

Human Trafficking



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ANJC MISSION:

Established in 1993 to address Alaska Native peoples' unmet needs in the civil and criminal justice system in response to increasingly disproportionate rates of victimization and incarceration. Our mission is Justice for Alaska Native people.

1993 • ANJC founded

ANJC + CITC:

- PARTNERSHIP
- GROWTH
- SERVICE
- INNOVATION

2016 • ANJC officially becomes affiliate of Cook Inlet Tribal Council

ANJC grows from 5 to 30 full-time staff, with an operating budget of \$8.5 million.

2023 • CITC realign's ANJC to focus resources and to enhance services for people and Tribes

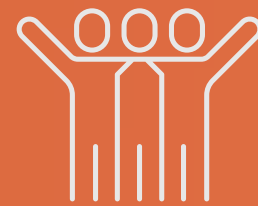


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ANJC'S SERVICE AREAS:

People



Education and
Outreach



Tribes



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SURVIVOR SERVICES

- Culturally aware services for survivors and victims of crime
 - DV/SA
 - Human trafficking
- Case management
- Legal services



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MISSING OR MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS (MMIP)

- ANJC participates in statewide MMIP group
- Provide direct services to families of missing or murdered



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TRIBAL JUSTICE

- Training/Technical Assistance to Tribes and Tribal Justice Systems
- Resources and Facilitation
- Representing Alaska Tribes in child welfare cases



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EMPOWERMENT

- Equipping Our People with knowledge and resources to navigate the legal system
- Family law clinics
- Outreach and education
- Color of Justice Youth Conference



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SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY

- Advocacy for fair and equitable treatment of Alaska Native people within the justice system
- Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP)



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INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA)

- Brackeen Decision: Supreme Court votes 7-2 to uphold ICWA (June 2023)
- Reinforces Tribal sovereignty
- Victory for Tribes and Native Children
- Provides ANJC clear path for supporting families and Tribes in ICWA cases



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Variances

- Help those who may have trouble passing a background check to obtain employment



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What is human trafficking?

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7102) defines “severe forms of trafficking in persons” as:

Sex trafficking: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; (and)

Labor trafficking: 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.

A victim does not need to be physically transported from one location to another for the crime to fall within this definition.



A-M-P MODEL

ACTION

recruiting
harboring
transporting
obtaining
advertising
soliciting

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MEANS*

Force

isolation, physical/sexual assault

Fraud

false promises regarding employment,
love or a better life

Coercion

threats of harm, blackmail,
psychological manipulation

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PURPOSE

sexual exploitation

labor exploitation

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HUMAN
TRAFFICKING



How do traffickers recruit?

Seduction and Coercion

False Job Advertisements

Peer Recruitment

Social Media

Parents Selling
Children

Violence/
Kidnapping

The most useful recruitment tactic is meeting a person's unmet need





Risk Factors

Historical trauma and cultural loss

Significant poverty and/or economic isolation/dependence

High rates of Adverse Childhood Experiences in the population

High numbers of homeless and runaway youth

High rates of family surveillance and involvement with child welfare system

High rates of exposure to violence (direct and/or indirect, through domestic, intimate partner violence)

High rates of personal or family/caregiver addiction to substances

Low levels of police or law enforcement presence

Influx of a transient, cash-rich workforce



Covenant House Study



Largest study of human trafficking among homeless youth ever conducted: 2014-2017

Interviewed individuals across 13 cities including Anchorage

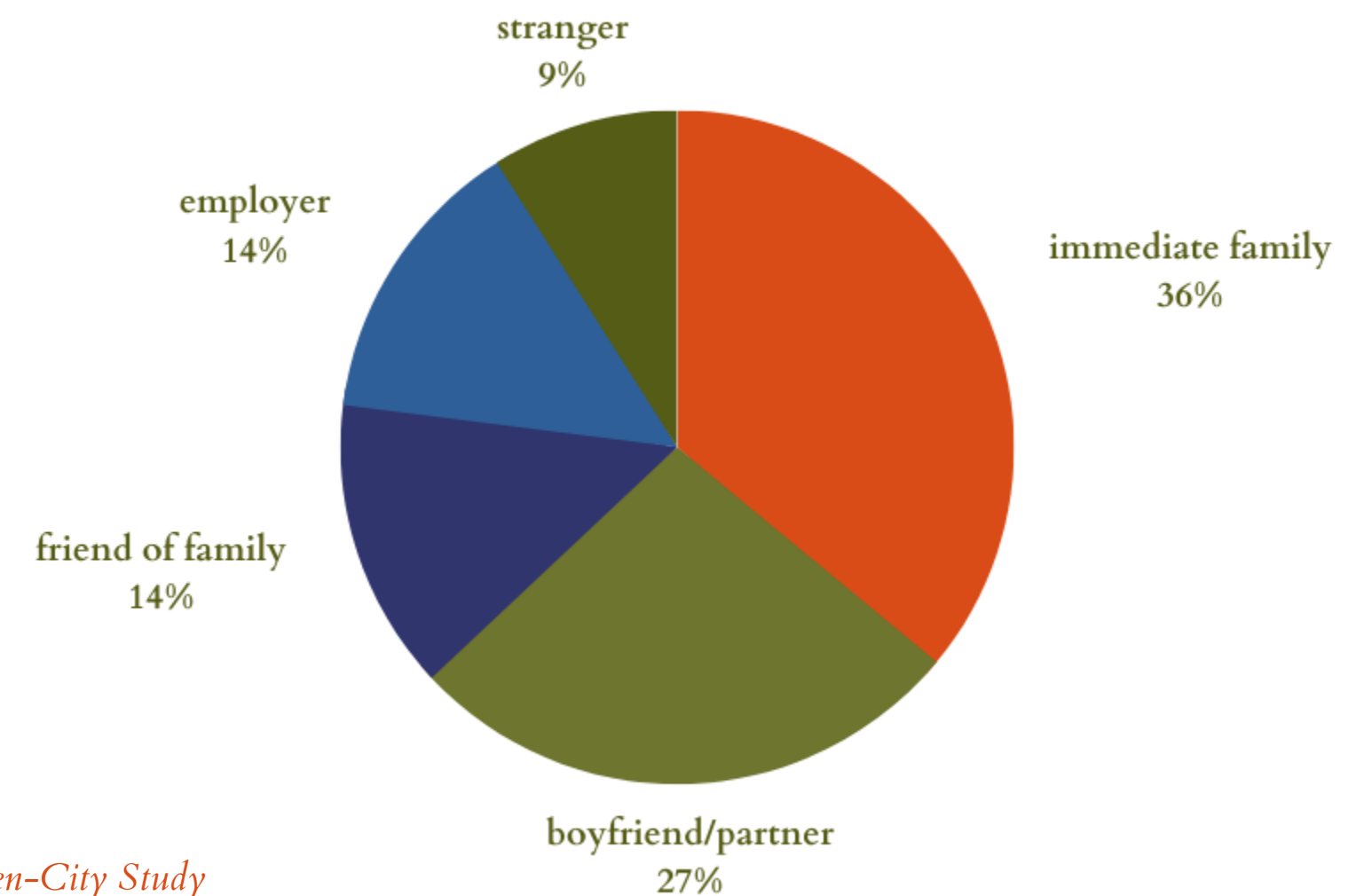
Found that 1 in 5 had experienced trafficking

15% having been trafficked for sex

7.4% trafficked for labor

3% trafficked for both

Relationship to Trafficker



Social Media

Data shows that in the United States approximately 40% of sex trafficking victims are recruited online

Online platforms offer direct access and anonymity

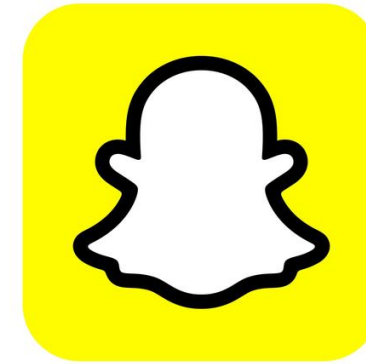
Multiplayer online games and chatrooms operate the same as social media

90% of the total US population uses social media actively

*Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the United States' Department of Justice
Social Media Users In 2023 (Global Demographics)*



How are Traffickers Recruiting?



Recognizing the Signs



Isolation from friends and family

Changing phones or social media accounts

Inconsistent stories

Inability to speak alone

Owing money to a boss/employer

Loss of sense of time or location





Barriers to Identification

People don't always see themselves as victims

Their experience may have elements of criminality which causes them to not want to be identified as a victim

Fear of law enforcement or authority figures

Lack of knowledge of resources



Trafficking in Alaska



- Tourism and hospitality
- Canneries and commercial fishing
- Escort services
- Illicit massage, health, and beauty
- Forestry and agriculture
- Extractive industries



ANJC Commitment

ANJC is committed to work with statewide partners on combating human trafficking within Alaska.

ANJC:

- Raises community awareness about human trafficking;
- Responds to needs for anyone, regardless of race, identified as a survivor of human trafficking;
- Facilitate training for service providers, faith based organizations, partners and the community regarding human trafficking
- Facilitate partnered efforts like Strengthening Services Through Action Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force or our work with the MMIWG2S AK Working Group



ANJC Response

ANJC has many resources available for identified victims of human trafficking.

- Advocacy support and case management
- Help navigating supportive services, such as: housing, transportation, food, and relocation
- Emotional support and safety planning
- Substance use/treatment referrals



Who Can You Call?

If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call **9-1-1**

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888

Text **“HELP”** or **“INFO”** to **233733**





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