

RE: Release of tender age Unaccompanied Children by DHS and HHS to Criminals

This is part 2 of my response and will not be as eloquent. I, as a Whistleblower and senior employee with one of below mentioned agencies, came forward with **ONE** purpose in mind; to safeguard young children from criminals, including getting them out of the hands of known or suspected sex traffickers.

Some things to consider;

- Tens of thousands of these children are undocumented (and yes, “illegal”) under the age of 10 that are trafficked over here to be used as sex slaves, used as illegal workers, and/or to be the gateway for citizenship for those here present without admission (parents, relatives, etc.).
- No, these children are not at the right age to know what is happening to them; think about your 10, 8, 5, or even baby knowing what “illegal”, undocumented, or smuggling is.
- Yes, some of these children are paired with fraudulent documents to an adult posing as their parent/relative as they cross the border (Yes, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) knows this).
- Yes, there are documented cases that the children were trafficked into the United States and used;
 - Per Senate; for example, in July of 2015, federal agents arrested human smugglers in Ohio for trafficking at least a half dozen Guatemalan boys to work on an egg farm. Reports claim that these UACs were placed with the traffickers who posed as sponsors, were confined to dilapidated trailers with no beds, worked 12 hours a day, and were threatened with death if they sought help. Apparently, ORR has struggled to ensure that UACs are not placed with criminals since 2013, when it issued an alert warning of three ‘fraudulent sponsors’ with addresses in Colorado, Iowa, and Minnesota seeking to claim unrelated unaccompanied minors.”
 - Reference: <http://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/obama-administration-allegedly-releasing-unaccompanied-minors-criminals%E2%80%99-custody>
- Yes, it will take resources to return these children to a safe haven and out of the criminal’s hands. **DO IT!!**

HHS Response to my Follow-Up:

Yet again HHS blames the Whistleblower’s data, even to go so far as to put together fancy screenshots to show my data was not consistent (**hey HHS, guess what, this data came from YOU directly to ICE Homeland Security Investigations in Vermont, and you both worked together to identify the criminals!!!**).

My last email to OSC that was forwarded to HHS was the original data and original email (I finally figured out a way to compress the data in Excel, first few times I had a tough time getting the data to a manageable size so I had to just get the criminals to them, thinking they would actually take IMMEDIATE action to get the kids with the data they had; what was I thinking).

Read the May 6, 2016 letter from HHS Inspector General (IG) Daniel Levinson to OSC; it shows HHS does not care one bit about the children; only about discrediting me, the Whistleblower. The IG

further states it was not warranted for them to run background checks because their databases did not have the sponsors as criminals; um, Mr. Levinson, you (HHS) used DHS ICE HSI & ERO to run these checks last time and that's where all the data came from and ICE easily identified 3400 criminals (who know what that number is up to now!!)

Fancy screenshot below: Probably took HHS 5 hours to do; that could be 100 in-depth cross agency criminal history checks on sponsors.



What did I gain? I gave up any career aspirations and became physically ill thinking that we, **yes WE**, as a nation, continue to essentially traffic children for criminals; including documented sex violators.

Why blow the whistle? At this point, I'm not sure. To be scorned, to be ousted, to be investigated by my agency, to crash and burn a XX year career.....

The heads of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the head of Health and Human Services (HHS) are aware of what is going on and choose to **BLAME THE WHISTLEBLOWER**.

I blew the Whistle to the OSC; OSC contacted HHS, nothing happened to safeguard the children.

Check this out:

Per the HHS Office of on Trafficking in Persons website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/endtrafficking/resource/who-we-serve-victims-of-human-trafficking>

HHS is: to assist them as they rebuild their lives in the U.S., ORR provides resettlement benefits and services to victims of human trafficking who are not U.S. citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents and who have been issued a Certification Letter by ORR. Certified victims of trafficking are eligible for ORR benefits and services same as a refugee and for the same time period as a refugee. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) defines "Severe Forms of

Trafficking in Persons” as: Sex Trafficking: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act , in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person forced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years; or Labor Trafficking: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Guess what HHS & ICE, YOU ARE THE TRAFFICKERS! If you don't do the right checks (i.e. get with ICE, FBI, state and local) to vet these sponsors then you are trafficking them. This goes for ICE too...

Per ICE website; <https://www.ice.gov/human-trafficking> Human trafficking is one of the most heinous crimes that ICE investigates. In its worst manifestation, human trafficking is akin to modern-day slavery.... ICE is serious about ending human trafficking....ICE relies on tips from the public to dismantle these organizations. ICE encourages you to keep your eyes and ears open to suspicious activity. Trafficking victims are often hidden in plain sight, voiceless and scared.

As a parent, a taxpaying citizen of the United States, and a whistleblower, I am appalled at the inaction by ICE and HHS to save these THOUSANDS of children.

What happens next? Who is going to get these children away from danger?

We as a nation need to demand immediate action and hold the ICE & HHS officials accountable. We need to:

- 1: STOP agencies from going after Whistleblowers; I'm not the first they used all available agency resources to ATTEMPT to find disparaging information about and ruin careers. Just Google ICE Whistleblower special agent in Los Angeles 2016.
- 2: It's been almost a year since I came forward with this information; NO children have been removed from danger, **not a single one**. We need to demand immediate action to review ALL criminal histories for ALL sponsors; not simple queries. We need to obtain fingerprints (as is allegedly mandated by ORR but does not happen), we need to run checks from federal databases (NCIC, ICE, etc.) to state databases; we need to interview the sponsors, and WHATEVER else is necessary.
- 3: Remove the HHS and ICE leaders that target Whistleblowers and replace them with competent leaders willing to make decisions (i.e. get some operations plans together to get the children into safe hands!!!!). The men and women of these agencies want to do the right thing; it's not at the field to mid-levels, it's the GS15's and above.
- 4: Allow OSC to have real authority to hold these agencies accountable for their actions.