Findings

N = 179

**Sex Trafficked vs Non-Sex Trafficked Comparison**

8x more likely to report labor trafficking
Findings
N = 179

55

(30.7%) participants reported a labor trafficking experience

as indicated by an affirmative answer to the following questions
Findings
N = 179

Labor Trafficking Inclusion Criteria

1. Have you ever been tricked or forced into doing any kind of work that you did not want to do?

2. Have you ever been promised work where the work or payment ended up being different than what you expected?

3. Has someone you worked for ever controlled the money you earned, or kept the money you earned in exchange for money, drugs, food, place to stay, clothing or protection?
**Findings**

**Labor Trafficked Homeless Young Adults**

(n = 55)

Average age of 1st labor trafficking victimization:

17.3 years

25.5% reported being labor trafficked before age 18

(n = 14)
Findings
N = 179

Labor Trafficked Homeless Young Adults
(n = 55)

19 Female
(25.7% of total female sample)

31 Male
(34.1% of total male sample)

5 Other Gender
(38.5% of total male sample)
Labor Trafficked Homeless Young Adults (n = 55)

41.8%

identified as LGBTQ (n = 23)
44 (80%) reported forced labor.

35 (63.6%) reported fraud.

45 (81.8%) reported having ever had a labor trafficker.

1 (1.8%) reported currently being labor trafficked.
In which sectors did you experience labor trafficking?

- 27 (49.1%) reported labor exploitation in a number of sectors, including:
  - Drugs: 11 (20.0%)
  - Hotel: 10 (18.2%)
  - Petty Theft: 1 (1.8%)
  - Restaurant: 1 (1.8%)
  - Domestic Servitude: 7 (12.7%)
  - Agriculture: 5 (9.1%)
  - Child Care: 4 (7.3%)
  - Sexualized Labor (strip club): 3 (5.5%)
  - Selling Goods: 3 (5.5%)
  - Factory/Manufacturing: 3 (5.5%)
  - Assisted Living/Healthcare: 3 (5.5%)
  - Traveling Sales: 1 (1.8%)
  - Other: 2 (3.6%)

**Total:** 55
Labor Trafficked vs Non-Labor Trafficked Comparison

N = 179

- 2x more likely to have 4 or more ACEs
- 3x more likely to report a drug addiction
- 3x more likely to report an alcohol addiction
- 3x more likely to report self-harming behaviors
- 3x more likely to report a suicide attempt
**Findings**

**N = 179**

**Labor Trafficked vs Non-Labor Trafficked Comparison**

- 3x more likely to report a current mental health diagnosis
- 4x more likely to report experiencing chronic pain
- 4x more likely to report experiencing dating violence
- 4x more likely to report sexual abuse before age 18
- 3x more likely to report physical neglect before age 18
Labor Trafficked vs Non-Labor Trafficked Comparison

N = 179

3x more likely to report negative contact with law enforcement
3x more likely to report having worked in adult entertainment industry
3x more likely to report emotional childhood abuse
8x more likely to report experiencing sex trafficking
Important findings from this study include:

- This is an Arizona-wide issue
- Steady drug use/abuse across 5 years
- Profound mental health and medical challenges
- More than half of the sample had 4 or more ACEs
Important findings from this study include:

44.7% (n = 80) reported at least one form of human trafficking (either sex or labor).

20.7% (n = 37) reported experiencing both sex and labor trafficking exploitation.

A disproportionate number of trafficking victims identified as LGBTQ.
Important findings from this study include:

Those who are engaging in services with homeless serving providers are:

- Being connected to mental health supports
- Gaining access to health insurance and medical care
- Over one quarter of the sample were placed in transitional housing.
Recommendations

- Further research on the unique vulnerability of homeless young adults who identify as LGBTQ to human trafficking victimization.

- Continued education and awareness opportunities for this population about risks/warning signs of trafficking.

- Seek funding opportunities to provide targeted, trauma-informed services to homeless young adults who have experienced trafficking.
**Recommendations**

- Utilization of a screening tool for trafficking when engaging with homeless young adults.

- Continued community outreach to this population, targeting persons who are not currently engaged with social service providers.

- Continued identification of gaps in services: housing for male victims of trafficking, LGBTQ specific shelter services, trafficking-specific trauma-informed treatment, and increased awareness/education/training on labor trafficking in the community.
Thank you. Questions?

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