International and U.S. Women in the Sex Industry in the U.S.: Health Care Workers

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Primary Use/Purpose: This section describes what this instrument was designed to measure.

This study was conducted by the Coalition Against Trafficking Women to examine trends in the trafficking both international and domestic women in the United States. The study developed a research framework to track the experiences of trafficked women from their background, recruitment and entrance into trafficking, experiences in the industry, ways in which they were controlled, how they coped with their experience, and the consequences of trafficking from multiple perspectives.

The interview protocol for health care workers asked about how victims of sex trafficking were identified, the injuries and illnesses that they commonly seen, mental health consequences for victims, use of drugs and alcohol, access to healthcare, and violence and sexual abuse. They were asked about the use of violence by pimps and buyers of sexual services and for their recommendations of policy changes.
**Background and Development:** How and why this instrument was developed.

Interview were conducted either in person or over the telephone. Four groups of participants were interviewed: victims of sex trafficking, law enforcement officers, social workers, and healthcare workers. Questions were modified to target the subjects about which each population had the most knowledge and experience. A total of 25 trafficked women, 25 law enforcement officers, 35 social service workers, and six healthcare providers were conducted.

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QUESTIONNAIRES

Questionnaire for International and U.S. Women in the Sex Industry in the U.S.

PERSONAL INFORMATION
1. Age
2. Languages spoken
3. Nationality/Country/State of origin
4. Description of hometown (urban/rural/military base/islander etc.)
5. Highest level of education
6. Past work experience
7. Wages earned before leaving home country
8. Household income before leaving home country
9. Do you have any dependants? If yes, how many?
10. Residency/immigration status in the U.S.
11. Children: None, Age, Living Situation (where, with whom)

METHODS OF RECRUITMENT
1. How did you get involved in the sex industry? Describe your expectations or understanding of what you would be doing.
2. Were you recruited by someone or was there a person(s) who was involved in getting you to come to the U.S.? By whom? Friend/Neighbor, Spouse/Partner, Family member, Stranger, Business/Agency, Print/Media advertisement, Other, explain.
3. Were others recruited with you? If so, how many?
4. How much money were you promised?
5. Did you sign a contract? If yes, for how long?
6. Were you/your family/anyone else paid any money ahead of time? If so, how much?
7. Did you have to pay it back? If yes, how were you told you’d have to pay it back?
8. Did the agreement remain the same once you arrived in the US? If no, please explain.
9. Were you prostituted in your hometown, country or other countries before entering the US?
10. If yes, where were you in prostitution? Outside the U.S.? Describe establishment e.g. bar, massage parlor; etc. Description of location(s) e.g. rural, urban, island, military base, entertainment strip, etc.
11. At what age did you begin in the sex industry?
12. In retrospect, is there anything you wished you had known before committing to this arrangement/being recruited?

METHODS OF MOVEMENT
1. Describe your travel experience to the US.
   - Paid for own travel? If no, who paid? How much? Travel alone? If no, in a group? Number in group?
   - Smuggled/Illegal? If yes, please explain
   - Were they all traveling for the same purpose?
   - Type of Visa? Tourist, Work permit, Student, Unknown, Other.
   - Sponsor? If yes, who sponsored?
2. Did you have access to your travel documents at all times? If no, who held?
3. Did you know what the requirements to travel and work outside your home country were?
4. Did you have access to any financial resources?
5. Once in the US, where did they put you?
6. Were you moved from place to place in the US? Outside of the US? If yes, where were you transported?
7. Once in the US, were you free to move about as you pleased? If no, please describe.

METHODS OF INITIATION
1. Did you work anywhere else in the U.S. before entering the sex industry? If yes, what did you do?
2. What was the first sex business you were put into? What did you do after that?
3. Describe the establishment(s) where you were prostituted in the U.S.? Where? Type (e.g. bar, club, street, etc.)
4. How did you learn to do the sex acts?
5. Did you start out by yourself or were there other women who went through initiation or training with you?
6. Was there any violence inflicted on you when you first started? Were you forced to do things you were uncomfortable with?
   - Physical violence  Yes No Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Sexual assault  Yes No Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Verbal threats  Yes No Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Death threats  Yes No Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Use of weapons  Yes No Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Usage of drugs/alcohol  Yes No Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Other      Describe
7. What would happen if you resisted or tried to leave?

METHODS OF CONTROL
1. In your opinion, did you have freedom? Were you free to leave or return home or find employment elsewhere?
2. If you did not have freedom, please describe who controlled you and how you were kept from having personal freedom/rights
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   - Sexual assault  No Yes Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Psychological abuse  No Yes Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Verbal threats  No Yes Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Death threats to you/family  No Yes Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Use of weapons  No Yes Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Usage of drugs/alcohol  No Yes Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Isolation/confine/ment/restraints  No Yes Frequency ______________ Describe
   - Other  Describe
3. Were you allowed contact with family or friends?
4. Were you ever allowed to move about outside of the establishment on your own? (e.g. go to the store, hospital, take days off)
5. Did you witness others being beaten/harmed? If yes, describe how many women and how often.
6. Did you ever see or hear of anyone being killed? If yes, describe who and how often.

METHODS OF COPING AND RESISTANCE
1. Describe your daily schedule.
2. How did you get by emotionally and physically on a daily basis?
3. Describe how you dealt with working in the sex industry.
4. Did you ever use drugs or alcohol or take medication? If yes, please explain
5. What did you do with your time when you were not seeing the men who paid for you?
6. Did you ever try to escape/leave this industry? If yes, please describe
**History of Abuse**
1. Were you ever abused/assaulted in your life (physical, sexual, psychological)? If yes, by whom? For how long?

**EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE INDUSTRY**

**A. Experience with Pimping/Recruiters/Traffickers**
1. If applicable, who were your pimping agents?
2. Do you know where your recruiters/pimps originated from? US? Home country? Elsewhere?
3. How many were there?
4. Were they employed or connected with the place that you worked at?
5. Do you know if your recruiters/pimps operated independently or were involved in any other criminal activity?
6. Do you know if they were involved in any other type of business? If yes, please describe.
7. Who told you what to do on a daily basis?
8. Who did they report to?
9. Who was the boss?
10. Who owned the establishment?
11. Who collected the money?
12. Who else worked there? What did they do?
13. Were there other women who were not prostitutes who worked in the establishment?
14. Did any of these people above ever assault you or threaten your safety/life?

**B. Experience with Buyers**
1. Describe who the men who bought you were?
2. How many men did you have sex with in a day?
3. What kind of sex did the men who paid for you want?
4. Did the establishment for screen men for diseases/cleanliness?
5. Were you forced to have sex with men without a condom?
6. Did men pay more money for that?
7. How did you get men to wear a condom?
8. Did men generally use condoms when asked?
9. What percentage of men used condoms?
10. Did the men ever hurt you? If so, how?
11. Did they ask you to do things you didn’t want to? If yes, what were those things?
12. Did you have the right to refuse or choose not to perform any of these acts?
13. Did the sex ever get violent? If yes, how often?
14. Did you ever think that you would be killed by any of the men?
15. Did the establishment do anything to any man who was violent toward you?

**C. Experience with Other Women in Prostitution**
1. How many other women were prostituted in the establishment? Can you describe who these other women were? Ages, nationalities, language spoken, are they still in the sex industry?
2. Please describe any contact or relationships (good or bad) that you may have had with other women in the industry? How did you communicate?

**EXPERIENCE WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES, SERVICES**

**Medical / Health**

**A. Health effects**
1. Did you ever receive any injuries? If yes, what type of injury? Broken bones, Bruises, Head injury,

2. Did you become very ill while in the sex industry? Chronic pain, Loss of appetite/Nausea, Exhaustion, Other.

3. Did you have to go to the emergency room/hospital?

4. While in the industry did you know about birth control and infection prevention?

5. Did you use any form of birth control at that point?

6. Did you ever have any sexually transmitted infections? Did you have any symptoms? (e.g. bleeding during intercourse, itching, burning, sores, warts)

7. When the men used condoms, did the condoms ever irritate you/make you uncomfortable?

8. Did you bleed?

9. Did the condoms ever break?

10. Were you ever told that you might get HIV or other sexually transmitted infections from prostitution?

11. Have you ever been tested for HIV or any other diseases?

12. Did you ever get pregnant while in the industry?

13. If yes, did you ever have to have an abortion/were forced to abort? Or did you have the child?

   Number of live births, Number of children, Number of abortions.

14. If you had the child/children, where are they now?

15. How would you describe your own emotional well being? Depressed, Unable to feel, Hopeless, Difficulty sleeping, Nightmares, Easily startled/always on guard, Rage, Self blame/guilt, Other.

16. Are you currently suicidal?

17. Have you felt suicidal while in the sex industry?

18. Did you try to kill yourself while in the industry? If so how many times?

19. Have you/are you using drugs or alcohol? If so, when and why did you start using?

**B. Health provision**

1. Did the pimps or owners of the establishment ever bring in a doctor to the establishment? If so, when did that happen?

2. Do you think he/she was a real doctor?

3. Were you ever seen at a particular health center/hospital? If yes, where?

4. If yes, was your medical provider aware of your situation in prostitution?

5. Did you ever have to have sex with your medical provider?

6. Were you ever referred to any social services from the hospital?

**Law Enforcement**

1. Have you ever had to deal with law enforcement agencies/police in the US? Outside the US?

2. If so how did you come to have contact with the police? Through a raid, Sought assistance yourself, Other.

3. Describe your experiences with law enforcement in the US.

   Were you charged with any crime?

   Detained?

   Bailed out? If yes by whom?

4. If you were detained where were you held?

5. What were the conditions of this place?

6. Were you required to appear in court?

7. Were you informed of your legal rights? Appointed an attorney?

8. Was information presented to you in a way that you could understand?

9. Were you ever referred to any social services from the police station?

10. Describe the events, outcome or status of your case.

11. Did you ever have to have sex with any law enforcement agent?
**Immigration**
1. Have you ever had to deal with Immigration Naturalization Services?
2. If so, how did you come to have contact with them? Through a raid, At airport, Other.
3. Please describe your experience and involvement with them.
4. Were you detained/held by INS at any time?
   - Were you charged with any crime?
   - Detained?
   - Bailed out? If yes by whom?
5. If you were detained where were you held?
6. What were the conditions of this place?
7. Were you required to appear in court?
8. Were you informed of your legal rights? Able to secure an attorney?
9. Was information presented to you in a way that you could understand?
10. Describe the events, outcome or status of your case.
11. Were you ever referred to any social services from the INS?
12. Did you ever have to have sex with any INS agents?

**Social Service / Advocacy Agencies**
1. Have you ever dealt with any advocacy or social service agencies? If yes, please describe which agency.
2. Was the agency knowledgeable about how to deal with your situation?
3. Was information presented to you in a way that you could understand?
4. What relief was sought or what services were provided to you?
   - Shelter/homeless or battered women’s
   - Legal services
   - Substance abuse treatment
   - Religious support
   - Child Protection Services
   - Law enforcement
   - Support Group
   - Housing
   - Mental health services
   - Job skills
   - Financial aid for relocation, etc
   - Healthcare
   - Other
5. Did you ever have to have sex with any social service providers?

**FUTURE GOALS/RECOMMENDATIONS**
1. Are you in or out of the sex industry at this point?
2. Do you feel that you are safe from your pimps/establishment? If no, what do you need to be safe?
3. What do you see as the best option for yourself presently and in the future?
4. What do you need to be able to achieve these goals? Education, Job skills training, Financial aid, Housing/Safe relocation, New identity, Asylum, Other, please describe.
5. Would you ever recommend this experience for other women? Please explain.
6. Would you ever want for your daughters or your sisters to ever have to be in the sex industry?
7. What do you think needs to change to make things better for women in your situation or women who may find themselves in this situation?
8. Some have suggested that prostitution should be legalized and considered a job. Do you think that governments should recognize prostitution as a form of work?
9. What do you think needs to happen to: Trafficked women? Traffickers? Buyers? Establishments involved in sex trade?
10. What do you feel would be necessary to stop sex trafficking in this country? Education/informational campaigns, Service coordination/collaboration, Change in laws, Consistent/uniform enforcement, Stricter penalties for traffickers, Other.
11. Do you believe that the laws and penalties for this crime adequately address the issue?
Questionnaire for Law Enforcement and Immigration and Naturalization Service Officials

THE SEX INDUSTRY

1. Tell me about the sex industry in this metropolitan area?
2. How many establishments are there?
3. Who controls it?
4. Where is it located in the city?
5. Are there establishments that cater to certain communities? What are they?
6. What method of advertising is used by the industry? Print media, Internet, Brokers, Travel industry, Clubs/bars, Other.
7. To what extent is the sex industry controlled by organized crime?
8. Are women being trafficked into this area? If yes, what indicators do you have of that?
9. Where in the US do you think trafficked women first enter the US?
10. What are the main destination points for trafficked women?
11. Have you worked on cases involving:
   - Trafficked women? From the US? From outside the US?
   - Traffickers? From the US? From outside the US?
   - Organized crime rings involved in sex trafficking? From the US? From outside the US?
   - Buyers? From the US? From outside the US
12. Tell me about the cases you’ve had.
13. If you have, how did you come to have contact with the people listed above? Through a raid, Walk-in victim seeking assistance, Other.
14. Have there been arrests or were they charged with any crime? If yes, describe charges.
   - How many times?
   - Detained?
   - Bailed out? If yes, who posted bail?
15. What are your practices and policies around the detention/prosecution? Describe arrest/legal procedure practiced by your department with regards to: Trafficked women, Traffickers, Organized crime agents, Buyers.
   - Trafficked women
     - Length of detention
     - Returned to their home country?
     - Convicted of crime/s?
   - Traffickers
     - Length of detention
     - Returned to their home country?
     - Convicted of crime/s?
   - Buyers
     - Length of detention
     - Returned to their home country?
     - Convicted of crime/s?
   - Organized crime members
     - Length of detention
     - Returned to their home country?
Convicted of crime/s?
17. If they are held, where are they detained?
18. Did they appear in court after bail? If no, what do you think happened with them?
19. What kind of safety planning do you do with women in the sex industry who come in seeking assistance from your agency?
20. If the perpetrators of trafficking are also apprehended at the same time as the victims of trafficking, are there any measures taken to assure safety of the women from their perpetrators while in detention centers?
21. Are there any measures for protection/anonymity of women given while they are in detention or case is in progress?
22. Are individual embassies responsible for the deportation and deportation costs of those convicted? What about the deportation costs for the victims?
23. Do you refer women in the sex industry and trafficked women to other services? If yes, what services?
24. What information would be useful to you in the work that you do around trafficking and trafficked women in the sex industry?
25. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the sex industry and trafficked women?

KNOWLEDGE OF PIMPS/RECRUITERS/TRAFFICKERS
1. Who are the pimps/recruiters/traffickers?
2. Nationality of pimps/recruiters/traffickers?
3. Do traffickers/recruiters/pimps operate independently or are involved in any other criminal activity?
4. Numbers of pimps/recruiters/traffickers within one ring?
5. Are they involved in any other type of business? If yes, please describe.
6. Who controls the money that buyers pay women?
7. Who are the women working in the industry? Describe age, nationality etc.
8. Who owns the sex establishments where trafficked women are placed?

PROFILE OF BUYERS
1. Describe the buyers of women in the sex industry.
   - Age range
   - Race/Nationalities
   - Occupation
   - Highest level of education
   - Marital Status
2. How many men do women have to provide sex to in a day?
3. Do sex establishments screen buyers for diseases/cleanliness?
4. Do the establishments control men’s abuse of the women?
5. Describe trends in whom buyers prefer? (with regards to age, race, standards of beauty, etc.)
6. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the sex industry?

METHODS OF RECRUITMENT OF TRAFFICKED WOMEN
1. How do women get involved in sex trafficking?
2. Are women typically recruited by someone or was there a person(s) who was involved in getting them to go to the U.S.? Friend/Neighbor, Spouse/Partner, Family member, Stranger, Business/Agency, Print/Media Advertisement, Other, explain.
3. Are women recruited in groups? If so, how many are recruited at a time?
4. How much money are they told they will make?
5. Do they sign a contract? If yes, for how long?
6. Were they/their family/anyone else paid any money ahead of time? If so, how much?
7. Did they have to pay it back? If yes, how were they told they’d have to pay it back?
8. Did the agreement remain the same once they arrived in the US? If no, please explain.
9. Were they in prostitution in their hometown, country or other countries before entering the US? If yes, were they in prostitution? Outside the U.S? Describe establishment (e.g. bar, massage parlor). Describe the location(s) (e.g. rural, urban, island, military base, entertainment strip)

10. What is the age range for trafficked women?

11. Are you aware of what individuals/gangs/organizations are trafficking women into this country?

12. Are there indicators that tip you off as to whether or not an individual/gang/organization is involved in sex trafficking? If yes, what are they?

METHODS OF MOVEMENT OF TRAFFICKED WOMEN

1. Describe the conditions or circumstances under which women were brought into the U.S.?
   Mode of travel
   Paid for own travel? If no, who paid? How much?
   Smuggled/Illegal? If yes, please describe.
   Travel alone? If not, in a group? Number in group?
   Visas type? Tourist, Work permit, Student, None, Other.
   Sponsor? If yes, who was the sponsor?

2. Do women have access to their travel documents at all times? If no, who held?

3. When they arrive in the U.S., do they have access to any financial resources?

4. Once in the US, are you aware of what happens to these women? Where were they placed?

5. Describe the establishment(s) where trafficked women are in prostitution? Where? Typical areas (e.g. urban, rural, red light districts, suburban, isolated, within district heavily populated by new immigrants), Other.
   Type (e.g. clubs, massage parlors, warehouses, hotels, residences, street)

6. Are they typically moved from place to place in the US? Outside of the US? If yes, where are they transported?

7. Once in the US, are they free to move about? If no, please describe e.g. Confined, aware of surroundings

METHODS OF INITIATION

1. Do women work elsewhere in the U.S. or do other types of work before entering the sex industry/prostitution? If yes, what did they do?

2. What was the first sex business they were drawn or put into? And what did they do consequently?

3. Are they abused or threatened when they first start?

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METHODS OF CONTROL

1. Are women free to leave the industry?
2. If women are not free, describe how and by whom they were controlled?

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PROFILE OF TRAFFICKED WOMEN

1. Estimated numbers of women you see (individual and overall case counts)
2. Age range
3. Language(s) spoken
4. Nationality/Countries/State of origin
5. Description of hometown/location of origin (geographical, political/economy)
6. Highest level of education
7. Past work experience
8. Economic status (in home country)
9. Number of dependants
10. Residency/immigration status

FUTURE GOALS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. What are the causes of trafficking? Who or what factors do you believe are responsible for this problem?
2. Do you think that most women voluntarily choose to enter the sex industry?
3. Some have suggested that prostitution should be legalized and considered a job. Do you think that governments should recognize prostitution as a form of work?
4. Do you think that once they get out of the industry they are safe from the pimps? If not, what do they need to be safe?
5. What do women need in order not to fall prey to this type of situation?
6. What do you think needs to happen in the criminal justice or immigration system to Trafficked women? Traffickers? Buyers? Establishments involved in sex trade?
7. What do you feel would be necessary to stop sex trafficking in this country? Education/informational campaigns, Service coordination/collaboration, Change in laws, Consistent/uniform enforcement, Stricter penalties for traffickers, Other.
8. Do you believe that the laws and penalties for this crime adequately address the issue?
9. Do agencies work together around issues of sex trafficking? If no, explain why
Questionnaire for Social Service Providers, Researchers and Advocates

BACKGROUND
1. How big a problem is trafficking?
2. In your opinion, what are the causes of trafficking? Who or what factors do you believe are responsible for this problem?
3. Do you think that most women voluntarily choose to enter the sex industry?
4. Where in the US do you think trafficked women first enter the US?
5. What are the main destination points for trafficked women?
6. What method of advertising is used by the industry? Print media, Internet, Brokers, Travel industry, Clubs/bars, Other.
7. In your opinion is the sex trade linked with organized crime?
8. In your experience do agencies work together around issues of sex trafficking? If no, explain why.

GENERAL PROFILE OF TRAFFICKED WOMEN
1. In your experience, how many trafficked women on average have you discovered working in a raided establishment? Describe some recent cases.
2. Describe how these women interacted and communicated with each other?
3. Were there other trafficked women who were non-prostitutes who worked in the establishment?

PROFILE
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METHODS OF RECRUITMENT
1. How do you believe women get involved in sex trafficking?
2. Are women typically recruited by someone or was there a person(s) who was involved in getting them to go to the U.S.? Friend/Neighbor, Spouse/Partner, Family member, Stranger, Business/Agency, Print/Media advertisement, Other. Explain.
3. Are women recruited in groups? If so, how many are recruited at a time?
4. How much money are they promised?
5. Do they sign a contract? If yes, for how long?
6. Were they/their family/anyone else paid any money ahead of time? If so, how much?
7. Did they have to pay it back? If yes, how were they told they’d have to pay it back?
8. Did the agreement remain the same once they arrived in the US? If no, please explain
9. Were they prostituted in their hometown, country or other countries before entering the US? If yes, where did they prostitute? Outside the U.S? Describe establishment(s). Description of location(s) (e.g. rural, urban, island, military base, entertainment strip)
10. At what age do women typically begin in the sex industry?
11. Are you aware of what individuals/gangs/organizations are trafficking women into this country?
12. Are there indicators that tip you off as to whether or not an individual/gang/organization is involved in sex trafficking?

**METHODS OF MOVEMENT**

1. Describe travel experience of trafficked women to the US or the way in which traffickers and trafficked women gain or attempt to gain entry into the U.S.
2. Paid for own travel? If not, who paid? How much?
   - Smuggled/Illegal? If yes, please describe.
   - Travel alone? If not, in a group? Number in group?
   - Were they all traveling for the same purpose?
   - Visas held? Tourist, Work permit, Student, None, Other.
   - Sponsor? If yes, who sponsors?
3. Do women have access to their travel documents at all times? If no, who held?
4. Do the women know what the requirements to travel and work outside their home country were?
5. Do they have access to any financial resources?
6. Once in the US, are you aware of what happens to these women? Where were they placed?
7. Describe the establishment(s) where women were prostituted? Typical areas (e.g. urban, rural, red light districts, suburban, isolated, within district heavily populated by new immigrants, other) Type (e.g. clubs, massage parlors, warehouses, hotels, residences, street)
8. Are they typically moved from place to place in the US? Outside of the US? If yes, where are they transported?
9. Once in the US, are they free to move about? If no, please describe e.g. Confined, aware of surroundings

**METHODS OF INITIATION**

1. Do you know if women work anywhere else in the U.S. or doing other types of work before entering the sex industry/prostitution? If yes, what did they do?
2. What was the first sex business they were put into? And what did they do consequently?
3. How do they learn to do the sex acts?
4. Do they start out by themselves or are there other women who go through initiation or training?
5. Is there any violence inflicted on them when they first start or are they forced to do things they are uncomfortable with?
   - Physical violence
   - Sexual assault
   - Verbal threats
   - Death threats
   - Use of weapons
   - Usage of drugs/alcohol
   - Other
   - Yes  No  Frequency  Describe
6. What would happen if they resist or try to leave?

**METHODS OF CONTROL**

1. In your opinion, do women have freedom to choose whether or not to enter, remain or leave the industry? Are they free to return home or find another job?
2. If they did not have freedom, please describe by whom and how they are controlled?
3. Were they allowed contact with anyone outside of the industry, family or friends or to move about outside of the establishment on their own?

4. Were they ever allowed to move about outside of the establishment on their own? (e.g. go to the store, hospital, take days off)

5. Have you heard of women witnessing others being beaten/harmed? If yes, describe how many women and how often.

6. Do you know if trafficked women have been killed while in the industry? If yes, describe who and how often.

METHODS OF COPING AND RESISTANCE

1. Are you aware of how these women got by emotionally and physically on a daily basis? How do they deal with working in the sex industry.

2. Did women ever use drugs or alcohol or take medication? If yes, please explain.

3. Have any women ever tried to escape/leave this industry? If yes, please describe.

History of Abuse

1. Do you know if women were ever abused/assaulted in their lives (physical, sexual, psychological)? If yes, by whom? For how long?

EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE INDUSTRY

Experience with Pimps / Recruiters / Traffickers

1. Who are the pimps/recruiters/traffickers?

2. Nationality?

3. Numbers of traffickers within one ring? Are they employed or connected with the place that trafficked women are placed at?

4. Do you know if traffickers/recruiters/pimps operate independently or are involved in any other criminal activity?

5. Do you know if they are involved in any other type of business? If yes, please describe.

6. Who owns the sex establishments where trafficked women are placed?

7. Who controls the money that buyers pay women?

8. Are there other women who are not prostitutes who work in these establishments?

9. Are you aware if trafficked women’s lives or safety are at risk from traffickers or the sex establishment?

Profile of Buyers

1. Describe who the buyers of trafficked women are?

2. How many men do trafficked women have sex with in a day?

3. Do sex establishments screen buyers for diseases/cleanliness?

4. Are trafficked women forced to have sex with men without a condom?

5. Do men pay more money for that?

6. Do trafficked women report that the men who buy them ever hurt them? If so, how?

7. Have trafficked women reported that they’ve been asked to do things sexually that they didn’t want to? If yes, what were those things?

8. Did they have the right to refuse or choose not to perform any of these acts?

9. Have trafficked women reported that the sex ever got violent? If yes, how often have you heard this?

10. Have trafficked women reported to you that they thought they would be killed by any of their buyers?

11. Do you know if the establishment does anything to any buyer who is violent toward the women in the establishment?
Health Effects and Health provision

1. Are you aware that you have seen any sex trafficked women in your practice?
3. What kind of illnesses do women in the sex industry typically present with?
4. Did these problems require ongoing medical treatment? If yes, please explain.
5. Do the trafficked women you see know about birth control and infection prevention?
6. What kind of sexually transmitted infections do women in the sex industry present?
7. Do they use any form of birth control?
8. Do they use condoms when servicing customers?
9. Do women report that condoms ever irritate them or make them uncomfortable?
10. Did women ever report bleeding with the use of condoms?
11. How many women in the sex industry do you see that become pregnant while in the industry?
12. How would you describe the emotional well being of sex trafficked women/women in the sex industry?
   Depressed, Unable to feel, Hopeless, Difficulty sleeping, Nightmares, Easily startled/always on guard, Rage, Self blame/guilt, Other.
13. Are they suicidal while in the sex industry?
14. Do the women you see using drugs or alcohol?
15. Do the pimps or owners of sex establishments ever bring in a doctor into the establishment?
16. Do you think women in the sex industry are seen at particular health centers, hospitals or clinics? If yes, where?
17. Do you ever refer women you suspect of being trafficked or in the sex industry to any social services from the hospital?
18. Is there anything that you as a healthcare provider need to know more about trafficked women in the sex industry? What would be useful information for you?

Social Services / Advocacy Agencies

1. Have you ever dealt with trafficked women?
2. What relief did trafficked women seek? What services were provided?
   Shelter/homeless or battered women’s Legal services
   Substance abuse treatment Religious support
   Child Protection Services Law enforcement
   Support Group Housing
   Mental health services Job skills
   Financial aid for relocation, etc Healthcare
3. What kind of safety planning do you do with women in this situation?
4. Is there anything that you as an advocate/social service agency need to know more about trafficked women in the sex industry? What would be useful information for you?

FUTURE GOALS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In your opinion, what do women who are out of the industry, see as the best option for themselves in the future?
2. Do you think that once they get out of the industry they are safe from their owners? If not, what do they need to be safe?
3. What do women need in order not to fall prey to this type of situation?
4. What do you think needs to happen to: Trafficked women? Traffickers? Buyers? Establishments involved in sex trade?
5. What do you feel would be necessary to stop sex trafficking in this country?
   Education/informational campaigns
   Service coordination/collaboration
Change in laws
Consistent/uniform enforcement
Stricter penalties for traffickers
Other

6. Do you believe that the laws and penalties for this crime adequately address the issue?
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Questionnaire for Health Care Workers

THE SEX INDUSTRY
1. Tell me about the sex industry in this metropolitan area?
2. How many establishments are there?
3. Who controls it?
4. Where is it located in the city?
5. Are there establishments that cater to certain communities? What are they?
6. What method of advertising is used by the industry? Print media, Internet, Brokers, Travel industry, Clubs/bars, Other.
7. Are women being trafficked into this area?

Pimps / Recruiters / Traffickers
1. Who are the pimps/recruiters/traffickers?
2. Nationality of pimps/recruiters/traffickers?
3. Do traffickers/recruiters/pimps operate independently or are involved in any other criminal activity?
4. Numbers of pimps/recruiters/traffickers within one ring
5. Are they involved in any other type of business? If yes, please describe.
6. Who controls the money that buyers pay women?
7. Who are the women working in the industry? Describe age, nationality etc.
8. Who owns the sex establishments where trafficked women are placed?

Buyers
1. Describe the buyers of women in the sex industry.
   - Age range
   - Race/Nationalities
   - Occupation
   - Highest level of education
   - Marital Status
2. How many men do women have to provide sex to in a day?
3. Do sex establishments screen buyers for diseases/cleanliness?

METHODS OF RECRUITMENT OF TRAFFICKED WOMEN
1. How do women get involved in sex trafficking?
2. Are women typically recruited by someone or was there a person(s) who was involved in getting them to go to the U.S.? Recruited? By whom? Friend/Neighbor, spouse/partner, family member, stranger, other business/agency, print/media advertisement
3. Are women recruited in groups? If so, how many are recruited at a time?
4. How much money are they told they will make?
5. Do they sign a contract? If yes, for how long?
6. Were they/their family/anyone else paid any money ahead of time? If so, how much?
7. Did they have to pay it back? If yes, how were they told they’d have to pay it back?
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10. What is the age range for trafficked women?
11. Are you aware of what individuals/gangs/organizations are trafficking women into this country?
12. Are there indicators that tip you off as to whether or not an individual/gang/organization is involved in sex trafficking? If yes, what are they?
METHODS OF MOVEMENT OF TRAFFICKED WOMEN

1. Describe the conditions or circumstances under which women were brought into the U.S.?
   - Mode of travel
     - Paid for own travel? If not, who paid? How much?
     - Smuggled/Illegal? If yes, please describe.
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     - Visas type? Tourist, Work permit, Student, None.
     - Sponsor? If yes, who sponsors?

2. Do women have access to their travel documents at all times? If no, who held?

3. When they arrive in the U.S., do they have access to any financial resources?

4. Once in the US, are you aware of what happens to these women? Where were they placed?

5. Describe the establishment(s) where women are in prostitution? Where? Typical areas (e.g. urban, rural, red light districts, suburban, isolated, within district heavily populated by new immigrants, other). Type (e.g. clubs, massage parlors, warehouses, hotels, residences, street)

6. Are they typically moved from place to place in the US? Outside of the US? If yes, where are they transported?

7. Once in the US, are they free to move about? If no, please describe

METHODS OF INITIATION

1. Do women work elsewhere in the U.S. or do other types of work before entering the sex industry/prostitution? If yes, what did they do?

2. What was the first sex business they were drawn or put into? And what did they do consequently?

3. Are they abused or threatened when they first start?

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METHODS OF CONTROL

1. Are women free to leave the industry?

2. If women are not free, describe how and by whom they were controlled?
**PIMPS/RECRUITERS/TRAFFICKERS**

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4. Have women described witnessing other women in prostitution being beaten/harmed? If yes, describe circumstances and how often this happened.
5. Do you know if trafficked women are killed while in the industry? If yes, describe who and how often.

**METHODS OF COPING AND RESISTANCE**

1. What do women do on a daily basis?
2. How do they cope emotionally and physically on a daily basis? How do they deal with working in the sex industry?
3. Did women ever use drugs or alcohol or take medication? If yes, please explain
4. Do women try to escape/leave this industry? If yes, please describe

**History of Abuse**

1. Do you know if women were ever abused/assaulted in their lives (physical, psychological, sexual such as incest, child sexual abuse…)? If yes, by whom? For how long?

**PROFILE OF TRAFFICKED WOMEN**

1. Do you see women you think are in the sex industry coming to you for healthcare or advocacy services? If yes, how many and how often?
2. Age range
3. What racial/ethnic/national backgrounds do they come from?
4. Were they able to speak English? If no, describe languages spoken
5. Were they accompanied by someone during their visit/appointment with you?
6. Did that person speak for them?
7. Description of hometown/location of origin
8. Highest level of education
9. Past work experience
10. Economic status (in home country)
11. Number of dependants
12. Residency/immigration status

HEALTH

1. If your patient/client does not directly disclose to you, is there anything about the circumstances that leads you to believe she may be in the sex industry? Describe

2. What injuries do women in the sex industry present?
   - Broken bones  Yes  No  Frequency  Describe
   - Bruises  Yes  No  Frequency  Describe
   - Head injury  Yes  No  Frequency  Describe
   - Mouth/teeth injuries  Yes  No  Frequency  Describe
   - Vaginal bleeding  Yes  No  Frequency  Describe
   - Other hemorrhage?  Yes  No  Frequency  Describe
   - Other

3. What illnesses do women in the sex industry typically present with?
4. During the course of your examination, what other injuries, infections or illnesses do you see?
5. Do you seen the same women more than once? If yes, how often?
6. Do women in the sex industry use birth control? If yes, what kind?
7. What kind of sexually transmitted infections do women in the sex industry present?
8. Do men use condoms when having sex with women?
9. Do women report that condoms ever irritate them or make them bleed?
10. How many women in the sex industry do you see that you think become pregnant as a result of being in the industry? Can you estimate the following:
    - Number of live births
    - Number of children
    - Number of miscarriages
    - Number of abortions

11. How would you describe the emotional well being of women in the sex industry? Depressed, Unable to feel, Hopeless, Difficulty sleeping, Nightmares, Easily startled/always on guard, Rage, Self blame/guilt, Other.
12. Have women inflicted harm on themselves or attempted to kill themselves while in the sex industry?
13. Do the women you see using drugs or alcohol? If yes, what do they use?
14. Do women in the sex industry go to particular health centers, hospitals or clinics? If yes, where?
15. Do you think you have ever seen women who you think are trafficked in your practice/agency? If yes, what made you suspect they were trafficked?

FUTURE GOALS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. What are the causes of trafficking? Who or what factors do you believe are responsible for this problem?
2. Do you think that most women voluntarily choose to enter the sex industry?
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Consistent/uniform enforcement
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8. Do you believe that the laws and penalties for this crime adequately address the issue?
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