

### Quick Assessment

If any of the following are a yes, then the child is potentially a trafficking victim, or at-risk of being a victim, and the comprehensive assessment must be done:

- Does the child have a history of multiple Runaways or AWOLS? Or any episodes of homelessness in the past?
- Does the child have tattoos that show ownership and/or that they do not have an explanation for? (ex: Daddy's Girl, Property of Someone's Name, etc.)
- Does the child have or have they previously had a significantly older boyfriend or girlfriend that is controlling and/or they appear afraid of?
- Does the child have a history of multiple or chronic sexually transmitted diseases or report multiple anonymous sexual partners?
- Does the child have money, a cell phone, hotel keys or other items that they do not have the resources for and cannot be explained or accounted for?
- Has gang affiliation been disclosed, reported or suspected?

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### Comprehensive Assessment

**Child Meets Federal Definition as Child Sex Trafficking Victim- ONE or more of these indicators:**

- Child reports engaging in commercial sex acts (a sex act where something of value is received)
- Child reports they have been prostituted or trafficked
- Photos or videos of the child being victimized and/or being used to sell the child
- Law enforcement refers child instead of arresting for prostitution, or does arrest for prostitution
- Child reports trading sex for a place to stay, food, drugs, or anything of value.
- Child reports being involved in the sex industry (working in strip clubs, private sex parties, etc.)
- Someone witnesses the child engaged in a commercial sex act

**High Level of Indicators- ONE or more of these indicators:**

- Associating with adults or other children/youth who are known to be involved with trafficking and/or exploitation
- Being seen in exploitation hotspots i.e. known houses or recruiting grounds
- Pattern of street homelessness and staying with an adult believed to be sexually exploiting the identified youth
- Multiple AWOLS, runaway or being kicked out (4+)
- Being taken to clubs and hotels by adults or older peers
- Disclosure of serious sexual assault and then withdrawal of statement
- Abduction and forced imprisonment. Not allowed to freely move about.
- Child discloses or someone reports the child being moved around for sexual activity

- Disappearing from the “child welfare system” with no contact or support
- Use of slang terms used in trafficking. (calling romantic partner “Daddy” or “Mommy”, talking about “the life”, “the game” etc)
- Recruiting peers into exploitation
- Tattoos that he/she are reluctant to explain, especially if they show ownership (names, dollar signs, symbols, acronyms) or other types of branding, like cutting or burning
- Does not have any identification or reports someone holding his/her identification
- Unexplained hotel keys
- Child discloses or someone reports that child offered to have sex for money or other payment and then ran before sex took place
- Being groomed on the Internet and/or sexualized internet contact/contact with strangers on the internet and/or Sexualized risk taking including on Internet: facebook, backpage, zoosk, craigslist

**Medium Level of Indicators- ONE or more of these indicators:**

- Getting into cars with unknown adults
- Child under 13 engaging in sexual activity
- Known history of prior sexual abuse, sexual acting out
- Having an older boyfriend/girlfriend, esp. if he or she appears controlling and/or appears fearful of boyfriend/girlfriend at times
- Non school attendance/concerns regarding school attendance
- Staying out overnight with no explanation multiple times and/or regularly coming home late or going missing
- Unaccounted for money or goods, including mobile phones, drugs and alcohol, or other person supplies these goods/money to child/youth
- Multiple sexually transmitted infections and/or pregnancies and/or multiple miscarriages.
- Gang member or association with gangs or neighborhood groups
- Someone else was in control of migration to U.S.
- Overt sexualized dress
- Does not know his/her address and/or has moved multiple times
- Chronic alcohol and/or drug use by youth
- Youth’s story does not “make sense”—inconsistencies, the narrative doesn’t fit together