

# SOUTH CAROLINA

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

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# NEWSLETTER



## ~~Child Prostitute~~ **Sex Trafficking Victim.**

### WELCOME

Welcome to the first issue of the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force's quarterly newsletter. As South Carolina's anti-human trafficking movement continues to grow, the State Task Force designed this newsletter to promote information sharing and collaboration across regions. It will also be sent the month prior to the State Task Force meetings to act as an ongoing reminder for members.

The newsletter is intended to share relevant information with State Task Force members regarding meetings, trainings, and other events in addition to articles and reports that may be of interest.

The newsletter will also include legislative updates, funding opportunities, and information about various initiatives. At this time, we will not be sharing information about organizations' fundraisers. However, that may change in the future as we further develop the format and its length.

We hope this newsletter will prove to be useful in supporting your anti-human trafficking efforts and ongoing professional development. Thank you for your continued efforts to combat human trafficking in South Carolina and support victims and survivors in our communities.

### RELEVANT ARTICLES & REPORTS

- 2018 State Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics: <https://bit.ly/2yIgjce>
- Sex Trafficking Survivor Cyntoia Brown Released from Prison: <https://n.pr/2MXKwww>
- Report on Labor Trafficking of Domestic Workers: <https://bit.ly/2KliHga>
- Recommendations for Survivor Service Reforms: <https://bit.ly/2MDP0bH>

### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Specialized Housing & Services for Human Trafficking Victims: <https://bit.ly/33f5mNH>

### RESOURCES

Coach USA/Megabus has donated bus tickets that will allow survivors of trafficking to travel FOR FREE on their Megabus routes, so long as they meet basic requirements and are traveling to:

- Get out of a human trafficking situation
- Reunify with family or get home following a human trafficking situation
- Access specialized services in another city
- Participate in the prosecution of their trafficker; or
- At the request of law enforcement

This resource can be accessed by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

Delta Air Lines has given more than 100 flights to help fly human trafficking survivors through their mileage donation program SkyWish and now has committed an additional \$1.5 million to Polaris. This resource can also be accessed by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

Shared Hope recently released new resources and tools about internet safety:

- How to Keep Your Kids Safe from Online Sex Traffickers: <https://bit.ly/2PfVnoy>
- Apps to Watch For: <http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/AppstoWatchFor.pdf>

### CONTACT US

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### MEETINGS

#### South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force

Sept. 6 from 10am-12pm at West Columbia City Hall, 200 12th Street, West Columbia, SC  
*Attorney General Alan Wilson will speak.*

#### Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Sept. 20 from 10am-12pm  
2500 Decker Blvd, Columbia, SC

#### Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force

Oct. 11 at 10am. RSVP to [upstatehttaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:upstatehttaskforce@gmail.com) for details.

#### Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force

Oct. 23 from 10am-12pm  
RSVP to [sc1chttf@gmail.com](mailto:sc1chttf@gmail.com) for location and handouts.

#### Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force

Nov. 8 at Advent Lutheran Church Auditorium, 3347 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC (Time TBD)

#### Catawba Area Coalition on Human Trafficking

*York County:* Last Thursday of every month, working lunch from 12-2pm  
119 S. Charlotte Ave. Rock Hill, SC 29730

*Lancaster County:* Last Tuesday of every month, working lunch from 12-2pm  
100 N. Main St. Lancaster, SC

### TRAININGS & EVENTS

**Shared Hope JuST Conference 2019**  
Oct. 15-17 in Cincinnati, OH  
Register here: <https://bit.ly/2KKhHAS>

**Charleston Child Trauma Conference hosted by Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center**  
Oct. 15-18 at Francis Marion Hotel, 387 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

**Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking & Harrassment Training, hosted by the Office of the Attorney General**  
Nov. 14 from 8:30am-4:30pm at Horry Georgetown Technical College, 2050 Hwy US-501, Conway, SC 29526  
*Please visit [YouBreaktheSilence.com](http://YouBreaktheSilence.com) to register*

**Regional Youth Summit**  
Oct. 11 from 5-7pm at Seacoast Church Mt. Pleasant, SC