

A Comprehensive Approach to Supporting Victims of Trafficking

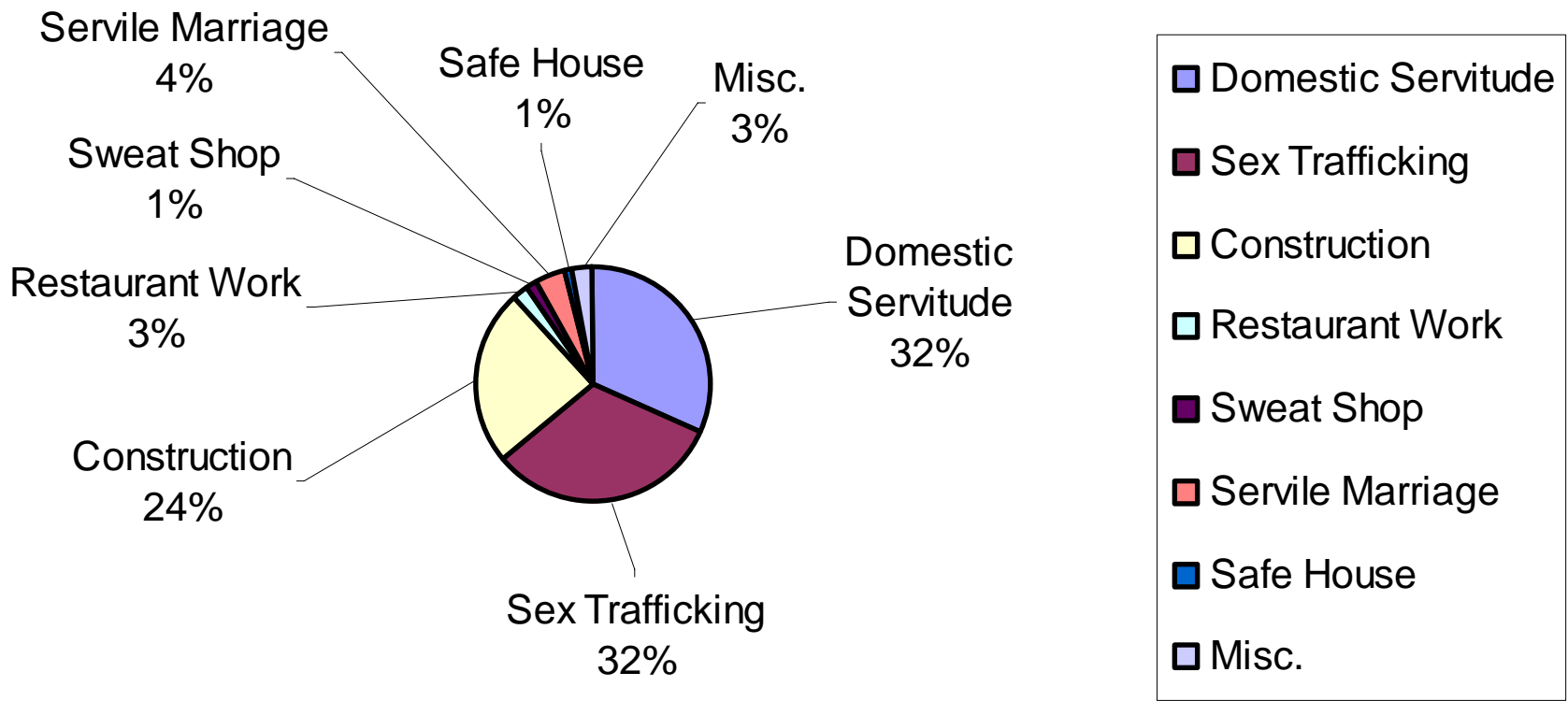
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Comprehensive Support

- Intensive case management and comprehensive legal assistance for trafficked persons.
- First U.S. shelter for trafficked persons.
- Los Angeles Metropolitan Task Force on Human Trafficking
- Local, national and international policy advocacy- California Alliance to Combat Slavery and Human Trafficking, CAST Survivor Caucus
- Coalition building, community organizing, and technical assistance

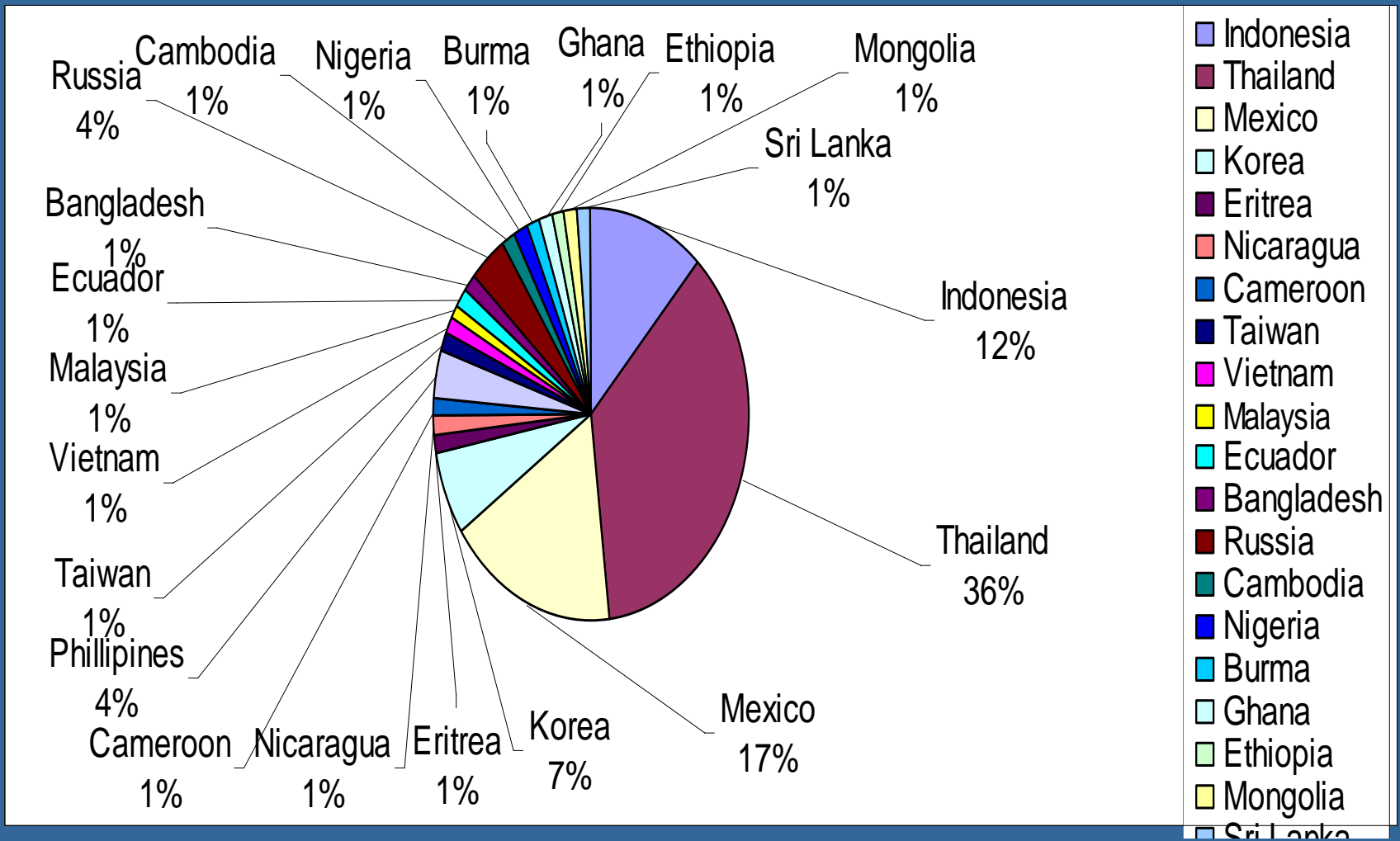
Client Demographics

Type of Trafficking (n = 75)



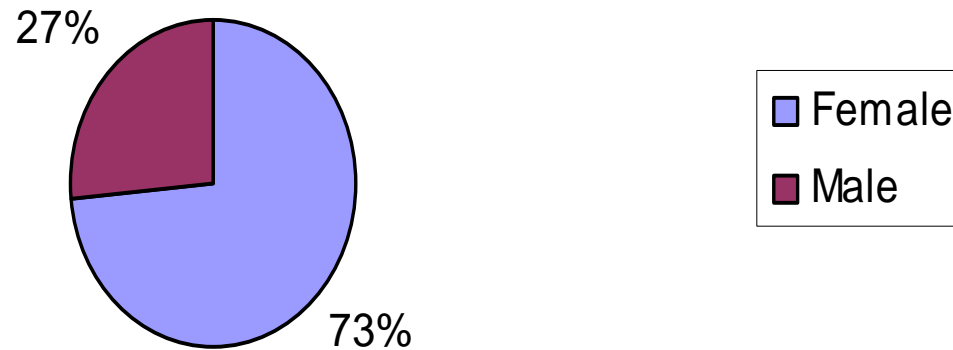
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Country of Origin (n=75)

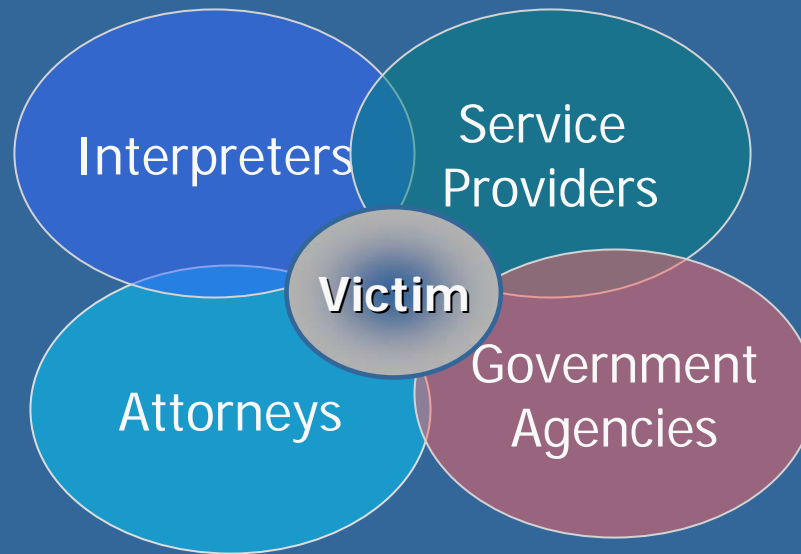


Client Demographics

Gender (n=75)



Multidisciplinary Client-Centered Approach



Trafficking Survivor's Needs

- Trafficked and enslaved persons have suffered from serious physical, psychological and possibly sexual abuse.
- An extensive network of culturally and linguistically appropriate service providers is required to meet their urgent and acute needs.
- Interpretation
- Housing (ER, short and long term)
- Food & Clothing
- Medical care (ER, long term, preventive)
- Mental health care
- Legal services
- Independent living skills
- Safety planning

Service Network for the Trafficked/Enslaved Person

- Ethnic community orgs
- Shelter staff
- Interpreters
- Doctors
- Medical specialists
- Dentists/Ophthalmologists
- Mental health counselors
- Psychiatrists
- Immigration attorneys
- Civil attorneys
- Consulate/embassy of victim's country of origin
- Refugee providers
- Housing managers
- Employers
- Teachers/educators
- Dept of Health/Human Services
- Welfare office
- Repatriation Service (Int'l Organization for Migration)
- NGO in person's country of origin
- Social supports
- Good Samaritans
- Families in country of origin
- Places of worship

Client-Centered Approach

GOAL: To help clients become self-sufficient

- Work with strengths to seek solutions to problems
- Protect right to self-determination
- Do not judge or impose our values
- Monitor and coordinate comprehensive care
- Provide support and life skills education
- Address societal and institutional challenges that hinder progress

Addressing Housing Issues

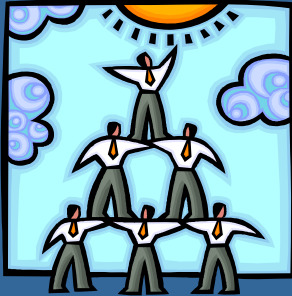
What Exists:

- Emergency shelters (45 days)
- Transitional shelters (3 months to 24 months)
- Homeless shelters
- Domestic violence shelters
- Hotel/Motel vouchers
- Good Samaritan

What Is Needed:

- Long-term
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate
- Safe and secure
- Comprehensive program

CAST Shelter for Women



GOALS

- To provide physically and psychologically safe housing for female survivors of trafficking so they may be able to establish independence and self-sufficiency and expand their own supportive networks.
- To provide a space for survivors of trafficking to increase their education and skills, to develop tools for self-care, and to build community with other survivors.



MODEL: Shelter Program as a part of the Social Services Program

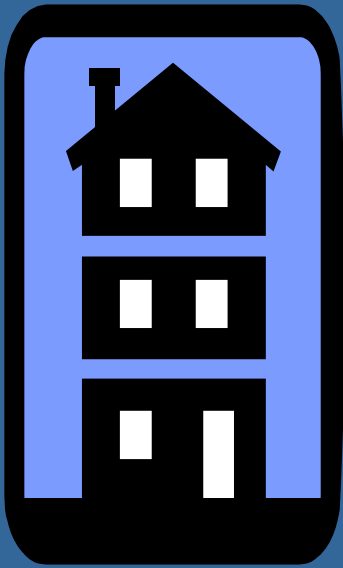


- Main component of CAST's multi-tiered housing delivery system (apartments, motels, subcontracted partners)
- Emergency and transitional housing
- Designed for the unique experiences and needs of trafficked persons
- Multi-cultural, multi-lingual staff with expertise in working with survivors of trafficking
- Extension of case management services
- Community center for all clients, both women and men, to enjoy educational and therapeutic activities

Shelter Programs

Specialized services for resident and non-resident clients

- Case management for trafficking survivors
 - Intensive case management, information and assistance
 - Legal clinic - criminal, immigration, civil and labor rights education
- Mental health services
 - Counseling, art therapy, peer support, stress reduction
 - Non-western approaches- yoga, folkdance
- Education and Life Skills
 - Computer literacy
 - Sewing, knitting, cooking
 - Financial management skills and small business development
 - Rest and recreation activities including a community garden
 - Assertiveness training/exploitation prevention



Role of NGOs in Policy Advocacy



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El Monte SweatShop Workers, 1999

- Informing policy with Survivors experiences and voices
- Representing an underserved and “invisible” population
- Ensuring client centered laws to assist and protect Survivors’ unique needs
- Pushing the envelope- policies on funding, research, etc.
- Creating a network of support for survivors

“I feel that I have been reincarnated... I have gained my freedom.”

CAST client

Anti-trafficking Policy Initiatives

- Taskforces and International delegations
- DC Action Group- TVPRA Amendments
- SB 1569
- AB 22
- Pending AB 1278 “Stop Human Trafficking”
 - Acts as amend. to AB 22
 - Strengthens existing law, increases penalties
- AG Taskforce-Full report with recommendations will be provided in September to Leg and Gov.
 - Funding for Shelters and Services
 - Certified Training Curriculum for Case Managers
 - Mandatory Training for Law Enforcement

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