

Understanding Familial Trafficking



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Join us for Part 1 of a 3 part
Human Trafficking
Webinar Series

Mon, Nov 21
at 2:00PM EST

Anti-human trafficking advocates Christi Bartman of Eyes Up Appalachia, Jennifer, a survivor-leader from NC Coalition of Human Trafficking, and Liz Williamson of Truckers Against Trafficking will be sharing their insights on familial trafficking including its unique vulnerabilities and flags.



Jennifer



*Christi
Bartman*



*Liz
Williamson*



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Defining Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is compelling someone to engage in a commercial sex act, labor or services through the use of force, fraud or coercion.

See Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act 2000 for more detail

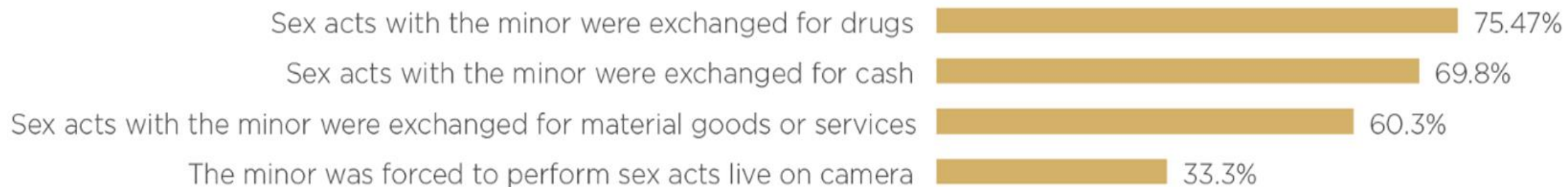
Familial Trafficking

When a family member facilitates access to a child in exchange of something for commercial value.

- Different from incest because of an economic exchange and the unique relationship with a family member
- A family member is one who has a blood or legal relationship to the survivor

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Economic Exchange in Half to All Familial Trafficking Cases (n = 917)





Recruitment by family members and intimate partners was particularly noteworthy in sex trafficking situations. In 2020, situations of sex trafficking or sex and labor trafficking combined, of the 2,448 victims whose recruitment was known:

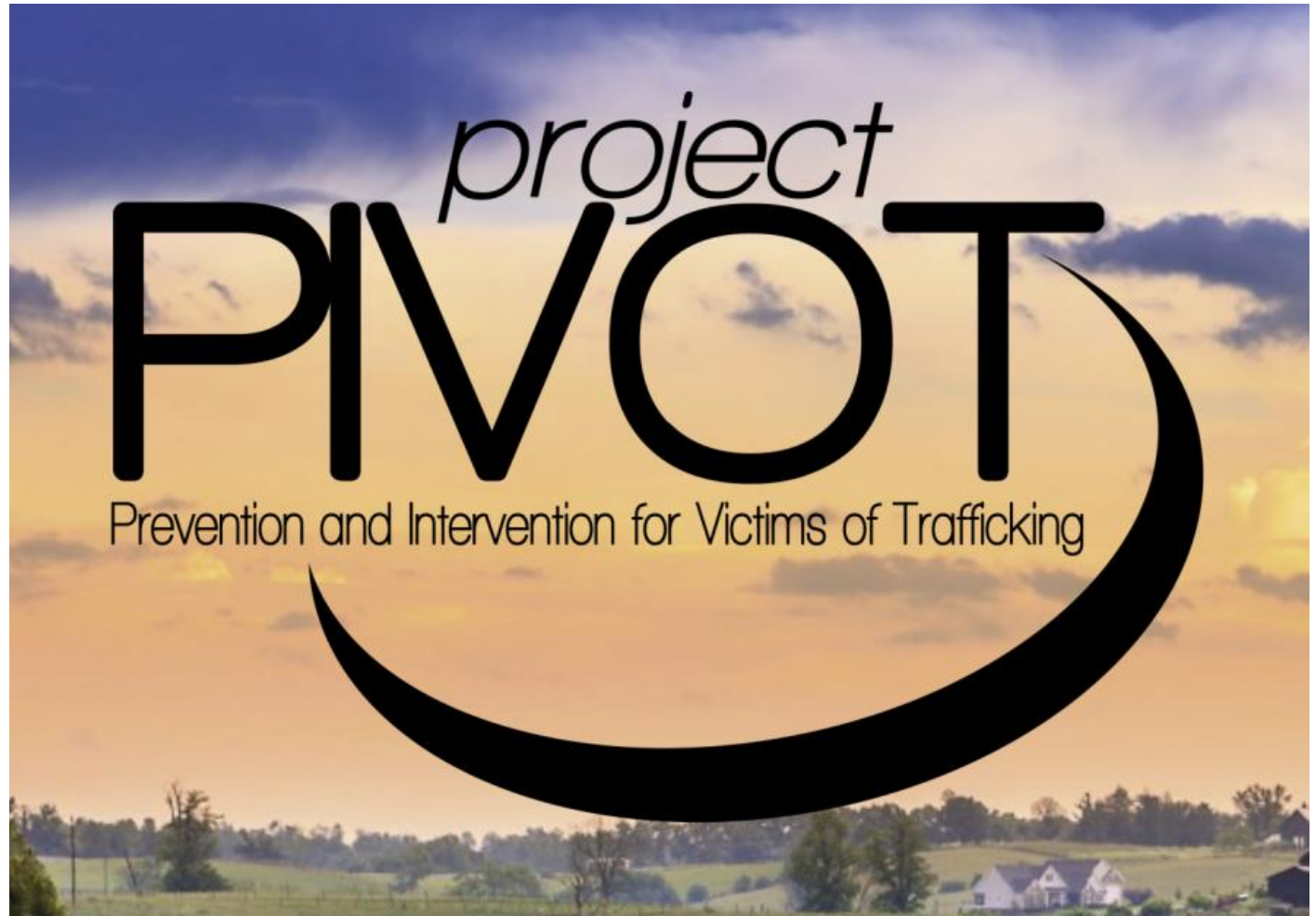


42% were brought into trafficking by a member of their own families.



39% were recruited via an intimate partner or a marriage proposition.

Substantiated and/or founded alleged child victims (n = 210)	82.8% were female
Ages ranged from 2wks—17yrs	The most commonly reported age was 16yrs
Over 97% of alleged victims were American-born	89% had prior involvement with DCBS
89% were victims of sex trafficking only, versus labor or both	42.9% was controlled by a family member
49.5% of victims were at home when allegations were received	23.3% of alleged victims were removed due to this incident
60.5% were not removed at all	32.9% resulted in criminal charges for HT



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Table 3: Perpetrator Relationship to Familial Trafficking Victim (n = 917)

Percentage	Relationship
60.3%	Biological Mother
39.7%	Stepfather/Mother's Boyfriend
39.7%	Unknown/Uncertain
33.8%	Biological Father
25.0%	Uncle
22.0%	Both parents together
11.7%	Female Sibling
11.7%	Grandparent
10.3%	Stepmother/Father's Girlfriend
10.3%	Male Sibling
10.3%	Cousin
8.8%	Aunt

*“If I was familiar with the term 'familial/family sex trafficking' and knew more about what that meant **and** that there was a safe person I could have told, then I could have been rescued.”*

Jennifer, B.A. in Humanities, Mother, Researcher,
Companion Caregiver, Survivor Mentor & Consultant,
Survivor of Familial Trafficking



How can you
help?

- Learn to recognize the signs
- Help alleviate the underlying vulnerabilities that make someone susceptible to trafficking
- Call your local crisis line
- You can also call the national hotline 1-888-3737-888 or Text “Befree” 233733



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Resources

Eyes Up Appalachia <https://www.eyesupappalachia.org/>

Ohio Governor's Task Force <https://humantrafficking.ohio.gov/>

Ohio Coalition Map with contacts <https://humantrafficking.ohio.gov/coalitions.html>

Resources to include screening tools <https://humantrafficking.ohio.gov/coalitions.html>

Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Initiative <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/HumanTrafficking>

Gracehaven (Juvenile housing and services for trafficking victims) <https://gracehaven.me/>

RAHAB (Juvenile and Adult victim housing and services) <https://www.rahab-ministries.org/>

Relink.org (database of services throughout Ohio) <https://needs.relink.org/>

Advocating Opportunity (Legal Services) <http://www.advocatingopportunity.com/>

Polaris <https://polarisproject.org/>

Shared Hope <https://sharedhope.org/>

The Avery Center <https://theaverycenter.org/>

Video Resources <https://theaverycenter.org/webinars/>

National Center on Sexual Exploitation <https://endsexualexploitation.org/>

Resources (handouts and videos) <https://endsexualexploitation.org/resources/>

Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/about-blue-campaign>

Resources (including handouts and video scenario dramatizations with good labor trafficking coverage

<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/share-resources>

Podcast: The Truth about Sex Trafficking in American Families <https://thesamaritanwomen.org/jaco-booyens/>

The Samaritan Women Institute for Shelter Care <https://instituteforsheltercare.org/familial/>

National Center for Juvenile Justice Webinar: The Disturbing Connection Between Foster Care and Domestic Child Sex Trafficking <https://www.ncjfcj.org/webcasts/the-disturbing-connection-between-foster-care-and-domestic-child-sex-trafficking/>

World Without Exploitation: When the Family is Used as a Force for Harm: Ending Interfamilial Human Trafficking. <https://www.worldwithoutexploitation.org/events/now-next-speaker-series-online#events-section-contact>

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