

Human Trafficking

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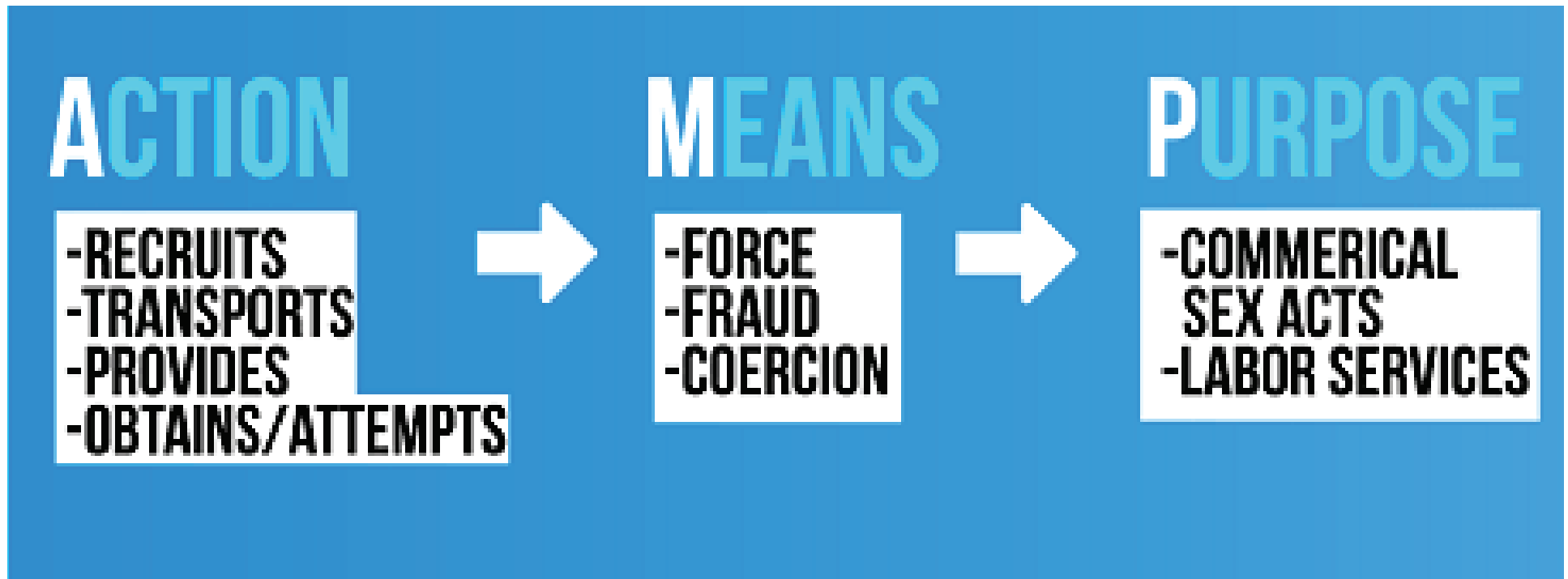


Human Trafficking is NOT...

- Usually a violent crime
- Limited to transporting a person across state or national borders
- Consensual
- Limited to situations where people are held against their will
- Perpetrated by strangers



Human Trafficking IS...



***ANY COMMERCIAL SEX
ACT INVOLVING A MINOR**



**Two actual
locations
where
children
were being
sex trafficked**



Who is at Risk?

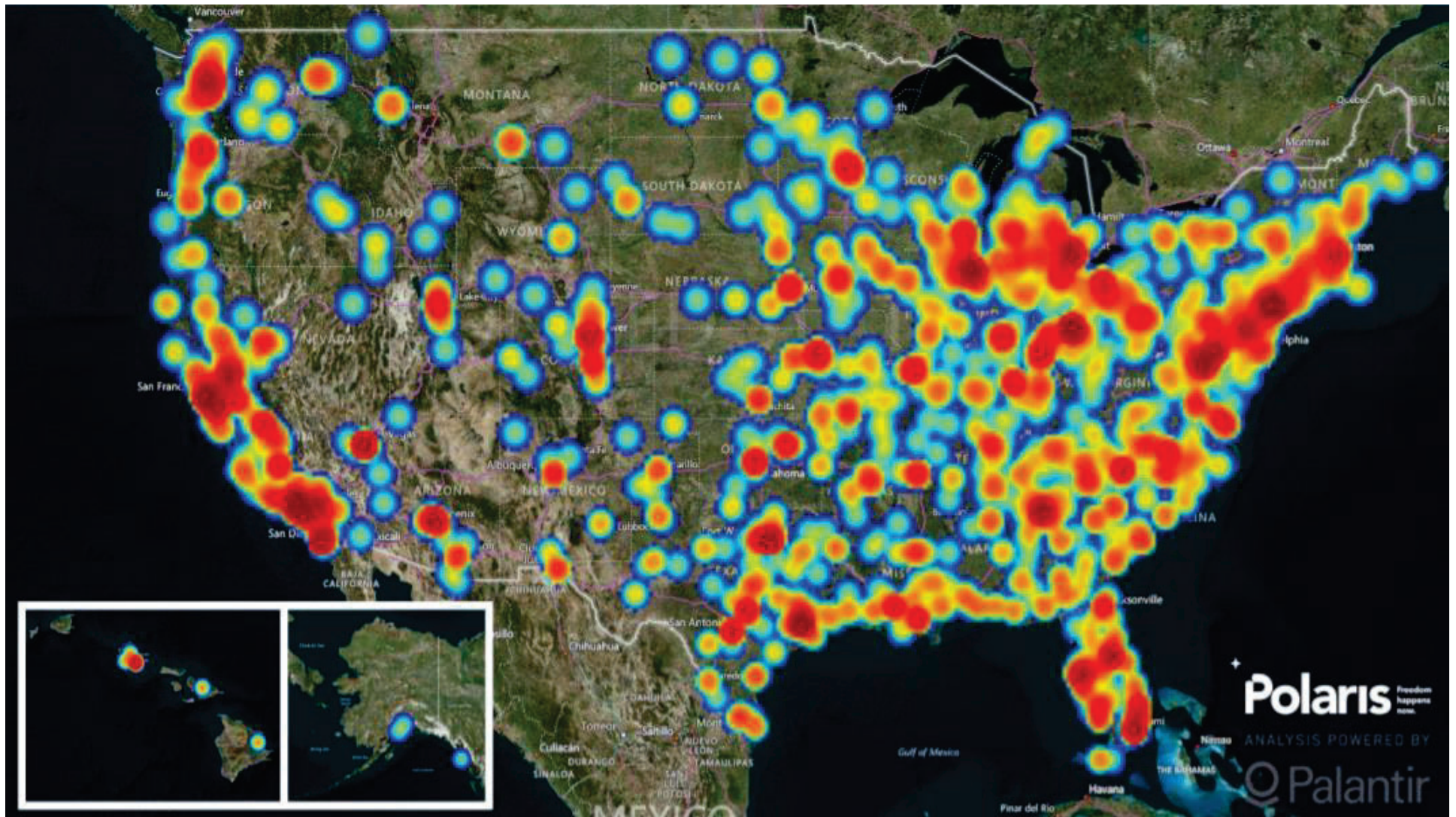
- Runaways (*1 in 6*)
- Poverty
- Feel Unsafe at Home
- Homeless
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Illness
- Learning Disabilities
- Physical Abuse
- Neglect
- Lack of Support System
- Child Welfare System (*~86%*)
- Sexual Abuse (*~80%*)

How it Happens...

- Social media & ads for auditions/jobs
- Grooming process
- Showering with gifts
- Using drugs to increase dependence
- Isolation from family, friends, & school
- Re-naming or branding
- Stripping away self-esteem and taking total control



Locations of Potential Human Trafficking Cases in the U.S.



Why Here?

- Major Interstates
- International Airport
- Sporting Events & Conventions
- Growing Metropolitan Area

***NC had the 8th highest call volume to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2017**

What Survivors Need



Community Partnerships

- Local Law Enforcement
- SBI & FBI
- Mental Health Providers
- Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center
- The Lighthouse Children's Advocacy Center
- Family Justice Center



Next Steps

- Collaborative Referral & Response
- Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Professional Training
- Community Awareness
- Youth Programs



Questions?

