

## Child Trafficking Indicators

Use the list of indicators below to guide you in asking further questions, making further inquiry about the concerns being reported, or to determine whether a referral should be made to the national hotline for human trafficking. This is just a sample of possible indicators of child trafficking of a minor. One indicator in and of itself does not determine that human trafficking is occurring, but rather should cause the worker to ask the next logical question.

- Chronic runaway/homeless youth
- Is not enrolled in school, or is not attending school, or has significant gaps in schooling
- Over-sexualized demeanor or promiscuous behaviors
- Any information about child being placed on the internet for purpose of solicitation (ex. online ads on Backpage and Craigslist)
- Child possesses or has access to excessive amount of cash and/or hotel keys
- Unable or unwilling to give local address or information about parents
- Presence of older adult or boyfriend/girlfriend who seems controlling
- Any reference to a pimp or manager or “daddy” or “bottom girl”
- Cannot or will not speak on own behalf or is not allowed to speak to others alone
- Inability or fear to make eye contact or demeanor shows anxiety, depression, submissiveness, tension or nervousness
- Unusual monitoring of child’s location or environment (ex. tracking devices, use of multiple phones, or closed circuit cameras)
- Has heightened sense of fear or distrust of authority
- Child threatened to be reported to police or immigration
- Interstate or intrastate transportation of a child seems suspect
- Lives at workplace, or with employer, or lives with many people in confined area, or living arrangements seem suspect
- Child “pay” goes directly towards rent, debt, living expenses, necessities or fees
- Forced to peddle
- Lying about age, or false ID, or no form of identification
- Does not have access to identity or travel documents or documents appear fraudulent