

**First Call Coalition Meeting**  
 Revised September 2019  
**Research and Resources on Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation in Canada**

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## Research

### Trafficking in Persons in Canada 2018

Adam Cotter | June 23, 2020 | Statistics Canada

#### Excerpts

- The vast majority of victims of police-reported human trafficking were women and girls (97%).
- 73% of all victims of police-reported human trafficking were under 25 years of age. Nearly three in ten victims (28%) were under the age of 18, while 45% were between the ages of 18 and 24. The remainder (26%) were 25 years of age or older.
- 81% of accused traffickers were men and almost half of them (49%) were under 25.
- 92% of victims knew their trafficker.

LINK: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2020001/article/00006-eng.htm>

Infographic: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-627-m/11-627-m2020025-eng.htm>

### Sexual Exploitation Prevention Education for Indigenous Girls

Dustin William Louie | 2018 | Canadian Journal of Education. 41.

#### Abstract

Indigenous girls in Western Canada comprise over half of the victims of sexual exploitation, but the gravity of this phenomenon is overlooked in education and academia. Five Indigenous sexual exploitation survivors and 19 service providers in a western Canadian city were interviewed to critically examine the life experiences that establish pathways to exploitation, methods of recruitment, and prevention education recommendations to inform school-based interventions. Based on these interviews, nine pathways to sexual exploitation for Indigenous girls were uncovered, most notably sexual abuse, transition from reserves, and the prison system. This article summarizes a study conducted from 2014–2016 (Louie, 2016), which found that an extensive range of gender, age, race, and class backgrounds in Canadian society contribute to Indigenous girls being recruited into sexual exploitation. At present, most research and education programs emphasize intervention, missing a key opportunity to prevent recruitment into sexual exploitation. This study has generated a potential framework for schools to establish prevention education for Indigenous girls experiencing an increased threat of sexual exploitation.

LINK:

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/326068857\\_Sexual\\_Exploitation\\_Prevention\\_Education\\_for\\_Indigenous\\_Girls](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/326068857_Sexual_Exploitation_Prevention_Education_for_Indigenous_Girls)

### Indigenous Communities and Industrial Camps – Promoting Healthy Communities in Settings of Industrial Change

The Firelight Group with Lake Babine Nation and Nak'azdli Whut'en | February 2017

#### Excerpt:

Currently, there are an especially high number of youth in the sex trade (CPHA ACSP 2014) and it should be emphasized that they are not working in this trade by choice. Louie explains that: There is a crossover between girls and women working in the sex trade and girls and women who are trafficked, but it should not be assumed that all trafficked women began by consensually working in the sex trade. More to the point, since most Indigenous women in the sex trade were recruited as minors, they cannot be considered willing participants in the first place. The tendency to blame the victims of abuse and oppression when

they are pushed into the sex trade is an abhorrent practice limiting widespread support of victims.  
(Louie 2016, 53, 54)

LINK: [https://firelight.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Firelight-work-camps-Feb-8-2017\\_FINAL.pdf](https://firelight.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Firelight-work-camps-Feb-8-2017_FINAL.pdf)

Rostad WL, Gittins-Stone D, Huntington C, Rizzo CJ, Pearlman D, Orchowski L. **The Association Between Exposure to Violent Pornography and Teen Dating Violence in Grade 10 High School Students.** *Arch Sex Behav.* 2019;48(7):2137-2147. doi:10.1007/s10508-019-1435-4

LINK: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6751001/>

## Culture Reframed - Research and Resources for Parents

Raising awareness and providing educational tools and resources to build resilience and resistance in young people to hypersexualized media and porn

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=5&v=nSWtL8Ng\\_uU&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=nSWtL8Ng_uU&feature=emb_logo)

<https://www.culturereframed.org/journal-articles/>

## Federal Government

### Moving Forward in the Fight Against Human Trafficking in Canada

Report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights  
Anthony Housefather, chair | December 2018 | 42nd parliament,  
1st Session

#### Excerpt:

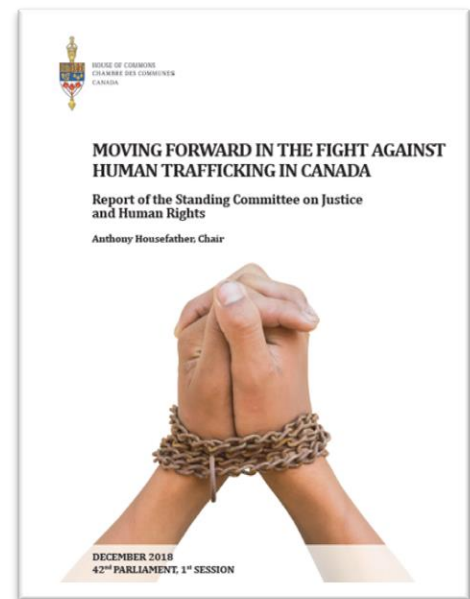
Between February 15 and May 22, 2018, the Committee held eight meetings in Ottawa to hear evidence from a wide variety of stakeholders. The Committee also travelled to five Canadian cities – Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver – from March 18 to 23, to hear evidence from human trafficking survivors and local stakeholders.

The objective of these meetings was to expand our knowledge about all forms of human trafficking occurring in Canada, including human trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labour. In total, the Committee heard from more than 50 witnesses and received close to 60 written submissions.

This report provides an overview of human trafficking in Canada. It includes the state of our knowledge on this complex and multi-faceted issue, the Canadian response to combat this atrocious crime, and the challenges faced by victims, services providers, law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to prevent human trafficking, protect its victims and prosecute the traffickers.

LINK: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/JUST/StudyActivity?studyActivityId=9749514>

(includes list of submissions and full report at bottom of webpage)



## Resources for youth, parents and service providers

### Organizations

#### The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking

The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking has been established as the national “backbone” organization working on this issue. The Centre collaborates and works with the various stakeholders dedicated to this issue, including all levels of government, private sector businesses and front line service providers in order to advance best practices and eliminate duplicate efforts across Canada.



LINK: <https://www.canadiancentretoendhumantrafficking.ca/our-dna/>



The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking operates the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline, a confidential, multilingual service, operating 24/7 to connect victims and survivors with social services, law enforcement, and emergency services, as well as receive tips from the public.

The hotline uses a victim-centered approach when connecting human trafficking victims and survivors with local emergency, transition, and/or long-term supports and services across the country, as well as connecting callers to law enforcement where appropriate.

Another purpose of the Hotline is to educate and mobilize key stakeholders, government, and the population in general in order to help combat all forms of human trafficking. To this end, anonymized data collected through reports and tips may be published in the future. These data can be used in tandem with official police-reported statistics, given that human trafficking is underreported. Some reports may also include information not currently captured in police records, such as the type of exploitation, demographic information such as country of origin, and details of how the victim(s) became involved in trafficking.

The Hotline can be reached at 1-833-900-1010 or accessed online.

LINK: <https://www.canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca/>

#### PLEA Community Services Society of BC operates the Children of the Street program.

Children of the Street is dedicated to preventing the sexual exploitation and human trafficking of children and youth in British Columbia through education strategies, public awareness initiatives, and family support.

LINK: <https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/>

#### Pacific Community Resources Society

Pacific Community Resources Society operates multiple youth programs, two of which focus specifically on the issue sexual exploitation of youth in Surrey and Delta.

**Stop Exploiting Youth** supports youth 13-18 in Surrey, or Delta, to exit a situation or lifestyle of sexual exploitation or risk of sexual exploitation. The program provides SEY workers who meet with youth in their communities, individualized support, flexible hours of operation, and connections to other supports. Please contact us at 604-592-6200 or by email at [ccyh@pcrs.ca](mailto:ccyh@pcrs.ca) or visit us at CCYH (City Centre Youth Hub) at 10453 Whalley Blvd or NYH (Newton Youth Hub) 114-13479 76th Avenue.

LINK: <https://pcrs.ca/our-services/stop-exploiting-youth-sey/> [pcrs.ca]

**Female Gang Intervention Prevention** is a program that supports Surrey based females, ages 12-19, who are currently involved in the sex trade, and gangs, or who are at risk of gang involvement. Please contact us at 604-587-8100 or by email at [ccyh@pcrs.ca](mailto:ccyh@pcrs.ca) or visit us at CCYH (City Centre Youth Hub) at 10453 Whalley Blvd, Surrey B C.

LINK: <https://www.surrey.ca/community/29124.aspx> [surrey.ca]

### Options Community Services Society

LINK: <https://www.options.bc.ca/program/high-risk-youth-justice-program>

### North Shore Women's Centre

North Shore Women's Centre offers Flip the Script, a 12-hour program for women aged 16-24 that cuts their risk of sexual violence by more than half. It was developed at the [Sexual Assault Research and Education Centre](#) and is recognized by the [Canadian Institutes for Health Research](#) and [Blueprints for Healthy Youth](#).

LINK: <https://www.northshorewomen.ca/flipthescript>

### Speak Out: Stop Sex Trafficking

Addressing, preventing and ending the sexual exploitation of Indigenous Women and Youth

LINK: <https://endindigenoustrafficking.com/>

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is founded on the collective goal to enhance, promote, and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of First Nations, Métis and Inuit women, girls and gender-diverse people within First Nations, Métis and Inuit Canadian societies.



Native Women's  
Association of Canada

L'Association des  
femmes autochtones  
du Canada

### Excerpt

Twenty-five per cent of all trafficked women are under 18. In addition to being below the age of consent, youth experience increased rates of precarious housing and employment situations, especially when they are in or transitioning out of the child welfare system. 2SLGBTQ+: these communities deal with higher rates of trafficking and exploitation as they face a lack of support and multiple forms of marginalization, sometimes from within their own communities.

LINK: <https://www.nwac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/FS-NWAC-Human-Trafficking-2018-JB-Final.pdf>

### Ontario's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy

Ontario's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy will invest \$307 million over the next five years on a comprehensive action plan to combat human trafficking and child sexual exploitation. The strategy takes a proactive approach with initiatives across government focused on four key areas: to raise awareness about human trafficking, protect victims and intervene early, support survivors, and hold offenders accountable.

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/backgrounder/56110/ontarios-new-anti-human-trafficking-strategy>

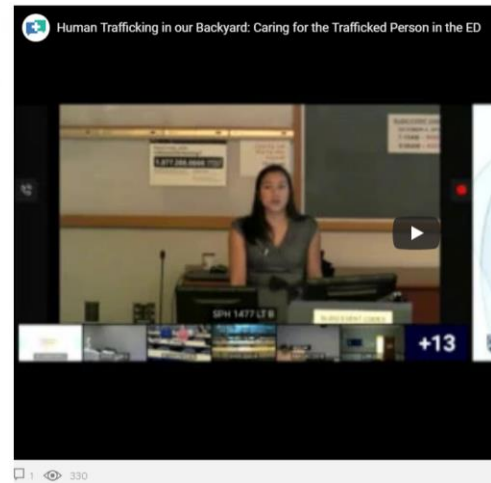
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/human-trafficking>

## Video

### Human Trafficking in our Backyard: Caring for the Trafficked Person in the ED

Presenter Dr. Mélanie Ryper, Emergency Room Doctor  
UBC Emergency Medicine | October 10, 2018

LINK: <https://www.bcemergencynetwork.ca/rounds/human-trafficking-in-our-backyard-caring-for-the-trafficked-person-in-the-ed/>



## Online Learning Module

Human Trafficking - Help Don't Hinder  
Online Learning Module | Fraser Health | 2014

### Summary

A 1-hour online learning module developed by Fraser Health Forensic Nurse Examiners. The module is designed to better aid emergency health care professionals to identify and provide assistance to potential victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation who present in a hospital Emergency Department. Two versions are available for: 1) Fraser Health staff and other B.C. health care providers, and 2) the general public and non-B.C. health care providers. The training method, which includes an introductory video on human trafficking and interactive case studies, is based on the "c.a.r.e" acronym (CONSIDER - the red flags, ASSESS - the health care environment, the patient and the health care provider, RESPOND - initiate a referral to Forensic Nursing Service, EVALUATE - the response). This acronym is based on a trauma informed approach to care and guides the health care provider through the steps of identification and response.

Course ID: 6427

LINK: <https://ccrweb.ca/en/fraser-health-human-trafficking-training-module>



## Booklet

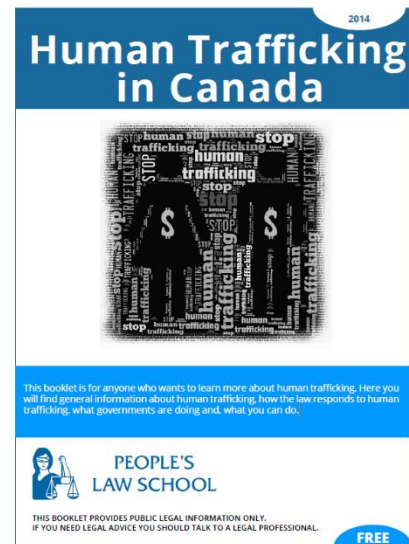
Human Trafficking in Canada  
People's Law School | 2014

### Description

This booklet is for anyone who wants to learn more about human trafficking. Here you will find general information about human trafficking, how the law responds to human trafficking, what governments are doing and, what you can do.

Available in French, Chinese (simplified), Punjabi, Spanish, and Tagalog.

LINK: <https://www.peopleslawschool.ca/publications/human-trafficking-canada>



## Recent News Media

### TikTok, Netflix's '365 Days' and the memification of violent sex by generation Z

TikTok and normalizing, glamourizing sexual violence for teens  
Ellie Fry | Independent | August 21, 2020

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/women/tiktok-365-days-netflix-rough-sex-defence-film-domestic-abuse-a9677051.html>

### Child luring case a wake-up call to Tri-City parents

Self-isolation has driven more children to move online during the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to an unprecedented rise in screen time and raising safety risks for millions of young people

Diane Strandberg | Tri-City News | June 30, 2020

<https://www.tricitynews.com/news/child-luring-case-a-wake-up-call-to-tri-city-parents-1.24162586>

### Kids sharing nude photos 'before they even hold hands' worries counsellors, police

"At the senior high level we're not seeing it to the same degree as we are at the junior high level and even in some cases in the Grade 6 level," Keizer said. "Our young people, they're being exposed and they're getting asked questions and asked for images at a much younger age than we had previously thought."

PEI | December 2, 2019 | CBC

<https://ca.style.yahoo.com/kids-sharing-nude-photos-even-110000701.html>

### Radio host accused of arranging for sex with minor detained in Puerto Rico

Fredericton broadcaster Trevor Doyle appeared for a detention hearing Monday afternoon

Hadeel Ibrahim | Apr 08, 2019 | CBC news

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/trevor-doyle-puerto-rico-1.5089733>



## Child sex trafficking: Positive first steps toward bigger change in Peterborough and across Ontario

New funding, new residence address a problem long swept under the rug

Editorial | March 12, 2019 | Peterborough Examiner

<https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion-story/9218474-child-sex-trafficking-positive-first-steps-toward-bigger-change-in-peterborough-and-across-ontario/>

## The cold reality of global human trafficking

Clandestine, controlling—and happening right here in B.C.

Braden Dupuis | Pique News Magazine | February 06, 2019

<https://www.piquenewsmagazine.com/whistler/the-cold-reality-of-global-human-trafficking/Content?oid=12941606>

## More than 40 men arrested in underage Vancouver sex sting

A teacher and school trustee are among those charged

John Kurucz | Vancouver Courier | January 23, 2019

<https://www.piquenewsmagazine.com/whistler/the-cold-reality-of-global-human-trafficking/Content?oid=12941606>

## 'He took every penny I made,' human trafficking survivor says

These days, Pugh-Roberts makes presentations at high schools, warning young women about boyfriends who court them and shower them with gifts, and then ask them to perform sexual acts — a common recruitment tool by pimps looking to hook young women into the sex trade.

[Kate Dubinski](#) | CBC News | January 11, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/london-ontario-human-trafficking-police-survivor-1.4482911>

## Appendix 1

### *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography*

Adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution A/RES/54/263 of 25 May 2000; entered into force on 18 January 2002. Signed by Canada in 2001, Ratification/Accession in 2005<sup>1</sup>. Excerpt:

#### **Article 1**

States Parties shall prohibit the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography as provided for by the present Protocol.

#### **Article 2**

For the purposes of the present Protocol:

- (a) Sale of children means any act or transaction whereby a child is transferred by any person or group of persons to another for remuneration or any other consideration;
- (b) Child prostitution means the use of a child in sexual activities for remuneration or any other form of consideration;
- (c) Child pornography means any representation, by whatever means, of a child engaged in real or simulated explicit sexual activities or any representation of the sexual parts of a child for primarily sexual purposes.

#### **Article 3**

1. Each State Party shall ensure that, as a minimum, the following acts and activities are fully covered under its criminal or penal law, whether such offences are committed domestically or transnationally or on an individual or organized basis:

- (a) In the context of sale of children as defined in article 2:
  - (i) Offering, delivering or accepting, by whatever means, a child for the purpose of:
    - a. Sexual exploitation of the child;
    - b. Transfer of organs of the child for profit;
    - c. Engagement of the child in forced labour;
  - (ii) Improperly inducing consent, as an intermediary, for the adoption of a child in violation of applicable international legal instruments on adoption;
- (b) Offering, obtaining, procuring or providing a child for child prostitution, as defined in article 2;
- (c) Producing, distributing, disseminating, importing, exporting, offering, selling or possessing for the above purposes child pornography as defined in article 2.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/OPSCCRC.aspx>

## **Article 9**

1. States Parties shall adopt or strengthen, implement and disseminate laws, administrative measures, social policies and programmes to prevent the offences referred to in the present Protocol. Particular attention shall be given to protect children who are especially vulnerable to such practices.
2. States Parties shall promote awareness in the public at large, including children, through information by all appropriate means, education and training, about the preventive measures and harmful effects of the offences referred to in the present Protocol. In fulfilling their obligations under this article, States Parties shall encourage the participation of the community and, in particular, children and child victims, in such information and education and training programmes, including at the international level.
3. States Parties shall take all feasible measures with the aim of ensuring all appropriate assistance to victims of such offences, including their full social reintegration and their full physical and psychological recovery.
4. States Parties shall ensure that all child victims of the offences described in the present Protocol have access to adequate procedures to seek, without discrimination, compensation for damages from those legally responsible.
5. States Parties shall take appropriate measures aimed at effectively prohibiting the production and dissemination of material advertising the offences described in the present Protocol.

## Appendix 2

### *United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence Against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: A new tool for policymakers, criminal justice officials and practitioners*

#### Specific criminalization

Under this strategy<sup>2</sup>, it is also important to ensure that certain forms of violence against children are specifically criminalized. In some instances, the criminalization of the conduct is already required by the Convention on the Rights of the Child or by another convention or protocol to which a State may or may not be a party.

For example, article 35 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child specifies that “States Parties shall take all appropriate national, bilateral and multilateral measures to prevent the abduction of, the sale of or traffic in children for any purpose or in any form”. Similar criminalization requirements are also found in article 1 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, article 18 of the Council of Europe 2007 Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse; and article 3 of the Convention Concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

The following are some of the conducts that should be specifically criminalized:

- Engaging in sexual activities with a child using coercion, force or threats, abusing a position of trust, authority or
- influence over a child, including within the family, and abusing a particularly vulnerable situation of a child,
- because of a mental or physical disability or a situation of dependence
- Committing sexual violence against a child, including sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and sexual harassment
- using new information technologies including the Internet, such as online solicitation (“grooming”) of children, cyber enticement, sharing of self-generated sexually explicit content (“sexting”) with children
- The sale of or trafficking in children for any purpose and in any form
- Offering, delivering or accepting, by whatever means, a child for the purpose of sexual exploitation of the child, transfer of organs of the child for profit or engagement of the child in forced labour
- Offering, obtaining, procuring or providing a child for child prostitution
- Producing, distributing, disseminating, importing, exporting, offering, selling or possessing child pornography

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<sup>2</sup> Introducing the United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence Against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: A new tool for policymakers, criminal justice officials and practitioners, United Nations, New York, 2015. [https://www.unodc.org/documents/justice-and-prison-reform/14-08451\\_Strategy\\_eBook.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/justice-and-prison-reform/14-08451_Strategy_eBook.pdf)

- Slavery or practices similar to slavery, debt bondage and serfdom and forced labour, including forced or compulsory recruitment of children for use in armed conflict; and, committing gender-related violence against a child and, in particular, gender-related killing of girls

## Appendix 3

*Bill C-13 came into effect in 2015. It amended the Criminal Code and other relevant federal legislation to create a new offence related to the distribution of non-consensual online images.*

### Excerpts

a new offence of non-consensual distribution of intimate images as well as complementary amendments to authorize the removal of such images from the Internet and the recovery of expenses incurred to obtain the removal of such images, the forfeiture of property used in the commission of the offence, a recognizance order to be issued to prevent the distribution of such images and the restriction of the use of a computer or the Internet by a convicted offender;

Publication, etc., of an intimate image without consent

**162.1** (1) Everyone who knowingly publishes, distributes, transmits, sells, makes available or advertises an intimate image of a person knowing that the person depicted in the image did not give their consent to that conduct, or being reckless as to whether or not that person gave their consent to that conduct, is guilty

(a) of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than five years; or

(b) of an offence punishable on summary conviction.

Definition of “intimate image”

(2) In this section, “intimate image” means a visual recording of a person made by any means including a photographic, film or video recording,

(a) in which the person is nude, is exposing his or her genital organs or anal region or her breasts or is engaged in explicit sexual activity;

(b) in respect of which, at the time of the recording, there were circumstances that gave rise to a reasonable expectation of privacy; and

(c) in respect of which the person depicted retains a reasonable expectation of privacy at the time the offence is committed.

LINK: <https://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/41-2/bill/C-13/royal-assent/page-4>