

Hyde County Hotline, Inc.

24-Hours Crisis Line 252-925-2500

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Happy New Year from the Hyde County Hotline Staff!

We are thankful for each of you!

FAITH - HOPE - LOVE

As we enter this new year, let us enter it with HOPE for the future, LOVE for each other and with FAITH that moves mountains!

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is the business of stealing freedom for profit. Trafficking can occur in many ways. In some cases, traffickers' trick, defraud or physically force victims into providing commercial sex. In others, victims are lied to, assaulted, threatened, or manipulated into working under inhumane, illegal, or otherwise unacceptable conditions. It is a multi-billion-dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to 24.9 million people around the world.

Force, Fraud, or Coercion:

U.S. law defines human trafficking as the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts or labor or services against his or her will. The one exception involves minors and commercial sex. Inducing a minor into commercial sex is considered human trafficking regardless of the presence of force, fraud, or coercion.

Action-Means-Purpose:

The Action-Means-Purpose (AMP) Model can be helpful in understanding the federal law. Human trafficking occurs when a perpetrator, often referred to as a trafficker, takes an Action, and then employs the Means of force, fraud, or coercion for the Purpose of compelling the victim to provide commercial sex acts or labor or services. At a minimum, one element from each column must be present to establish a potential situation of human trafficking.

THE A-M-P MODEL

Action	Means*	Purpose
Induce Recruits Harbors Transports Provides or Obtains	Force Fraud or Coercion	Commercial Sex (Sex Trafficking) or Labor/Services (Labor Trafficking)

*Minors induced into commercial sex are human trafficking victims—regardless if force, fraud, or coercion is present.

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How many people are trafficked in the U.S. every year?

In 2017, Polaris worked on 8,759 cases of human trafficking reported to the Polaris-operated National Human Trafficking Hotline and BeFree Text line. These cases involved 10,615 individual victims: nearly 5,000 potential traffickers and 1,698 trafficking businesses. Human trafficking is notoriously underreported. Shocking as these numbers are, they are likely only a tiny fraction of the actual problem.

Who is vulnerable?

Human trafficking can happen to anyone, but some people are more vulnerable than others. Significant risk factors include recent migration or relocation, substance use, mental health concerns, involvement with the children welfare system and being a runaway or homeless youth. Often, traffickers identify and leverage their victims' vulnerabilities in order to create dependency.

Who are the traffickers?

Perpetrators of human trafficking span all racial, ethnic, and gender demographics and are as diverse as survivors. Some use their privilege, wealth, and power as a means of control while others experience the same socio-economic oppression as their victims. They include individuals, business owners, members of a gang or network, parents or family members of victims, intimate partners, owners of farms or restaurants, and powerful corporate executives and government representatives.

How do traffickers control victims?

Traffickers employ a variety of control tactics, the most common include physical and emotional abuse and threats, isolation from friends and family, and economic abuse. They make promises aimed at addressing the needs of their target in order to impose control. As a result, victims become trapped and fear leaving for myriad reasons, including psychological trauma, shame, emotional attachment, or physical threats to themselves or their family.

Who are the survivors?

Victims and survivors of human trafficking represent every race and ethnicity, but some forms of trafficking are more likely to affect specific ethnic groups.

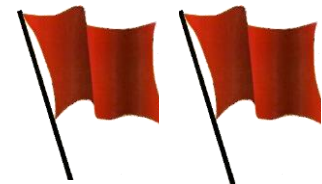
(Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/what-human-trafficking>)

Recognizing potential red flags and knowing the indicators of human trafficking is a key step in identifying more victims and helping them find the assistance they need.

Common Work and Living Conditions:

The individual(s) in question

- Is not free to leave or come and go at will.
- Is under 18 and is providing commercial sex acts.
- Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp / manager.
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips.
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours or is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work.
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off.
- Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work.
- High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.)
- Is living and working on site.
- Experiences verbal or physical abuse by their supervisor
- Is not paid directly.



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Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior

- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid.
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement or immigration officials.
- Shows signs of substance use or addiction.

Poor Physical Health

- Shows signs of poor hygiene, malnourishment, and/or fatigue.
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture.

Lack of Control

- Has few or no personal possessions.
- Is frequently monitored.
- Is not in control of their own money, financial records, or bank account.
- Is not in control of their own identification documents (ID or passport)
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)

Other

- Claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where they are staying/address.
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or do not know what city he/she is in
- Appear to have lost sense of time.
- Shares scripted, confusing, or inconsistent stories.
- Protects the person who may be hurting them or minimizes abuse.

This list is not exhaustive and represents only a selection of possible indicators. The red flags in this list may not be present in all trafficking cases. Each individual indicator should be taken in context, not be considered in isolation, nor should be taken as “proof” that human trafficking is occurring. Additionally, cultural differences should also be considered.

To request help or report suspected human trafficking, call
Hyde County Hotline’s **24-hour Crisis Line at 252-925-2500** or the
National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text "help" to BeFree (233733).

**AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN,
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.**

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What We Do

- Crisis Intervention
- Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence & Human Trafficking Advocacy
- Survivor Services
- Safe Shelter
- Safety Planning
- Support Groups and Referrals
- Program Presentations for Adults and Children in Churches, Businesses and Schools
- Referrals to support agencies

How You Can Help...

- Ask how we can help you.
- Ask us about presentations.
- Tell others about us.
- Become a Crisis Line volunteer.
- Donate to our Thrift Store.
- Ask for a copy of our shelter needs list.
- Monetary donations are accepted.