Sex Trafficking

COERCION and THREATS
Threatens to harm victim or family ● Threatens to expose or shame victim ● Threatens to report to police or immigration

INTIMIDATION
Harms other victims, children or pets ● Displays or uses weapons ● Destroys property ● Lies about police involvement in trafficking situation

ECONOMIC ABUSE
Creates debt that can never be repaid ● Takes money earned ● Prohibits access to finances ● Limits resources to a small allowance

EMOTIONAL ABUSE
Humiliates in front of others ● Calls names ● Plays mind games ● Makes victim feel guilt/blame for situation ● Convinces victim they’re the only one that cares about them

USING PRIVILEGE
Treats victim like a servant ● Uses gender, age or nationality to suggest superiority ● Uses certain victims to control others ● Hides or destroys important documents

ISOLATION
Keeps confined ● Accompanies to public places ● Creates distrust of police/others ● Moves victims to different locations ● Doesn’t allow victim to learn English or to go to school ● Denies access to children, family and friends

PHYSICAL ABUSE
Shoves, slaps, hits, punches, kicks, strangles ● Burns, brands, tattoos ● Denies food/water ● Exposes to harmful chemicals ● Forces pregnancy termination ● Induces drug addiction as means of control

DENYING, BLAMING, MINIMIZING,
Makes light of abuse or exploitation ● Denies that anything illegal or exploitative is occurring ● Places blame on the victim for the trafficking situation

SEXUAL ABUSE
Uses sexual assault as punishment or means of control ● Forces victim to have sex multiple times a day with strangers ● Treats victim as an object for monetary gain ● Normalizes sexual violence and selling sex

POWER & CONTROL

This wheel was adapted from the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project’s Duluth Model Power and Control Wheel, available at www.theduluthmodel.org

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