

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACTIVITY

Scenario #1

You are called to the police station to assist the police in interviewing a girl whom they picked up hanging around on a busy street corner. She was wearing a very short skirt and a scanty peasant top. She was seen to be waving at passing cars and gesturing with her finger for the cars to stop and talk with her. She appears to be about 11 years old and does not speak English and has no form of identification with her.

Scenario #2

You receive a referral from a neighbor who alleges that the house next door to her (in a gated community) is occupied by a middle-aged Asian man who has no known source of income. The neighbor reports that 6 young boys, approximately 8-10 year-old, also reside in the house. The neighbor sees the boys leaving in a van at about 6:00 a.m. and returning in the same van at about 8:00 p.m. This activity occurs 7 days per week.

Scenario #3

You receive a referral from a shop-owner who tells you that a young Hispanic girl, approximately 11 years old, wandered into his store about 20 minutes ago. She does not appear to speak English but seems to be begging him to hide her out in his store as she keeps ducking behind a counter and putting her index finger to her lips to signify quiet. She looks malnourished and her hands are all cut up as if she has been laboring.

1. Might this child be a victim of human trafficking?
2. What indicators are there that this child might be a victim of human trafficking?
3. What questions would you ask this child/children to assist you in determining if she is a victim of human trafficking?
4. What other resources might you need?