

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

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GOALS

- **To educate participants on the issue of Human Trafficking, Federal Human Trafficking Law and the impact of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking on America's Children.**
- **To familiarize participants with the risk for youth to be exploited via Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking.**
- **To educate participants on steps being taken to address trafficking issues and implications for policy and practice.**





THE SCOPE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery.

There are more slaves in the world today than at any other time in history.

The United States Department of State estimates that:

- 800,000 women, children and men are internationally trafficked every year.
- Most of these victims are enslaved in the sex trade industry, followed by domestic servitude and labor.
- Over 14,000 victims are trafficked into the United States annually, according to the United States Department of Justice, more than half are children.
- An estimated 200,000 American children are potentially trafficked each year into the sex trade.

At any given time, there are up to 27 million people enslaved throughout the world.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFINED

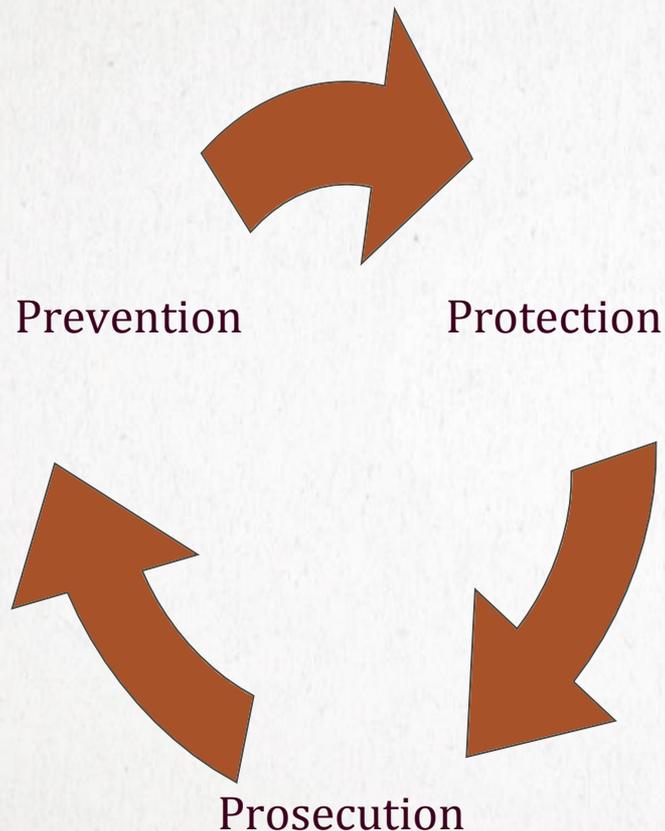
- According to the TVPA (Trafficking Victims Protection Act 2008), Severe forms of trafficking in persons are defined as:
 - sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or
 - 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.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFINED

CONT.

- Any minor under the age of 18 who is involved in a commercial sex act is a victim of human trafficking.
- The sex trafficking of a minor, an individual who is not yet 18 years of age, does not require proof of force, fraud, or coercion.
- “Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking” refers to the commercial sexual exploitation of any American citizen or lawful permanent resident under the age of 18.
- “Commercial sex act” means any sex act for which anything of value is given to or received by any person. This includes: prostitution, stripping/sexual performance, and pornography.

THE 3P PARADIGM: Palermo Protocol and TVPA



- Announced by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in 2009, the “fourth P” – partnership – serves as a pathway to achieve progress on the 3Ps in the effort against modern slavery.

THE UNITED STATES

Labor Trafficking:

- Domestic Servitude/Domestic Worker Cases
 - Nannies
 - Maids/Housekeepers
- Small Businesses/"Mom and Pop" Operations
 - Landscaping
 - Nail salons
 - Restaurants
 - Industrial cleaning
 - Construction
 - Hospitality
- Peddling Rings/Sales Crews
 - Magazine sales crews
 - Flowers/Candy sales crews
- Large-Scale Labor Cases
 - Agricultural
 - Factory settings (i.e. garments; food processing)
 - Other large factory work environments (i.e. industrial welding)

THE UNITED STATES CONT.

Sex Trafficking:

- “Hostess” Bar/Club Operations with Inflated-Price Schemes
- Residential/Underground Brothel Settings
- Escort Services (Both Incall and Outcall)
- Pimp-Controlled Prostitution

Other:

- International Marriage Brokers/Servile marriage
- Personal sexual servitude



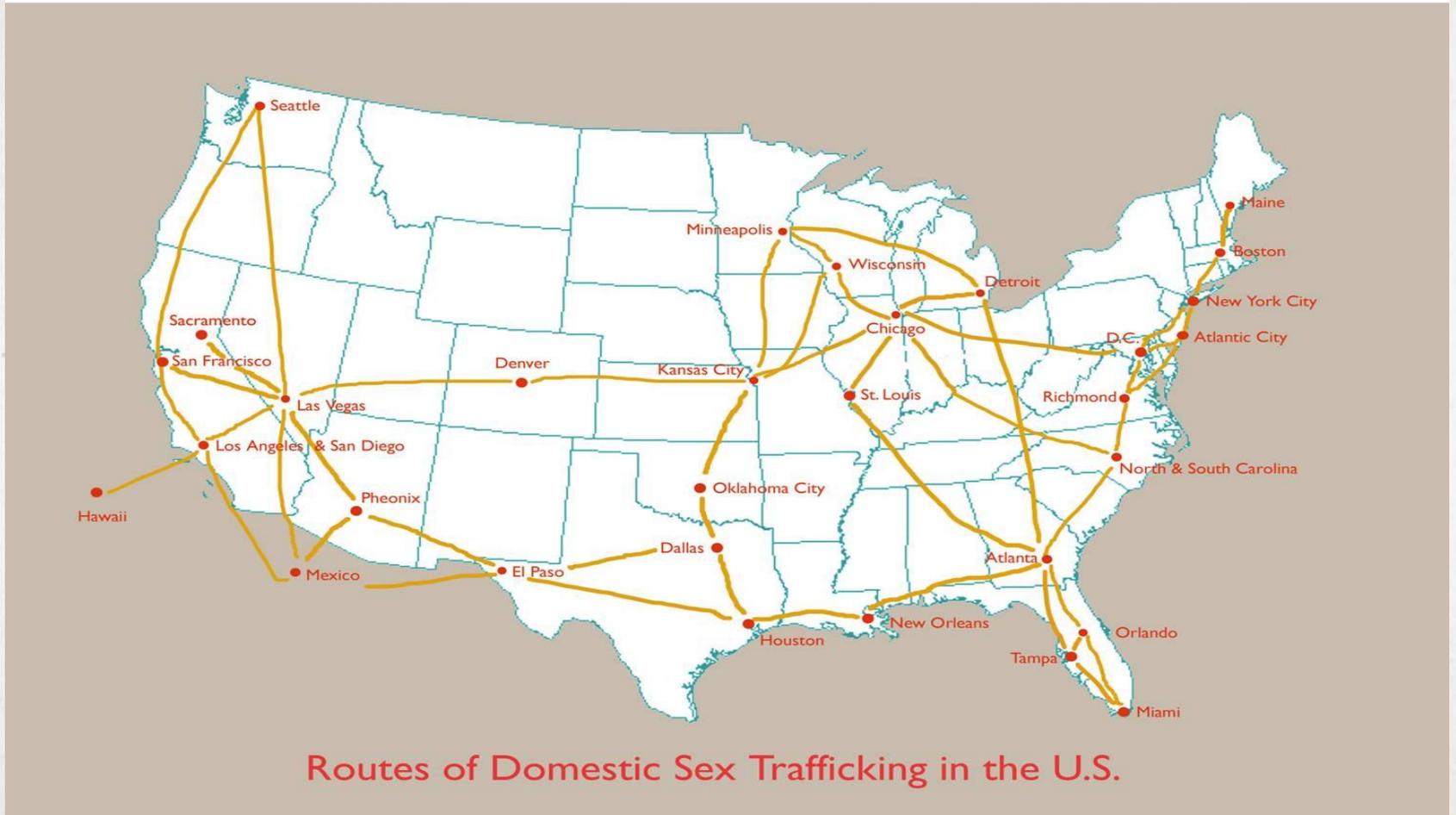
DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING (DMST)

- Analysts estimate the number of children sexually exploited in the U.S. or at risk of being exploited is between 100,000 and 300,000. Majority of sources and research state similar information emphasizing these numbers more than likely represent a smaller portion of what is occurring.
- According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), at least 100,000 children from the United States are used in prostitution every year.
- Several sources estimate that hundreds of thousands of children runaway every year in the United States. These children are at an even greater risk of being exploited and harmed.
- According to several sources, 12-14 is the average age of entry into pornography and prostitution in the U.S.

DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING includes...

- Street prostitution (increasingly less common)
- Stripping (can include sex and labor trafficking)
- Escort Services
- Private Parties (increasingly more common)
- Interfamilial Trafficking
- Internet based prostitution
- Trafficking within Gangs
- Pornography

IN CONNECTICUT...



The Victims

THE VICTIMS

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention: In the United States, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18.

THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH TRUAMA EXPOSURE

- It is not solely a history of sexual abuse that places a youth at risk for victimization:
 - Physical Abuse/Neglect
 - Emotional Abuse/Neglect
 - Deprivation of Necessities
 - Separation of Family/Community
 - Rejection by Peers and/or Family
 - Bullying
 - Community Violence

VICTIM PROFILE

- Youth of any ethnicity, race, or religion
- Youth of any socio-economic class
- Youth both male and female
- Youth of any sexual orientation
- Youth of all ages, including teenagers
- Vulnerable youth
- Youth with histories of abuse
- Homeless, Runaway Youth
- **Youth within the Foster Care System**
- Youth lacking a Safety Net

AT A HIGHER RISK FOR VICTIMIZATION

- Females
- Children involved with DCF
- Children from low income communities
- Black female children

IN A YEARS TIME...

315 DAYS PER YEAR

20 JOHNS PER NIGHT

\$1,000 PER NIGHT QUOTA=

6300 JOHNS IN LESS THAN A YEAR

EARNING \$315,000 TAX FREE DOLLARS

NONE OF WHICH SHE WILL KEEP.

Let's assume that we are exaggerating (which we are not)

WHEN DOES THIS BECOME ACCEPTABLE?

315 DAYS PER YEAR

4 JOHNS PER NIGHT

1260 JOHNS PER YEAR

IS THIS OKAY?

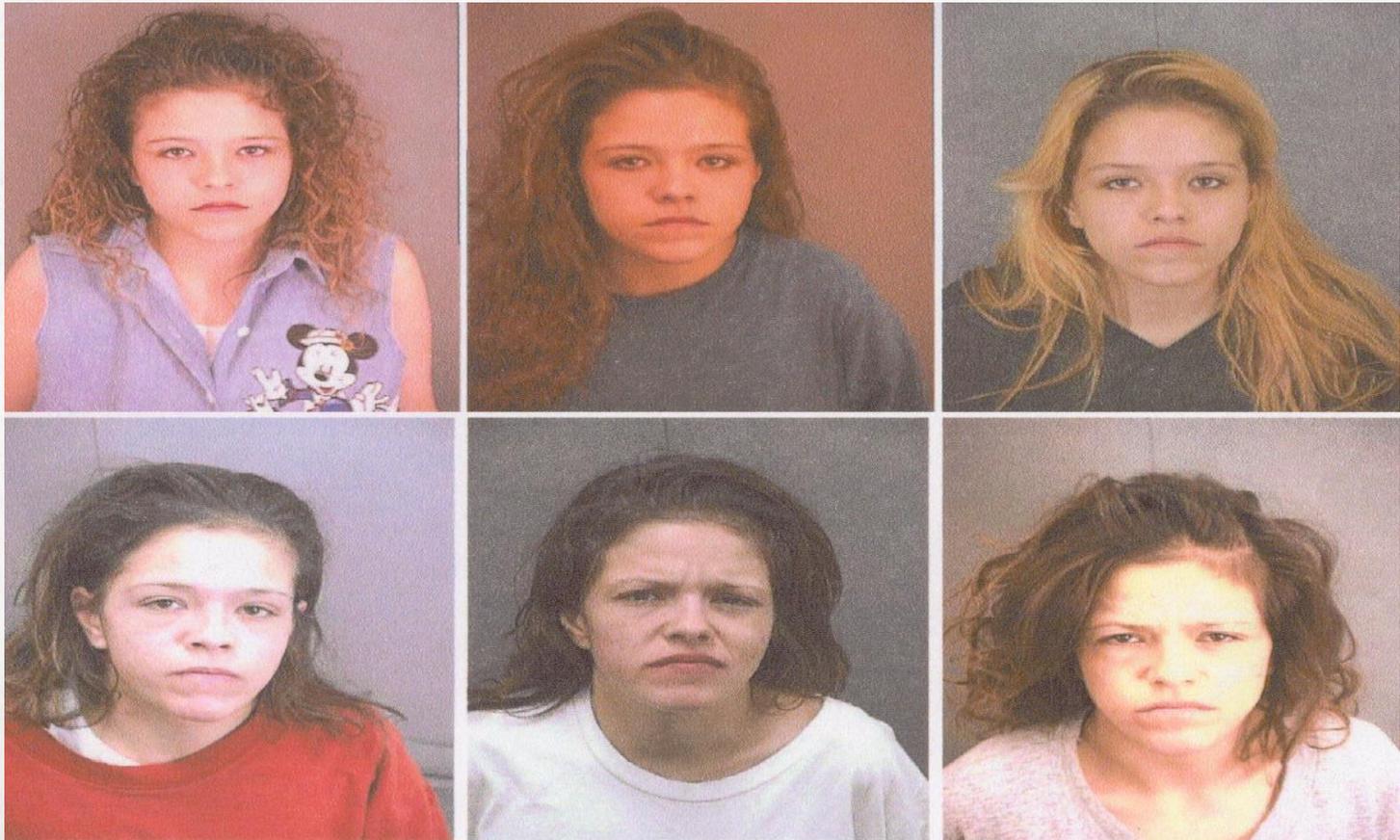
40 WEEKENDS

10 JOHNS PER WEEKEND

400 JOHNS PER YEAR

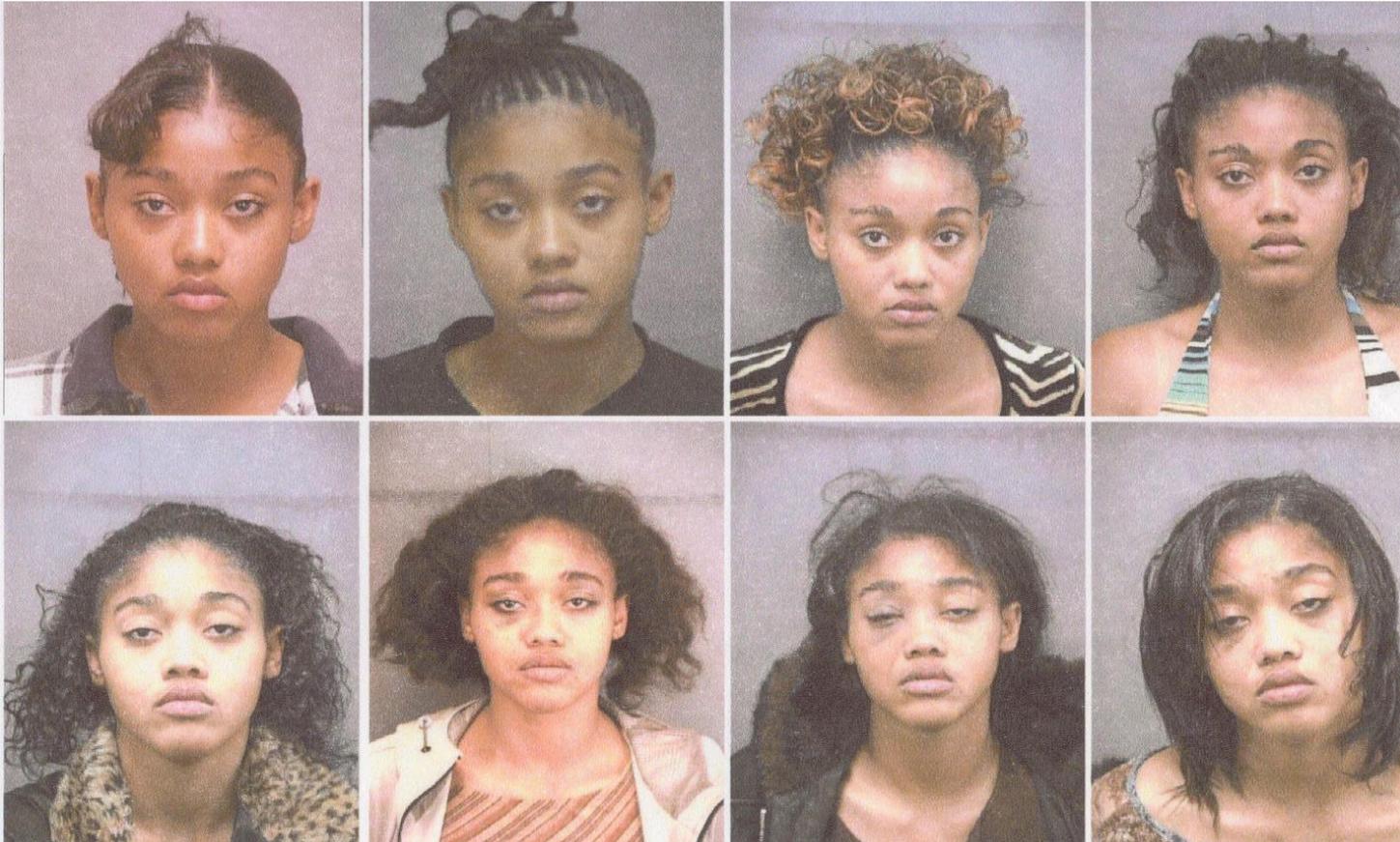
BETTER?

THEY DO IT BECAUSE THEY WANT TO...



Portraits of Exploitation

THIS WAS A CHOICE?



Portraits of Exploitation

The Trafficker

THE TRAFFICKER

- Can be a pimp, a boyfriend, father, mother, brother, uncle, a coach, a teacher or anyone exerting control over a minor, even a peer
- Anyone who benefits from the commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or facilitates the commercial sexual exploitation of a minor
- Not always organized criminals
- Both men and women of varying ages
- Any ethnicity or race

THE TACTICS

- Using the “bottom bitch” to recruit victims
- Scouting where children and youth are known to frequent
 - Malls
 - Cinemas
 - Juvenile Courts and Detention Facilities
 - Bus/Train Stations
- Looking for weaknesses
 - Low Self Esteem
 - No where to go
 - Appears gullible and easy to manipulate

Impact to the Victim

IMPACT TO THE VICTIM CONT.

- Sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, pelvic pain, rectal trauma and urinary difficulties.
- Unwanted pregnancy, resulting from rape or forced prostitution.
- Infertility from chronic untreated sexually transmitted infections or botched or unsafe abortions.
- Drug and alcohol abuse/addiction.
- Psychological trauma from daily mental abuse and torture.

IMPACT TO THE VICTIM CONT.

- Crippled or malformed
- Starvation, poor health and serious dental problem.
- Internal organ damage (cervical cancer)
- Bruises, scars and other signs of physical abuse and torture.
- Suicide
- Murder

Victim Identification/Red Flags

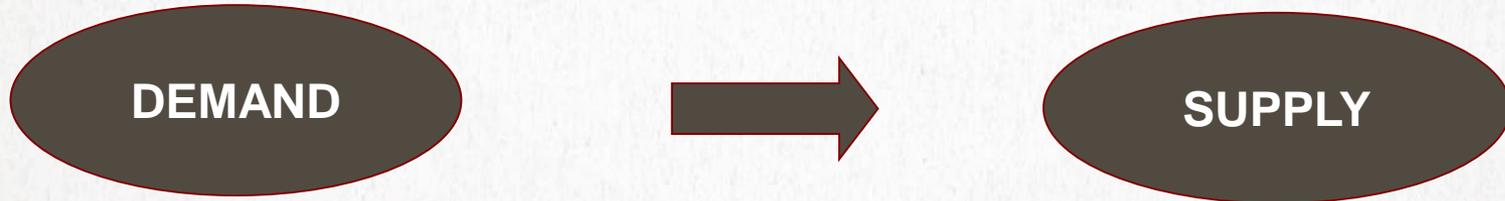
IDENTIFYING CASES OF DMST

Due to the covert nature of the crime, sex trafficking can come to your attention indirectly through other violations:

- Prostitution
- Domestic violence crimes
- Drug charges
- Runaways/homeless
- Cases of assault
- Curfew violation
- Loitering/trespassing
- Cases of sexual abuse/neglect

The Buyer

THE ECONOMICS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



THE BUYER ON A GIVEN NIGHT

- Reflecting Back to A Year in the Life....
- Estimated number of victims between 100,000 and 300,000
- Numbers of johns per night can range between 5-25.

150,000 victims having sex with 10 johns per night that would mean that on a given night there are 1,500,000 johns exploiting children.



*PROSTITUTION IS THE
OLDEST PROFESSION....*

*Prostitution is the oldest form of
OPPRESSION*

*AND YET DESPITE THIS FACT WOMEN AND
CHILDREN CONTINUE TO BE CRIMINALIZED
AND OFFENDERS ARE RARELY HELD
ACCOUNTABLE*



**IF YOU SUSPECT THAT SOMEONE
YOU KNOW UNDER THE AGE OF 18
IS A VICTIM, PLEASE CALL THE DCF
CARELINE AT
1-800-842-2288.**

WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS A
VICTIM AND ARE OVER THE AGE OF
EIGHTEEN, PLEASE CALL THE:**

**US NATIONAL TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT
1-888-373-7888**

**OR THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE AT
1-203-336-0141**

OR EMAIL PROJRESCUE@ICON.ORG
