



# 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 (TVAP):** 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 Hotline (NHTH):** 24/7, confidential, multilingual hotline providing crisis intervention, urgent and non-urgent referrals, options for support, and tip reporting. Call 1-888-373-7888, text HELP to 233733 (BEFREE), email [help@humantraffickinghotline.org](mailto:help@humantraffickinghotline.org), or visit and chat at <https://humantraffickinghotline.org>.

**National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC):** Delivers training and technical assistance to enhance the public health response to human trafficking by reducing the risk of trafficking, increasing victim identification, improving access to trauma-informed services, and strengthening outcomes for trafficking survivors. Services include the SOAR to Health and Wellness Training for health care and social service providers on how to identify, treat, and respond appropriately to human trafficking and professional development opportunities for survivors. NHTTAC also provides support for the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States.

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**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.

**Look Beneath the Surface Regional Anti-Trafficking Program (Previously Rescue & Restore):** 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.

**Look Beneath the Surface Campaign:** Public awareness campaign to raise awareness, identify victims, connect victims to services, and prevent human trafficking. Campaign materials (video, fact sheet, brochures, posters) available at [www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/partnerships/look-beneath-the-surface](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/partnerships/look-beneath-the-surface).

## 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 2017

- 8,686 unique cases of potential trafficking reported to the NHTH
- 4,626 victims of trafficking directly called the NHTH seeking services
- 446 Certification Letters and 509 Eligibility Letters issued to foreign national trafficking victims
- 2,547 potential victims identified by Rescue & Restore grantees
- 1,531 individuals received services through 177 TVAP providers in 99 cities and 47 states
- 636 trafficking victims served by 13 domestic trafficking grantees
- 28,835 individuals trained by NHTTAC, Rescue & Restore, and TVAP grantees

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### Fiscal Year Budgets (\$M)

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| 2015 | \$15.76 |
| 2016 | \$18.76 |
| 2017 | \$18.76 |
| 2018 | \$23.76 |