

Human Trafficking

This document is a tool to help inform educators and other Florida citizens on how to spot human trafficking and how to report it. Trafficking victims are subjected to force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Knowing the signs of human trafficking and knowing how to report it may actually save a life from modern day slavery.

Did you know?

Florida is third in the nation for reported human trafficking cases.

What is Child Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking, under both federal and Florida law, is defined as the transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing or obtaining of another person for transport; for the purposes of forced labor, domestic servitude or sexual exploitation using force, fraud and/or coercion. Human trafficking is modern slavery.

There are approximately 30 million people enslaved throughout the world with 2.5 million located right here in the United States.

- Many of these victims are lured with false promises of financial or emotional security; instead, they are forced or coerced into commercial sex (prostitution), domestic servitude or other types of forced labor.
- Any minor under the age of 18 who is induced to perform a commercial sex act is a victim of human trafficking according to U.S. law, regardless of whether there is force, fraud or coercion. Increasingly, criminal organizations, such as gangs, are luring children from local schools into commercial sexual exploitation or trafficking.
- According to the U.S. Department of Justice, every two minutes a child is trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation in the United States.

Training Materials

- [Human Trafficking Awareness for Educators Training](#) - National Human Trafficking Resources Center
- [Human Trafficking Awareness Training](#) - Department of Homeland Security/Blue Campaign
- [Human Trafficking Awareness Lunch and Learn](#) - 4th Annual, January 17, 2018
- [Safe and Healthy Schools Preventing Child Trafficking Webinar](#)

How to Report

Children and adults can be victims of human trafficking. “If you see something, say something.”

- [BeFree Textline](#) Text "BeFree" (233733)
- [Florida Abuse Hotline](#) - 1-806-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)
- Local Law Enforcement - 911
- [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children CyberTipline](#)
- [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) - 1-888-373-7888

Resources

Florida

- [2016 Human Trafficking Response in Florida Report \(PDF\)](#)
- [Awareness Combats Trafficking](#)
- [Florida Department of Education \(FDOE\) Human Trafficking Fact Sheet for Schools \(PDF\)](#)
- [Florida Coalition on Human Trafficking](#)
- [Florida Department of Children and Families](#)
- [Florida Department of Health](#)
- [FDOE Child Human Trafficking chapter](#)
- [FDOE Title IV, Part A](#)
- [Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking](#)
- [Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights](#)
- [Florida Human Trafficking Task Force Links](#)
- [Student Human Trafficking Awareness PSA \(Hillsborough County\)](#)
- [Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center, Inc. \(STAC\)](#)
- [YouCanStopHT.com](#)

National

- [2017 Youth Experiences Survey Report \(PDF\)](#)
- [National Human Trafficking Resource Center](#)
- [Polaris Project](#)
- [Sex Trafficking and LGBTQ Youth](#)
- [Statewide Council on Human Trafficking Annual Report](#)
- [Staying Safe: Tips for LGBTQ Youth](#)
- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Blue Campaign](#)
- [U.S. Department of Justice](#)
- [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#)