

# HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

TVPA OF 2000 DEFINES “SEVERE FORMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS” IN THE FOLLOWING TWO-TIERED DEFINITION:

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## 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.

## 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 purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.



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# TRAFFICKING IN SAN DIEGO

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# SAN DIEGO'S 2015 SEX TRAFFICKING STUDY

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- First and most comprehensive study
- \$810 million UCSE
- \$536,000 estimated earnings annually

Data was collected from 1205 individuals, making it one of the largest, most comprehensive human trafficking case studies in the United States to date:

- 110 gangs involved in commercial exploitation of people,
  - 85% of pimps/sex trafficking facilitators interviewed were gang involved
- 15 years old is the average age of entry
- 42% of first-time prostitution arrests are cases involving sex trafficking



# COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN:

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- Sexual activity involving a child in exchange for something of value, or promise thereof, to the child or another person or persons.
- The child is treated as a commercial and sexual object.
- One of the most violent forms of abuse against children.

## CSEC INCLUDES:

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- Street Walking
- Pornography
- Survival Sex
- Stripping
- Escort Agencies
- Phone sex lines
- Private Parties
- Internet based exploitation
- Erotic/nude massage
- Gang-based prostitution
- Interfamilial pimping
- Video Chats
- Sex Trafficking

# WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW?

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- Individuals identifying as female are the most pursued gender in domestic sex trafficking (DST), not limited to one gender.
- Majority of domestic pimps/traffickers identify as male
- We now understand a minor can not be classified as a prostitute
- Exploited individuals can be forced, manipulated or conditioned into the lifestyle of domestic sex trafficking
- A lot of awareness campaigns, conversations and services for “victims” of DST.
- The movie *Taken* is not an example of Domestic Sex Trafficking.
- There is research of risk factors, warning signs for victims or potential victims
- Youth are being evaluated for CSEC/Human Trafficking actively.

# RISK FACTORS: PIMPS

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- Misguided information regarding cultural norms, masculinity, oversaturated sex industry
- Gender stereotypes
- Blame and labeling in society
- Low ratio of black & brown providers or persons in higher up positions
- Lack of community resources/opportunities
- Violence/Gangs in neighborhoods
- Male exploitation: masculinity, advertisements, societal expectations and marketing strategies
- Stigmas around “main-stream” human trafficking
- Media outlets
- Age, mental health and generational curses/family ties.
- Trauma: deaths, domestic violence and abuse

# TRAFFICKERS PERSPECTIVE: HE HAS A STORY

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- ***We were piss poor,” said another pimp. “I remember when I was little I was on welfare. I lived in the projects. Dope fiends, pimps, and prostitutes. Gang bangers, [a] helicopter over your roof. That’s no way to live. Seeing glitz and glamour, I always wanted that.”***
- ***“The community I grew up in was full of prostitutes,” one pimp said. “My mom was a prostitute. I had a sister who was an erotic dancer and another was a prostitute.”***

***Nearly one-third of the pimps said they entered the underground commercial sex economy because they grew up around it. Exposure to sex work as children made the trade seem like a normal, achievable means to earn a living.***

One major takeaway is that nearly 75% of buyers had purchased sex by the time they were 25. Researchers found that if a man had not paid for sex by the age of 25, he was less likely to ever do so. Working with young people to prevent them from becoming future buyers needs to be an essential component in prevention efforts. With the acceptance of rape and prostitution myths common amongst buyers, we must also work within our society to dismantle these myths and expose the reality of the situations.

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# THE DEMAND

# DISCOVERING THE DEMAND

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- According to men who purchased sex, the most effective deterrent:
  - placement on a registry of sex offenders or some form of public exposure, such as having their names posted.
  - Greater criminal penalties such as large fines or jail time
  - Family finding out
- They were not convinced that the laws would be enforced by police or politicians.
- In the absence of consistent, lasting legal consequences, educational programs alone are not enough of a deterrent.
- Legal consequences could be very effective in deterring buyers, but the buyers must believe that the likelihood of enforcement is high.

# DISCOVERING THE DEMAND

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- Most buyers are not pedophiles. An adult who over a period of at least six months has recurrent intense sexual urges and sexually arousing involving sexual activity with a pre-pubescent child.
- The buyer is better described as a **situational abuser**. An adult is having sex not necessarily knowing the person is a minor. They have a predisposition to do so but just they want to or find themselves in situation where it is possible. Such men engage in the criminal activity of sex with minors (under – 18's) towards them,

# RISK FACTORS: BUYERS

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- Misguided information regarding masculinity & oversaturated sex industry
- Gender stereotypes
- Blame and labeling in society on only the buyer
- Lack of awareness or training for domestic sex trafficking
- Lack of accountability
- Stigmas around “main-stream” human trafficking
- Privilege
- Media outlets
- Age, mental health and generational curses/family ties.
- Trauma

# DEMAND STATISTICS

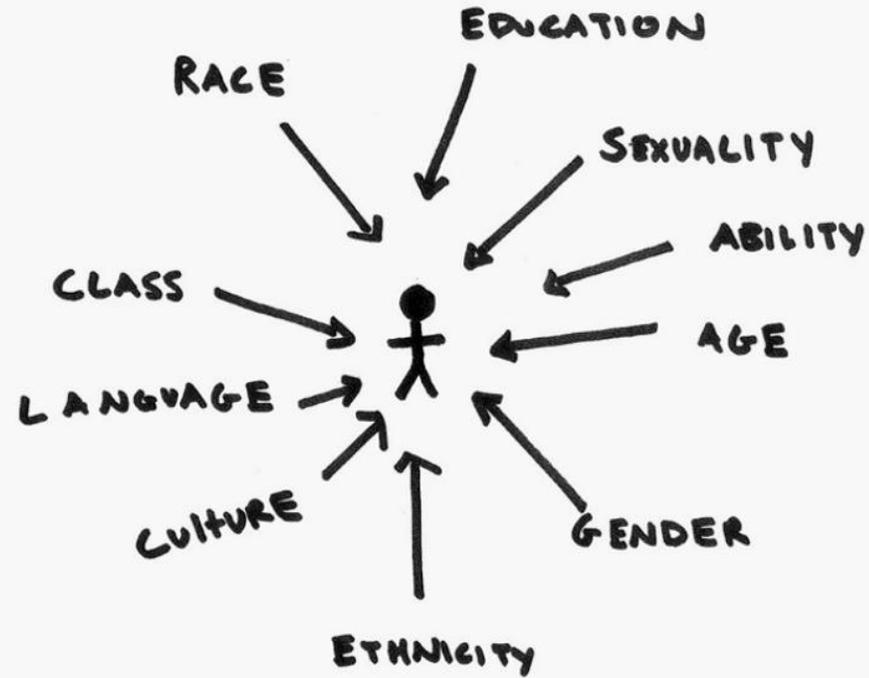
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- Average age of sex buyer: 39
- Education level: 79% some college or obtained a college or graduate degree
- 62% of sex buyers have a regular sex partner
- 53% purchase sex as frequently as once a month to several times a week
- 43% selected a woman based on race/ethnicity

# INTERSECTIONALITY

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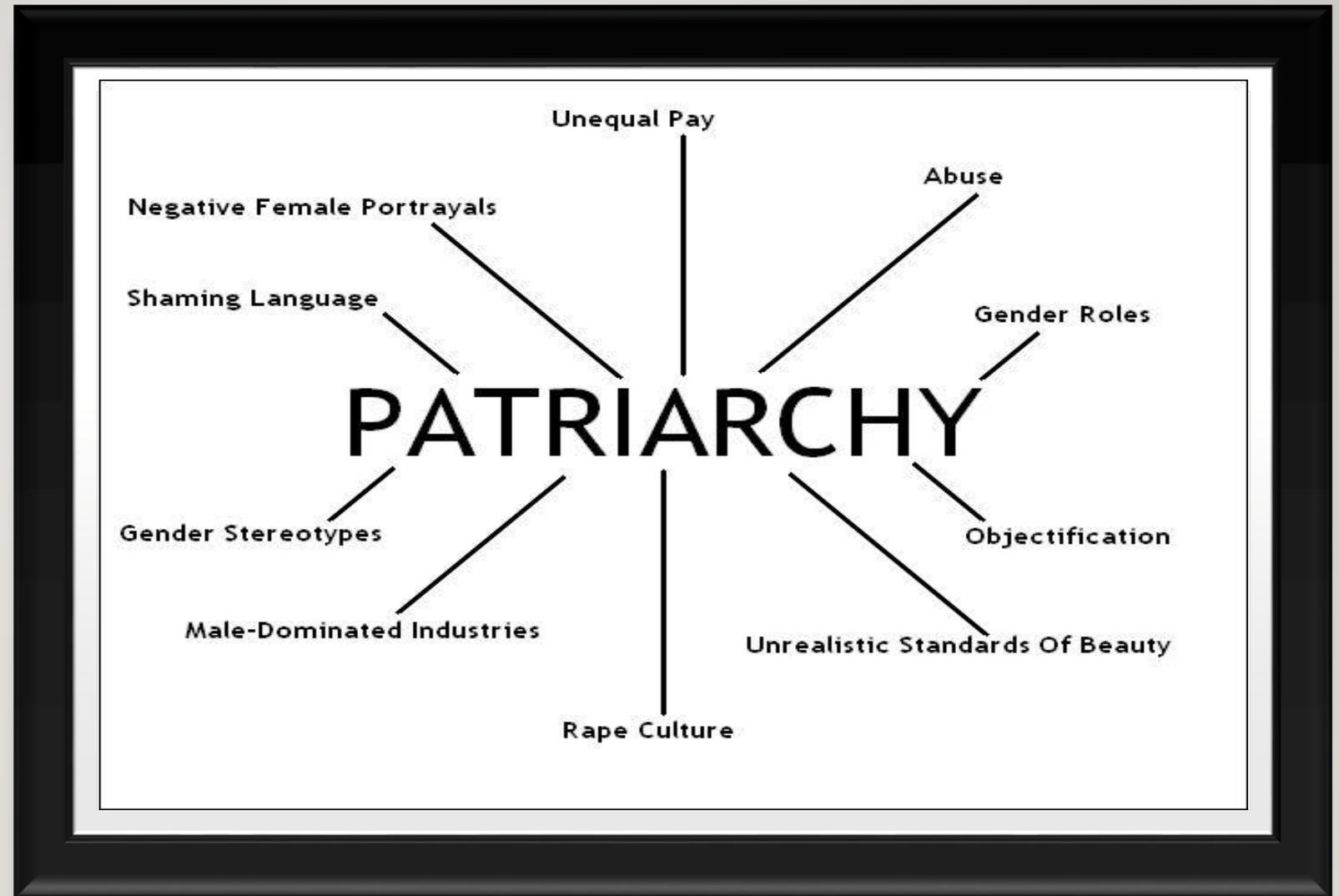
Have we considered how intersectionality plays a part in the case plans, foundation and individuality of self empowerment



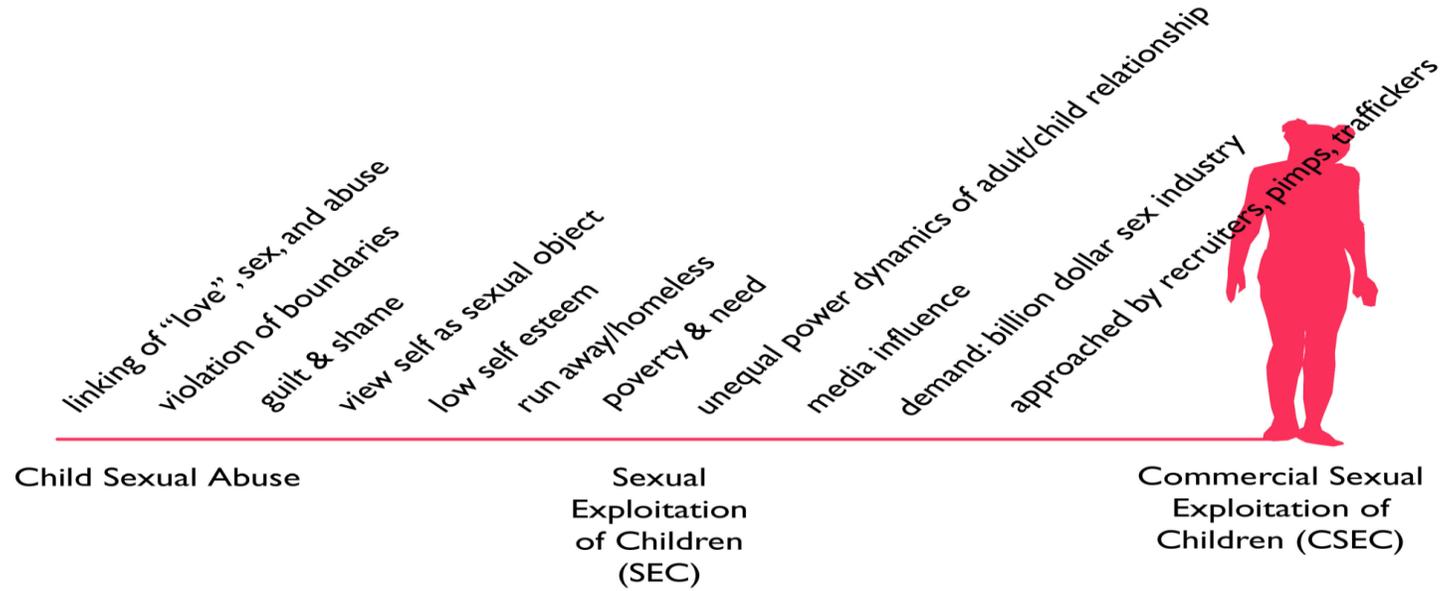
# PATRIARCHY

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Turning the blind eye will not make things go away. Society will always play a part in developing morality, humanistic nature and true transparency.



Continuum of Sexual Abuse, SEC, & CSEC



# REFORMING TRAFFICKING

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## HELP ON VICTIM

one victim, possibly two

## HELPING THE TRAFFICKER

one trafficker = possibly two traffickers  
Helping 10-20+ victims

## HELPING THE BUYER

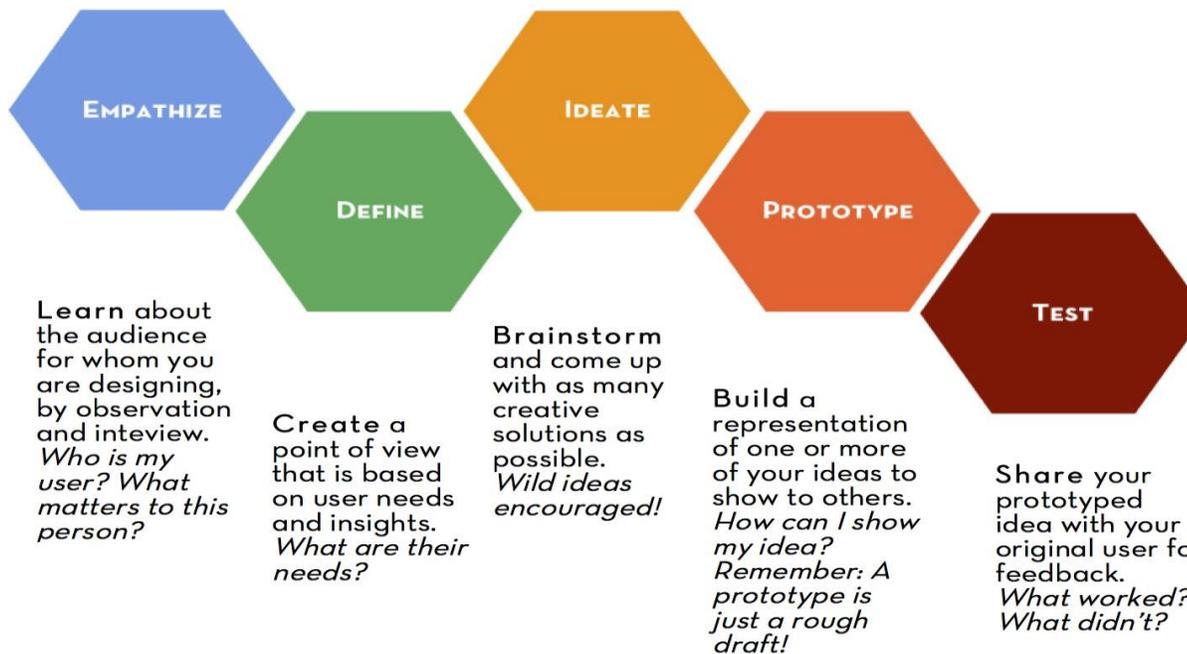
one buyer = five traffickers  
Helping 50+ victims

*Long term execution ... How will we do it?*

# DESIGN THINKING

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We are all DESIGNERS!



# SURVIVOR LED BUSINESSES

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# TYPES OF SUPPORT

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- Emotional Support: varies of therapeutic tools
- Reunification support: grassroot & IOI support
- Victim advocacy: Local lived experience experts
- Cultural support
- Crisis intervention
- Parental classes
- Independent living skills
- Legal aid
- Housing
- Education: Beauty of Ashes Scholarship

# TIPS TO CONSIDER

TRAUMA INFORMED  
CARE IS BEING ABLE TO  
PUT YOURSELF IN  
SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES  
FOR A MOMENT AND  
MEETING A PERSON  
EXACTLY WHERE THEY  
ARE.

# UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT BEFORE CREATING FUNDING STREAMS

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Make sure the need, the want and the desire of the community is the heart of the mission.

Social ecology: are the services being provided to the individual, family and community are culturally prepared

Always be sure there is a person with lived experience partaking in any decisions involving DST.

Provide support to the L.E.E

# THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS?

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