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The Criminalization of Black Survivors of Human Trafficking

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Roadmap of our conversation today...

- Examine the disparities in identifying and responding to survivors of color in a trauma-informed manner.
- Develop skills to advocate effectively for survivors of color who are trafficked.
- Gain tools to depower biases when responding to and engaging with Black survivors of commercial sex trafficking

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Sex Trafficking and Girls of Color

- Black girls are more likely to be trafficked at a younger age
- 40% of sex trafficking victims were identified as Black women

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Systemic Racism and Sex Trafficking

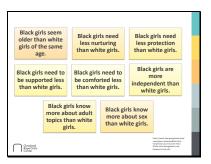
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Even the traffickers know... In an interview with the Urban Institute, traffickers admittedly believe trafficking Black women would land them less jail time than trafficking White women if caught. Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

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	Intersectionality of Sexual Trafficking						
	Race/Ethnicity	Poly- victimization	Gender	Mental Health			
	Religion	Substance Abuse	Sexual Orientation	Geographical Location			
	Criminal History	Socio- economic Status	Differing Abilities	Immigration Status			
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What Makes Girls of Color Vulnerable to Trafficking?

- A history of sexual and/or physical abuse
- Community or family instability and dislocation
 Child welfare involvement, especially out-of-home foster care placement
- Being a runaway or homeless youth
- Disconnection from the education system and being off-track for achievement
- Poverty

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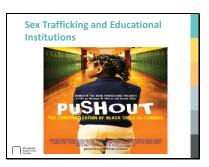
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Sex Trafficking and Socioeconomic Status

- Black girls are more likely to experience poverty than their racial counterparts.
- False promises of wealth
- Due to unemployment, debt, and need to provide for themselves and their children, many victims are less likely to leave the situation to make ends meet.

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Sex trafficking and Hispanic Survivors

- · Often fleeing violence and poverty
- Lured with fraudulent job offers or abducted on the journey to the U.S.
- May be sold to traffickers or into forced marriages in the U.S. by family members
- Most common access points are U.S. immigration officials and the Office of Refugee Resettlement

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Changing the Narrative...

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Macroaggressions

- Macroaggressions occur at a structural level encompassing actions that are meant to exclude, either by action or omission.
 - Example:

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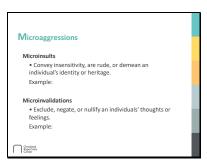
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How do our biases show up when working with survivors?

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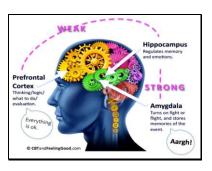
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Microaggressions		
Microassaults		
 "Old-fashioned racism" 		
 Deliberate, conscious, and explicit 		
 Intention is to hurt, oppress, or discri 	minate	
Example:		
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	(Dovidio & Gaertner, 2000)	
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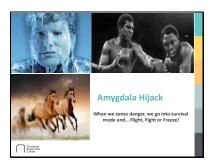


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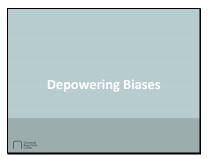
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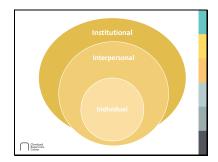
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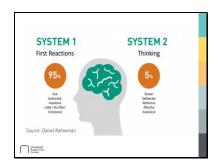


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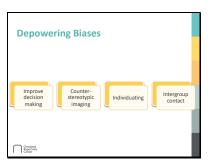
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Macro Recommendations Law Enforcement • Build diverse taskforces • Work with community-based advocates • Train • Work to build bridges with communities of color



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Macro Recommendations

Advocacy Agencies

- · Hire diverse staff
- Operate from a model of empowerment vs a maternalistic model
- · Void the savior mentality
- Examine the use of evidence-based
- programming • Explore using peer support models

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Macro-Recommendations	
Active Case Reviews with MDT	
Cultural Needs Assessment	ı
Multicultural Representation	
Advocate for criminal justice reform	
Offer choice through empowerment	ı
Replace zero-tolerance in schools with restorative justice policies	ı
Provide more services to girls of color in the foster care system	ı
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Equity Primes

- Where are the decision-making points that affect outcomes? What decisions/actions may be reinforcing the status quo, implicit bias and current inequities?
- What alternative action options could produce different outcomes?
- outcomes?

 Which action will best advance equity and inclusion?

 What reminders, supports and accountability systems can be structured into routine practices to keep equity as a high priority?

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