Human Trafficking

Strategies for Reducing Individual Risk of Victimization

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Public Health & Trafficking Socio-ecological Model

Societal Risk Factors
- Lack of resources
- Lack of knowledge of labor and sex trafficking
- Health and economic disparities
- Demand for cheap goods

Community Risk Factors
- Lack of worker rights
- Social norms
- Community Violence
- Under-sourced schools, neighborhoods, and communities
- Humanitarian crises & Natural disasters

Individual Risk Factors
- Immigration status
- History of child abuse, neglect, or maltreatment
- Homeless or runaway
- LGBTQI
- History of being systems-involved (juvenile justice, criminal justice, foster care)
- Stigma and discrimination

Relationship Risk Factors
- Family conflict, disruption, or dysfunction
- Lack of supportive adult
- Peer pressure
- Social isolation
- Familial poverty

Prevention Deconstructed

Primary

Secondary

Tertiary
Intersectionality

- Elder abuse
- Child abuse
- Sexual assault
- Intimate partner violence
- Human trafficking
- Community violence
Labor Exploitation → Labor Trafficking