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- Multiple cell phones and/or hotel cards
- Lack of disclosure, inconsistent or changing stories, appears coached
- No identification, or ID held by other
- Distrust in service providers
- Intimate relationships with older men or adults
- Recurrent STIs or multiple pregnancies
- Evidence of physical and/or sexual abuse
- Substance use

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Sex Trafficking: Promising Practices

- Attend to basic needs (i.e. provide water, food, clothing, etc.)
- Treat individual as victim and with respect
- Do not assume gender, ask and honor gender identity
- Remain empathetic and non-judgmental
- Explain your role and provide transparency where possible
- Be aware of power dynamics
- Do not ask for more information than needed
- Listen actively
- Contact a confidential advocate or other victim service provider, such as:

Call to Safety 24/7 Crisis Line: **503-235-5333**



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