

SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Local information and supportive services are available to help victims safely and securely rebuild their lives by connecting them to basic services including:

- Crisis Intervention (24/7 response)
- Safety Planning
- Housing
- Health Care
- Immigration Assistance
- Food
- Employment Assistance
- Legal Aid
- Case Management Services
- Medical and Legal Accompaniments

For information or assistance contact:

Transitions of Pa :
1-800-850-7948

National Human Trafficking Hotline:
1.888.373.7888

Human trafficking experts are available to provide trainings and educational programming for professionals, schools, and community groups.

Training is free of charge.



PAATH 15 is a human trafficking response team consisting of 5 rape crisis centers, 4 Human Trafficking Response Teams, the PA Immigration Resource Center and Friends of Farmers.

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Humans
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WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A FORM OF MODERN DAY SLAVERY; A LOCAL, NATIONAL & GLOBAL EPIDEMIC.

Trafficking of humans is the second largest criminal industry in the world after narcotics trafficking. Many victims of sex trafficking are forced into prostitution, escort services, pornography, or “exotic dancing.” Labor trafficking is also widespread and occurs in sweatshops, factory work, migrant agricultural work, and through domestic servitude as maids, nannies, and housekeepers.

Force, fraud and coercion are the tactics used by traffickers to force victims into slavery.

- Force - rape, beatings, confinement, drugs
- Fraud - false offers of employment, marriage, better life
- Coercion - threats, psychological abuse, debt bondage

VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING CAN BE FOUND IN:

- commercial sex and “gentleman’s clubs”
- farming or landscaping
- massage parlors
- factories
- nail salons
- janitorial services
- hotel or tourist industries
- restaurants
- construction



IDENTIFYING TRAFFICKERS

Traffickers prey on the most vulnerable people in our communities. They target those struggling with drug addiction, a history of trauma, an unstable home life, lacking employment, and those without a support system.

Traffickers are both US citizens and foreign nationals and often share the same national, ethnic or cultural background as their victims. They can work independently or operate as a criminal enterprise. Traffickers can be male or female, family members, parents, acquaintances, and strangers:

- PIMPS: utilize forced commercial sexual exploitation
- DRUG DEALERS: take advantage of drug addiction to force victims to work in exchange for drugs
- BOYFRIENDS: use a perceived intimate relationship to exploit victims
- PARENTS: utilized the cycle of violence to compel their own children to work for traffickers in commercial sex or forced labor
- GANGS: utilized force and threats to compel sex and labor exploitation
- EMPLOYERS: use debt bondage and threats of deportation
- VICTIMS: recruit new victims and act as enforcers in order to survive

IDENTIFYING VICTIMS SCREENING QUESTIONS

Asking the following questions may help to determine if a person is a victim of human trafficking:

- Can you leave your job or situation if you want?
- Can you come and go as you please?
- Has anyone threatened you or your family?
- What are your living conditions like?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Do you have to ask permission to eat, sleep, or go to the bathroom?
- Are there locks on your doors or windows so you cannot get out?
- Does someone prohibit you from socializing or attending religious services?
- Are you getting paid for your work and can you keep the money?

Attempt to speak with the suspected victim alone since the person accompanying him/her could be the trafficker posing as a spouse, partner, friend, family member, or employer.