Victim Services

Human trafficking victims will receive support and referrals for:

- Housing/Relocation
- Immigration Status
- Health Care
- Food
- Employment Assistance
- Counseling
- Court Support

What you can do

- Report tips or suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
- Do not attempt to contact the suspected trafficker or try to rescue suspected victims.
- Educate yourselves and your colleagues about human trafficking and spread awareness.
- Be observant to your surroundings and social media

Human Trafficking Task Force of San Luis Obispo County

Local Resources

Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services911
National Human Trafficking Hotline:(888)373-7888
Central Coast Freedom Network:(785)251-3733
211 of San Luis Obispo (for a list of resources)211
County Adult Protective Services: (Elder Abuse)(805)781-1790
County Child Welfare Services (Child Abuse)(805)781-1700
Women's Shelter Program San Luis Obispo(805)781-6400
RISE (Respect, Inspire, Support, Empower) Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Violence Programs(805)886-RISE(7473)
Christopher G. Money Victim/Witness Assistance Center Office of the District Attorney San Luis Obispo County(805)781-5821
North County Abolitionists(805)296-2317
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children(800)843-5678





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Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery

Why should we be concerned?

California has been identified by the FBI as one of the nation's top four destination states for trafficked persons

And

San Luis Obispo County is a natural corridor for human trafficking activities between Los Angeles, The Central Valley, and San Francisco.

What is Human Trafficking?

Under the U.S. federal law, "severe forms of trafficking in person" includes both sex trafficking and labor trafficking:

Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age (22 USC~7102).

Labor trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery, (22 USC~7102).

Mission:

The mission of the San Luis Obispo County Human Trafficking Task Force is to:

- Prevent and combat human trafficking through education;
- Protect and assist victims with full respect for their human rights through identification; and
- Promote cooperation among law enforcement and community organizations by allocating resources to meet these objectives.

Signs of a trafficked victim

- Significantly older boyfriend
- Homelessness
- · Chronic runaway
- · Special marked tattoos

- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport)
- Avoids eye contact
- · Lack of knowledge of whereabouts
- Multiple people in cramped space
- Submissive or fearful
- Answers appear to be scripted or rehearsed
- Unpaid or paid very little
- Suddenly possesses expensive accessories or clothing

Signs of a trafficker

- Seduction and coercion
- False advertisement for "modeling", "acting" or "dancing" opportunities
- Internet enticement through chat rooms
- Peer recruitment (group homes, school, etc.)
- Much older boyfriend
- Kidnapping/Violence and Force

If you or someone you know needs help call 1(888)373-7888.