



# Office on Trafficking in Persons

## Mission Statement

To combat human trafficking by supporting and leading systems that prevent trafficking and protect survivors, helping them rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient.

## Values

- **Results Driven** by evaluating our work with accountability, identifying effective strategies, and integrating them into our work
- **Innovative** by pursuing new ideas, adapting to changing environments, and experimenting with promising practices
- **Collaborative** by communicating transparently and considering different perspectives to coordinate trafficking response systems
- **Informed** by engaging with survivors and other stakeholders in the development of strategies, policies, and programs

## 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. OTIP operates through three programmatic divisions focused on protection, prevention, and research and policy.

## Priority Goals

- 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.
- Develop a culture of data-informed anti-trafficking programming and policymaking by standardizing data collection, targeting evaluation, and publishing quality reports.
- Integrate anti-trafficking efforts into HHS prevention strategies through survivor-informed public awareness messaging and addressing demand for human trafficking.

## Programs

- **Eligibility for Refugee Benefits and Services:** OTIP issues Certification Letters to foreign national adult and Eligibility Letters to foreign national child victims of human trafficking to be eligible for services authorized by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

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- **National Human Trafficking Hotline:** OTIP funds the 24/7, confidential, multilingual hotline that provides 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>.
- **Comprehensive Case Management Service Grants:** OTIP funds comprehensive case management services (e.g., food, clothing, housing, healthcare, and legal services) for survivors of human trafficking through the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Services and Outreach, and the Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities programs.
- **National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center:** OTIP builds the capacity of the public health response to human trafficking through online and in-person trainings for health and social service providers delivered by subject matter experts with lived and professional experiences. Resources include on-demand, audience-specific accredited SOAR Online training modules on introductory and advanced topics as well as professional development opportunities for survivors of human trafficking.
- **Prevention Grants and Partnerships:** OTIP funds local education agencies to develop and implement skills-based training for school staff and students through the Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Education Demonstration Grants and raises public awareness through the HHS Look Beneath the Surface campaign. OTIP serves as the Secretariat for the HHS Task Force to Prevent Human Trafficking to coordinate cross-Departmental efforts, provides federal executive support for the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the U.S., and participates in many federal interagency working groups.
- **Human Trafficking Policy and Research Analyses Project:** OTIP partners with the ACF Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation and other organizations to fund evaluations of anti-trafficking programs, publish reports and issue briefs, and strengthen collection and analysis of human trafficking data.

#### Fiscal Year Budgets (\$M)

2016	18.8
2017	18.8
2018	23.8
2019	26.8
2020	27.8
2021	28.8

## Children and Families Served in FY 2021

- OTIP issued **527 Certification Letters** and approximately **1,200 Eligibility Letters** to foreign national victims of human trafficking.
- The HHS National Human Trafficking Hotline received more than **13,500 signals** directly from survivors of trafficking and identified nearly **11,000 cases** involving one or more victims.
- Grant recipients providing comprehensive case management services assisted more than **2,800 survivors** of trafficking in more than **440 cities** across **48 states and territories**.
- OTIP and grant recipients trained more than **80,000 individuals** to strengthen trauma-informed identification and response to human trafficking.
- OTIP, with StoryCorps and federal partners, launched a national oral history project to archive more than **100 reflections** from survivors and allies on anti-trafficking progress.
- OTIP, with federal and non-government partners, published new **core competencies** for health care providers, an **evaluation of services** for domestic victims of trafficking, and a report on field testing human trafficking **prevalence methodologies** in the U.S.