



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Recognize, Rethink, Respond

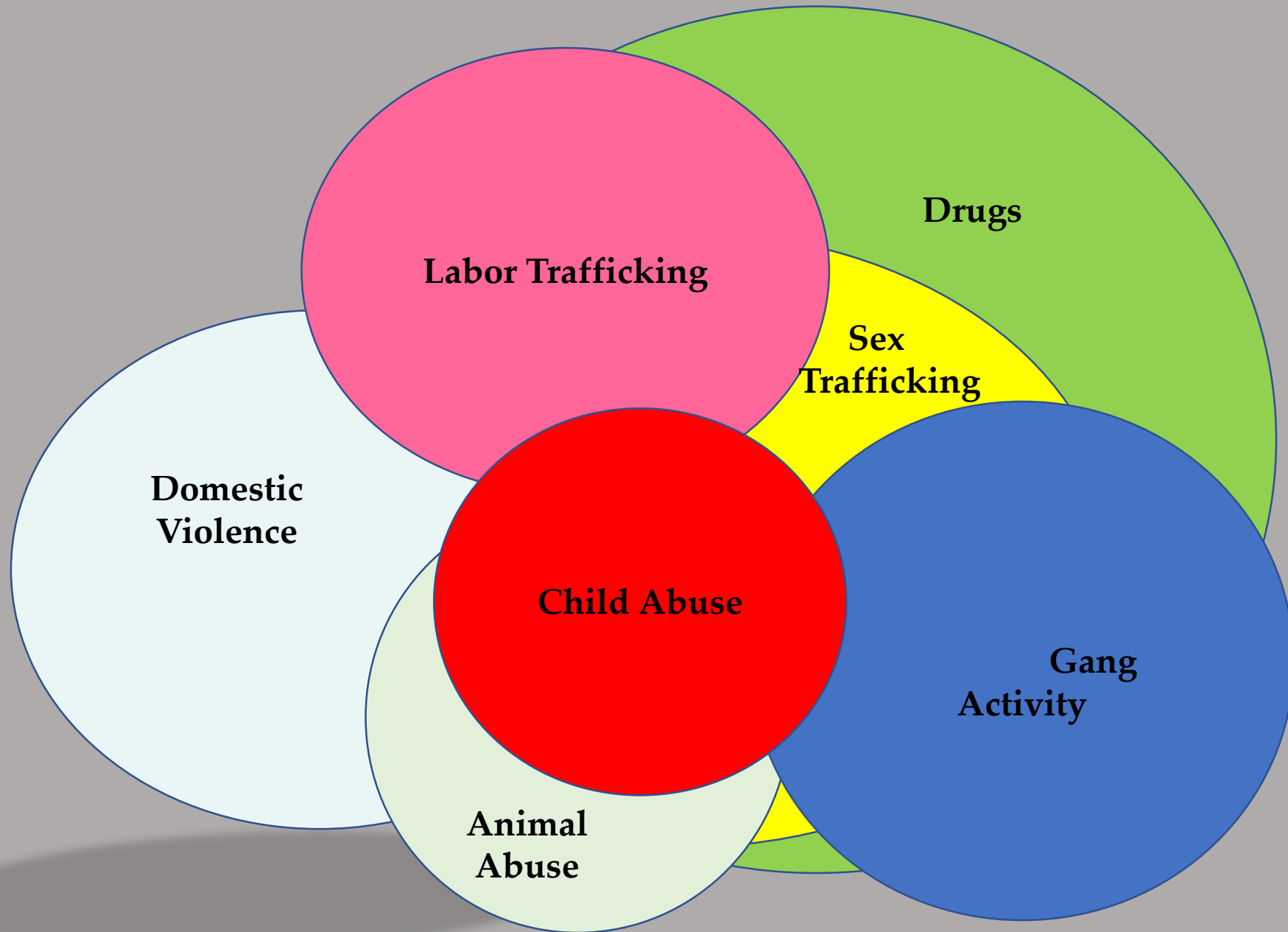
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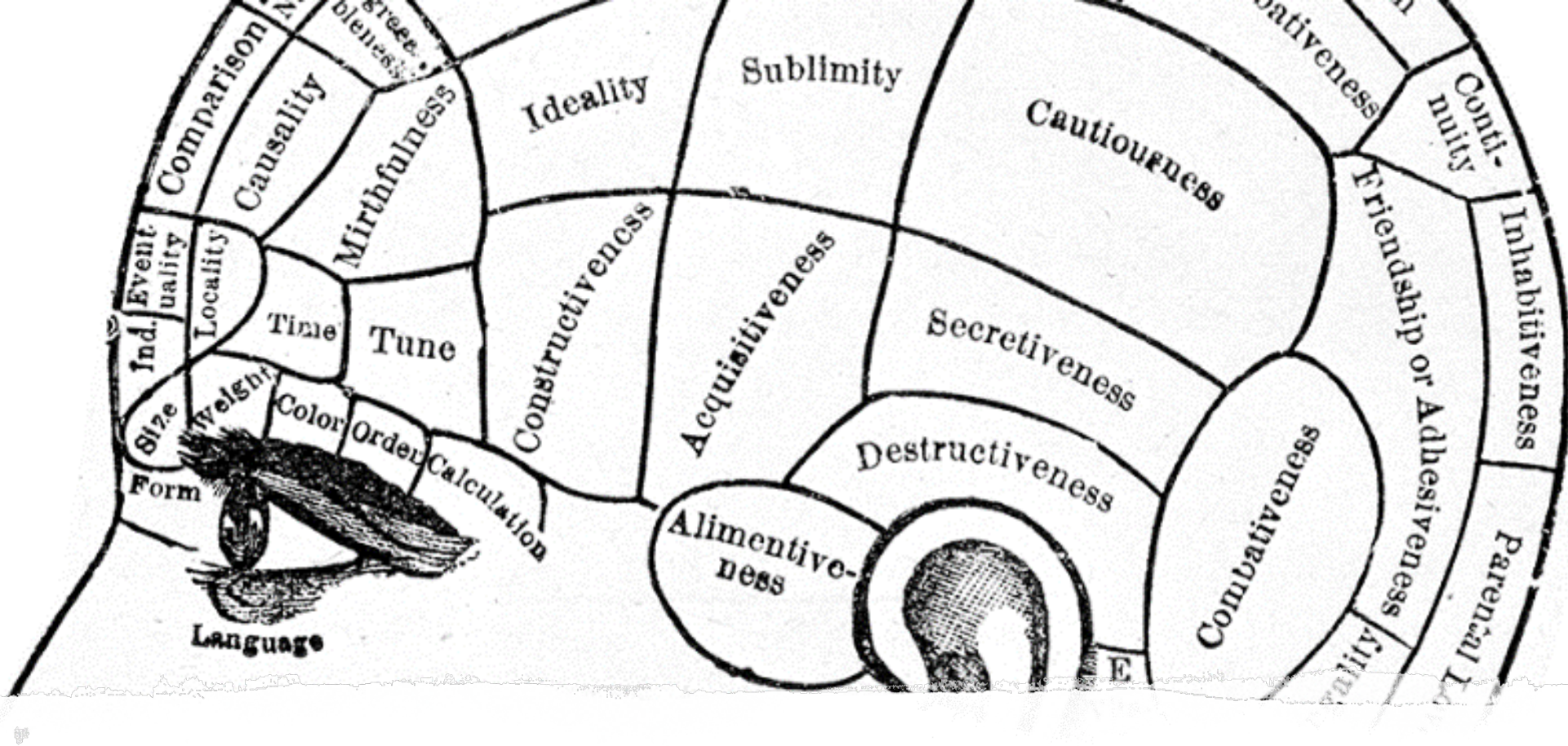
**Interacting with Victims  
of Human Trafficking**

# Victim Behavior

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- Hyper vigilance
- Hyper startle response
- Panic attacks
- Paranoia





# Victim Behavior

Head trauma- slow processing, slurred speech, memory issues, etc.



# Victim Behavior

Mental Health Issues



# Victim Behavior

- Fatigue
- Depression
- Fatalistic ideology
- Suicidal



# Interacting w/ Victims of Human Trafficking

Body language

Tone of voice

Respectful

Privacy- Split everyone up

Reassurance







## Neurobiology and Trauma

- Remembers what was important to them at the time
- Time line confusion
- Disassociation
- Leaving things out vs Lying

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## Needs

Hunger & thirst

Cold

Medical

Security





- Cultural considerations
- The question “why?” ...
- Body language
- Number of interviewers
- Privacy

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# Interacting w/ Victims of Human Trafficking

Victim concerns:

- Legal punishment
- Safety
- Other victims
- What are the next steps?
- Family reunification
- Cultural concerns





## Police Reports & Corroboration

*Language in reports-* Made love, sex,  
intercourse, performed sex acts

or

Forced to perform sex acts, forced sex, raped,  
sexually abused, sexually intimidated





# Police Reports & Corroboration

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Victim's own language





Police Reports &  
Corroboration

*Detail from victim statements-*  
Blue blanket, rickety fan, pink  
pajamas



**Photos of scene-** Support victim statements- blue blanket, rickety fan, pink pajamas, etc.

## Police Reports & Corroboration

# Response





National  
Human  
Trafficking  
Hotline

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**National Human  
Trafficking  
Resource Center**

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**1.888.3737.888**

Areas of  
Transit

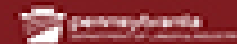


**The National Human Trafficking  
Resource Center Hotline  
1-888-373-7888**

**Victims of human trafficking are  
protected under United States  
and Pennsylvania Law.**

**Centro Nacional De Recursos  
Para la Trata de Personas  
1-888-373-7888**

**Victimas de la trata de personas  
son protegidas bajo la Ley  
de los Estados Unidos y Pennsylvania.**





# Finding Assistance

Rape Crisis Centers

Karen Gailbreath

PA Coalition Against Rape (PCAR)

800-692-7445 or 717-728-9740

DV Shelters

PA Coalition Against Domestic  
Violence

PCADV: 717-545-6400



# Make the Call



PA Criminal Intelligence Center  
(PaCIC)

888-292-1919

Runaway & Exploited Youth/  
Child Sexual Abuse Images



# Covenant House

**Opening Doors For Homeless &  
Trafficked Youth** –31 cities across 6  
countries.

Philadelphia & York, PA |

800-388-3888 | [info@covenanthouse.org](mailto:info@covenanthouse.org)





# **Beaver County Anti Human Trafficking Coalition**

Shelter & Support



**800-729-1607**

**<https://www.justiceatworklegalaids.org/>**

**Philadelphia, PA 19123**

**(p) 215-733-0878**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15206**

**(p) 412-636-2473**



# PIRC

Pennsylvania Immigration  
Resource Center

*Educating, advocating, ensuring access to justice.*

717-600-8099

U Visa, T Visa, Battered Spouse  
(I-751) Waiver Assistance

Interpreters

Counseling and shelter assistance The Immigrant Survivors Project (ISP) provides legal services to immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other violent crime. ISP staff strive to provide holistic legal services to immigrant survivors through an innovative model of service delivery by partnering with Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault agencies across Pennsylvania.





# PA Anti-Human Trafficking Coalitions

<http://www.bcatpa.org/pennsylvania-coalitions/>

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