



OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

MISSION STATEMENT

To combat human trafficking by supporting and leading systems that prevent trafficking through public awareness and protect victims through identification and assistance, helping them re-build their lives and become self-sufficient.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) is responsible for the development of anti-trafficking strategies, policies, and programs to prevent human trafficking, build health and human service capacity to respond to human trafficking, increase victim identification and access to services, and strengthen health and well-being outcomes of trafficking survivors. OTIP advises the Assistant Secretary by providing subject-matter expertise and leadership of ACF's anti-trafficking activities. OTIP collaborates with federal partners and other stakeholders to raise public awareness, identify research priorities for ACF's anti-trafficking work, and make policy recommendations to enhance anti-trafficking responses.

PROGRAMS

Certification and Eligibility Letters: OTIP issues Certification Letters to foreign adult victims of trafficking and Eligibility Letters to foreign minor victims of trafficking, extending eligibility for refugee resettlement benefits.

Trafficking Victim Assistance Program: Funds comprehensive case management services and assistance (e.g., food, clothing, housing, healthcare, and legal services) to foreign victims of trafficking, potential victims seeking HHS certification, and certain family members through a network of subcontractors throughout the U.S.

Domestic Victims of Trafficking Assistance Program: Funds comprehensive case management services for U.S. citizen and lawful permanent resident victims and potential victims of trafficking in the U.S.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC): Toll-free, 24-hour human trafficking hotline providing crisis intervention, urgent and non-urgent referrals, tip reporting, anti-trafficking resources, and technical assistance. Call 1-888-373-7888, visit www.traffickingresourcecenter.org, or email NHTRC@PolarisProject.org.

Human Trafficking Data Collection Project: Measures progress in prevention, protection, and assistance to victims of trafficking and expands interagency procedures to collect and organize data.

Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Regional Program: Funds local organizations to identify victims of trafficking, refer victims to services, and build local capacity by leveraging local resources, providing training and technical assistance, and educating the public.

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Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Campaign: Public awareness campaign launched in 2004 to identify and help victims of trafficking by encouraging professionals to “look beneath the surface” and recognize signs of trafficking. Campaign materials (video, fact sheet, brochures, posters) available at www.rescueandrestore.org.

SOAR to Health and Wellness Training on Human Trafficking: Trains health and human service providers and other first responders to Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to human trafficking. Training focuses on types of trafficking, common indicators and high-risk factors, trauma-informed techniques, and referral resources.

PRIORITY GOALS

1. Establish a cohesive national human trafficking victim service delivery system that serves victims of all forms of trafficking by leveraging existing service systems, public-private partnerships, and federal and local coordination
2. Develop a culture of data-informed anti-trafficking programming and policy-making by standardizing data collection, targeting evaluation, and publishing quality reports.
3. Integrate anti-trafficking efforts into HHS prevention strategies through survivor-informed public awareness messaging and addressing demand for human trafficking.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED IN FY 2015

- 5,418 unique cases of potential trafficking reported to the NHTRC
- 623 Certification Letters and 240 Eligibility Letters issued to foreign national trafficking victims
- 578 potential victims identified by Rescue & Restore grantees
- 7,252 case referrals for social services by NHTRC
- 3,487 victims of trafficking directly called the NHTRC seeking services (34% increase from FY14)
- 1,726 individuals received services through 99 TVAP providers in 86 cities and 39 states (52% increase from FY14)
- 355 trafficking victims served by three domestic trafficking grantees
- 15,265 individuals trained by NHTRC, Rescue & Restore grantees, and Domestic trafficking grantees
- 4,427 instances of technical assistance by TVAP providers

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Fiscal Year Budgets (\$M)

2012	\$9.78
2013	\$9.34
2014	\$13.76
2015	\$15.76