

# Exploitation of International Students in Peel

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# Complex Issues Faced by International Students Lead to Exploitation

- Financial strain
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of awareness related to rights
- Vulnerable due to isolation and lack of social supports
- Fear of deportation and bringing shame to family back home
- Apprehension of engaging with culturally-specific organizations, or use of interpreters for fear of it getting back to family or friends

## nCourage: A Safe Place to Share

- Increase and expediate access to dedicated social services and integrated health, legal, and education support for victims/survivors, and individuals at-risk of human sex trafficking
- Increase engagement among service providers to utilize existing services by offering them onsite at the dedicated hub.
- Increase collaboration, coordination, and evidence-based practices across the system, responding to human sex trafficking.

# Female International Student Impact Stories



# Calls to Action

1. Advocate for legislative changes related to student visas, such as removing sex work as a condition to deport, as student's fear is weaponized and used against them by traffickers.
2. Increase accountability of post-secondary institutions to develop formal pathways to dedicated anti-human sex trafficking services such as nCourage, Peel safe house and transitional house to support access to safe, reliable, trauma-informed services.