

Identifying and Responding to Victims of Human Trafficking

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking occurs when a person uses violence, deception, or threats of force to coerce another person to provide labor or commercial sex, and to prevent that person from leaving the situation. Human trafficking also occurs when a person recruits, harbors, transports, provides or obtains another person knowing that force, fraud or coercion will be used to exploit the other person for labor or commercial sex. Trafficking is ongoing exploitation. Travel is not always involved.

Victims in the U.S. are entitled to protection and assistance, regardless of their immigration status.

WHAT IS LABOR TRAFFICKING?

Labor trafficking is using force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain a person for labor or services in involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

WHAT IS SEX TRAFFICKING?

Sex trafficking is a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act is under the age of 18.

SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking occurs in many industries: agriculture, construction, domestic service (housekeeper, nanny), restaurants, salons, prostitution, massage parlors and various other businesses.¹

<i>Signs of Human Trafficking</i>	<i>Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Abusive employment situation▪ One person controlling another or a group (speaking for them; escorting them to/from work)▪ Employer in control of employee's identification/immigration documents▪ People locked inside a residence or workplace▪ Someone unable to leave a particular job (forced to work there)▪ Threats to employee or employee's family by employer▪ "Debt" owed by employee to employer▪ Employee living in employer-owned or controlled residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Individual has no power in making their own decisions, limited or no independence▪ Individual's access to friends, family, public is limited or cut off▪ Victim may appear to be very fearful▪ Victim may seek services or be referred to services for seemingly unrelated issue. <i>Events, details, symptoms and information don't connect or seem to be disguising other issues or concerns</i>▪ Individual working very long hours for little to no pay

TRAFFICKERS

- Hide or disguise their actions and victims to avoid detection
- Often coach victims on how to answer questions to "cover up" what is happening
 - Out of fear victims will use a "cover story" to describe how they are a wife, student, tourist, employee or willing/consenting partner of the trafficker

¹ Combating Human Trafficking in Washington State, Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network

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MEANS OF CONTROL USED BY TRAFFICKERS

- **Force:** Physical assault (beating, burning, slapping, hitting assault with object or weapon, etc.), physical confinement and isolation, rape and other forms of sexual violence and/or domestic violence.
- **Fraud:** False or deceptive offers of employment, marriage, or a better life, lying about work conditions, false promises, withholding wages.
- **Coercion:** Threats to life, safety, family members, or other loved ones. Threats to have a victim or a victim's family member arrested or deported. Debt bondage: Use of manipulation of debt to create never-ending debt. Withholding legal documents such as identification. Psychological abuse.

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The following is a list of services and resources available in Washington. Services are available to victims of human trafficking, their friends, families and community members by contacting the Crime Victim Service Center (CVSC) or Community Sexual Assault Program (CSAP) in your area. *Advocacy services are free of charge.* Services include:

- Access to a victim advocate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week,
- Support and assistance accessing community resources (food, shelter, medical care)
- Support and assistance aimed at assisting victims in their healing and recovery,
- Assistance with safety and support planning,
- Assistance and support with accessing medical care related to human trafficking,
- Assistance with understanding the legal system, the rights of victims as well as other government agencies and services.

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Washington Crime Victim Service Centers (CVSCs) by County	
King, Snohomish, Island, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Kitsap, Clallam & Jefferson 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-346-7555	Benton, Franklin, Asotin, Walla Walla, Columbia & Garfield 24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-984-2846
Spokane 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-751-7119	Pierce 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-346-7555
Clark, Cowlitz & Wahkiakum 24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-425-1176	Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat & Skamania 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-523-6468
Ferry: 1-509-207-9551, Stevens: 1-509-685-6099 Pend Oreille: 1-509-447-2274	Lincoln, Grant, Adams & Whitman 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-701-8385
Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Pacific & Grays Harbor 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-711-2826	Chelan, Douglas & Okanogan 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-614-5117
Community Sexual Assault Programs (CSAPs) by County	
Adams New Hope Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Phone: (509) 764-8402 24-Hour Hotline: 888-560-6027	Clark YWCA of Clark County – Sexual Assault Program Phone: (360) 696-0501 24-Hour Hotline: 800-695-0167
Asotin Quality Behavioral Health Phone: (509) 758-3341 24-Hour Hotline: 888-475-5665	Klickitat Washington Gorge Action Programs – Programs for Peaceful Living Phone: (509) 493-1533 24-Hour Hotline: 800-352-5541
Benton Support Advocacy and Resource Center (SARC) Phone: (509) 374-5391 24-Hour Hotline: 509-374-5391	Lewis Human Response Network Phone: (360) 748-6601 24-Hour Hotline: 800-244-7414
Chelan SAGE Phone: (509) 663-7446 24-Hour Hotline: 509-663-7446	Lincoln Family Resource Center of Lincoln County Phone: (509) 725-4358 24-Hour Hotline: 800-932-0932
Clallam Forks Abuse Program Phone: (360) 374-6411 24-Hour Hotline: 360-374-2273	Mason Prevention, Advocacy and Specialized Services (PASS) Phone (360) 426-6925 24-Hour Hotline: 360-490-5228
Clallam Healthy Families Phone: (360) 452-3811 24-Hour Hotline:(360) 452-4357	Okanogan The Support Center Phone (509) 826-3221 24-Hour Hotline: 888-826-3221

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Columbia YWCA of Walla Walla – Dayton Office Phone: (509) 525-2570 24-Hour Hotline: 509-529-9922	Pacific Crisis Response Network Phone: (360) 875-6702 24-Hour Hotline: 800-435-7276
Cowlitz Hope Project/Emergency Support Shelter Phone: (360) 425-1176 24-Hour Hotline: 360-636-8471	Pend Oreille Pend Oreille Crime Victim Services Phone: (509) 447-2274 24-Hour Hotline: 509-447-5483 /toll free 1-800-548-3133
Douglas SAGE Phone: (509) 663-7446 24-Hour Hotline: 509-663-7446	Pierce Rebuilding Hope, the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County Phone: (253) 597-6424 24-Hour Hotline: 253-474-7273
Ferry Connections Phone (509) 775-3331 24-Hour Hotline: 800-269-2380	San Juan Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services of the San Juan Islands Phone: (360) 468-3788 24-Hour Hotline: 360-468-4567
Franklin Support Advocacy and Resource Center (SARC) Phone: (509) 374-5391 24-Hour Hotline: 509-374-5391	Skagit Skagit Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Phone: (360) 336-9591 24-Hour Hotline: 888-336-9591
Garfield Quality Behavioral Health Phone: (509) 758-3341 24-Hour Hotline: 888-475-5665	Skamania Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Phone: (509) 427-4210 24-Hour Hotline: (pager) 877-427-4210
Grant New Hope Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Phone: (509) 764-8402 24-Hour Hotline: 888-560-6027	Snohomish Providence Intervention Center for Assault and Abuse Phone: (425) 297-5780 24-Hour Hotline: 425-252-4800 Human Trafficking Hotline: 425-258-9037
Grays Harbor Beyond Survival Phone (360) 533-9751 24-Hour Hotline: 888-626-2640	Spokane Sexual Assault and Family Trauma (SAFeT) Response Center Phone: (509)747-8224 24-Hour Hotline: 509-624-7273
Island Citizens Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse Phone (360) 675-7057 24-Hour Hotline: 800-215-5669	Stevens Family Support Center at Rural Resources Phone: (509) 684-3796 24-Hour Hotline: 509-684-6139

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Jefferson Dove House Advocacy Services Phone: (360) 385-5292 24-Hour Hotline: 360-385-5291	Thurston SafePlace Phone: (360) 786-8754 24-Hour hotline: 360-754-6300
King Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services Phone (206) 922-7088 TTY 24-Hour Hotline: 206-812-1001 TTY	Wahkiakum St. James Family Center Phone: (360) 795-6401 24-Hour Hotline: 360-795-6400
King Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress Phone: (206) 744-1600 24-Hour Hotline: 206-744-1600	Walla Walla YWCA of Walla Walla Phone: (509) 525-2570 24-Hour Hotline: 509-529-9922
King King County Sexual Assault Resource Center Phone: (425) 226-5062 24-Hour Hotline: 888-998-6423	Whatcom DV/SA Services of Whatcom County Hotline: (877)-715-1563 Office: (360) 671-5714
Kitsap Kitsap Sexual Assault Center Phone: (360) 479-1788 24-Hour Hotline: 360-479-8500	Whitman Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse Phone: (509) 332-0552 24-Hour Hotline: 509-332-4357
Kittitas Abuse Support & Prevention Education Now (ASPEN) Victim Advocacy Services Phone: (509) 925-9384 24-Hour Hotline: 866-925-9861	Yakima Lower Valley Crisis & Support Center Phone: (509) 837-6689 24-Hour Hotline: 509-837-6689
	Yakima Abuse Support & Prevention Education Now (ASPEN) Victim Advocacy Services Phone: (509) 576-4326 24-Hour Hotline: 509-452-9675

Marginalized Communities Programs Serving Victims of Human Trafficking

King API Chaya Phone: (206) 467-9976	Pierce Oasis Youth Center Serving LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults 14-24 Phone: (253) 671-2838 Hotline: 253-988-2108
King Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse Phone: (206) 568-7777	Thurston Partners in Prevention Education (PIPE) Serving LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults 13-30 Phone: (360) 357-4472
King Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) Phone: (206) 721-0243	

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State and National Resources
Washington State The Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network (WARN) Victim Assistance Line: 206-245-0782
Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy Hotline: 1-800-822-1067 (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm) www.ocva.wa.gov
National Human Trafficking Resource Center 24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

CHILD VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING The following agencies have expertise in providing services to children and youth who have experienced, or who are at-risk of being victims of commercial sexual exploitation		
King County		
Seattle Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse Phone: (206) 568-7777	Seattle Organization for Prostitution Survivors Serving Adults 18 and over Victim Advocate: 206-850-8258	
Seattle Real Escape from the Sex Trade (REST) Serving Young Adults 18-24 24-Hour Hotline: 206-451-7378	Seattle YouthCare (ages 12-24) Hotline: 855-400-2732	
Pierce County		
Oasis Youth Center Serving LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults 14-24 Phone: (253) 671-2838 Hotline: 253-988-2108	Thurston County	
Olympia		
Community Youth Services 1-888-698-1816 (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm)		
Snohomish County		
Thurston		
Everett Providence Intervention Center for Abuse and Assault Azra Grudic, advocate 425-388-7807 Human Trafficking Hotline: 425-258-9037	Thurston Partners in Prevention Education (PIPE) Serving LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults 13-30 Phone: (360) 357-4472	
Spokane County		
Yakima County		
Spokane Sexual Assault and Family Trauma (SAFeT) Response Center Phone: (509)747-8224 24-Hour Hotline: 509-624-7273	Yakima Comprehensive Mental Health 509-575-4824 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-523-6468	

For more information, please contact the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy by e-mail at OCVA@commerce.wa.gov or by phone at 1-800-822-1067