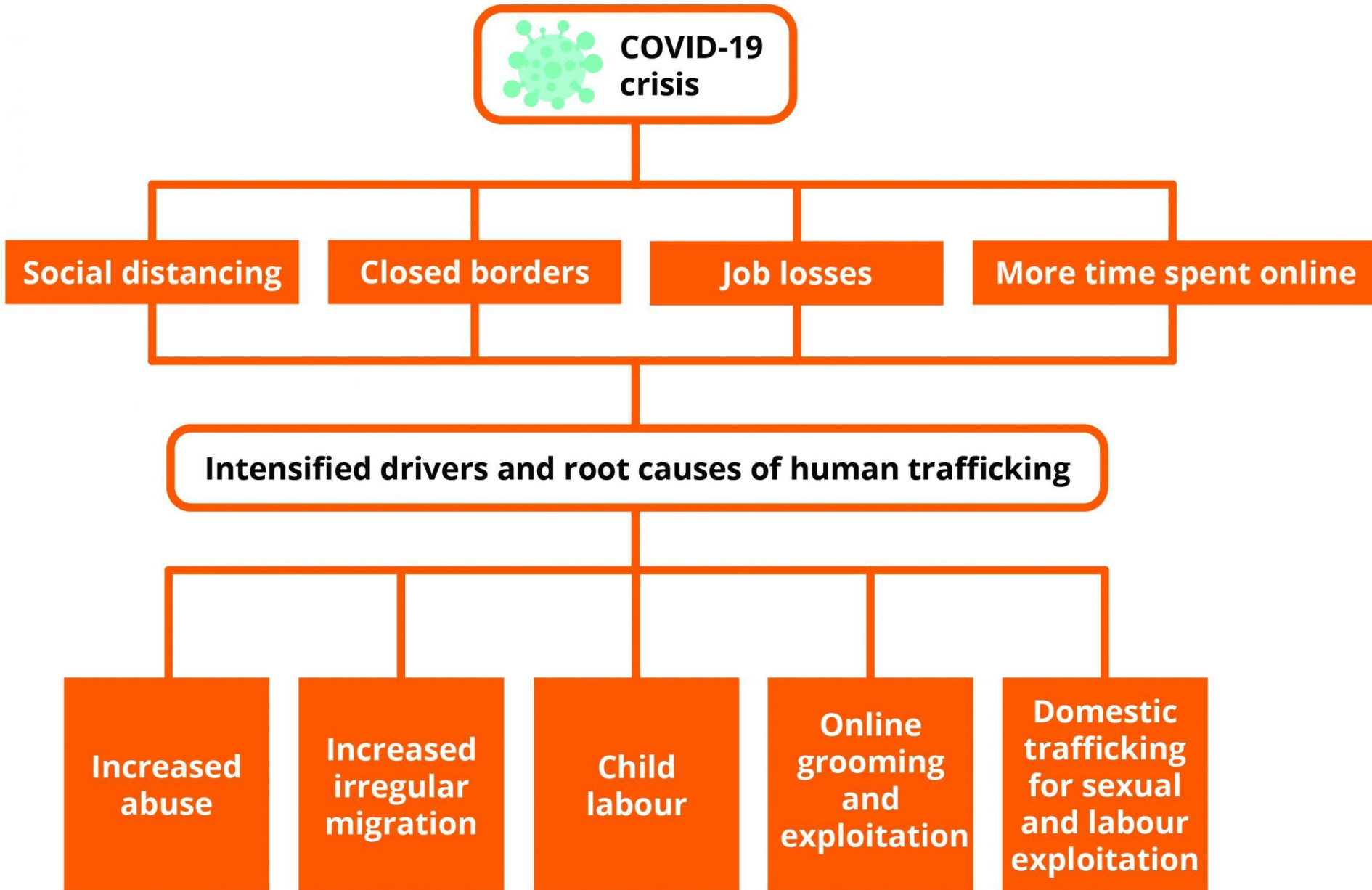
Vague talk of “new friend” online

Starts leaving home for periods, without explanation

Academic decline





# THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING





# **RESPONDING TO TRAFFICKING**

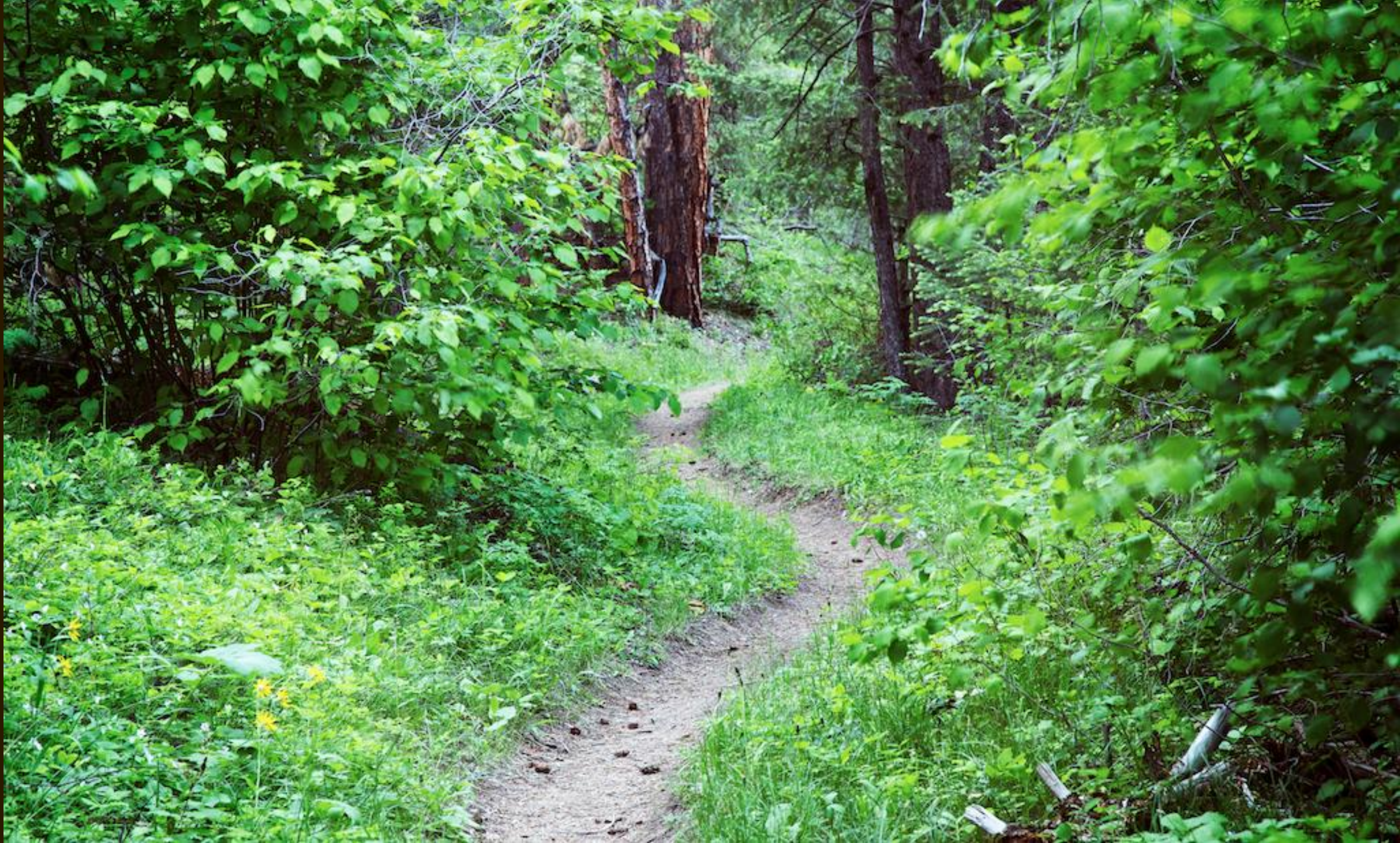


# **WHO'S VULNERABLE?**

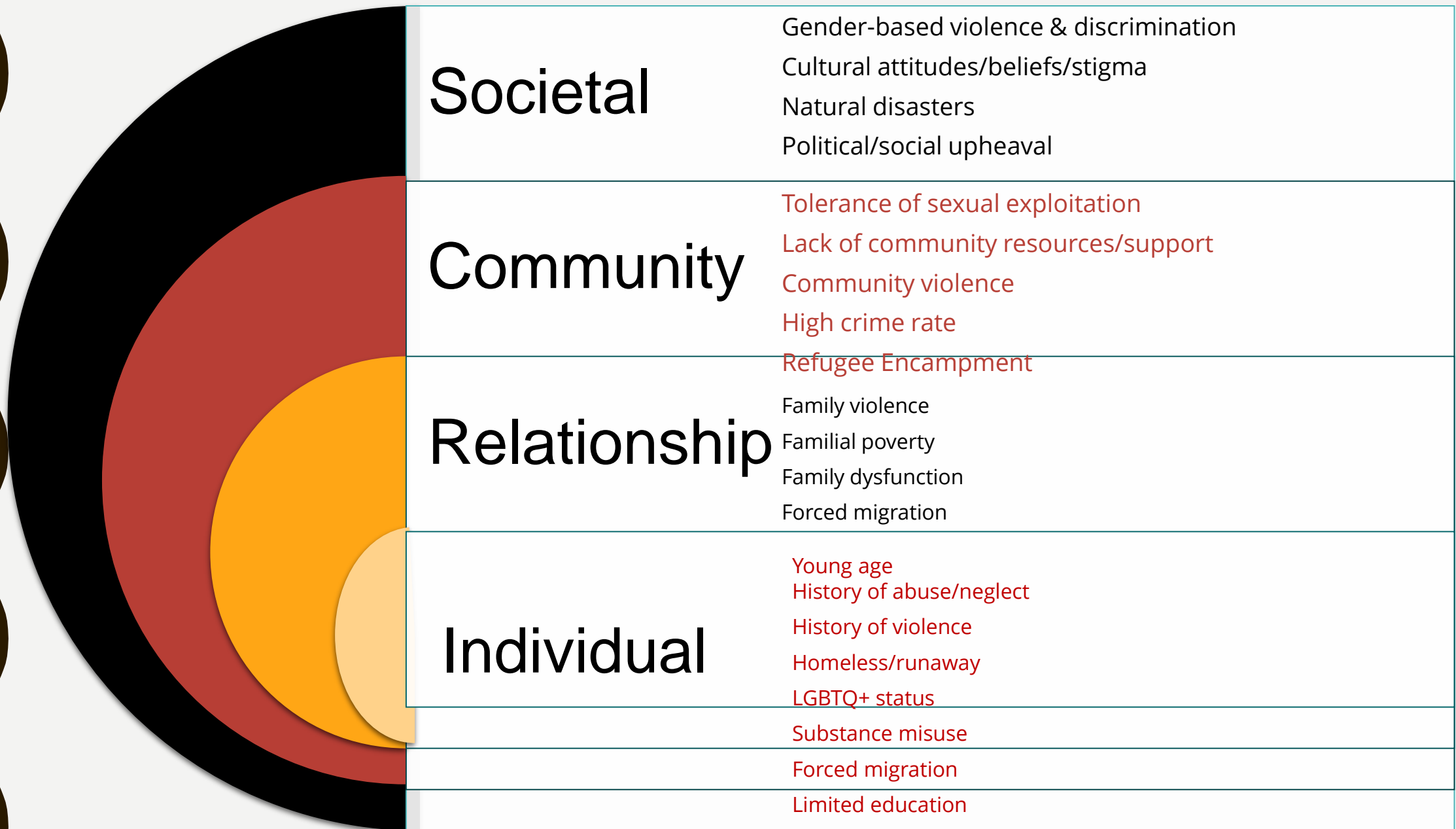




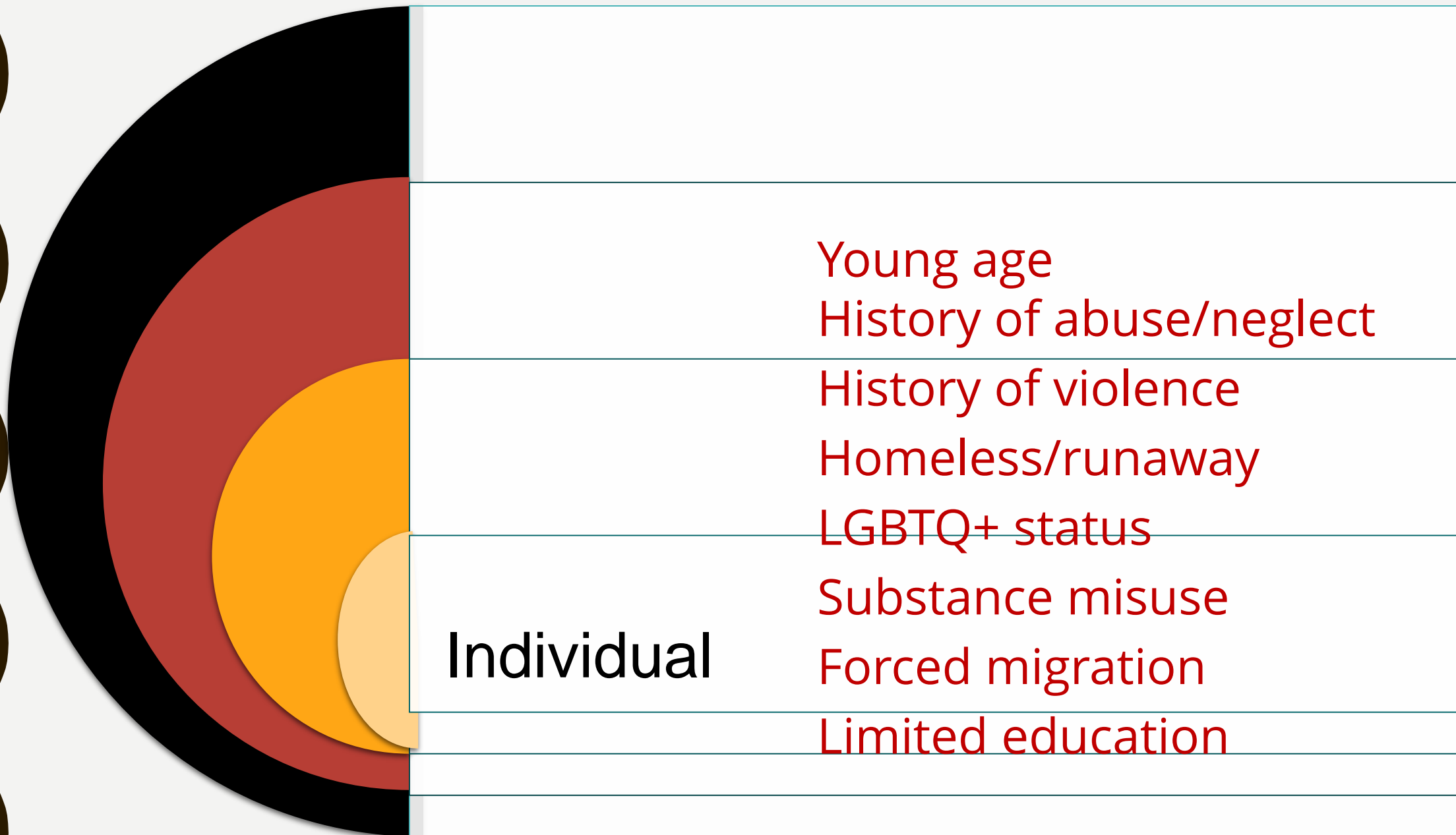


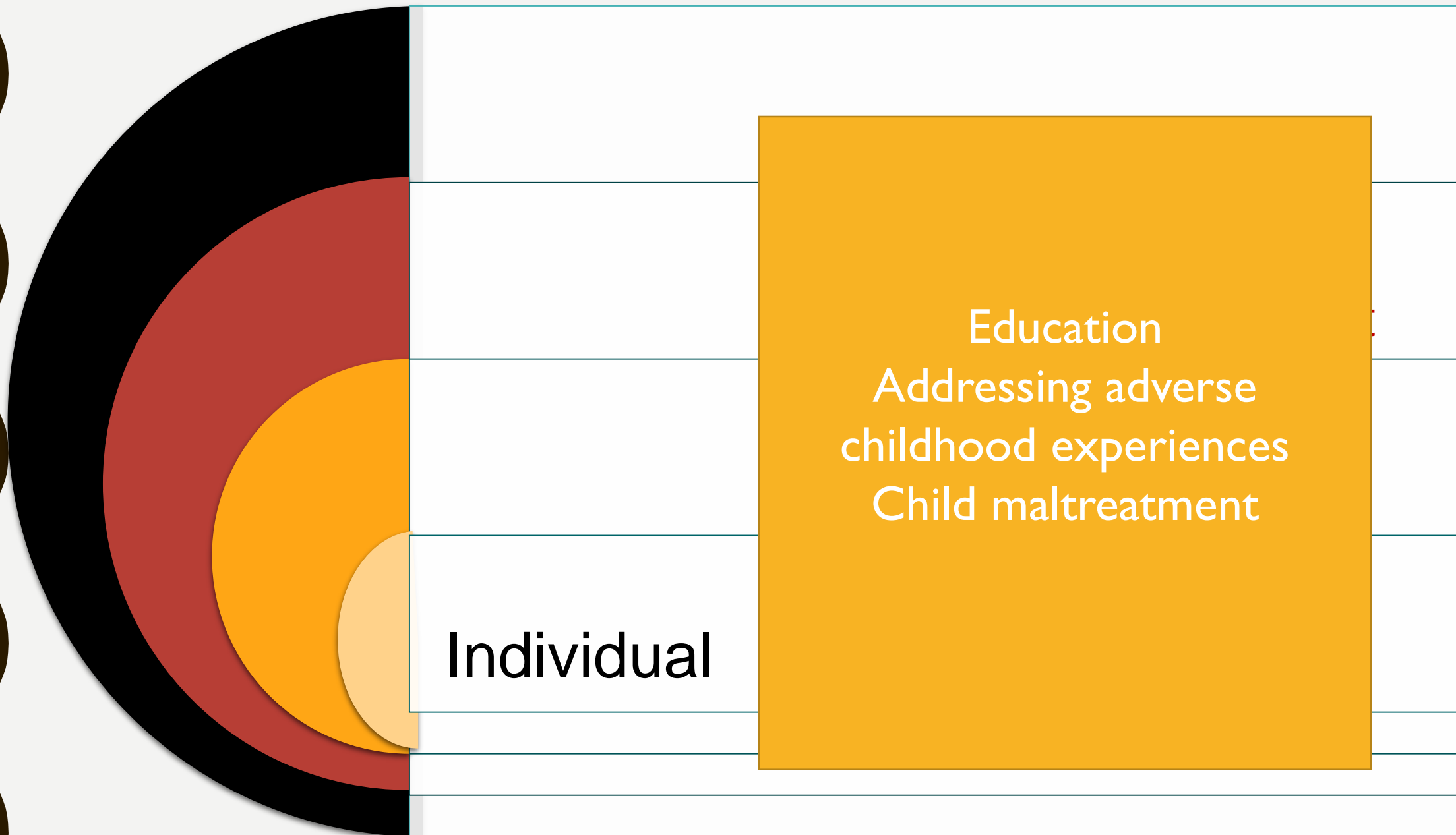










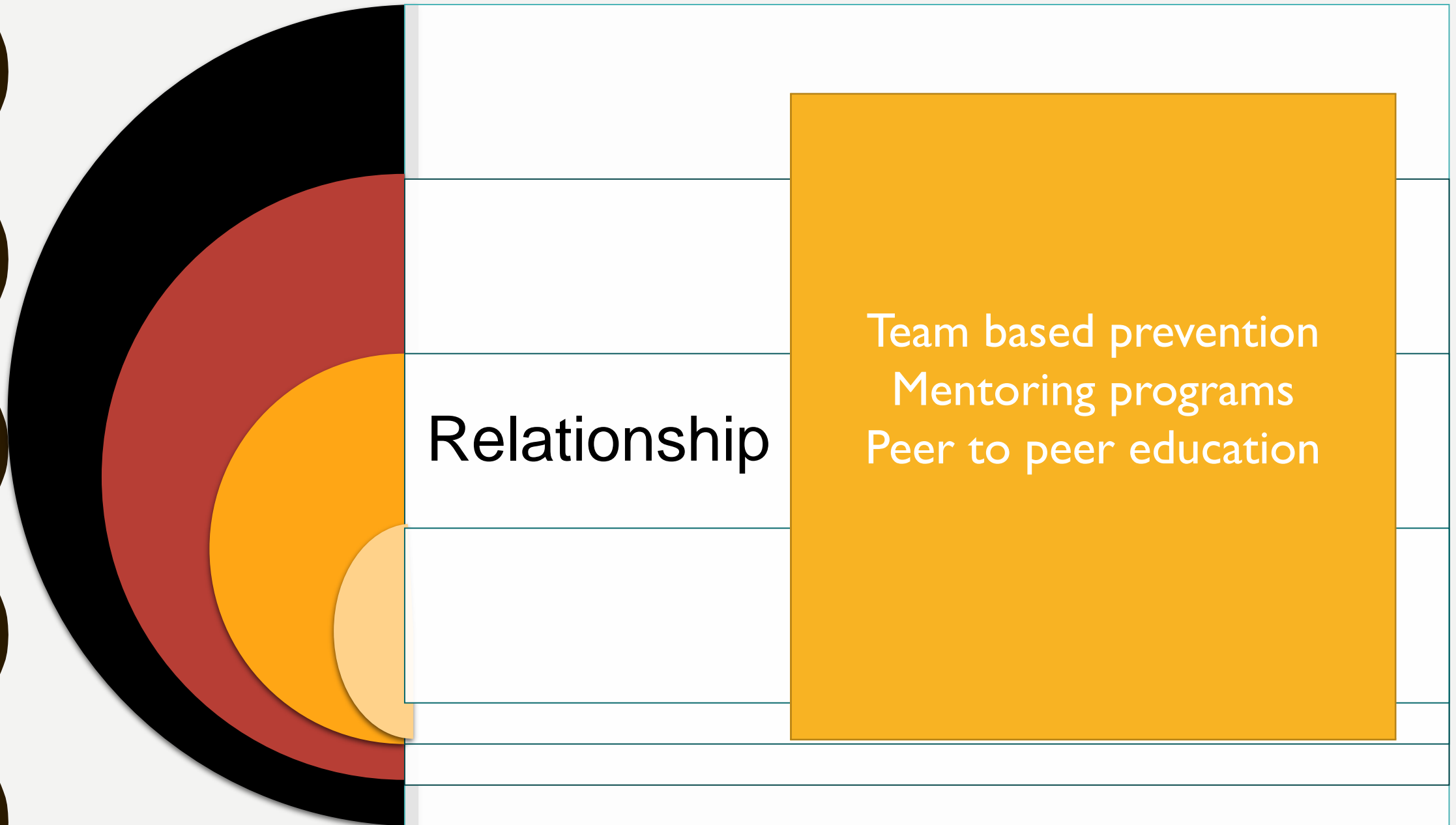




## Relationship

- Family violence
- Familial poverty
- Family dysfunction
- Forced migration







## Community

Tolerance of sexual exploitation

Lack of community resources/support

Community violence

High crime rate

Refugee Encampment







## Societal

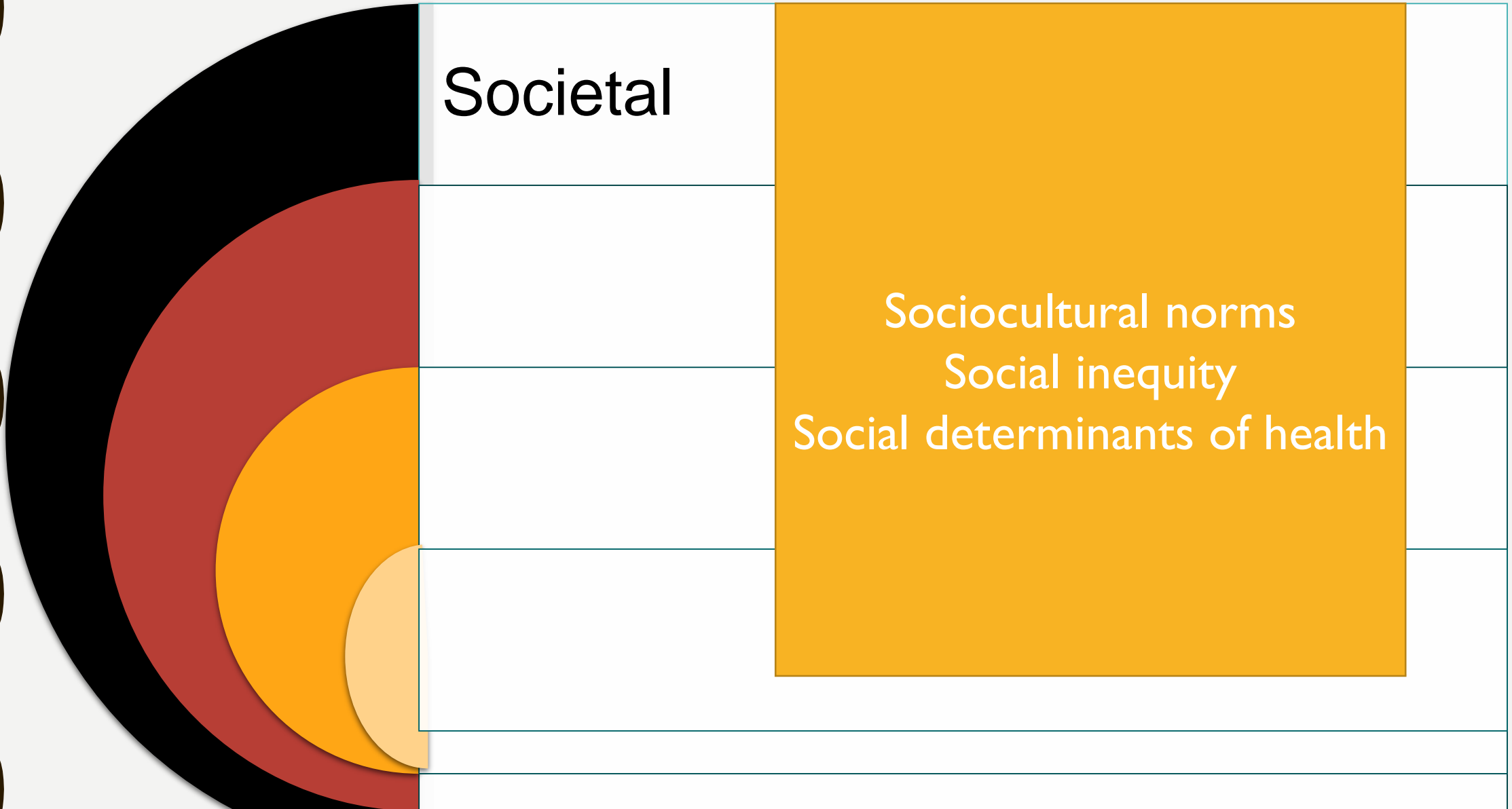
Gender-based violence & discrimination

Cultural

attitudes/beliefs/stigma

Natural disasters

Political/social upheaval



Societal

Sociocultural norms  
Social inequity  
Social determinants of health

REALITY

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MYTH

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VS.



# MYTH















*Pick the shoe that fits and  
take 2 steps forward!*



# TAKE ACTION

- **IDENTIFY:**
  - Male and female victims of human trafficking may present for medical care for a variety of reasons
  - Look more carefully for red flags of human trafficking
- **EVALUATE:**
  - Evaluations of victims may be challenging.
  - Empowerment nor rescuing
  - Obtain a list of resources





# TAKE ACTION

- **RECOGNIZE:**
  - Pregnant victims of human trafficking
  - Self harm marks and tattoos
- **REPORT:**
  - YOU are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect.
  - Call the Human Trafficking Hotline
  - Always talk with your patient/ client alone
  - Always obtain help from a professional interpreter





# TAKE ACTION

- **CONNECT:**
  - Connect with the Children’s Advocacy Center for a forensic interview and medical evaluation
  - Connect with services and do warm hand offs





# TAKE ACTION

- **ADVOCATE:**
  - Educate professionals and families
  - Give anticipatory guidance to parents and children regarding Internet safety as well as common recruitment scenarios.



**STANDING TOGETHER FOR  
CHILDREN  
IN CHALLENGING TIMES**











**WALKING TOGETHER  
TAKING 2 STEPS FORWARD...**



# RESOURCES

- National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline  
(1-888-3737-888)
- Polaris Project: A national resource for human trafficking:  
<http://www.polarisproject.org/what-we-do/global-programs>.

If you suspect abuse or neglect, call **855-444-3911** any time day or night. This toll-free phone number allows you to report abuse or neglect of any child or adult. One number. One call. One person can make a difference.



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