

GET INVOLVED

1. Receive Training:

Learn more about trafficking. Email info@nhttac.org, or call 844-648-8822 to receive trauma-informed, victim-centered training on human trafficking.

2. Join a Local Coalition:

There are a number of established anti-trafficking task forces, working groups, and coalitions around the country. To locate a coalition in your area, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

3. Educate Your Community:

Partner with local agencies to create awareness about human trafficking. Post on social media and distribute in-person information on resources available for trafficking victims.

4. Contribute:

Many local, non-profit anti-trafficking organizations need volunteers and/or donations.

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888

Text 233733 (BEFREE)

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) forges pathways to freedom for trafficking victims by:

- Developing anti-trafficking strategies, policies, and programs to prevent trafficking
- Empowering faith-based and community health and human service providers to respond to trafficking
- Increasing the identification of trafficking victims and providing access to services
- Strengthening the health and well-being of survivors of trafficking

For more information about trafficking in persons, visit acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking



ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Human Trafficking: Information for Faith-Based and Community Organizations

Know the Signs. Take Action. Make a Difference.



**HUMAN
TRAFFICKING:
LOOK
BENEATH
THE SURFACE**

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking affects individuals, families, and communities. It occurs in cities, suburbs, and rural areas. Individuals who have been trafficked can be any sex, race, age, and nationality.

Trafficking involves force, lies, or threats to make victims:

- Work against their will, often for little or no pay (**labor trafficking**); or
- Have sex for anything of value such as money, food, shelter, clothes, or drugs (**sex trafficking**).

A person younger than 18 who engages in a commercial sex act, is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of force, lies, or threats.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?

Victims of trafficking may be:

- Accompanied by a controlling person
- Unable to speak freely or share information
- Sharing a scripted or inconsistent history
- Showing signs of abuse or malnourishment
- Wearing clothes that are inappropriate for the season
- Not in control of their own money, identification (ID), or other personal possessions
- Unaware of their current location, date, and time
- Unable to leave home or job
- In need of food, shelter, or clothing

THE ROLE OF FAITH-BASED & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Faith-based and community organizations play an essential role in assisting trafficking victims. They may encounter victims of trafficking in their midst or among the people they serve. They bring hope and healing to victims by providing emotional and spiritual support. Additionally, they provide material assistance, such as food, clothing, and housing as well as referrals to medical and legal providers.

WHAT FAITH-BASED & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CAN DO

Create a safe, nonjudgmental place that encourages trafficked individuals to seek assistance.

1. **Offer Support and Referral Services:** Offer emotional, spiritual, and material support to victims of human trafficking as well as information on local resources.
2. **Safety Plan:** Assist victims to develop a safe exit strategy and a safety plan using in-house and/or local resources.
3. **Call:** Contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline to report suspected trafficking and for information on local and national resources.

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