

Human Trafficking

Presentation Developed by the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?



The Trafficking Victims Protection Act defines "severe forms of trafficking in persons" as (a) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or (b) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery

Protection

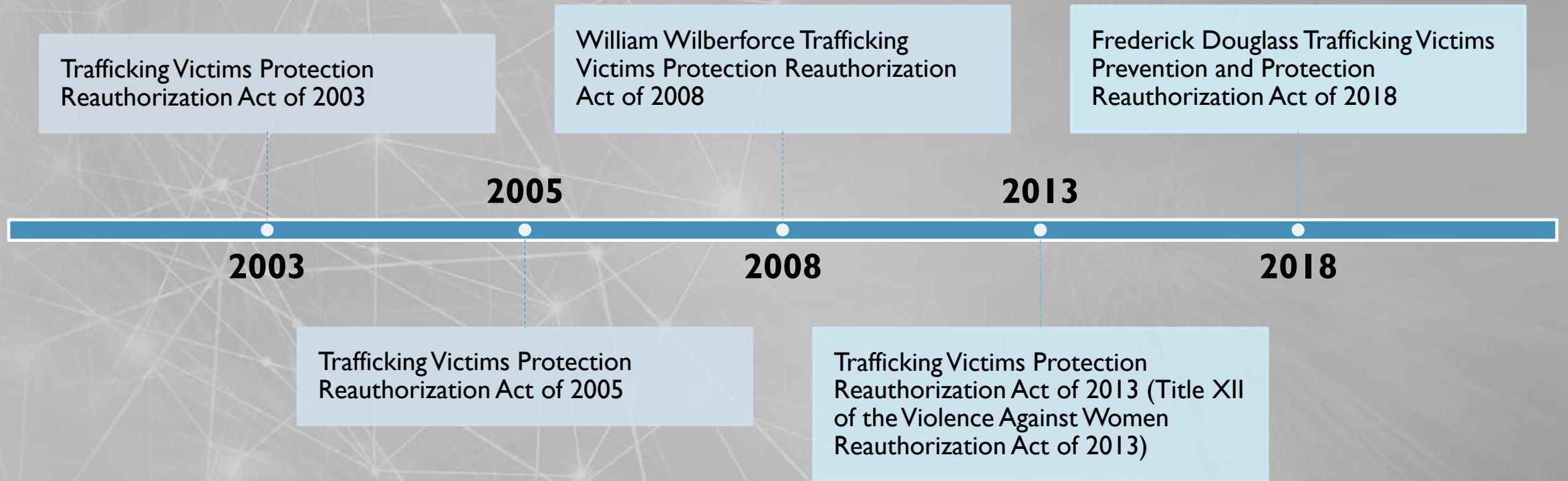
Prosecution

Prevention

Partnership

TVPA

THE TVP(R)A REAUTHORIZATIONS



A National Problem

- **An estimated 21 million children, women and men are caught in the cycle of human trafficking worldwide**
 - **More slaves than ever before in the history of the world**
- **80% of trafficking victims are women, and up to 50% are children**
- **There are between 100,000 – 300,000 sex trafficking victims under 18 in the U.S. per year**
- **13 years old – the average age of entry for girls**
- **11 years old is the estimated average age for boys**
- **Total yearly profits generated by human trafficking are over \$32 billion – Specifically, trafficking for sexual exploitation generates \$28 billion per year**

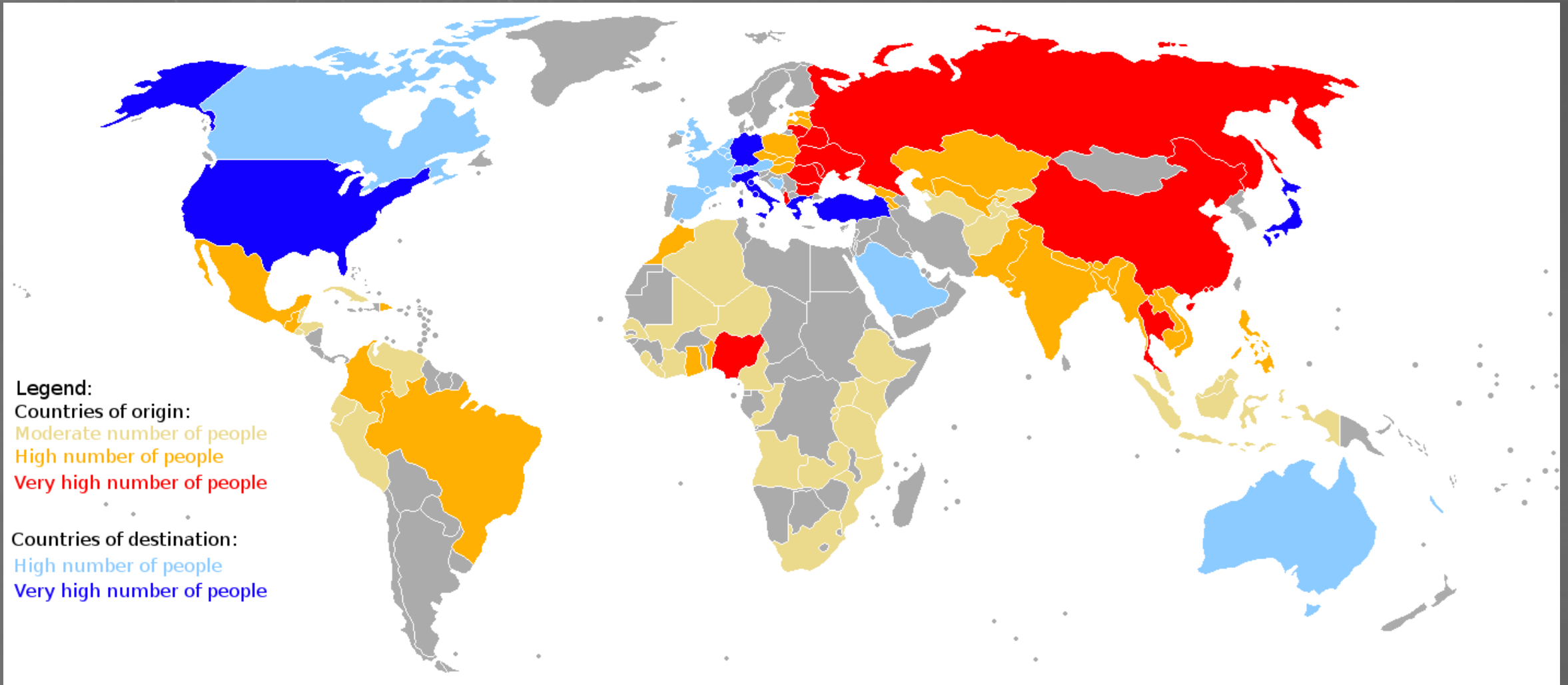
Florida Stats

Statistically most prevalent regions: Suncoast (551), Central (481) and Southeast (401) region

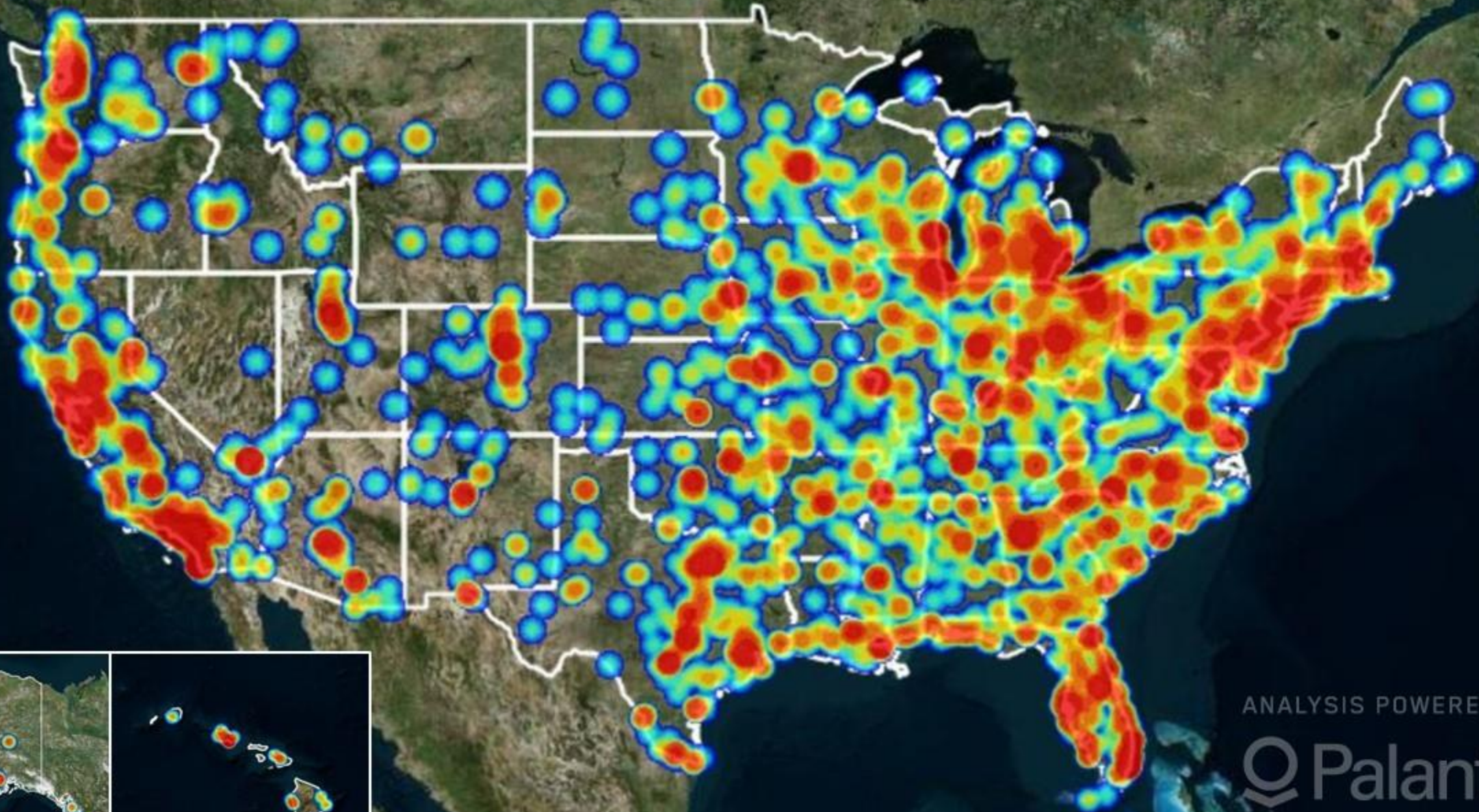
Miami-Dade County, has the lowest number of received reports (198) despite the strong prevalence due to its high demand in agriculture labor and entertainment

high amount of (illegal) immigration leads to a reluctance to report (potential) incidences of human trafficking

misunderstanding or misinterpretation exists around the laws of labor trafficking across Florida and the United States



Red: Supply Country
Blue: Demand Country



ANALYSIS POWERED BY



**BUYERS ARE
DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY
RESPONSIBLE**

**FOR ALL OF THE HARM EXPERIENCED BY
PROSTITUTED AND TRAFFICKED PEOPLE**



WHO ARE THE BUYERS?

“High-frequency” buyers – 25% of active buyers account for 75% of market transactions

Most men have never bought sex – 6.2% of respondents bought within past 12 months

Buyers visit range of venues

Many men who have bought sex in the past wish to stop – About 1/3 of active buyers “strongly agree” that they do not want to do it again

“Normalized beliefs” about the commercial sex trade

WHO ARE THE BUYERS?

On average, U.S. buyers spend more than \$100 per transaction

Active buyers are more likely to say that prostitution is a “mostly victimless”

Non-buyers are much more likely than active ones to say that purchasing someone for sex involves treating females as objects, and that those actions exploit others. Active buyers are very likely to say they are “just guys being guys” or “taking care of their needs.”

Perceiving a risk of arrest has a diminishing effect on sex buying.

The faces of human trafficking



are more common than you'd think.

BEHAVIORAL RED FLAGS

- Almost always accompanied by an adult who seems controlling
- Avoids eye contact
- Appear fearful, submissive, anxious, depressed or nervous
- May not speak for themselves
- May not know where they are
- May be unaware of month, week, or day
- Do not know their address
- Provide an inconsistent history / story
- Report an unusual amount of sexual partners
- May be inappropriately dressed for the weather



TYPES OF TRAFFICKERS

- **ROMEO PIMP**
- **“GORILLA” PIMP**
- **GANG PIMP**
- **FAMILIAL TRAFFICKER**

RECRUITMENT

Common Ways of Recruitment:

Abduction

Social Media/Apps

Respond to Ads

Promises of marriage, education, jobs, or a better life

Seek the help of smugglers to get to the US

Sold to traffickers by parents or intimate partner

Recruitment Process:

Identify the need of a child

Fulfill the need

Remove any other sources of need fulfillment

Exploit the child's dependence for need fulfillment by forcing them into prostitution



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5S3ob1esRI>

Provide that any property used for human trafficking is subject to forfeiture;

Expand the definition of “commercial sexual activities” to include the production of pornography and sexually explicit performances;

Require massage establishments/employees to present valid photo identification and work authorization upon request; and

Give jurisdiction for human trafficking to the Statewide Prosecutor and the Statewide Grand Jury.

“Safe Harbor Law” (F.S. 409.1678) that gives Florida law enforcement officials the option to place minors found engaged in prostitution in a dependency rather than a delinquency track.

Florida Laws

Department of Homeland Security's "Blue Campaign"

national public awareness campaign, designed to educate the public, law enforcement and other industry partners to recognize the indicators of human trafficking, and how to appropriately respond to possible cases

"Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, the Importation of Goods Produced with Forced Labor, and Child Sexual Exploitation" which entails a 5 Tier Strategy

**Federal efforts
to combat
trafficking**

01

ONE—Prevention. Reduce the threat by providing information and resources to specific vulnerable populations, schools, and community groups.

02

TWO—Protection. Disrupt illicit activity by identifying and assisting victims toward stability and recovery.

03

THREE—Prosecution. Leverage DHS law enforcement and national security authorities to investigate, take enforcement action, and refer cases for prosecution.

04

FOUR—Partnership. Build strong partnerships throughout the homeland security enterprise as force multipliers across the Nation.

05

FIVE—Enabling DHS. Harmonize and organize DHS programs to allow for maximum efficiency and effectiveness in addressing these threats.



Florida Human Trafficking Laws

(Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Safe Harbor, Vacating Convictions, etc.)

- Civil Cause of Action | [§ 772.104](#)
- Coercion; Civil Cause of Action; Evidence; Defenses; Attorney's Fees | [§ 796.09](#)
- Definitions | [§ 895.02](#)
- Safe Harbor | [HB 99](#)
- Selling or Buying of Minors Into Sex Trafficking or Prostitution; Penalties | [§ 796.035](#)
- Services to Immigrant Survivors of Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Other Serious Crimes | [§ 409.9531](#)
- Sex Trafficking; Penalties | [§ 796.045](#)
- Human Trafficking; Training for Law Enforcement; | [§ 787.06](#)
- Posting Human Trafficking Hotline Number | [HB 369](#)
- Unlawfully Obtaining Labor or Services | [§ 787.05](#)



WHY DON'T
THEY JUST
RUN
AWAY?



Barriers Survivors Face

- **Lack of housing options**
- **Lack of Legal Assistance (understanding rights)**
- **Criminal Charges**
- **Lack of Education**
- **Job Assistance**
- **Mental Health/Trauma**
- **Lack of identification documents**

Additional Gaps

- **Lack of training**
- **Lack of service providers**
- **Limited emergency housing (length of stay)**
- **Wrap around services**
- **Community Involvement**



A NEW WAY TO DECREASE DEMAND

GET IN THE ZONE

MODULAR APPROACH

- 1 Baseline Research
- 2 Criminal Justice
- 3 Government and Social Services
- 4 Healthcare Community
- 5 Technology
- 6 Education
- 7 Businesses and Employers
- 8 Public Awareness
- 9 Faith-Based Community
- 10 Impact Study





32,730
SEX
ADS COUNTED
during a 60-day period

2,391,893
"sex buyer"
ad impressions
55,267
average monthly reach

245
Declared
TraffickingFree
Zones

Members of
LAW ENFORCEMENT
trained
2,424

17,409
sex buyer visits to
"get help"
traffickingfreezone.com

9,923
COMMUNITY MEMBERS EQUIPPED TO
REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

boys safe home
4,398
nights of
refuge

TFZ Regions Include:

- FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1
- FLORIDA SENATE DISTRICT 18
- PASCO COUNTY, FL
- SAINT PETERSBURG, FL
- CLEARWATER, FL
- NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
- MOUNTAIN BROOK, AL
- HOOVER, AL
- DADE CITY, FL
- TEMPLE TERRACE, FL
- HENDERSON, NV
- VESTAVIA HILLS, AL
- CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FL
- BIRMINGHAM, AL
- CULLMAN, AL
- JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL
- HOMWOOD, AL
- JACKSONVILLE, FL
- HAWTHORNE, FL

project reach-out
14,604 potential victims engaged
1,976 respondents to messages
135 engaged for services

Students Educated:
over
20,000



Join the Movement: Community

SAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Phase 1

1. Proclamation
2. Staff Training
3. Policy Change

Phase 2

1. Law Enforcement Engagement
2. Public Transportation Training
3. Medical Professional Training

Phase 3

1. Businesses
2. Churches
3. Individuals

Phase 4

1. Ordinance/Legislation
2. Curriculum in Schools
3. Buyer Sting Operation – Law Enforcement

Council approves resolution declaring Birmingham nation's largest Trafficking Free Zone

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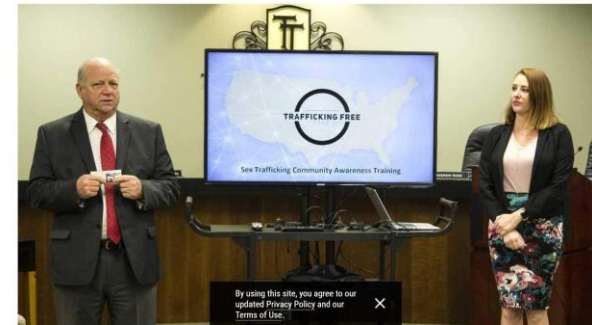
Councilor Crystal Smitherman (center), State Rep. Merika Coleman (left) and Mayor Randall Woodfin (right)



St. Pete to become 'trafficking free zone'

HILLSBOROUGH

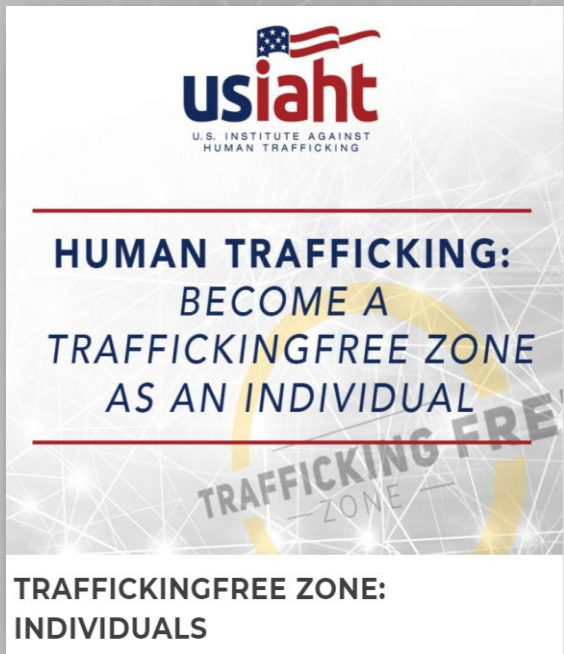
Temple Terrace becomes latest local government to declare itself human TraffickingFree Zone



Temple Terrace City Manager Charles Stephenson introduces Stephanie Costolo, who recently trained the city staff on how to identify victims of human trafficking, an effort by the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking to reduce buyer demand in the sex trade, thereby reducing the number of victims. [Photo courtesy of City of Temple Terrace]

Join the Movement: Florida Counties

1. Get Trained



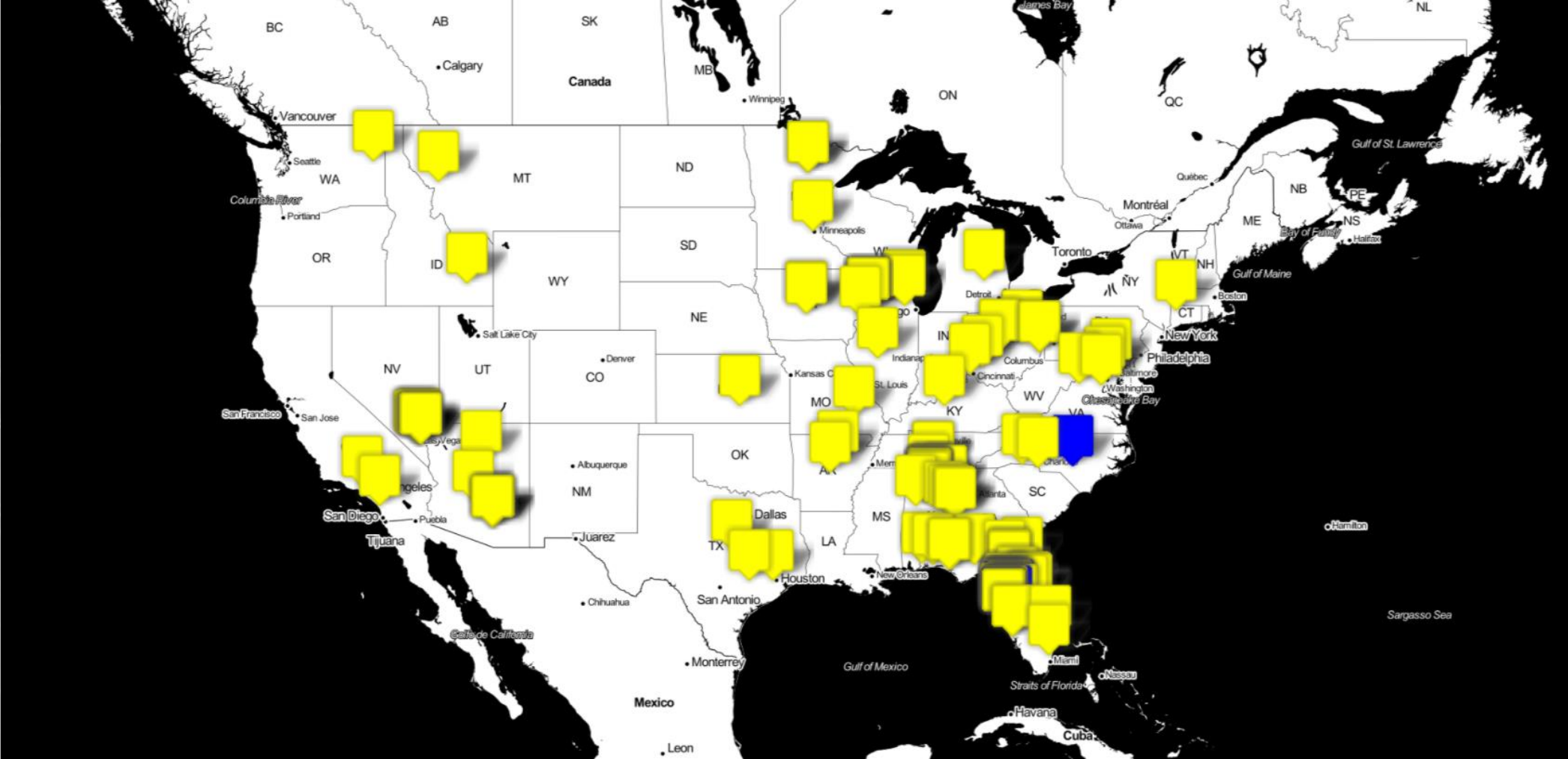
2. Sign Pledge



3. Get Engaged



TraffickingFree Zones



RECAP: CALL TO ACTION

Go to <https://usiaht.org/traffickingfreezone/>

click on **BECOME A TFZ**



REFER VICTIMS & BUYERS

Go to

USIAHT.org/traffickingfreezone

and click on

GET HELP

for services near you



REFERENCES

The U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (www.usiaht.org)

The U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking intends to end Human Trafficking in the United States through prevention, combating demand, the rescue of victims, and providing safe refuge for the restoration of survivors. We are a nonprofit, faith-based organization with offices in Tampa, Washington DC, Los Angeles and Austin. Our focus on the prevention of human trafficking in the United States is being accomplished through combating demand in new and innovative ways, raising awareness, educating our youth, disruption of trafficking activities, advocating a consolidation within the industry to maximize efficiencies, and collaborating with organizations who are expert at rescuing abducted youth currently engaged in the sex trade. Our work is also done in conjunction with Federal, State and local government officials who sit in a position to influence policy on ending trafficking in America.

The Polaris Project (www.polarisproject.org)

Polaris Project is a leading organization in the global fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Named after the North Star "Polaris" that guided slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad, Polaris Project is transforming the way that individuals and communities respond to human trafficking, in the U.S. and globally.

International Labour Organization (www.ilo.org)

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is devoted to promoting social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights, pursuing its founding mission that labour peace is essential to prosperity. Today, the ILO helps advance the creation of decent work and the economic and working conditions that give working people and business people a stake in lasting peace, prosperity and progress. Its tripartite structure provides a unique platform for promoting decent work for all women and men. Its main aims are to promote rights at work, encourage decent employment opportunities, enhance social protection and strengthen dialogue on work-related issues.

National Human Trafficking Hotline (<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>)

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a national anti-trafficking hotline and resource center serving victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community in the United States. The toll-free hotline is available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year in more than 200 languages.

Demand Abolition (<https://www.demandabolition.org/who-buys-sex/>)

