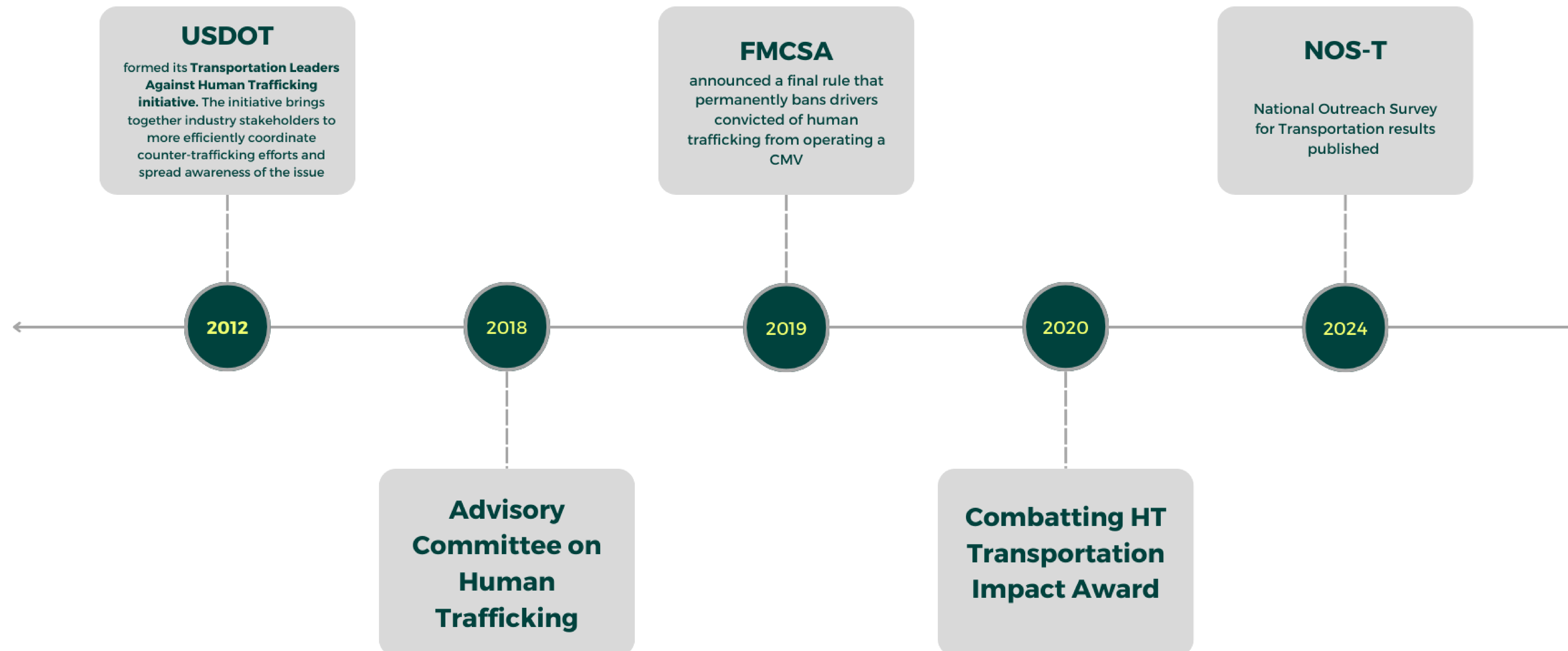




# Interrupting Human Trafficking: Strategic Transportation Policies

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# Federal Transportation Trends



**Would you like to receive human trafficking training in the following areas? Select all that apply.**



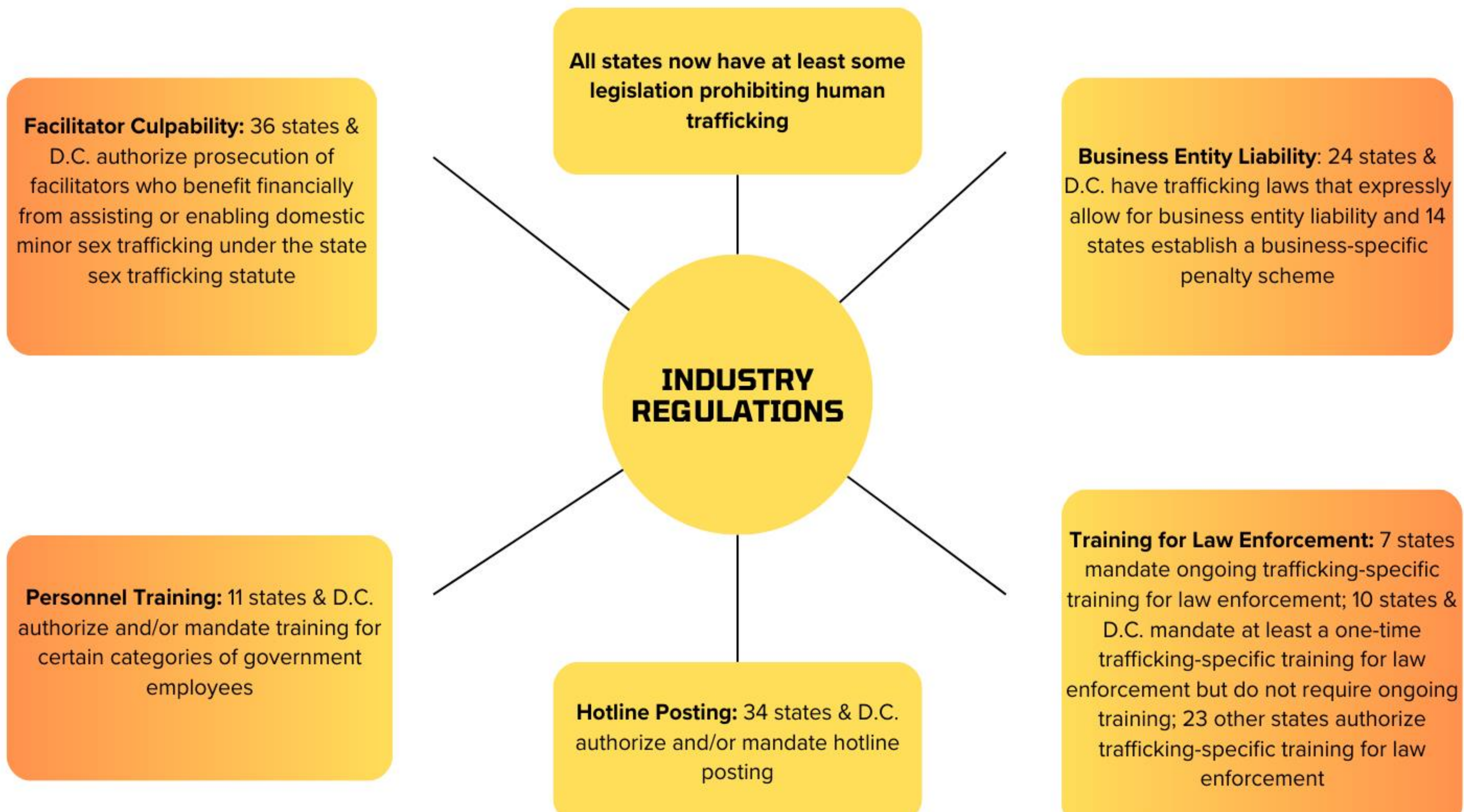
	Aviation	Roadway	Railway	Maritime	Transit	Law Enforcement	Service Provider	Academia	Other Support Industry
How to identify human trafficking victims	84%	85%	88%	94%	83%	88%	53%	89%	97%
Human trafficking indicators	80%	81%	90%	76%	75%	90%	47%	74%	94%
Human trafficking laws	55%	48%	82%	71%	54%	77%	71%	54%	50%
Indigenous and tribal issues in human trafficking	44%	40%	58%	41%	38%	52%	100%	37%	63%
Learn about labor trafficking	60%	61%	76%	76%	64%	72%	53%	51%	63%
Learn about sex trafficking	60%	61%	77%	71%	63%	73%	47%	54%	63%
Living and working conditions considered abusive	50%	54%	55%	59%	61%	52%	59%	54%	47%
Misconceptions of human trafficking	58%	63%	71%	65%	67%	66%	59%	51%	78%
Protocols on reporting alleged human trafficking	71%	69%	77%	88%	67%	73%	65%	71%	91%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>1650</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>185*</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>

QID\_162 by Group Total Respondents: 3137\*

Note: Statistics include responses from respondents in multi modes and may not represent any larger population segment. \*The total number of respondents equals 3137; however, 185 Amtrak PD respondents are listed under Railway and in Law Enforcement.

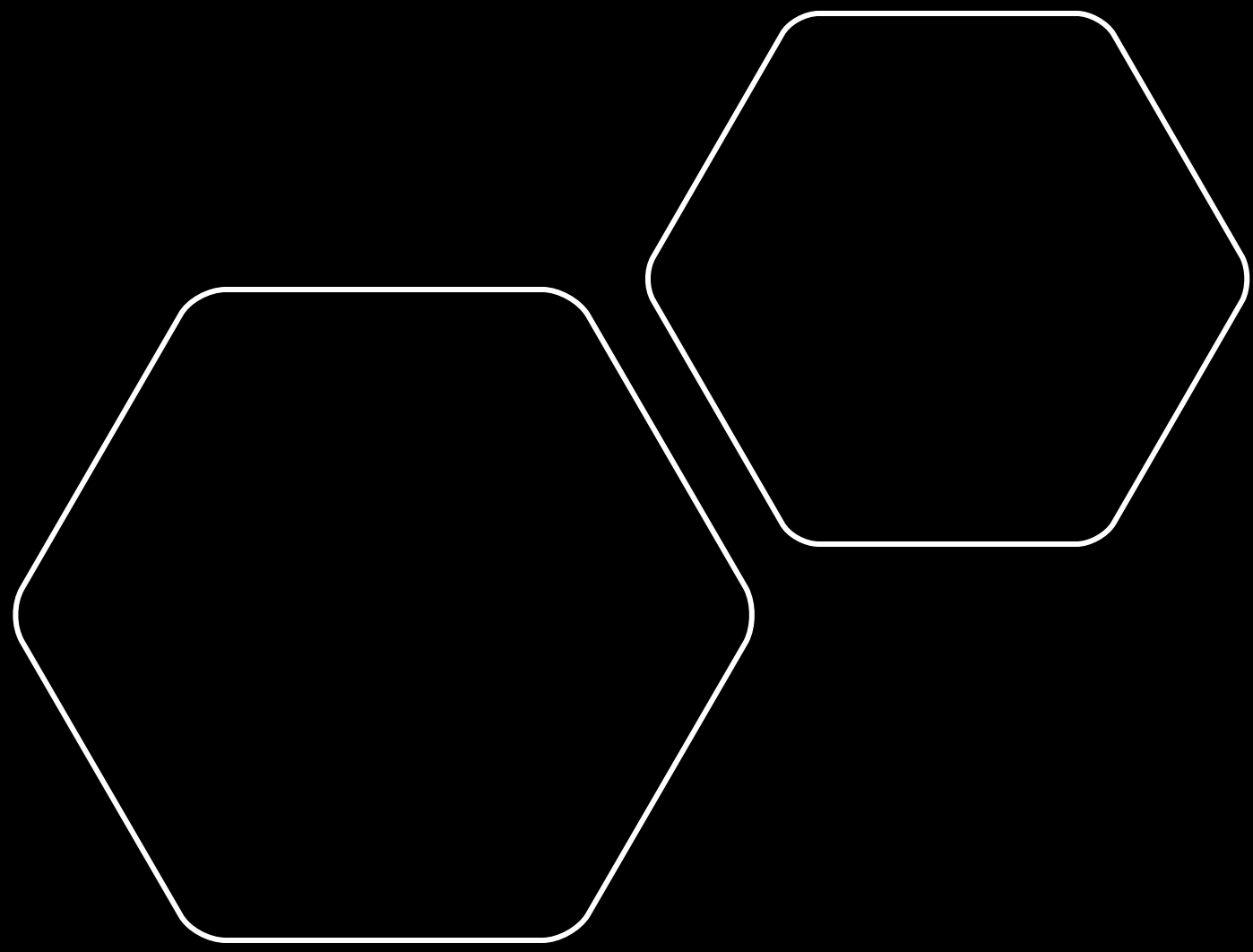
Source: United Against Slavery 2021 National Outreach Survey for Transportation (NOST)

# NATIONAL TRENDS: STATE LAWS

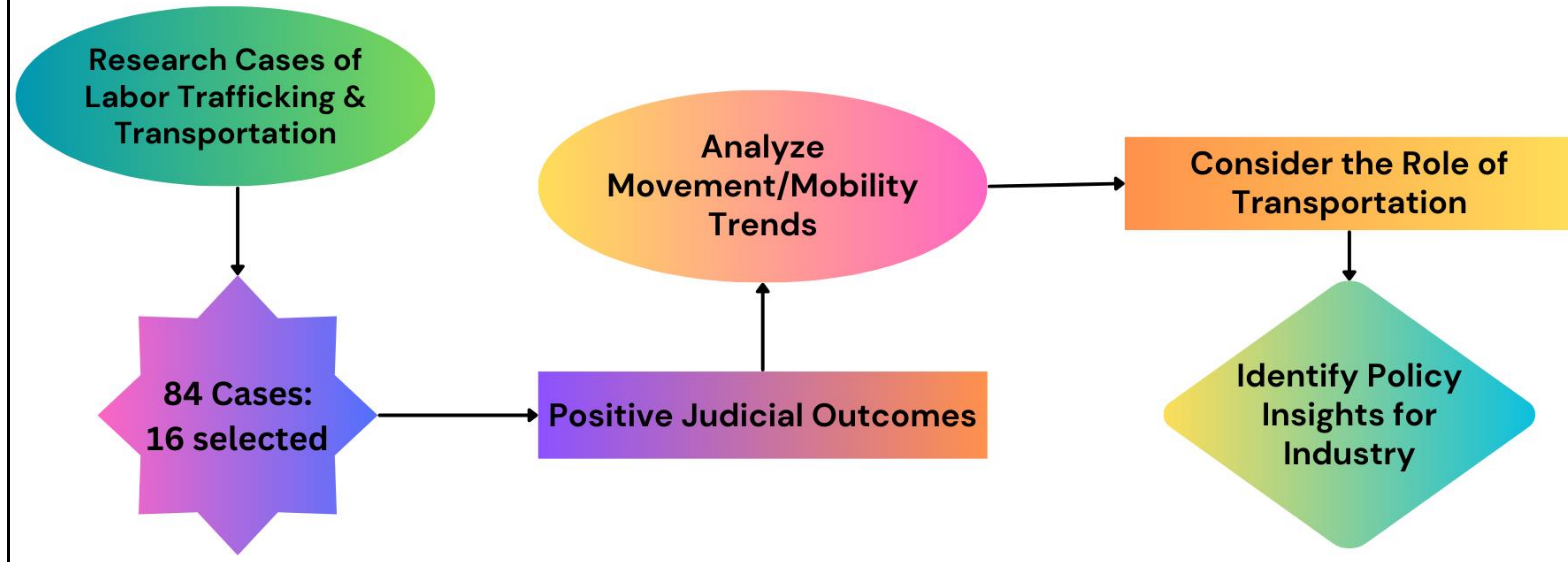


**Which transportation personnel offered to provide you help. Select all that apply.**

	Percentage	Total Respondents
Aviation	49%	18
Roadway	24%	9
Railway	8%	3
Transit	38%	14
Maritime	16%	6
Law Enforcement	30%	11
Convenience Store / Gas Station	19%	7



# A Legal Analysis of Trafficking Cases through a Transportation Lens



*Adhikari v. Daoud & Partners*, 697 F. Supp. 2d 674 (2009)

*Magnifico v. Villanueva*, 783 F. Supp. 2d 1217 (SD Fla. 2011)

*De Britto Bucco v. W. Iowa Tech Cmty. Coll.*, 555 F. Supp. 3d 628 (N.D. Iowa 2021)

*Mazengo v. Mzengi*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 99377 (Dist. Col. 2007)

*Ctr. for Investigative Reporting v. SEPTA*, 975 F.3d 300 (3rd Cir. 2020)

*Reyes-Trujillo v. Four Star Greenhouse, Inc.*, 513 F. Supp. 3d 761 (E.D. Mich. 2021)

*Hernandez v. Attisha*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20235 (S.D. Cal. 2010)

*Sahebodin v. Khelawan*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 172964 (E.D.N.Y. 2022)

*Barrett v. State*, 2023 Tex. App. LEXIS 2869 (Ct. App. Tex. 2023)

*Chaidez v. Hemphill*, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 198243 (E.D. Pa. 2019)

*People v. Efren Alvarez*, 2021 Cal. App. Unpub. LEXIS 2361 (Cal. Ct. App. 2021) (unpublished opinion)

*United States v. Zhong*, 26 F. 4th 536 (2nd Cir. 2022)

*Samuel v. Signal Int'l, L.L.C.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 25486 (E.D. Tex. 2015)

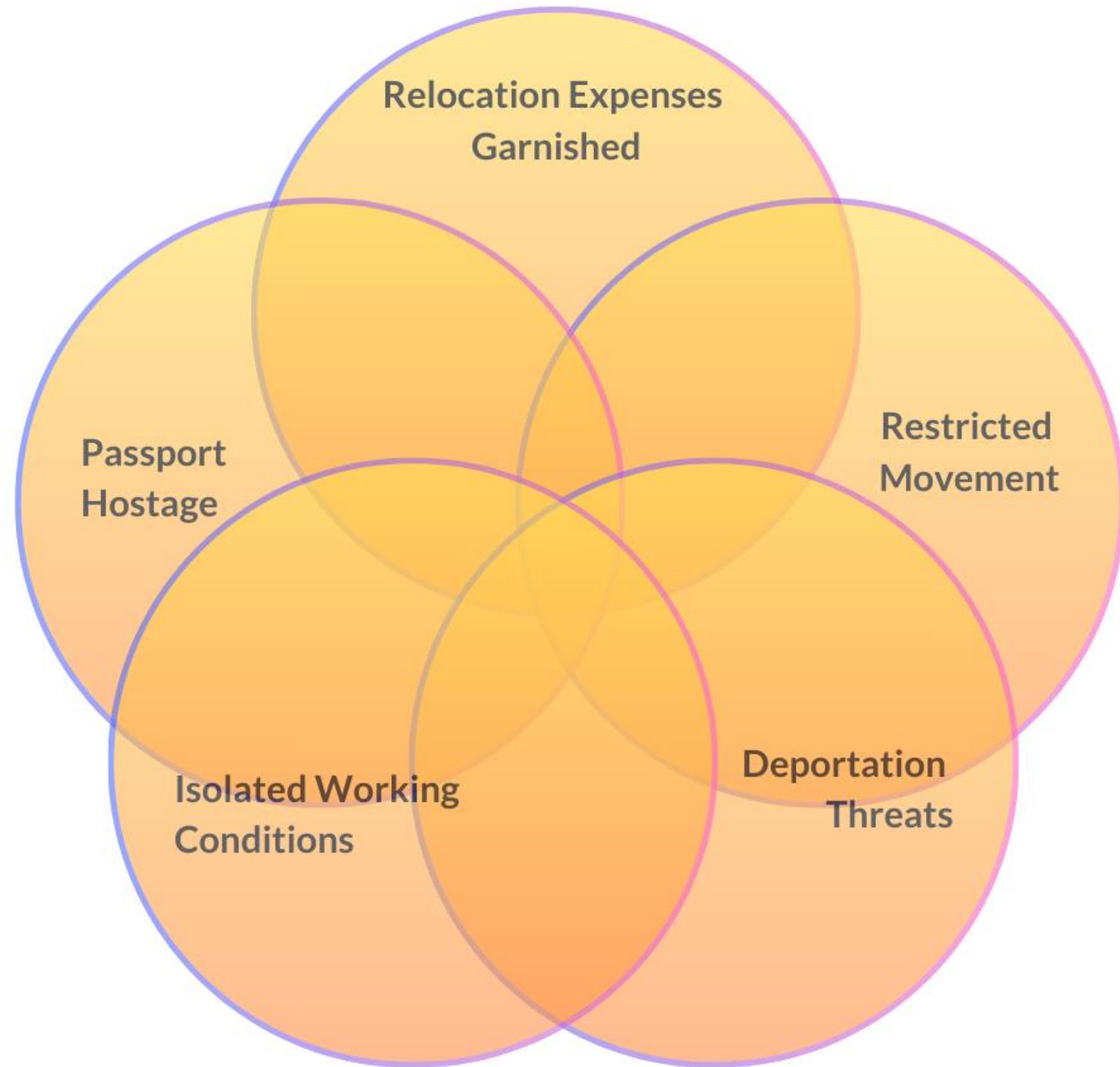
*De Leon-Granados v. Eller & Sons Trees, Inc.*, 581 F. Supp. 2d 1295 (N. D. Ga. 2008)

*Ruiz v. Fernandez*, 949 F. Supp. 2d 1055 (E.D. Wash. 2013)

*Baxla v. Chaudhri*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 177038 (E.D. Va. 2016)

# MOBILITY TRENDS IN TRAFFICKING CASES

Indications of illegal activity



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### Breaking a Cycle

*Sahebdin v. Khelawan*, trafficker was stopped by TSA for traveling with victim's passport. He was coerced into exculpating her. Years passed before he had another chance to escape forced servitude.



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### Risking Mobility

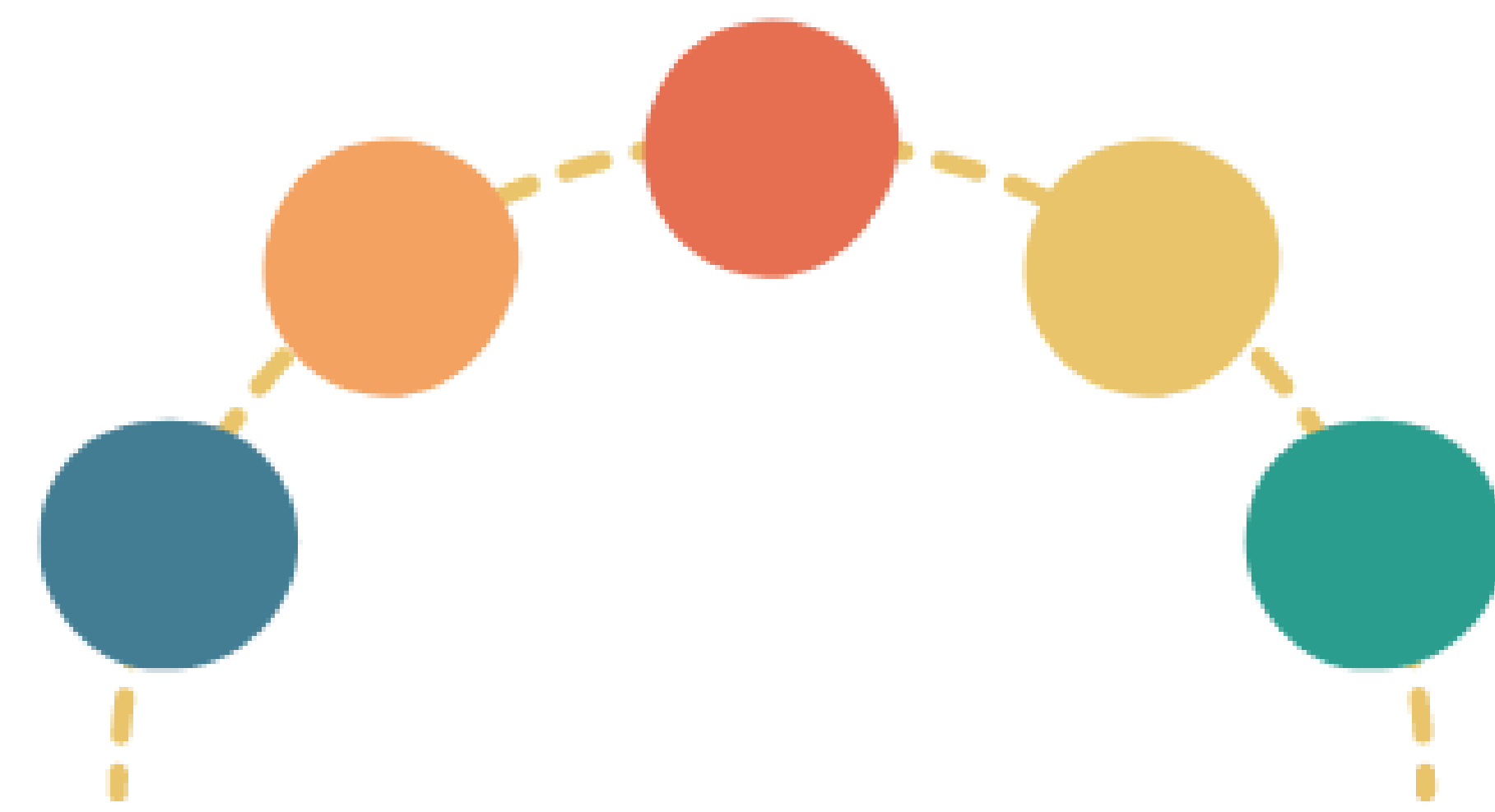
*Barrett v. State*, runaway child picked up by bartender leaving shift. She refused to return home and was turned over to detectives.



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### Understanding the Way Out

*Hernandez v. Attisha*, after years of captivity a victim finally escaped and sued her employer for unpaid wages. The court held no statute of limitations applied to her claims given her total isolation during exploitation.



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### Disrupting the Process

*Reyes-Trujillo*, a bus crash proved fatal for 6 H-2A visa workers . The USDOT fined the defendants \$22,000 in connection with the crash, and evidence of the defendants' activities captured through this interaction appeared later in a case brought by trafficking victims against the same defendants.

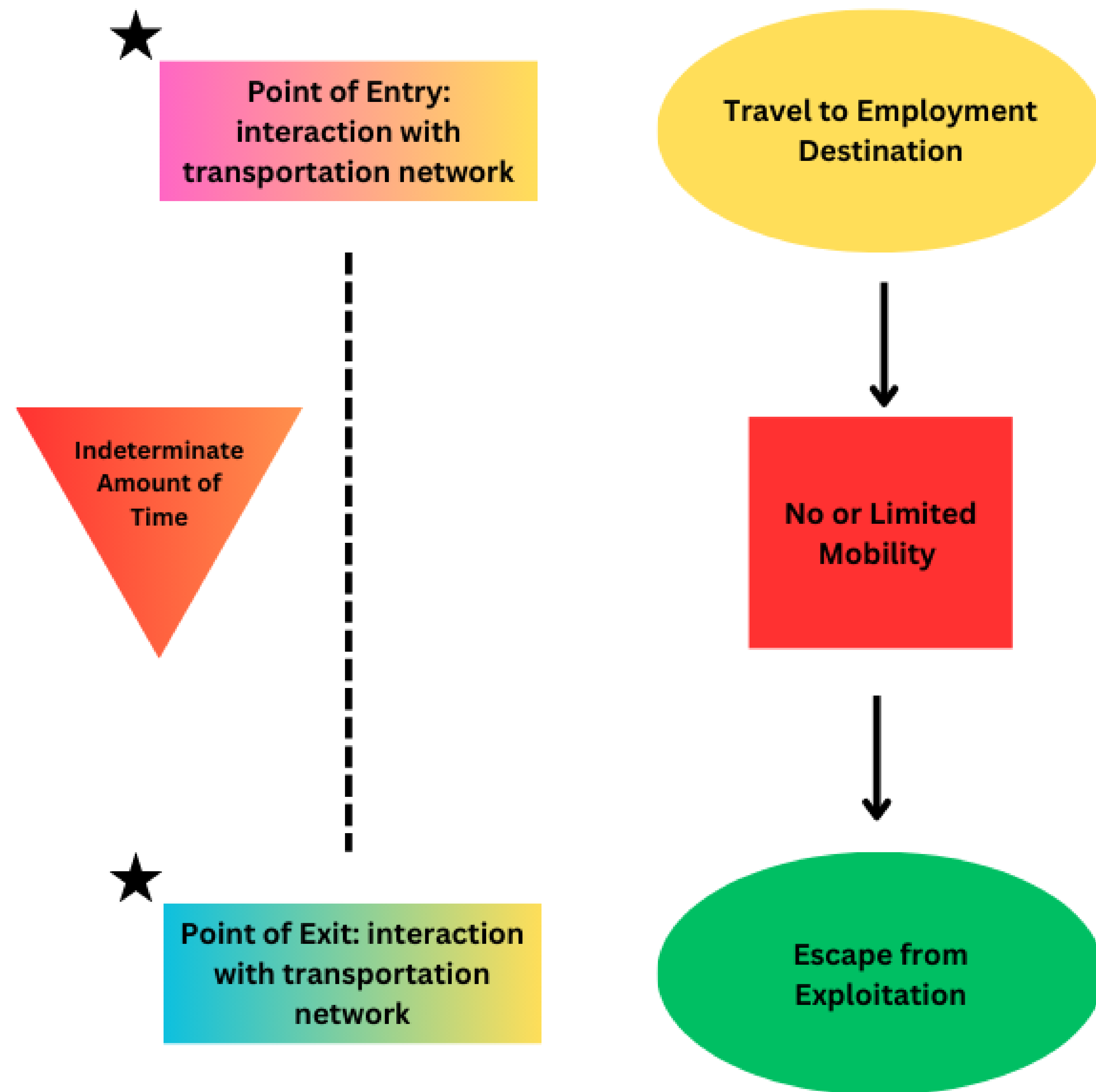


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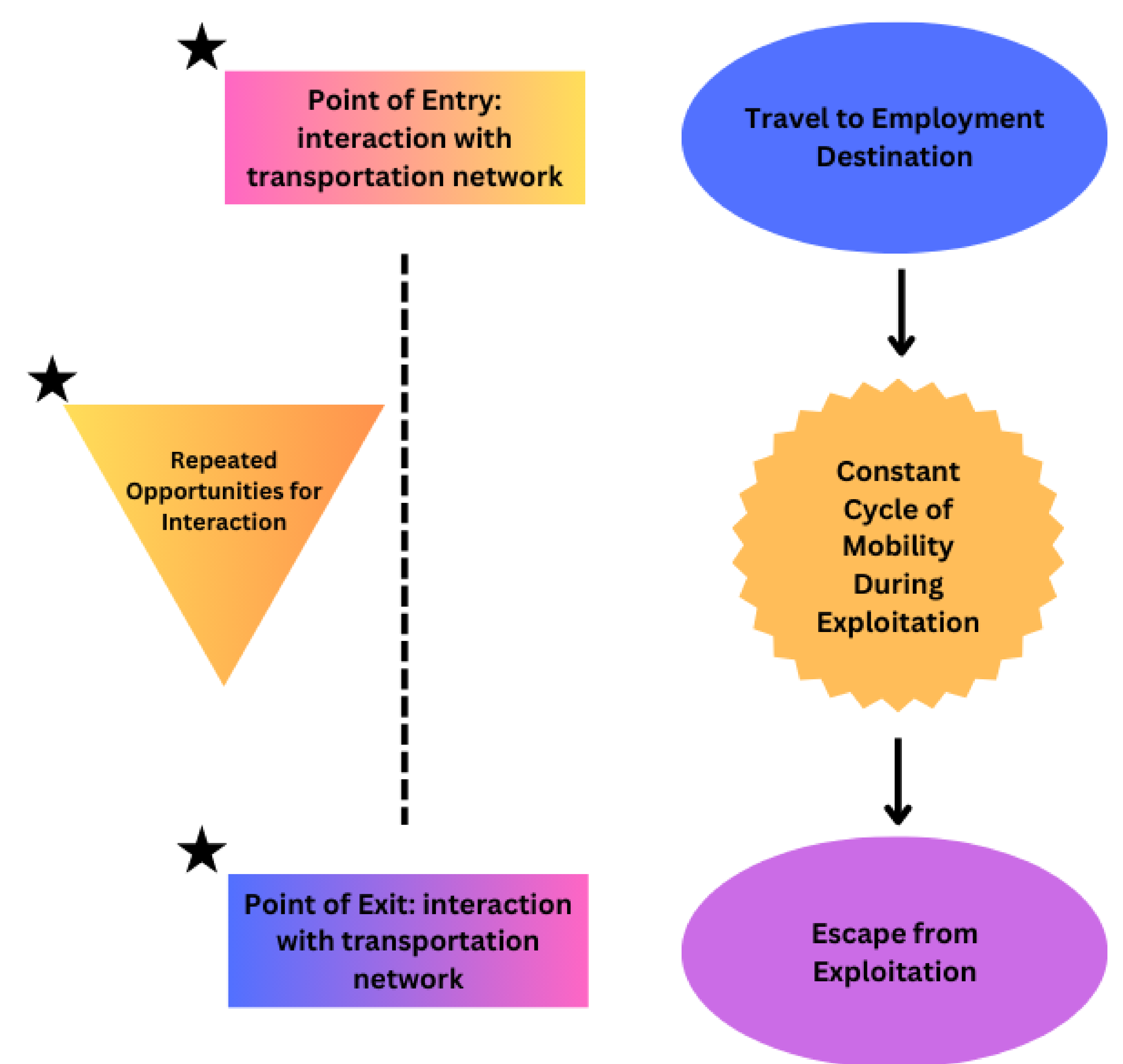
### Changing the Story

*Mazengo v. Mzengi*, one of the defendant's customers sent a taxi to the defendants' home so that Ms. Mazengo could escape. a federal court awarded a victim \$1,059,348.79 in damages.

## Labor Trafficking Transportation Timeline



## Sex Trafficking Transportation Timeline



# Talking

Conversations with Suspected Victims



## Challenges & Solutions

### **Training**

- Mandate Human Trafficking Training for Professionals
- Tailor Training to Fit the Target Industry
- Ensure a Plan for Funding
- Conduct Evaluations of Training
- Include Training Targeting Labor Trafficking

### **Funding**

- Long-term, sustainable financial support
- Educate agencies/partners about federal funding opportunities for startup/project costs

### **Victim Assistance**

- Capitalize on Opportunities for Disruption
- Information Dissemination
- Support through the Legal Process