



Strategic Opioid Advanced Response Team
PREVENTION • TREATMENT • RECOVERY - Onslow County

Vision:

A community united in opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery.

October 15, 2020

Agenda



Overdose Data



PSA Campaign



Speaker

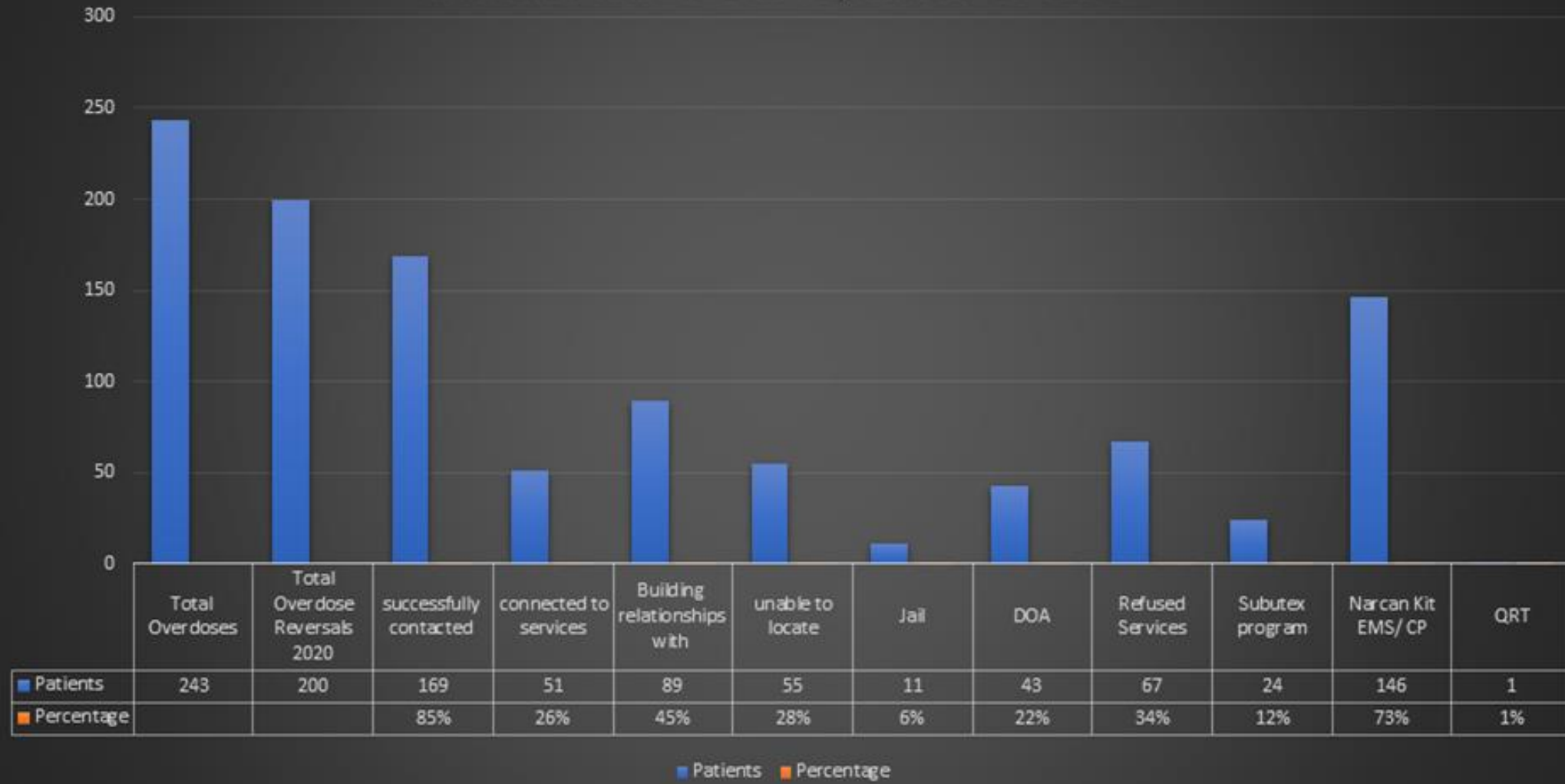


Agency Updates

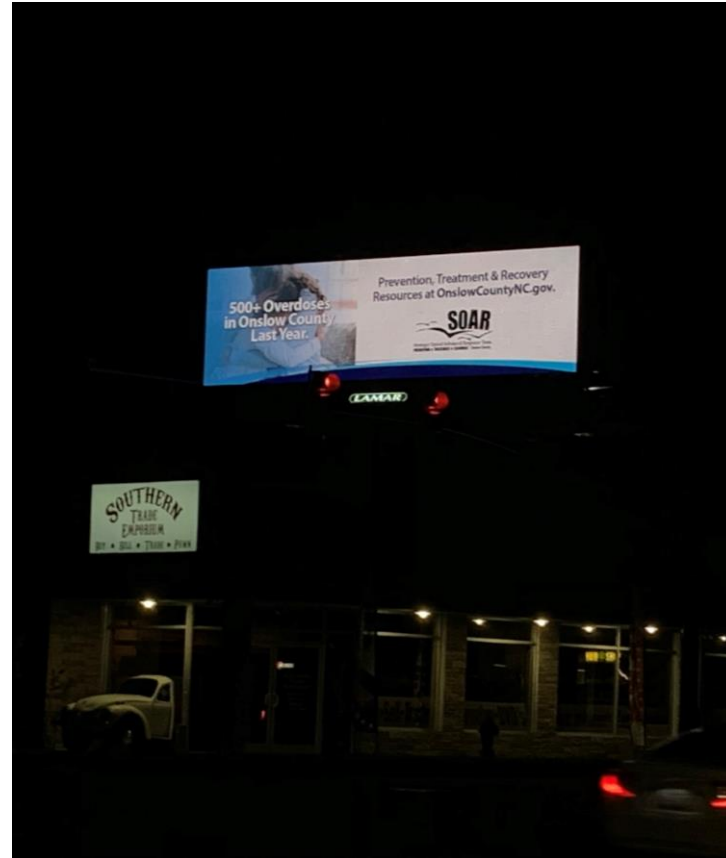
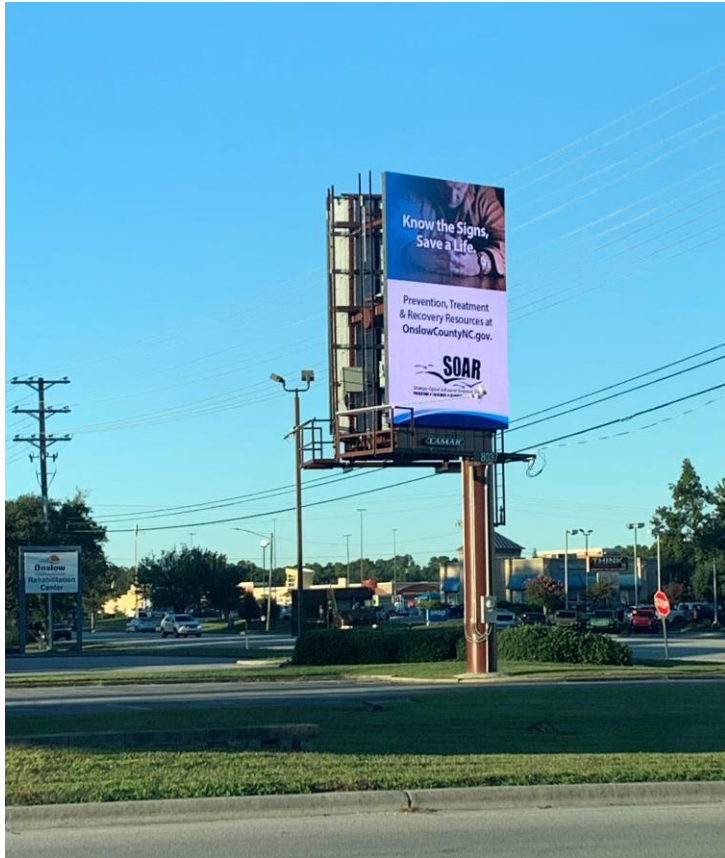
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Source: Onslow County Community Paramedics

JANUARY 1st 2020 to September 30 2020



PSA Campaign



Final Report- virtual ads

- Duration: May-August
- Impressions: 415K
- Clicks: 5,416

Digital Billboards

- 11 locations



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ADDICTION



GOALS



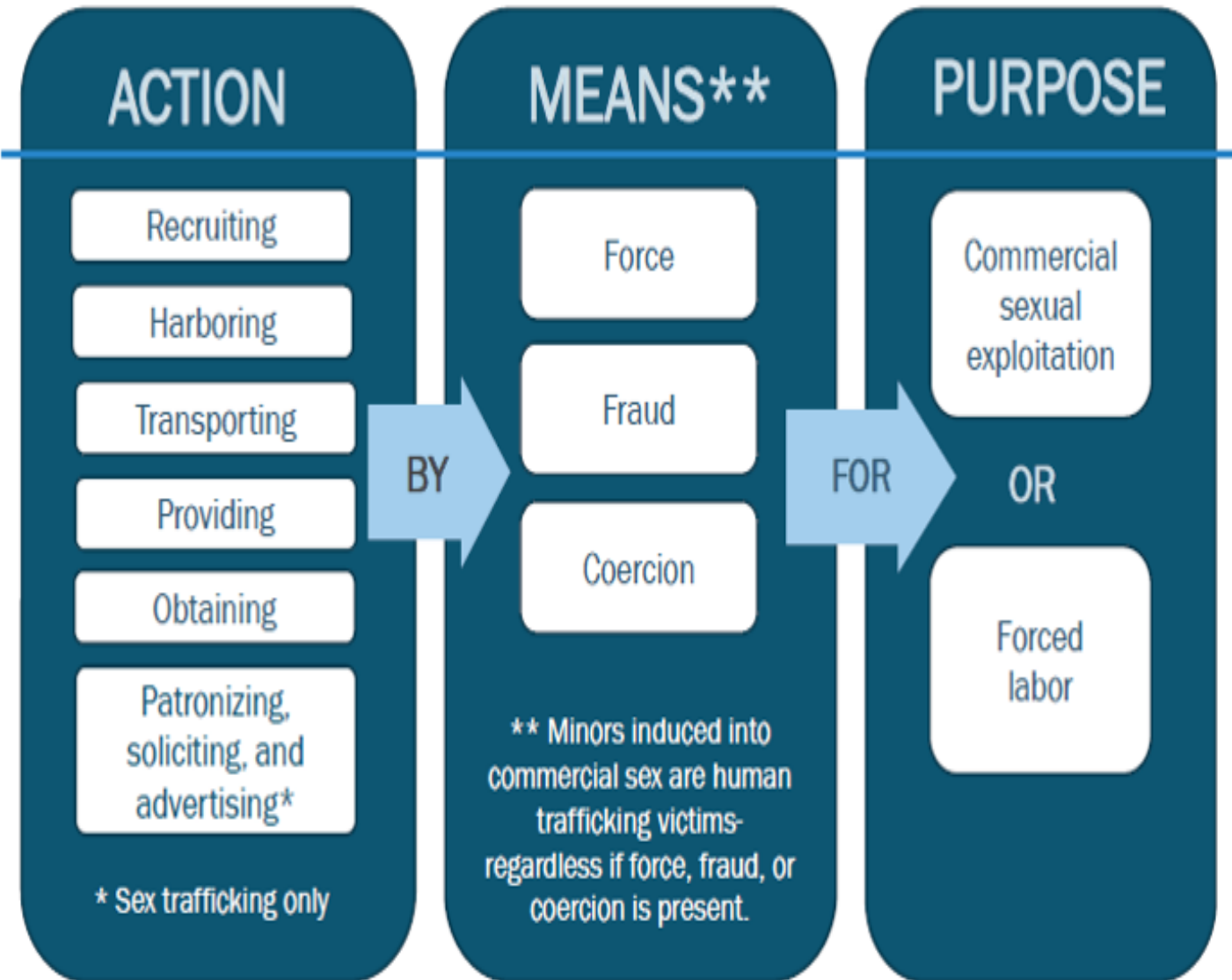
To understand what human trafficking is



To understand the connection between the Opioid Crisis and human trafficking



WHAT IS HT?





Staggering Figures:

- 40 Million
- 150 Billion
- 300,000
- Fastest Growing
- Second Only to Drugs

North Carolina is ranked #10 in the nation for reported cases of human trafficking!

NORTH CAROLINA....WHY?

- Interstate 95 and Interstate 40
- Agriculture – Migrant Workers
- Vacation Destinations – Coastal Communities
- Military Bases



EXPLOITED BY TRAFFICKERS

- **Recruitment through substance use:** Traffickers may target individuals with existing substance abuse issues to recruit into a trafficking situation.
- **Control through substance addiction:** Traffickers may also use substance addiction to keep victims in a trafficking situation. It can be framed as a reward or punishment, or as a way to decrease the victim's ability to resist trafficking and abuse.
- **Substance abuse as a coping mechanism:** Some victims of human trafficking may abuse substances as a response to the trauma of their trafficking victimization.



- Illegal drugs are an ideal component to a human trafficking operation.
- Traffickers often target people with substance abuse disorders and use the promise of drugs to keep victims under control.
- Traffickers may stake out methadone clinics to look for potential victims.
- Often victims are “sold” into trafficking by addicted family members.
- Once someone becomes trapped into trafficking, staying high helps them escape the trauma and reality of the situation.
- Sadly, this person then becomes more dependent upon their trafficker for the drugs.

Case Study: Convicted Trafficker Uses Drug Addiction as Form of Coercion

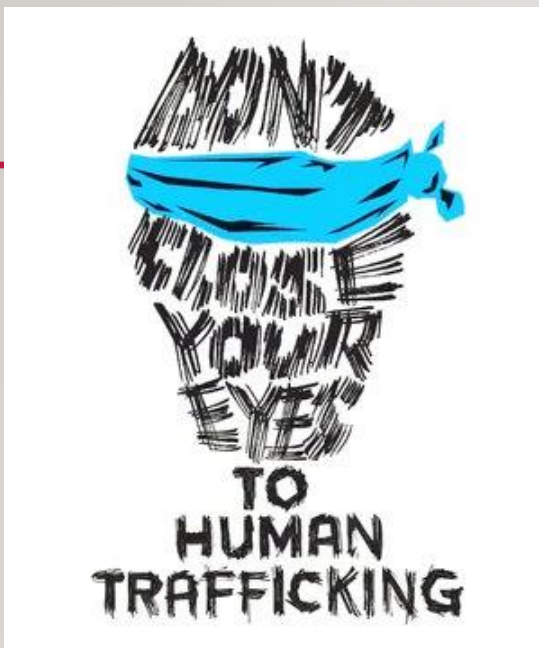
In 2013, a federal grand jury charged Andrew Fields with engaging in a sex trafficking scheme whereby he controlled his victims by supplying them with highly addictive controlled substances and by using their fear of withdrawal symptoms to force them into prostitution for his profit. Fields recruited vulnerable young women who were engaging in prostitution or performing at strip clubs and then rapidly escalated their drug use into addiction. Convicted on multiple counts of sex trafficking, he is currently serving a 33-year sentence.

Jacksonville Daily News Posted Feb 25, 2019 at 3:52

- Jesse Gabriel Marks, 35, of Richlands Avenue in Jacksonville, was charged Feb. 22 by the Jacksonville Police Department with four counts of felony trafficking opium or heroin, felony possession of a schedule II controlled substance, felony possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver marijuana, felony possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver heroin and felony possession of heroin.
- Marks is accused of possessing 6.2 grams of marijuana, 10 dosage units of heroin, an unspecified amount of hydrocodone and an unspecified amount of oxycodone, according to warrants.
- Bond was set at \$410,000.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT HELP FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- A person who has been under the control of others may live in fear of both freedom and withdrawal from drugs. It is not uncommon to face feelings of depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of the forced activities and dependence on substances.
- Resources and treatment are difficult for survivors due to addiction disorders.
- **Average life span of a HT victim is reported to be 7 years (found dead from attack, abuse, HIV and other STD's, malnutrition, overdose or suicide)**



**SUSPECT SOMEONE IS
BEING TRAFFICKED?**

- National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline

1-888-373-7888

Text: BE FREE

- True Justice International

New Bern (252) 631-5111

Jacksonville (910) 939-5928

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Next Steps



MONTHLY DIGEST OF
RESOURCES



NEXT MEETING:
DECEMBER 17TH