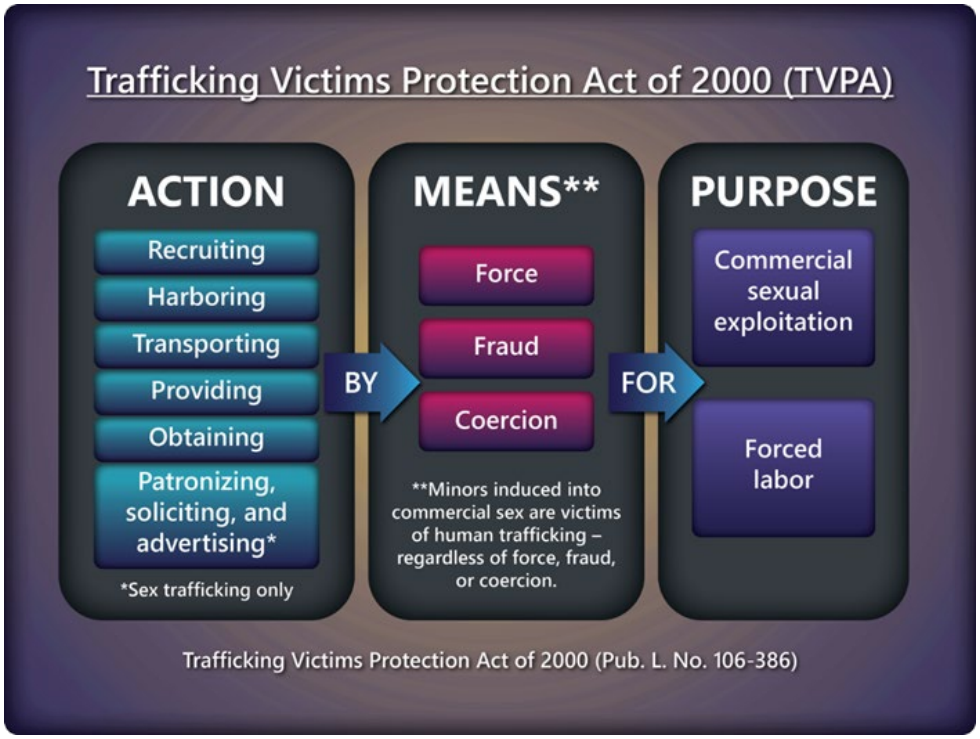
Definition of Human Trafficking from TVPA

Trafficking in persons, also called human trafficking, is a crime and a human rights abuse.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 defined "severe forms of trafficking in persons" in 22 U.S.C. 7102 (11) as:

1. Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which a person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; OR

2. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, using force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery

    - Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act. -22 U.S.C. 7102 (12)
    - The term "commercial sex act" means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person. - 22 U.S.C. 7102 (3)
    - Labor trafficking includes involuntary servitude; peonage; debt bondage; and slavery.