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I. Introduction

Human trafficking is a complex, insidious crime that infiltrates communities across South Carolina. Traffickers continue to target the vulnerable as well as those in mainstream society. It presents a public health and public safety issue that violates basic human rights. While traffickers continue to seek opportunities to exploit victims for profit, the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force works to prevent the crime, protect our communities, and prosecute those committing these crimes.

Legislatively mandated in 2012, the State Task Force utilizes a strategic, multi-disciplinary approach to combatting human trafficking. The collaborative approach includes efforts from mandated and non-mandated state agencies, state and federal law enforcement, nonprofits, faith leaders, community volunteers, and professionals in the fields of education and medicine. We strive to always include survivors' voices in the process to help provide insight into the development of trauma-informed, victim-centered protocols and support services.

The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force also includes state associations in its multi-sector approach. Last year we formally initiated our partnerships with the South Carolina Trucking Association and the South Carolina Hospital Association. This year, we have developed similar partnerships with the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association and the South Carolina Beer Wholesalers Association. These associations will contribute by bringing increased awareness, positioning thousands to help identify and report the crime and assisting in ensuring more effective response protocols within their industries.

In 2019, the State Task Force continued to make progress in preventing, protecting, and prosecuting human trafficking. Thousands of citizens in our state learned about human trafficking through informative presentations, including professionals in the fields of law enforcement, medicine, education, elder services, child welfare, and direct services. Members of the Task Force contributed their knowledge in developing quality service standards while others completed the Victim Service Provider certification for human trafficking professionals, the first of its kind in the nation. Law enforcement and prosecutors, determined to bring justice through our legal process, continued to target offenders of this often-gruesome crime.

While there were many successes in 2019, we still have much to accomplish in the coming year. There will be efforts to formally certify providers to ensure victims and survivors are protected from revictimization. Efforts will increase to ensure youth and young adults do not fall prey to those seeking to exploit them for profit. Statewide strategies will be implemented to more effectively respond to victim needs as well as ensure incidents are promptly reported to law enforcement via the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Systems will be developed to successfully engage those in the faith community who wish to support and contribute to the anti-human trafficking movement. There will also be efforts to increase the state's focus on labor trafficking.

The Office of the South Carolina Attorney General is appreciative of all the efforts made in 2019 by State Task Force members, regional task forces, volunteers, and partners within a myriad of industries. In 2020, we look forward to continuing to lead and coordinate efforts in our state.

II. Structure of the Task Force

The 2012 human trafficking law, S.C. Code Ann. 16-3-2050(B)(1), states that the Attorney General will chair a task force to address the crime of human trafficking in South Carolina. Task Force efforts are in collaboration with federal, state, and local agencies. A major endeavor noted in the law was the development of a State Plan to Address Human Trafficking. The Task Force disseminated the State Plan to Address Human Trafficking in June of 2014. The law dictates that the Task Force shall coordinate the implementation of the State Plan. Furthermore, the Task Force will submit annual reports, inclusive of findings and recommendations, to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. The Task Force shall also consider completing the following collectively or via one or more of its constituent agencies:

- Collect and share trafficking data among government agencies while respecting the privacy of victims of trafficking in persons;
- Coordinate inter-agency information sharing for the purposes of identifying criminals engaged in trafficking in persons;
- Establish policies to position state government to work with nongovernmental organizations and other elements of civil society to prevent trafficking and provide assistance to United States citizens and foreign national victims;
- Review the existing services and facilities to meet trafficking victims' needs and recommend a system to coordinate services;
- Evaluate the various approaches used by state and local governments to increase public awareness of trafficking in persons;
- Collect and publish data on trafficking, posting the information on the Attorney General's website;
- Design and implement public awareness campaigns to inform potential targets of the risks of victimization;
- Creation and dissemination of materials to increase the public's awareness of the extent of trafficking in persons, both US citizens and foreign nationals, within the United States.

Task Force Membership

In addition to the Office of the South Carolina Attorney General, the following members were legislatively mandated to the Task Force:

The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation



The South Carolina Police Chiefs Association



The South Carolina Sheriffs' Association



The State Law Enforcement Division



The Department of Health and Environmental Control Board



Office of the Attorney General, South Carolina Crime Victim Services Division



The Department of Social Services



A representative of the Office of the Governor



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A representative from the Department of Employment and Workforce



The South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination



Besides the aforementioned members, two non-governmental organizations are appointed to the Task Force: The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA) and the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network (SCVAN). An invitation of membership is also extended to representatives of the United States Department of Labor, the United States Attorney's Office, and federal law enforcement agencies within the State including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office.

III. 2019 Quarterly Meeting Overviews & 2020 Meeting Dates

The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force meets quarterly at the West Columbia City Hall, 200 12th Street, West Columbia. Meetings are scheduled from 10 AM to 12 PM. In 2019, the Task Force met on March 1st, June 7th, November 22nd, and December 6th. The September 6th meeting was canceled as a result of Hurricane Dorian. There was an Executive Session held in its place on November 22nd at the Office of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. The following is an overview of the topics discussed during each of the meetings.

March 1st

Welcome and Introductions

Kathryn Moorehead, Coordinator of the State Task Force, reviewed the highlights of the 2018 Annual Report including achievements and 2019 priorities. The goals were discussed with members as well as questions addressed in response to the identified priorities.

Regional Task Forces provided updates including 2018 achievements and goals. Presenters included:

Upstate – Diana Tapp, Greenville Sherriff's Office
Foothills – Maria Torres-Green, Foothills Alliance
Richland County – Alexis Scurry, Richland County CASA
Catawba Area – Nancy Landerman, A New Creation
Multi-County – Eleanor Hunter, Aiken Public Safety (Absent)
Low-Country – Shane Roberts, Colleton County Sherriff's Office
Tri-County – Brooke Burris, Lynch Foundation for Children
Coastal – Janis Croteau, Information Coordinator

Task Force Subcommittees provided updates regarding their accomplishments and goals. Presenters included the chairpersons of the sub-committees:

Direct Service Providers (Adult) – Marie MacDonald, SCCADVSA
Direct Service Providers (Children) – Angie Hugie, Department of Juvenile Justice
Data Management & Research – Liyun Zhang, USC Children's Law Center
Legal Innovations – (Subcommittee leadership transition)
Healthcare Providers – Jennifer Combs, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System
Labor Trafficking – Gregory Somers, US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Prevention Education & Outreach – (Subcommittee leadership transition)
Law Enforcement – Connie Sonnefeld, SLED
Survivor Advisory – Kat Tears, SWITCH
Youth Advocacy – (Subcommittee leadership transition)
Leadership – Kathryn Moorehead, SC Attorney General's Office

Community Partner Announcements & Meeting Adjourned

June 7th

Welcome and Introductions

State updates were presented by Kathryn Moorehead, Coordinator of the State Task Force. Topics included:

- Victim Service Provider Certification for Human Trafficking (VSP-HT)
- DHHS/ACF Region 4 Guiding Principles
- State Requirements for Provider Certification

Regional Task Force updates were provided by sub-committee chairs or representatives from each region.

USC Children's Law Center provided an update on their law enforcement workgroup/research project and answered questions in relation to the efforts.

Norah Rogers, Pro Bono Coordinator at Nelson Mullins, provided an update on the Human Trafficking Guardian Ad Litem Program including information about past trainings in Greenville and Charleston as well as upcoming potential trainings in other areas of the state.

Chris Evans, a Graduate Researcher at Winthrop University, provided an overview of her project. She also distributed a survey in relation to the project and its applicability in the response to individuals who may have been human trafficked in mainstream society.

Kathryn Moorehead provided the State Task Force members with an update on prevention education and awareness initiatives then introduced the speaker.

Andrea Powell, Founder & President of Karana Rising and a member of the DC Human Trafficking Task Force, presented on LIGHTS, a new prevention education curriculum.

General announcements were made before the meeting was adjourned.

November 22nd

Welcome and vote to enter Executive Session of the State Task Force.

Kathryn Moorehead introduced the new Statewide Strategic Response Model and discussed the impact on the Task Force's subcommittee structure and function. She also discussed the need for Children Advocacy Centers and Acute Care Centers in the model.

Tom Knapp, Executive Director of the South Carolina Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, discussed the newly developed South Carolina Child Abuse Response Protocol.

Norah Rogers provided an update on the Human Trafficking Youth Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Kathryn Moorehead continued discussion of the new Strategic Response Model, transitioning into discussion of healthcare's role in the response to victim/survivor needs including the importance of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and Forensic Nurse Examiners roles in the process.

Jennifer Combs, Forensic Nurse Coordinator at Spartanburg Regional Health System, presented on the medical response to patients who have been sex and/or labor trafficked.

Kathryn Moorehead then discussed the following topics:

- Pro Bono Legal Services – LAST, Specialized
- Interfaith Initiative
- Higher Education
- Upcoming Professional Trainings – Law Enforcement, Healthcare, and VSP-HT
- Standards for Task Force Endorsement of Professional Trainings & Speakers Bureau
- State Minimum Standards and Human Trafficking Provider Certifications – Individual professionals and organizations
- Legislatively mandated Resource Guide for law enforcement and judges

Amanda Adler, Senior Resource Attorney at USC Children's Law Center/Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, provided a legislative update regarding bills related to the wellbeing of children in South Carolina.

Kathryn Moorehead discussed labor trafficking and upcoming plans for a roundtable focused on the topic as well as the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants willingness to present in South Carolina about funding and training opportunities for agencies providing direct services.

New Task Force partnerships were mentioned including upcoming announcements about formal partnerships.

Dr. Liyun Zhang, Research Scientist at USC Children's Law Center, provided an update on efforts to collect human trafficking relevant data and the development of an interoperable data collection system.

January Awareness Month events and initiatives were discussed including the January 10th press conference at the State House, the special edition of the Task Force newsletter, and plans for social media awareness initiatives.

The Executive Session was closed after questions were answered regarding the meeting's discussion points.

December 6th

Welcome and Introductions

Attorney General Alan Wilson spoke to members of the Task Force, highlighted the new partnership with the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association and then announced the new partnership with the South Carolina Beer Wholesalers Association.

Lance Boozer, Executive Director of the SC Beer Wholesalers Association, spoke to the new partnership and plans to train members across the state, distribute posters that include information about the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and a special initiative in January.

Kathryn Moorehead discussed the 2019 Annual Report including the questionnaires that were distributed, the deadline for submission, contact info, the 2020 Task Force meeting dates, the release of a curricula review, the new Interfaith Subcommittee, and plans in partnership with the South Carolina Hospital Association.

There was discussion of January Awareness Month events including the release of the 2019 Annual Report at a press conference at the Statehouse, the January special edition of the newsletter, and planned social media activity to help bring awareness of human trafficking as well as the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign initiatives and the National Hotline contact information.

Kathryn Moorehead discussed the launch of a Statewide Strategic Response Model in 2020, professional trainings, an increased focus on labor trafficking, and the State Minimum Standards and certification process.

State Task Force members offered input into the 2020 goal setting process.

General announcements were delivered and the meeting adjourned.

2020 Meeting Dates

In 2020, the Task Force will continue to meet quarterly at the West Columbia Municipal Complex on the following dates: **March 6th, June 5th, September 4th, and December 4th.**

The meetings will continue to be held from 10 AM to 12 PM on each of the dates. If there is a change to a meeting date or the location, the Coordinator of the Task Force will inform members via email. To join the email listserv for meeting reminders and the Task Force newsletter, please send a request to Megan Rigabar, Office of the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Program Assistant, at meganrigabar@scag.gov.

IV. 2014 South Carolina State Plan to Address Human Trafficking

Released in June of 2014, the South Carolina State Plan to Address Human Trafficking is the framework from which the State Task Force establishes its goals. It should be noted that while the State Plan reflects the most relevant issues during the time in which the document was drafted, some findings may currently be less germane than others in relation to ongoing efforts. The focus areas that comprise the framework include the following:

Determining the Magnitude of Human Trafficking in South Carolina

- Finding: There is not abundant or comprehensive data about human trafficking as it is happening in South Carolina.

Protecting, Supporting, and Serving Victims of Human Trafficking

- Finding One: First responders, medical professionals, labor agencies, and victim advocacy groups must be able to recognize the signs of human trafficking.
- Finding Two: There is a lack of sufficient funding for, access to, and availability of resources for groups that provide services to victims of human trafficking.
- Finding Three: South Carolina does not have adequate shelter space to meet the needs of human trafficking victims.
- Finding Four: There is a lack of understanding and awareness of the various immigration benefits for non-citizen victims of human trafficking that are essential to victim safety and prosecution.
- Finding Five: Civil relief options for a trafficked victim are not well known or communicated.
- Finding Six: Delivery of and access to victim services need to be better coordinated.

Investigating and Prosecuting Human Traffickers

- Finding One: The lack of resources available to law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges frustrate opportunities to arrest, prosecute, and sentence human traffickers.
- Finding Two: The lack of information sharing among law enforcement officers and prosecuting offices hinders opportunities to arrest, prosecute, and sentence human traffickers.
- Finding Three: The lack of trained law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges prevents opportunities to arrest, prosecute, and sentence human traffickers.

Preventing Human Trafficking in South Carolina

- Finding One: There is inadequate enforcement of existing rules and regulations in South Carolina.
- Finding Two: Lack of awareness about human trafficking and ingrained societal perceptions aggravate the problem, resulting in lost opportunities to help victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

Other Areas for Consideration and Study

- Foreign national victims: Consider how current immigration laws can affect victims of severe human trafficking.
- Rapid Response Teams: Consider creating teams throughout the state via new partnerships, the development of regional multiagency groups, and concise points of contact to be used by response teams.
- Child Victims: Analyze how South Carolina juvenile law affects juvenile victims of human trafficking, particularly those victims who might be arrested for a crime.
- Internet and Technology: Develop strategies to more efficiently investigate tips received from online sites, draft protocol for handling tips including possible areas of overlap between human trafficking and internet crimes against children. Also examine different methods, specifically those related to technology and the Internet, used in the perpetration of human trafficking crimes in order to formulate better responses, develop prevention strategies, and build stronger cases for prosecution

V. 2019 Task Force Recommendations & Updates

Determining the Magnitude of Human Trafficking in South Carolina

- Finding: There is not abundant or comprehensive data about human trafficking as it is happening in South Carolina.

Recommendation

In 2019, the Data Management and Research Subcommittee will continue efforts to launch the first human trafficking data collection system in South Carolina. The data collection system will align with the DHHS Office on Trafficking in Persons data project and be interoperable to best position State Task Force members to both contribute toward and receive statistics that will help shape law enforcement training opportunities and the development of support services in our state.

Update

Members of the Data Management and Research Subcommittee continued efforts in 2019 to position the state to better collect data critical to assessing the scope of the problem in South Carolina and appropriately responding to the needs of victims and survivors. Given competing data projects, the data collection system was not finalized. However, there were strides made in formalizing an interoperable system that will be beneficial in both collecting data and disbursing it to federal, state, and local stakeholders.

Protecting, Supporting, and Serving Victims of Human Trafficking

- Finding One: First responders, medical professionals, labor agencies, and victim advocacy groups must be able to recognize the signs of human trafficking.

Recommendation

The State Task Force will continue efforts to provide comprehensive training to first responders, medical professionals, labor agencies, and victim advocacy through alliances with local, state, and national partners. It is critical that ongoing education best position those in the community to recognize the signs of human trafficking so that victims' needs may be addressed and traffickers are successfully prosecuted in South Carolina.

Update

Training is a critical component in continually strengthening the fight against human trafficking in South Carolina. In 2019, the Attorney General's Office, State Task Force members, regional task forces, and others contributed to the ongoing need to better inform those employed in the medical field, labor agencies, and victim services. By engaging these professionals on the topic of human trafficking, the state is increasingly better positioned to identify and effectively respond to incidents.

- Finding Two: There is a lack of sufficient funding for, access to, and availability of resources for groups that provide services to victims of human trafficking.

Recommendation

Throughout 2019, the State Task Force will actively seek opportunities for members to receive much needed funding to support their efforts to develop added services.

Update

The Task Force recognizes the ongoing demand for funding to support the needs of victims and survivors in communities across South Carolina. While members of the state and regional task forces continue to educate professionals in law enforcement, healthcare, hospitality, and education, a surge in the number of incidents reported will undoubtedly result in a corresponding escalation in the need for critical emergency and ongoing support services. This is an area that will continue to require attention to ensure successful identification of funding sources at the local, state, and federal levels.

- Finding Three: South Carolina does not have adequate shelter space to meet the needs of human trafficking victims.

Recommendation

The State Task Force will continue to support efforts for continued development of shelter spaces that meet the unique needs of human trafficking victims and survivors. Furthermore, the Task Force will work diligently to ensure that these programs provide victim-centered, trauma-informed services that align with best and emerging practices in the field.

Update

Shelter space for victims and survivors, including both short and long-term options, continues to be lacking in South Carolina as well as across the country. While there is an ever-present demand for restorative care for minor and adult sex trafficking victims, there is an emerging need for increased services to support labor trafficking victims as well. This will continue to be a priority area as the Task Force implements its state-level certification for direct service providers to ensure safe, adequate programming for this population.

- Finding Four: There is a lack of understanding and awareness of the various immigration benefits for non-citizen victims of human trafficking that are essential to victim safety and prosecution.

Recommendation

There is an ongoing need to continue to educate direct service providers regarding immigration benefits for non-citizen victims of human trafficking. In 2019, the State Task Force will develop a brochure that details information to best position providers to support this population. The brochure will be posted on the Task Force website so that partners may reference and/or download the resource as needed.

Update

Resources continue to be sparse in relation to the unique needs of non-citizen victims of human trafficking. While the Task Force did not develop a brochure to share the limited resources available, there were efforts to strengthen the network of providers equipped to support this population and also efforts to develop resources in Spanish, a language deemed a priority in terms of reaching victims within our state. The leadership of the Task Force also built a relationship with a national agency to help connect victims with critical services and potentially bring increased funding in support of non-citizens residing in South Carolina.

- Finding Five: Civil relief options for a trafficked victim are not well known or communicated.

Recommendation

The Legal Innovations Subcommittee will continue its partnerships with stakeholders invested in this matter. Efforts will be made to include more relevant information in trainings and through other effective avenues.

Update

Efforts continued throughout 2019 to bring attention to civil relief options. Those conducting legal trainings included information about this topic to ensure awareness amongst stakeholders.

- Finding Six: Delivery of and access to victim services need to be better coordinated.

Recommendation

After much work in 2018, this is an area that will continue to be further developed in 2019. More MOU's will be drafted and specialized programs vetted to ensure the Task Force endorses support services that are grounded in safe, quality practices. The Task Force will develop a list of service providers that meet specific criteria and post on the website for reference by stakeholders in South Carolina, the Southeast, and across the nation. This information will also be shared directly with law enforcement and members of the bar.

Update

Per 2018 legislation, the State Task Force worked throughout the year to develop a comprehensive system to vet and certify direct service providers. This included strategizing with point people at the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Efforts were also made to implement a more organized response at the state-level to better position stakeholders in meeting the needs of victims.

Investigating and Prosecuting Human Traffickers

- Finding One: The lack of resources available to law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges frustrate opportunities to arrest, prosecute, and sentence human traffickers.
- Finding Two: The lack of information sharing among law enforcement officers and prosecuting offices hinders opportunities to arrest, prosecute, and sentence human traffickers.
- Finding Three: The lack of trained law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges prevents opportunities to arrest, prosecute, and sentence human traffickers.

Recommendation (Finding One, Two and Three)

Resources will continue to be identified and disseminated to better support the efforts of law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges. Additionally, a law enforcement network will be formalized to position local, state, and federal partners to share information, best respond to case tips, and seek support on investigations as needed. This network will, in part, be developed during training opportunities highlighting human trafficking investigation approaches and techniques.

Update

In 2019, the Task Force developed a Strategic Response Model that positions law enforcement to utilize a network composed of federal, state, and local points of contact. This model was in part developed by using feedback from professionals in the field, identifying the unique needs of different communities throughout the state, and encouraging increased participation in regional and state efforts. Training opportunities were provided, but there is a need for increased investigative trainings that align with the newly developed response model to ensure continued coordination.

Preventing Human Trafficking in South Carolina

- Finding One: There is inadequate enforcement of existing rules and regulations in South Carolina.

Recommendation

In 2019, efforts will continue to better educate law enforcement and prosecutors about the specifics of human trafficking legislation in South Carolina. Partners across the state will be better positioned to enforce rules and regulations if ongoing efforts continue in this area.

Update

Through presentations and unique trainings, the Task Force made efforts throughout 2019 to better educate law enforcement and prosecutors regarding rules and regulations in our state. This was especially important in light of 2018 legislation that redefined the Department of Social Services definition of abuse and neglect and increased the penalties for those found guilty of trafficking in minor victims. There was also continued emphasis and clarification regarding what elements of the crime constitute a minor victim of sex trafficking as well as those that signify an adult victim of sex and/or labor trafficking.

- Finding Two: Lack of awareness about human trafficking and ingrained societal perceptions aggravate the problem, resulting in lost opportunities to help victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

Recommendation

The State Task Force will continue public awareness initiatives throughout the state. A trained cohort of speakers will help ensure that ingrained societal perceptions are challenged and the public remains better informed on the complexities of human trafficking.

Update

In 2019, the State Task Force challenged societal perceptions of human trafficking by working with its members to try to ensure accurate, non-sensationalized information was appropriately distributed and presented to those in the community. This included encouraging stakeholders to define the crime using legal definitions and parameters, limiting images that reinforce existing societal perceptions resulting from inaccurate media portrayals, and responsibly involving survivors who wished to share their stories with the public. Members were also encouraged to incorporate information pertaining to labor trafficking within existing presentations.

Other Areas for Consideration and Study

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Recommendations

In 2019, the State Task Force will continue its efforts to support providers working with foreign national victims, pilot a rapid response team, and highlight the need for Internet-related education and the use of technology in investigating human trafficking cases. We will also continue efforts to protect minor victims, ensure they receive quality services that meet their unique needs, and encourage prosecution of criminals who victimize children through sex and/or labor trafficking.

Update

Through the efforts of the Task Force, resources were identified to better respond to the needs of foreign national victims throughout South Carolina. This was in part due to a new partnership between the State Task Force and the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants as well as the early stages of the new Strategic Response Model. This model will continue to better position stakeholders identified as critical in further developing rapid response teams. Additionally, the Attorney General's Office developed new posters to help bring awareness to the dangers of social media in relation to those who wish to exploit both children and adults. Efforts continued in encouraging the use of technology in human trafficking investigations by maintaining the partnership with Thorn, whose Spotlight technology continues to be updated to better support law enforcement in their investigations. In turn, stronger investigations will better position prosecutors working these cases in our courts.

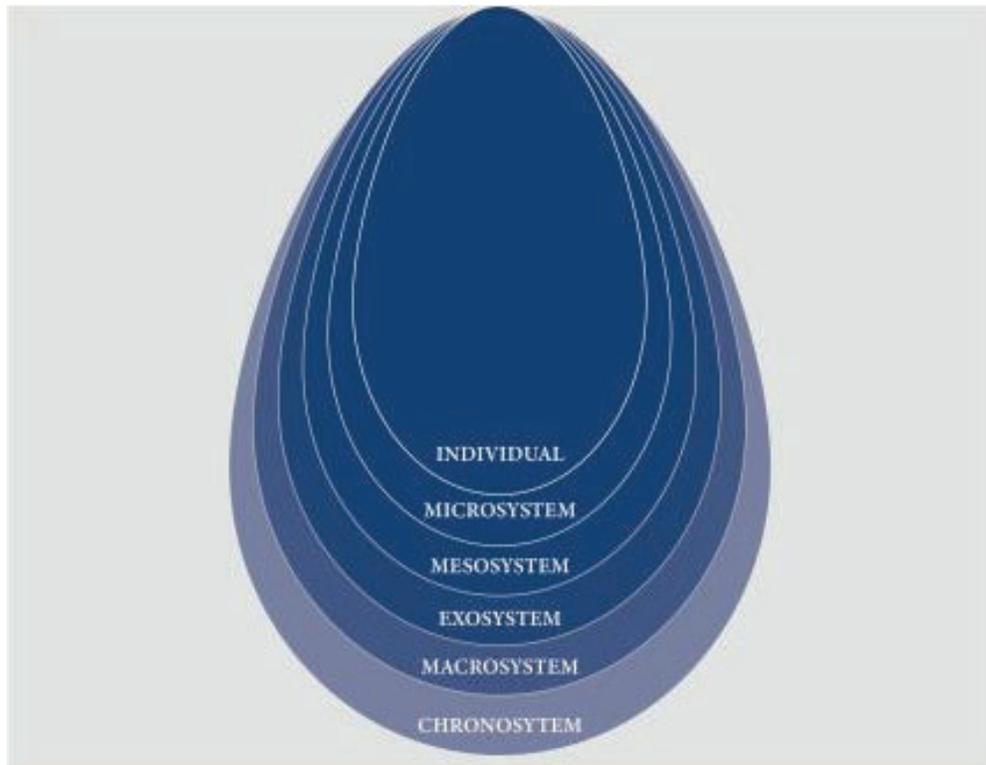
VI. State Task Force Response

Since early 2017, the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force has been strategizing as to how best to respond to the crime in our state while meeting the expectations established in the State Plan to Address Human Trafficking. Below, some of the observations and theories that were considered in developing a thoughtful, well established response are outlined to provide added perspective. These steps have influenced how the Task Force has expanded and how it is planning to more strategically respond to the needs of victims and survivors while ultimately preventing the crime from happening to both adults and children in our state.



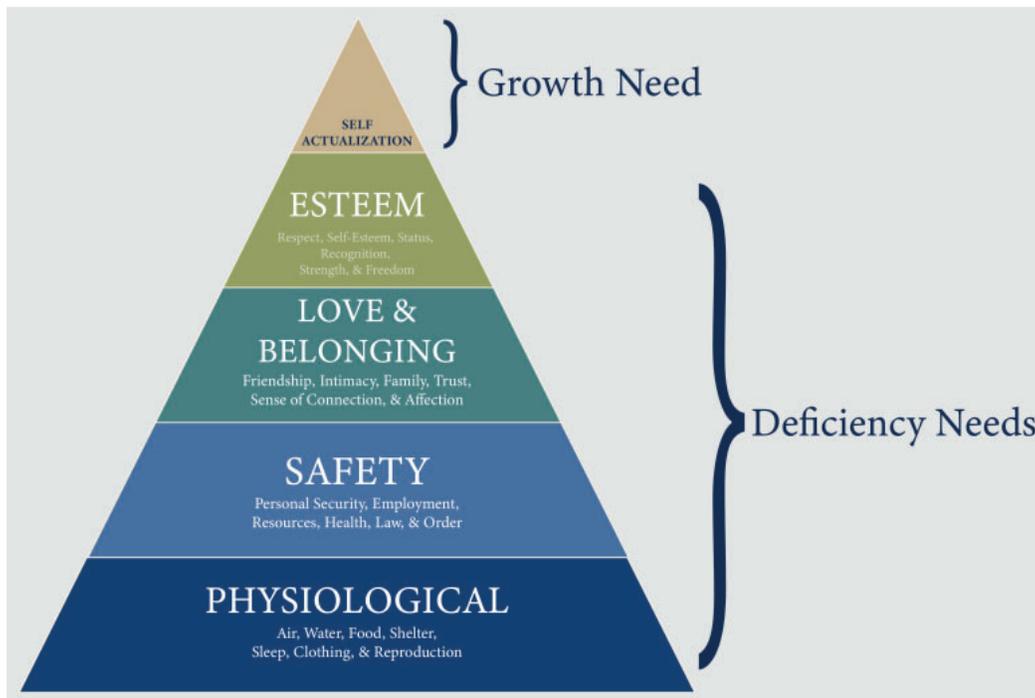
Human Trafficking Response - System of Care

In early 2017, leadership of the State Task Force assessed where South Carolina sat in terms of systemic resources needed to effectively respond to the needs of victims and survivors. In an attempt to define the needs of a statewide response, the above System of Care model was developed. It has in part informed the expansion of subcommittees that directly intersect with victims and survivors within the identified components of the model.



Ecological Systems Model

The State Task Force also reflected on American psychologist Urie Brofenbrenner’s Ecological Systems Theory in terms of considering how an individual’s qualities and interactions with their environments can help prioritize initiatives and sector-specific approaches. This model was factored in to consider the various dynamics that influence people throughout their lifespans and what those mean in terms of preventing human trafficking from impacting the citizens of South Carolina. From the individual characteristics such as sex and age through each level of the systems theory, we identified key areas of influence that the State Task Force could target in its efforts.

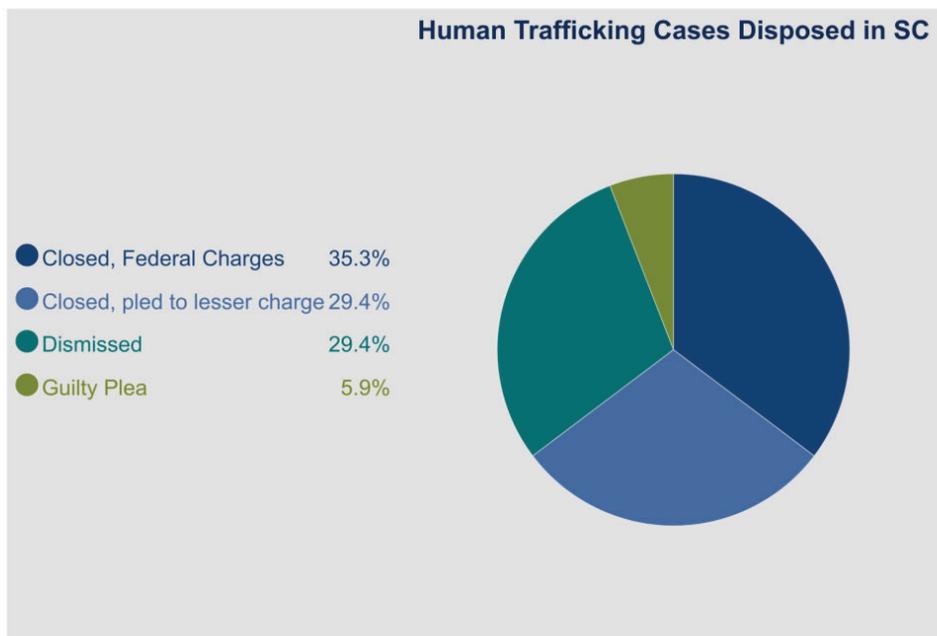
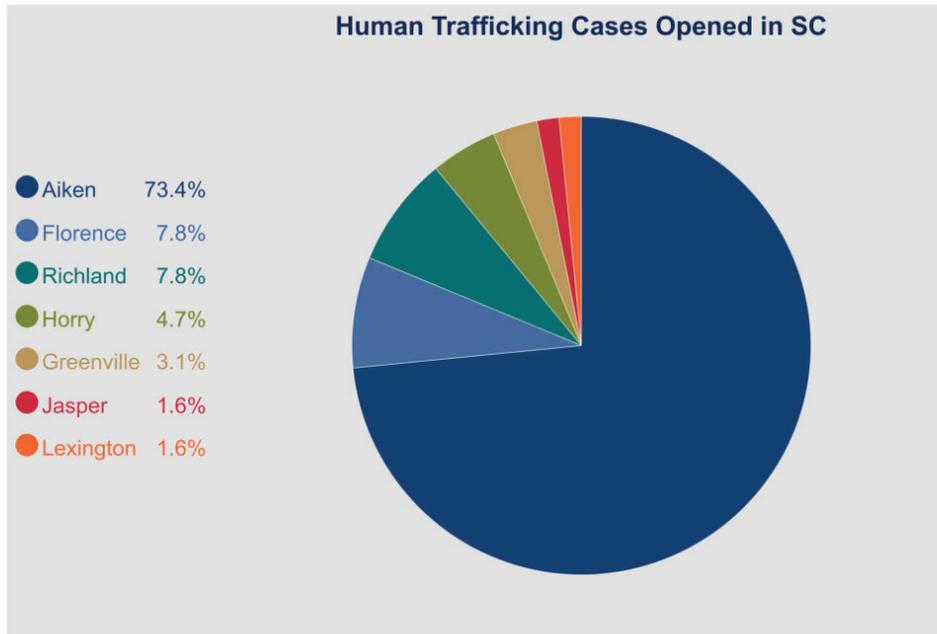


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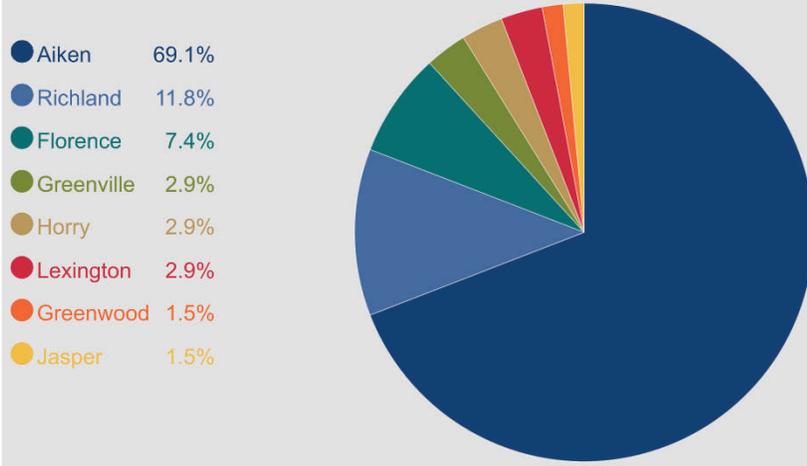
Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs was also considered in developing the approach the state would take to combat human trafficking. What is considered simple psychology by some is, in fact, very central to the approach that traffickers employ when victimizing their prey. This theory outlines the areas considered deficiency needs. Traffickers seek those who present with deficiencies, such as a runaway in need of shelter and food, to exploit while providing what they seek. Often times, the need is met in the early stage of manipulation and bonding. Once the vulnerable individual is attached, they are subsequently victimized. This results in an individual often not recognizing the exploitation as such. It is critical that the State Task Force continue to collaborate with direct service providers across the state to try to meet the deficiencies that individuals are facing and, in turn, limit the opportunities for human traffickers to victimize the vulnerable in our society.

VI. Court Data: Pending and Closed

In 2019, 14 new defendants were charged with Human Trafficking in South Carolina State Courts. Of the new cases, five were closed in 2019. One defendant pleaded guilty to a charge of trafficking as a first offense. Overall, 17 charges of human trafficking were closed in state courts in 2019. Local law enforcement worked with both state and federal law enforcement agencies in investigating cases. As of December 15, 2019, there are 68 human trafficking cases pending in the South Carolina State Courts.



Pending Cases In SC Courts



VII. Highlighted Partnerships & Initiatives

Continued Partnerships

The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force honors collaboration in its approach to combatting the crime and providing specialized services to victims and survivors. The goal of these partnerships is to ultimately aid in battling human trafficking throughout South Carolina, the Southeast region, and our nation. In turn, such efforts will assist in building the capacity of law enforcement and other professional service providers to meet the specific needs of victims and survivors.

To effectively communicate and collaborate with partners across the nation, Attorney General Alan Wilson and Director Kathryn Moorehead, Coordinator of the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force, actively contribute to regional and national workgroups. While the following groups are focused on solving the complex challenges that factor into abolishing human trafficking, they vary in their approaches within the anti-human trafficking arena. In 2020, the Office of the Attorney General will continue its commitment to collaboration via participation in regional and national coalitions as well as establishing new partnerships with those critical to efforts within South Carolina.



The Association provides a forum for the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and insights on subjects of importance to the Attorneys General of the states, territories, and district. It fosters local, state, and federal engagement, cooperation, and communication on legal and law enforcement issues. It provides training, research, and analysis to members and their staff on a wide range of subjects relevant to the practice areas of the Attorneys General offices.

Attorneys General across the nation recognize that human trafficking is a scourge upon our communities. To proactively and collaboratively combat this crime, the Attorneys General have established the NAAG Human Trafficking Committee. The committee's goals are to investigate and promote best practices for combating human trafficking at the state level. Focus areas include law enforcement and prosecution strategies, educational outreach efforts, and alliances with partner agencies and non-governmental organizations.

As a longtime proponent of anti-human trafficking efforts and an active member of NAAG, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson continued to be a sitting member of the Human Trafficking Committee in 2019. The committee has compiled resources to help states abolish this crime and posted them on the national website (www.naag.org). Along with Attorney General Wilson, the following Attorneys General have committed their offices to the cause of counter human trafficking by participating in the 2019 NAAG Human Trafficking Committee.

- Attorney General Maura Healey (MA), Co-Chair
- Attorney General Sean Reyes (UT), Co-Chair
- Attorney General Kevin G. Clarkson (AK)
- Attorney General Kathleen Jennings (DE)
- Attorney General Karl A. Racine (DC)
- Attorney General Chris Carr (GA)
- Attorney General Leevin T. Camacho (GU)
- Attorney General Derek Schmidt (KS)
- Attorney General Andy Beshear (KY)
- Attorney General Brian Frosh (MD)
- Attorney General Doug Peterson (NE)
- Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem (ND)
- Attorney General Mike Hunter (OK)
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Region IV - Southeast Leadership Advisory Group

The US Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Region IV office in Atlanta coordinates the Southeast Leadership Advisory Group representing eight states. Representatives from each of the participating states, namely state task force leads and other state agency representatives, meet four times a year. With two meetings hosted by member states and two meetings via conference call, the group regularly discusses pressing issues in the anti-human trafficking field. The eight states who participate in

this coalition include: South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

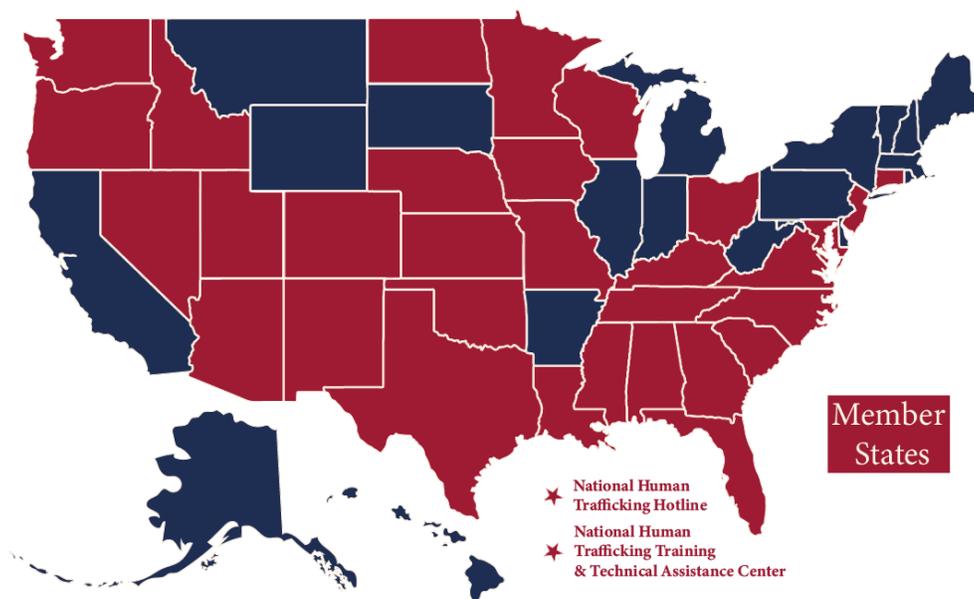
In 2019, members of the Leadership Advisory Group first met during an event hosted by DHHS/ACF in Atlanta. The event was entitled “Engaging Community & Health Partners to Address Intimate Partner Violence & Human Trafficking” and began with a discussion on the state of the human trafficking field. Kathryn Moorehead, Director of VAWA and Human Trafficking at the Office of the South Carolina Attorney General, was a panelist discussing community conversations and developing sustainable partnerships. Jennifer Combs, with Spartanburg Regional Medical System and Chair of the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force Healthcare Providers Subcommittee, also contributed to the discussion. Patricia Ravenhorst, General Counsel at the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, presented on a panel focused on intimate partner violence. Other panels included a discussion of relevant human trafficking topics and another on the intersection of intimate partner violence and human trafficking.

In July 2019, the Leadership Advisory Group met in Birmingham, Alabama for its second meeting. There were 32 representatives present from the eight states, Polaris/the National Human Trafficking Hotline, the DHHS Office on Trafficking in Persons, and the ACF Region IV Office out of Atlanta. Discussions included data from the State Department’s Trafficking in Persons Report that indicated a drop in federal law enforcement investigations and prosecutions as well as a decline in the issuance of T-Visa and Continued Presence for foreign nationals. At the federal level, there was also discussion of several laws passed by Congress in relation to human trafficking, one with a focus on prevention of the crime. Other discussion points included state capacity building, labor trafficking conferences and other resources, training materials, state mandates focused on professional trainings, prevention education in schools, existing databases, and resources available through the US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants. The group also discussed potentially coordinating efforts as a region with the Safe Shelter Collaborative and the significance of participating in the National Compendium to encourage information sharing and coordination of efforts across state boundaries.

Throughout 2019, the Region IV Leadership Advisory Group’s Guide on Best Practices, released in 2018, was also significant in terms of its use in efforts at the state-level in South Carolina. It has been an important tool in terms of impacting conversations around safe, quality care for victims and survivors of human trafficking. The State Task Force has made the resource available on its website and integrated the information into a section of the South Carolina Victim Service Provider certification for human trafficking professionals, the first of its kind in the nation. The guide continues to help influence those providing direct services as they seek to improve or further develop services for victims and survivors. The resource can be found on the State Task Force website at humantrafficking.scag.gov.

The lead representative from South Carolina in 2019 continued to be Kathryn Moorehead of the Office of the South Carolina Attorney General, Director of VAWA and Human Trafficking Programs/Coordinator of the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force. In 2020, representation will also include delegates from the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Social Services. Dependent upon items on the agenda for discussion, South Carolina will also include involvement from its other State Task Force

subcommittee leaders. 2020 meetings of the Southeast Leadership Advisory Group are planned for Georgia and Mississippi.



National Compendium of State-Run Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives

A growing number of statewide initiatives have been created across the country that are generally housed within a state government agency. The National Compendium of State-Run Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives is a group of professionals, primarily operating at the state level, who work on human trafficking issues and inform statelevel policy decisions on how to address the crime. The National Compendium is designed as an opportunity for leaders to share ideas with one another to boost anti-human trafficking efforts both nationally and within their own states. It is led by the Colorado Human Trafficking Council under the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office for Victims Programs.

The National Compendium meets throughout the year via e-meetings to discuss goals, challenges, resources, and other relevant topics that relate to the collective efforts of the states. The meetings occurred on March 26th, June 20th, and November 6th. Topics of discussion included the following: proposed human trafficking-related legislation in member states, the Family First Prevention Services Act specifically in relation to “at-risk of becoming a sex trafficking victim,” and the opioid crisis within the context of human trafficking. The e-meetings topics are chosen by compendium members to foster learning and provide an exchange of ideas between states.

Currently, the National Compendium is composed of 31 states and two national agencies. South Carolina remains an active member. In December of 2019, Kathryn Moorehead, Coordinator of the State Task Force, joined six other state leaders on the first Steering Committee of the National Compendium. The other states represented in the Steering Committee include North Carolina, Colorado, Florida, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Nevada.



The National Human Trafficking Hotline and BeFree Textline (hereto referred to as “the hotline”) is the nationwide anti-human trafficking hotline and resource center serving victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community in the United States. Since 2007, it has been run by Polaris, a nonprofit, non-governmental organization.

The hotline provides human trafficking victims and survivors with access to critical support and services to get help and stay safe. They also equip the anti-trafficking community with tools to effectively combat human trafficking. The hotline offers round-the-clock access to a safe space to report tips, seek services, and ask for help. Through the hotline, Polaris also provides innovative anti-trafficking trainings, technical assistance, and capacity building support

Formal Partnership

In May 2017, the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force, under the leadership of the Office of the Attorney General, formalized its partnership with Polaris to strengthen statewide capacity to respond to and support victims/survivors. By entering into a Memorandum of Understanding, both parties officially recognized the importance of collaboration to identify and serve victims, promote greater public awareness, and increase the skills and capacity of law enforcement and professional service providers in understanding and responding to human trafficking in South Carolina.

The Office of the South Carolina Attorney General, under the leadership of the State Task Force Coordinator, continued to work in partnership with the organization throughout 2019. Specifically, collaboration was primarily in relation to the state’s connection to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Our partnership continues to effectively position stakeholders in South Carolina to better respond to potential incidents of human trafficking and provide victims and survivors access to much needed services. Efforts include continuing to ensure law enforcement receives time sensitive tips for investigation and direct service providers are better accessed to help guarantee that victims are connected with safe, quality services.

Polaris Illicit Massage Industry Convening

In October 2019, the Attorney General’s leadership of the State Task Force, as well as law enforcement and regional task force members, traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the first-ever national convening specifically focused on human trafficking in illicit massage businesses (IMBs). Hosted by Polaris, the convening was designed to organize a national community of peers and colleagues united around the common goal of eliminating this form of human trafficking. Throughout the two-day event, multi-disciplinary discussions were held around best practices for prosecuting cases, how to engage code enforcement, property owners, and financial institutions in combatting IMBs, and best practices for serving survivors of IMB trafficking. The Coordinator of the State Task Force attended sessions on developing and implementing a multi-sector response to tackling IMBs while the Program Assistant of the State Task Force attended discussions on the collection and use of data to quantify the magnitude of

the problem. Other joined law enforcement from across the country to discuss topics germane to their specialties. With the information and connections made at the convening, the State Task Force hopes to continue its work on building capacity with key stakeholders throughout South Carolina to effectively dismantle IMBs and provide quality care for survivors of this type of trafficking.



In 2015, the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General, as Chair of the State Task Force, established a partnership with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to collaborate on anti-human trafficking efforts through the Blue Campaign.

The Blue Campaign is DHS's unified voice for agency efforts to combat human trafficking through public awareness and education. The partnership between DHS and the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force continued throughout 2019. In 2020, we are committed to working in collaboration to bring much needed awareness about human trafficking to citizens of South Carolina and share resources available through the campaign that may benefit wide spread efforts.

In an effort to alert community advocates to the resources available through the Blue Campaign, the State Task Force has chosen to highlight the Human Trafficking Awareness Month initiatives led by the Department of Homeland Security. For more information, please visit their website and view their Facebook page or Twitter account at DHS Blue Campaign. These sites will provide added insight into available resources, online training opportunities, and other initiatives.

We would like to note that January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day and the Blue Campaign is encouraging those committed to abolishing human trafficking to bring awareness to the cause by wearing blue, taking photos of themselves, friends, and/or co-workers and sharing these images on social media accompanied with #wearblueday.

For more information and resources, please visit:

www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign



It is well known within the anti-human trafficking movement that the Internet is a tool frequently used in the commercial sexual exploitation of children. The Internet must be vigilantly monitored, and innovative technology continuously developed, if we are to protect our children from predators. To this effect, law enforcement requires access to resources and training in how to utilize ever evolving technology.

Thorn is a unique nonprofit leveraging technology to combat child sexual exploitation. They are partnered with 70+ international NGOs and 350+ technology volunteers to stop the spread of child sexual abuse material and combat child traffickers who utilize the Internet in their crimes. Their work is guided by three principals: accelerate victim identification, equip platforms, and empower the public.

In 2015, Thorn built a technological tool, Spotlight, to help law enforcement identify child sex trafficking victims and arrest their abusers. Currently, there are over 8,345 officers in 50 states and Canada leveraging the tool in their investigations. Since 2016, the technology identified eight children per day on average, generate a 63% reduction in search time, and identified 9,380 victimized children. Ultimately, Spotlight has positioned law enforcement to tackle more cases of child sexual exploitation within a shorter timeframe.

To actualize a vision where all of South Carolina's law enforcement agencies are equipped to monitor the Internet for child sex trafficking, the State Task Force continued its collaboration with Thorn in 2019. Plans were actualized in expanding access and use of Thorn's Spotlight technology throughout South Carolina by incorporating information in law enforcement trainings. In 2020, the Task Force will continue to bring awareness to the benefits of using Spotlight in investigations by hosting a training lead by Thorn that will center on the newest updates to the technology as well as investigative benefits that have resulted from these changes.

For more information, please visit:

www.wearethorn.org



Legal Assistance for Survivors of Trafficking (LAST) is a network of multidisciplinary attorneys across South Carolina who provide high quality pro bono legal counsel and direct representation for survivors of trafficking. Through a case-by-case model, LAST works to secure justice for individual clients and to shape a justice system in our state that works for survivors of trafficking.

LAST was formed in 2017 with a goal of providing every survivor of trafficking in South Carolina access to high quality, trauma-informed legal representation. The model of LAST is to perform intake, screening, and placement of legal needs for survivors with trained pro bono counsel. LAST also equips the private bar to participate through statewide public engagements and Continuing Legal Education trainings, and through technical legal assistance and mentorship once matters are assigned to pro bono attorneys.

Throughout 2019, the network has seen encouraging progress and successful outcomes in municipal, state, and federal courts in South Carolina in matters involving expungement and vacatur, pardon, restitution, custody and family court needs, tax counsel, immigration relief, and victim and witness advocacy in pending criminal prosecutions.

LAST is grateful for the generous partnership and support from the South Carolina Bar, the SC Bar Foundation, the Greenville Bar Association, the Richland County Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Office of the SC Attorney General, Murphy & Grantland PA, the Human Trafficking Legal Center, SCADVASSA, SC Legal Services, and various direct service providers, private firms and members of the judiciary and Bar across the state.

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Human traffickers are increasingly targeting an especially vulnerable population: those with intellectual and physical disabilities. There have been grotesque examples in South Carolina of this crime perpetrated against disabled individuals. Knowledge of these crimes drew the attention of the Task Force leadership and motivated its increased focus in this area. In 2018, the Attorney General's Coordinator of the State Task Force became a member and representative of South Carolina on the National Human Trafficking and Disabilities Work Group (NHTDWG).

The mission of the Work Group is to prevent the trafficking of individuals with disabilities and deaf individuals and to advance the health and well-being of trafficking survivors with disabilities and deaf survivors of trafficking through research, policy analysis, technical assistance, and training.

The State Task Force is hoping to continue to recruit others in South Carolina who have an interest in joining state and national efforts to prevent individuals with disabilities from becoming victims. Additionally, the Task Force hopes to engage those interested in advocating on behalf of this population to better inform the public and shape needed policy changes.

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The Office of the South Carolina Attorney General and the South Carolina Trucking Association (SCTA) partnered in January of 2018 along with Truckers Against Trafficking for the first Coalition Build in South Carolina. Law enforcement from 26 agencies joined trucking industry workers in Columbia to learn about human trafficking, learn how to respond to potential incidents, and create a network ready to help combat this crime throughout our state. On the same day, Attorney General Wilson announced that the South Carolina Trucking Association was officially joining the State Task Force to continue highlighting the need to combat human trafficking in the trucking industry.

The South Carolina Trucking Association is a nonprofit trade organization that represents all the various parties constituting South Carolina's vibrant trucking industry. The association was first formed in the 1930s when truck operators found it necessary to do collectively what they could not do individually. Since its inception, the SCTA has been dedicated to the protection, support, and enrichment of its collective membership, while promoting good public policy. The SCTA mission is to advocate, educate and collaborate for successful trucking operations in South Carolina.

For more information, please visit:

www.sctrucking.org



The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force, under the leadership of the Office of the Attorney General, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2018 with the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA). The MOU officially welcomed the Hospital Association as a member of the State Task Force and recognized their commitment to supporting efforts to educate medical care providers across South Carolina about the complexities of human trafficking. This includes supporting specialized training efforts that center around the official state protocol for medical providers that was completed by the Task Force Healthcare Providers Subcommittee. The trainings will help those in the field identify potential victims and how to best respond to their needs. The Task Force continues to value its partnership with the Hospital Association and the impact our combined efforts will have on victims and survivors in South Carolina.

South Carolina Hospital Association is a private, not-for-profit organization made up of some 100 member hospitals and health systems and about 900 personal members associated with their institutional members. The SCHA was created in 1921 to serve as the collective voice of the state's hospital community. The Association is proud to be a part of the state's hospital industry, adding value to efforts to care for the people of South Carolina. By helping to keep South Carolina's hospitals healthy, they are helping to keep our state healthy.

SCHA's mission is to support its member hospitals in creating a world-class health care delivery system for the people of South Carolina by fostering high quality patient care and serving as effective advocates for the hospital community.

Their vision is that South Carolina's hospitals will be national leaders in improving the quality and safety of patient care, and that SCHA will be a national leader in advocacy. SCHA's credo is We are stronger together than apart.

For more information, please visit:

www.scha.org



Nationally, professionals in the anti-human trafficking arena have recognized that vulnerable populations are most often targeted by traffickers. This includes Indigenous people who may be living in rural areas of the country and struggling with financially sustaining themselves and their families. In 2018, the State Task Force partnered with the Indigenous Women's Alliance of South Carolina to support Indigenous citizens of South Carolina through human trafficking awareness efforts. A goal was established to help prevent and protect human trafficking in their tribal communities and implemented in part during 2019.

The Indigenous Women's Alliance of South Carolina is a subcommittee under the South Carolina Indian Affairs Commission. While the Commission focuses on unity among Native Americans, the Alliance focuses on serving Indigenous women in or from South Carolina. The primary goal is to support Indigenous women by bringing attention to issues such as human trafficking, intimate partner violence, and inadequate access to justice. The Alliance promotes skills such as advocacy, healthy living, and leadership.

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2019 New Partnerships

Each year, the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force, via the Attorney General's Office, seeks opportunities to develop new partnerships while strengthening existing collaborations. In 2019, the following highlighted partnerships were formalized to increase the Task Force's multi-sector efforts. We look forward to collaborating with each of the associations on efforts to prevent human trafficking through increased awareness and professional training opportunities as well as more formalized reporting protocols.



The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force formally began its partnership with the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association in 2019. The goal is to bring awareness to the members of the association regarding both sex and labor trafficking and better position the hospitality industry to respond to incidents within their establishments.

The South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association (SCRLA) was formed in 2012 when the South Carolina Hotel & Motel Association and the South Carolina Restaurant Association merged into a single organization. SCRLA is a statewide, non-partisan trade organization. Their mission is to promote, protect, and educate the foodservice and lodging industries of the state and to ensure positive business growth for our members. SCRLA strives to represent the best interest of its members on small business issues, hospitality, and tourism concerns and towards the protection of South Carolina's quality of life.

The SCRLA mission is to provide superior value and effective communication by being the voice of the foodservice and lodging industry in government and public relations, educational programs, offering operational benefits, and creating opportunities for member involvement.

The South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association represents over 2,200-member restaurant and lodging companies and industry-related service providers. It is these members that help make the hospitality industry South Carolina's largest employer and one of the state's most politically active and public service-oriented industries.

For more information about the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association, please visit:

www.scrla.org



The South Carolina Beer Wholesalers Association pledged their commitment in November of 2019 to help combat human trafficking in our state by partnering with the State Task Force. The Association plans to distribute posters across the state to help bring awareness of the crime as well as information on how to report an incident or seek help through the National Human Trafficking Hotline. All of the delivery trucks will also have signage posted on them throughout January, Human Trafficking Awareness Month, to further expose the public to the hotline number. Furthermore, the 16 distributors across the state will be trained about human trafficking, how to respond safely, and the best response protocols specific to their industry.

The purpose of the South Carolina Beer Wholesalers Association is to provide leadership which enhances the independent malt beverage wholesale industry, to advocate on behalf of its members before government and the public, to encourage the responsible consumption of beer, and to provide programs and services that will enhance members' efficiency and effectiveness.

South Carolina's beer wholesalers operate in a unique regulatory environment that was established by the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as well as the federal and state governments in the wake of the repeal of prohibition. Beer wholesalers occupy the middle tier of a three-tier system established for the distribution and sale of beer. This system was designed to insulate retailers from control by suppliers, encourage moderation in consumption, guarantee full collection of state and federal taxes and permit states to impose rules and regulations on the licensed beverage industry that reflect their own practices and beliefs. This three-tier system has far exceeded its creators' expectations. It is highly efficient and extremely responsive to local concerns.

For more information about the South Carolina Beer Wholesalers Association, please visit:
www.scbwa.com



In 2019, the Coordinator of the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force met with representatives of the United States Committee on Refugees and Immigrants to foster a relationship that would influence the state's response to foreign national victims in need of support services. The Task Force hopes to create a systemic response to connecting victims and survivors with safe, quality programming. In 2020, the US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants will coordinate with the Attorney General's Office to meet with direct service providers in South Carolina who would like to expand or develop programs to reach this population. The meeting will detail opportunities for fiscal support as well as training on the requirements to receive ongoing funding and technical support.

For over 100 years, the USCRI has advanced the rights and lives of those who have lost or left their homes. They believe we have a shared responsibility to clear obstacles and uncover opportunities for people everywhere. They achieve these goals by providing support to refugees, immigrants, unaccompanied migrating children, and victims of human trafficking.

USCRI administers the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP) for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) through the following grant awards: 90ZV0136, 90ZV0135, 90ZV0137. TVAP helps foreign national survivors of human trafficking achieve HHS certification and provide trauma-informed, person-centered, comprehensive case management services, facilitating timely access to vital services necessary to stabilize and re-establish their ability to live independently.

Services include emergency assistance, safety planning, basic needs (food, clothing), and access to legal services, housing, health, education, language instruction, etc. USCRI oversees the implementation of TVAP program operations and delivery of services working with a network of over 200 sub-recipients nationwide (including the five U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands). USCRI supports TVAP service providers with ongoing training and technical assistance to equip them with the skills, resources, and tools needed to provide the highest quality of services.

For more information on the USCRI TVAP Program, or to learn how to become a TVAP partner, please contact USCRI at traffickingvictims@uscriddc.org

To learn more about human trafficking, HHS certification, TVAP eligibility, and other federal resources, please visit: www.refugees.org



The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force has engaged with Shared Hope International throughout the years, namely through members attending the annual conference focused on issues related to juvenile sex trafficking. In 2019, the relationship between the Task Force and Shared Hope grew and strengthened as a result of combined efforts.

Innocence Protected Challenge

Annually, Shared Hope International assesses each state's legislation in relation to domestic minor sex trafficking. They again gave South Carolina credit for our ongoing efforts. In their Innocence Protected Challenge, Shared Hope increased South Carolina's state report card grade from a B (82) in 2018 to a B (88) in 2019. The increase in score was due in large part to new criteria used in the analysis of legislation. South Carolina passed no notable human trafficking legislation in 2019. Given the magnitude of the mandates that were passed in 2018, the state was engaged in efforts related to the legislation, specifically H3329.

In 2019, Shared Hope reviewed the state in six key issue areas including criminalization of minor sex trafficking, criminal provisions for demand, criminal provisions for traffickers, criminal provision for facilitators, protective provisions for child victims, and criminal justice tools for investigation and prosecution. For detailed information on our state's grade by each key issue, please view their report at <https://sharedhope.org/what-we-do/bring-justice/reportcards/>.

Research to Action

In 2019, Shared Hope International extended an invitation to the Coordinator of the State Task Force to attend a convening of national experts working in the anti-human trafficking movement. The first Research to Action meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona in April 2019. Stakeholders spent a day focused on key issues, including obstacles and best practices in providing services to victims and survivors. There were breakout group discussions and the event ended with the reconvening of the larger group prior to an event hosted by the Arizona Anti-Trafficking Network.

Stakeholders were again invited to attend the follow-up Research to Action meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio in October of 2019. The Coordinator of the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force was asked to present on a panel at the event. The panel focused on the diversity of approaches taken by states and identifying potential solutions and steps in meeting the challenges of connecting youth to appropriate services.

In 2020, the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force will continue to work in partnership with Shared Hope International.



Preventing human trafficking through public awareness and education efforts has been a critical component of South Carolina’s anti-human trafficking strategy since the inception of the Task Force. It is imperative that these prevention efforts be tailored to youth given the unique vulnerabilities that they face. Traffickers often begin targeting victims at a young age. The Department of Justice estimates that as many as 100,000 to 300,000 American children are at risk of being trafficked. Today, the average age of child sex trafficking victims reported missing to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is 15 years old.

Human trafficking poses a clear risk to youth in South Carolina. Our education system, which teaches and oversees South Carolina’s children every day, has an important role to play in increasing youth awareness of the crime. By equipping youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify human trafficking, South Carolina’s schools can protect students across the state and prevent the crime before it begins.

The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force created the Prevention Education and Outreach Subcommittee after identifying prevention education in schools as a key component of state anti-human trafficking strategy. The purpose of this subcommittee is to coordinate anti-human trafficking messaging, develop awareness presentations, and research and recommend human trafficking prevention education curricula to train South Carolina’s students and administrators to recognize and understand the crime. One of the subcommittee’s goals for 2019 was to create a chart outlining the prevention education curricula it recommends.

The chart below is the fulfillment of this goal. After the Task Force received curricula recommendations from Cuspis, the organization chairing the Prevention Education and Outreach Subcommittee, the curricula were further vetted and organized into this chart. The curricula we have chosen vary in their target audience, language accessibility, and format. We encourage educators and administrators across South Carolina to review the recommended curricula and choose one to implement in their school or after-school programs. By adopting and implementing one of the following human trafficking prevention education curricula, educators can equip their students with the awareness and skills needed to protect themselves and their peers from potential human trafficking incidents.

CURRICULA COMPONENTS

	 Evidence-informed	 Age Range	 Learning Assessment	 Language	Types of Trafficking
LIGHTS by UNITAS	✓	12-18	?	ENGLISH SPANISH	SEX LABOR
PROTECT	✓	5-18	✓	ENGLISH	SEX
Love 146	✓	12-18	✓	ENGLISH	SEX
A21, Bodies Are Not Commodities	✓	14-18	✓	ENGLISH SPANISH	SEX LABOR
My Life My Choice	✓	12-18	?	ENGLISH SPANISH	SEX

The Office of the South Carolina Attorney General and Cuspis partnered in reviewing prevention education curricula that are presented in more detail below. The summaries are based on online, publicly available information provided by each organization.

LIGHTS by UNITAS

The mission of UNITAS is to prevent human trafficking and exploitation through education and awareness while providing opportunities for survivors to thrive. UNITAS has offices in both Serbia and the United States to develop innovative programs in both regions.

LIGHTS is a prevention education curriculum designed to empower young people with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect themselves from human trafficking and other forms of exploitation. The LIGHTS curriculum consists of 10 specialized 45-minute sessions tailored toward middle and high school students. The first three required sessions build an understanding of sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and sextortion. The following seven sessions may be chosen by schools and educators based on students’ needs. LIGHTS is based on the lived experiences of teenage survivors and has been piloted across the U.S. with children from every socioeconomic background. LIGHTS has been accepted for use in Washington, D.C. public schools where it is currently being taught.

PROTECT

In response to growing reports of human trafficking, the California Office of the Attorney General and California Department of Education partnered with three anti-human trafficking organizations—3Strands Global Foundation, Love Never Fails, and Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives—to develop and launch the education program PROTECT. PROTECT’s mission is to reduce the vulnerability of children by identifying and preventing human trafficking by using a standardized, trauma-informed curriculum and systematic delivery methodology. The PROTECT Program uses a multi-tiered approach to combat human trafficking by providing training and reporting protocols to school staff so they can implement trauma-informed prevention education to students and be prepared for disclosed abuse. Since its launch, PROTECT has been implemented in over 35 California counties and has grown to other states, reaching over 50,000 adults and children.

The PROTECT Program includes training modules on human trafficking as well as four trauma-informed human trafficking lesson plans. School staff can access these plans online to use with their students. The program has specific lessons tailored to elementary, middle, and high school classrooms. Lesson plans come with a variety of resources including teacher training videos, Google Slides, and classroom activities. With these resources, the PROTECT curriculum aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the dangers, signs and historical roots of human trafficking while equipping students with the ability to identify victims and respond appropriately.

Love 146: Not a #Number

Love146 is an international human rights organization working to end child trafficking and exploitation through survivor care and prevention. Love146 engages in advocacy and mobilization efforts, offers trainings for law enforcement, social workers, and teachers, contributes research, and provides survivor care globally. Through these efforts, Love146 aims to abolish child trafficking and exploitation.

Love146’s curriculum, Not a #Number, is an interactive, five-module prevention curriculum designed to teach youth ages 12-18 how to protect themselves from human trafficking. The curriculum utilizes a holistic approach focusing on factors such as respect, empathy, and individual strengths. Not a #Number is designed to be inclusive and relevant to a variety of populations; it has been implemented in schools, child welfare and juvenile justice agencies, and other community settings. The curriculum is also inclusive of youth that identify as LGBTQ and is applicable across gender, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

A21 Campaign: Bodies Are Not Commodities

The A21 Campaign is a global nonprofit organization that aims to eradicate slavery and help every person experience freedom. A21’s three-tiered strategy consists of reducing vulnerability, identifying victims, and empowering survivors. To carry out its strategy, A21 engages in awareness raising events and education programs. A21 also works with law enforcement to help identify victims and assist in the prosecution of traffickers while working with survivors to provide individualized care and recovery services.

As part of its education efforts, A21 developed a curriculum, *Bodies Are Not Commodities*. Created for high school students, the curriculum consists of five interactive sessions designed to help students understand the crime and provide appropriate ways for them to be part of the solution. The curriculum is built to align with Common Core standards and it comes with pre and post assessments, videos, and guiding activities and questions.

My Life My Choice

My Life My Choice is a survivor-led nonprofit organization fighting to end the sexual exploitation of girls and help them reclaim their lives. My Life My Choice works in the areas of survivor empowerment, prevention and awareness, training, and advocacy to fight for change and social justice.

In 2002, My Life My Choice developed the first comprehensive exploitation prevention curriculum in the nation. The ten-session curriculum equips disproportionately vulnerable girls with the tools and information necessary to protect themselves from exploitation. The curriculum is specific to girls ages 12-18 and was developed, written, and reviewed by survivors of exploitation. My Life My Choice's curriculum was evaluated by the National Institute of Justice and evidence was found that participation is associated with decreased risk of commercial sexual exploitation of children. According to the study, an experience of commercial sexual exploitation amongst participants decreased by 50% immediately after the program was completed.

VIII. Human Trafficking Legislation Updates

Throughout 2019, much energy was channeled into responding to legislative mandates that were passed in the spring of 2018. The biggest focus area was the expectations set forth in H3329. The primary focus for the State Task Force was the development of minimum standards for certification as well as assisting in meeting the immediate needs of minor victims of human trafficking. (For more information on the specifics of the bill, please visit www.scstatehouse.gov)

Victim Service Provider Certification for Human Trafficking Professionals

State Task Force leadership identified resources that were available during an assessment of what was needed to develop and implement a state level certification process for direct service providers. The most immediate and valuable resource was an already established system to certify direct service providers at the state level. The Victim Service Provider (VSP) certification, administered by the Department of Crime Victim Services Training, Provider Certification, and Statistical Analysis at the Office of the South Carolina Attorney General, offered an opportunity to ensure that all direct service providers working with human trafficking victims and survivors would have a similar foundation built on core topics and best practices in the field. In January 2019, the first training was piloted for Victim Service Provider Certification (VSP-HT) for Human Trafficking Professionals. Approximately 40 professionals attended the training held at the Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia.

Additional VSP-HT trainings will be offered throughout 2020 in the Upstate, Low Country, and Pee Dee regions. For more information, please contact Megan Rigabar, Human Trafficking Program Assistant at the Office of the South Carolina Attorney General, meganrigabar@scag.gov.

Minimum Standards

The development of minimum standards is a critical portion of meeting the mandate under H3329 for a state level certification process to be instituted through the State Task Force. There were efforts to gather input from State Task Force subcommittees and other partners throughout 2019. The State Task Force, under the leadership of the Attorney General's Office, will release the minimum standards in early 2020 and post them to the Task Force website.

Certification Process

Once the minimum standards are released, the Attorney General's Office will begin the process of identifying direct service providers that would like to be recognized by the State of South Carolina as recommended providers supporting the unique needs of human trafficking victims and survivors. The list of certified providers will be distributed to the courts, law enforcement, the child welfare system, healthcare providers, and others who often seek immediate and long-term support services for this population. The list will also be a living document on the State Task Force website at humantrafficking.scag.gov.

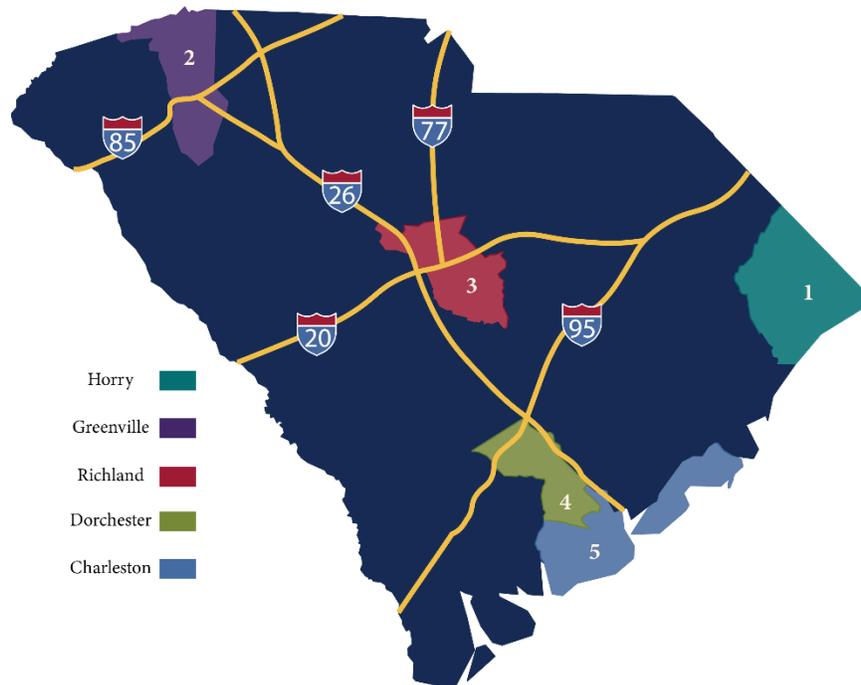
IX. National Human Trafficking Hotline Data

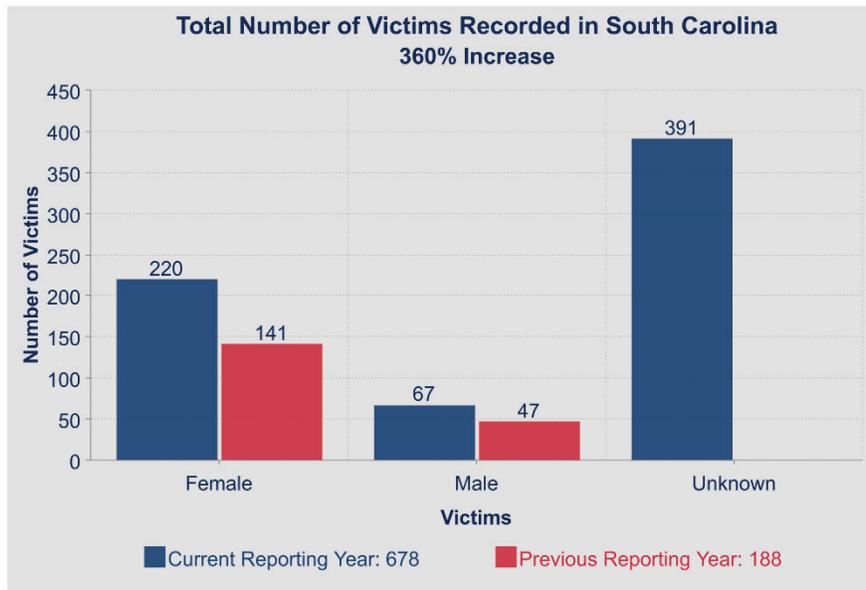
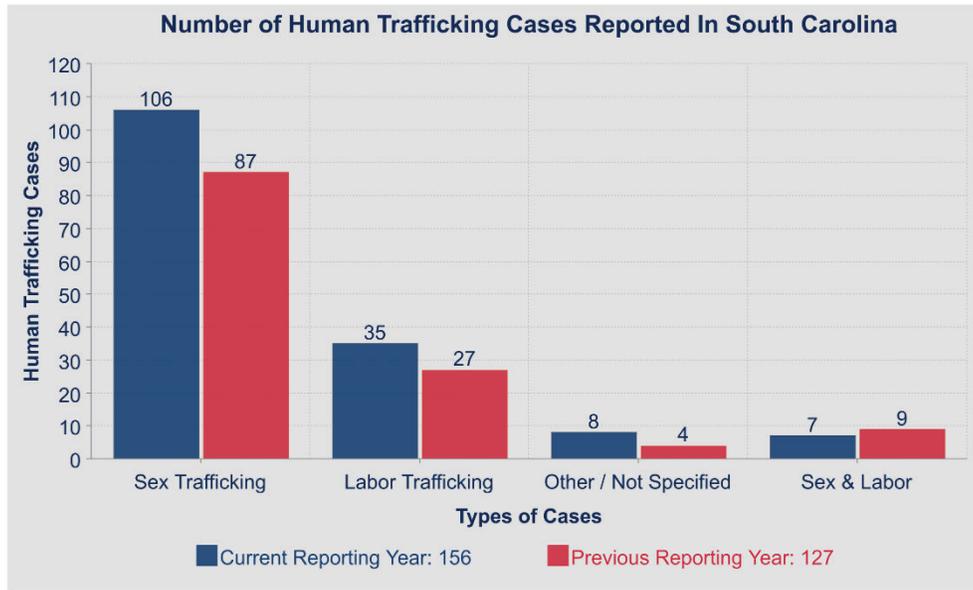
The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force and the National Human Trafficking Hotline maintain an ongoing partnership. The Task Force promotes the use of the National Hotline, assists in effectively relaying tips to law enforcement in South Carolina, and vets direct service providers to try to ensure that victims are not revictimized and receive much needed quality services. The National Hotline provides the Task Force with data that helps shape our statewide response to the crime and the development of support services for victims and survivors.

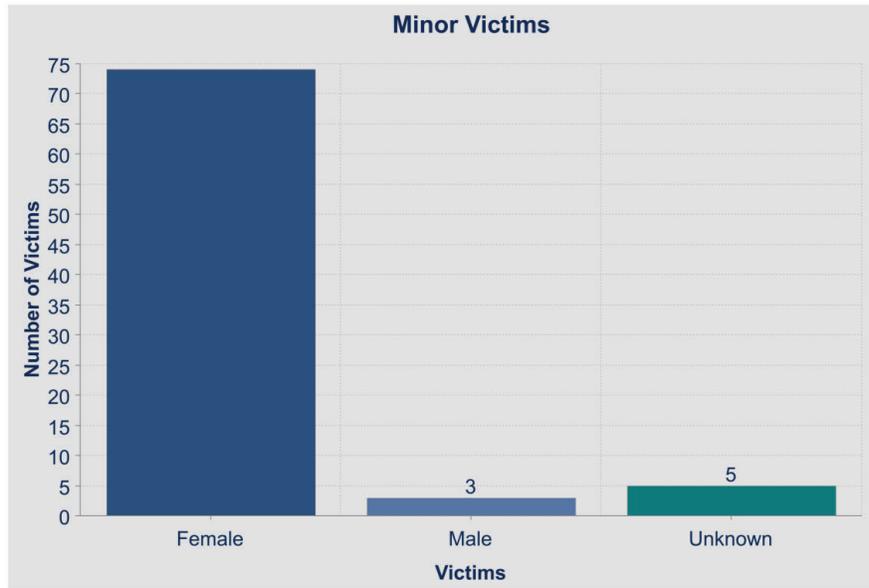
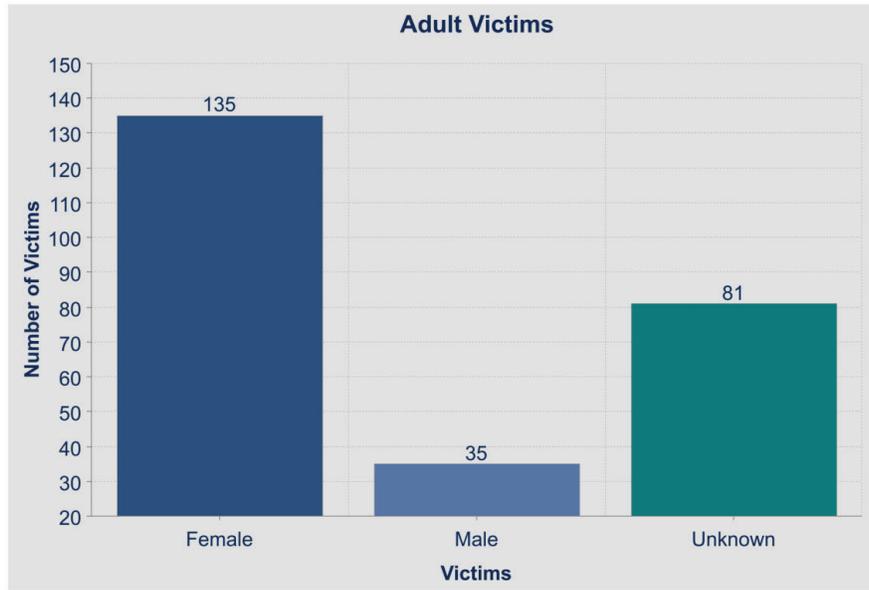
Given the complexities of maintaining and ensuring clean data, the National Human Trafficking Hotline provided 2018 statistics pertaining to human trafficking in South Carolina. The statistics provided *do not* represent a comprehensive report of trafficking cases in South Carolina throughout that period. They represent only signals and cases made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline during the time period. The statistics are accurate at the time of this report. However, situations of trafficking may be ongoing or new information may be revealed to the National Hotline at a later date. Consequently, statistics may be subject to change as new information emerges.

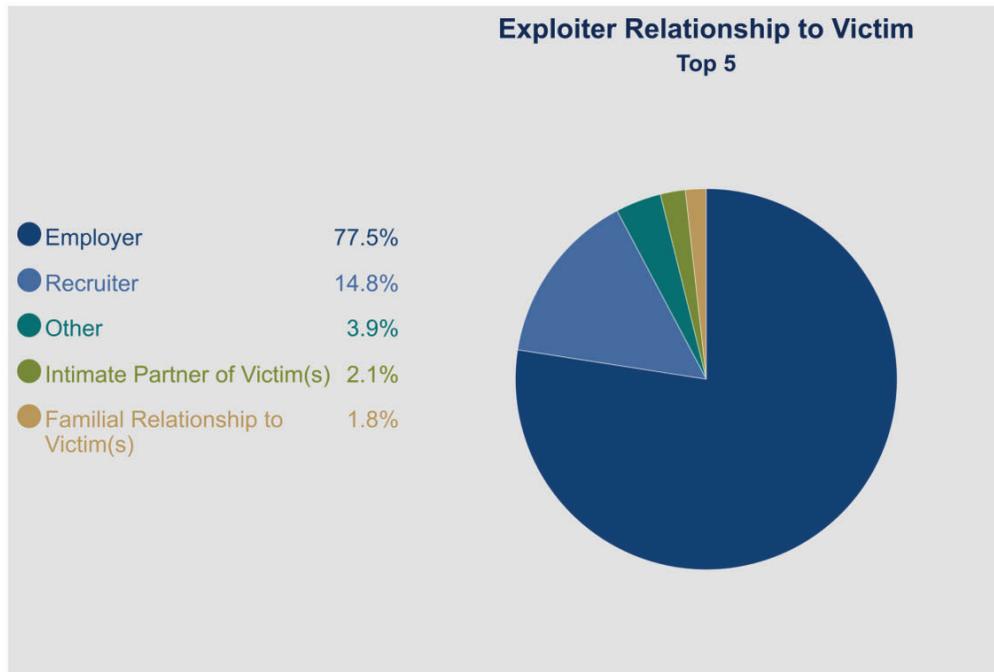
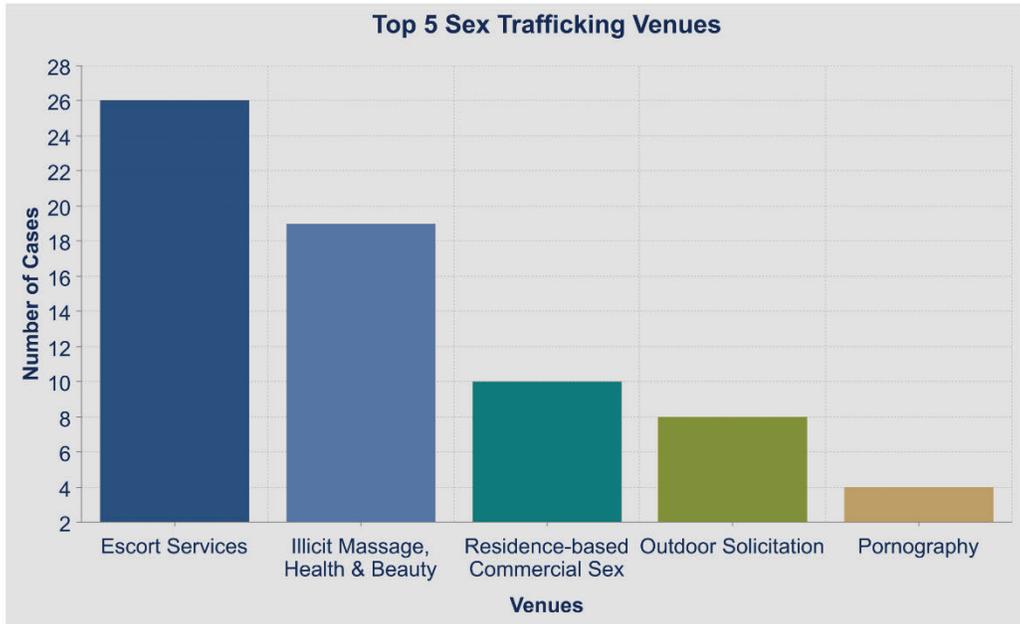
The charts below represent human trafficking cases with at least one location recorded in South Carolina. The numbers are different than the numbers on the National Hotline website. This is a result of the numbers below representing cases that were communicated to the National Human Trafficking Hotline by all types of signals: calls, texts, web chats, web forms, and emails. Until 2017, texts and web chats were not included in the numbers on the website. These two types of signals will be included in forthcoming years which will simplify reporting in the future.

Top 5 Counties for Reported Human Trafficking



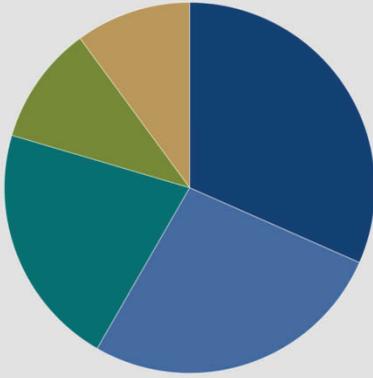






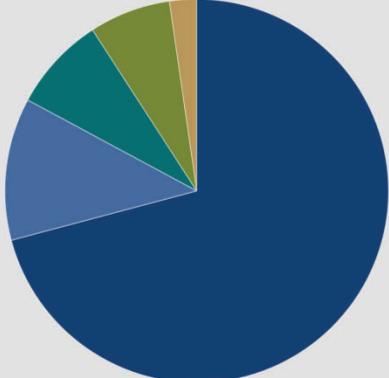
Methods of Control Top 5

● Withholds / Denies Needs or Wants	31.6%
● Threats to Report to Immigration	26.7%
● Excessive Working Hours	21.3%
● Economic - Debt / Quota Related	10.4%
● Physical Abuse	10.1%

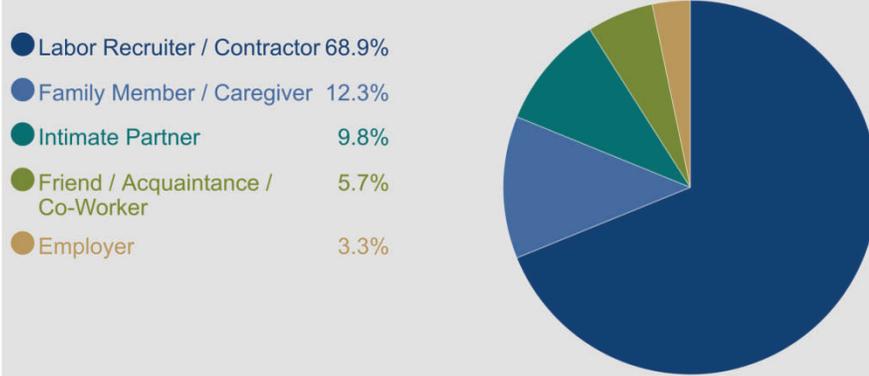


Recruitment Tactics Top 5

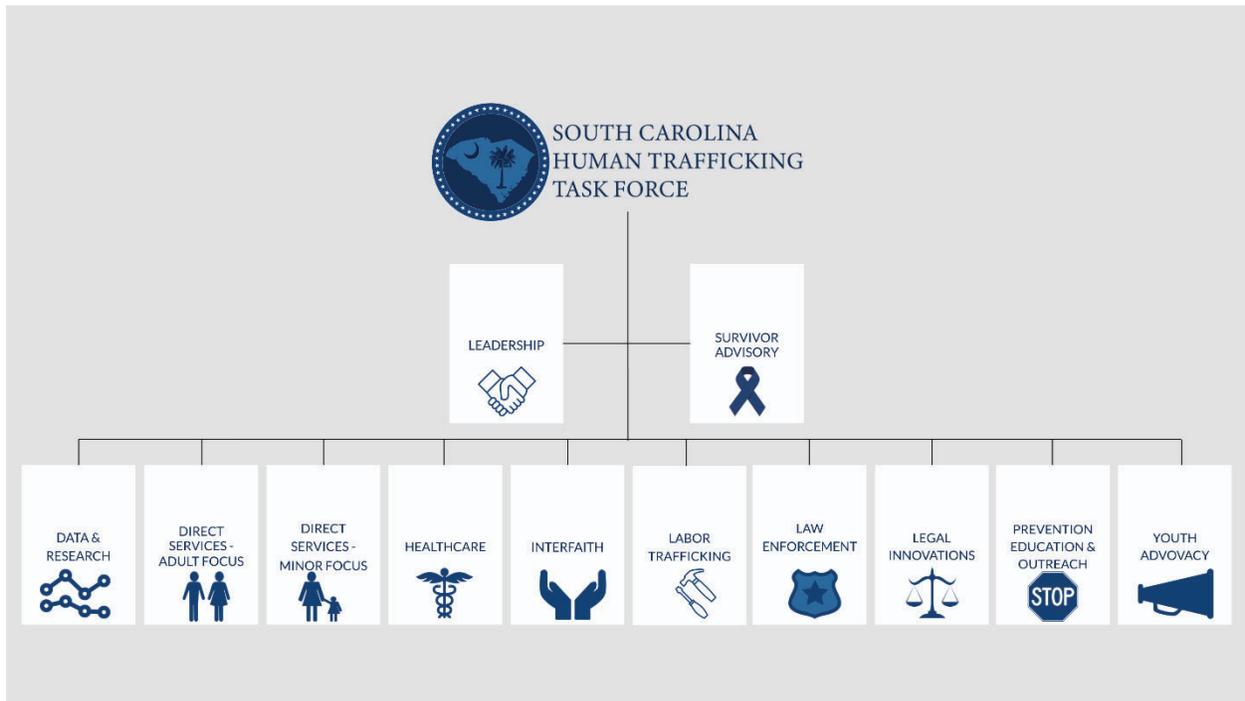
● Job Offer / Advertisement	70.9%
● False Promise / Fraud	12.0%
● Familial	8.0%
● Intimate Partner / Marriage Proposition	6.9%
● Posing as Benefactor	2.3%



**Recruiter Relationship to Victim
Top 5**



X. State Task Force Subcommittees



Throughout much of 2019, the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force was comprised of eleven (11) subcommittees at the state level. There were changes made during the year to right track given various external factors and a new strategic response to the crime. Additionally, the State Task Force launched the Interfaith Subcommittee to better support those in the faith community in their efforts to help combat human trafficking and provide supports to victims and survivors. Below, there are details about each subcommittee including goals, challenges, and accomplishments.



Leadership

The Leadership Committee positions the State Task Force subcommittee and regional task force leaders to unite in an effort to prioritize initiatives, support legislation, and discuss other relevant topics that impact the larger anti-human trafficking movement in South Carolina.

2019 Accomplishment: Discussions were had with members of the subcommittee to review topics of concern for leadership, share resources, and establish priorities for the remainder of the year.

2019 Challenges: Although the composition of the Leadership Subcommittee is ideal in terms of representing different regions of the state and the multiple sectors invested in anti-human trafficking efforts, it is composed of individuals already heavily invested in efforts to combat the crime and support victims and survivors. It has been difficult to find dates that jive well with the efforts underway throughout the state as well as each individual's professional calendar. Therefore, there have been many individual conversations via the State Task Force Coordinator/Chair of the Leadership Subcommittee.

2020 Goals: The Leadership Subcommittee will meet twice to coordinate efforts moving forward. Additionally, the leadership group will assist in the development of State Task Force policies and procedures that continue to formalize collaborations, quality oversight, and other pressing issues. The Leadership Subcommittee will also be critical to supporting professional training opportunities, developing the statewide speakers' bureau, and implementing the legislatively mandated certification process for direct service providers.

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Survivor Advisory

Mission of the Sub-Committee: The Survivor Advisory Committee is comprised of Survivor Leaders in South Carolina who bring their expertise and experience to advise and provide recommendations to the Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force. The subcommittee was developed to better position survivors to have a voice in the development of protocols and initiatives geared toward supporting victims and survivors throughout South Carolina.

Members: There were five members and three organizations represented on the subcommittee.

2019 Update:

- Advised on Direct Service minimum standards
- Advised on Guiding Principles
- Established guidelines, confidentiality, referral form and application to be considered a member of subcommittee

2019 Challenges:

Some of the challenges the subcommittee has faced includes establishing a process to verify survivorship to be a subcommittee member, identifying survivor leaders working in the movement in the state that want to join the subcommittee, locating a neutral location that is relatively easy and affordable for survivors to meet, and getting already established subcommittees to utilize our consultation on new efforts.

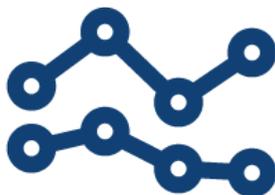
2019 Goals:

- Establish a process for Task Force members to reach out to us for individual and collective consultations and speaking engagements
- Quarterly meetings
- Establish roles and clear objectives for our subcommittee
- Identify more potential members
- Focus on equipping survivors that wish to work in the movement on professional development skills
- Send our recommendations regarding the onboard process for our subcommittee to Coordinator of the State Task Force for approval, and implement this process.

The subcommittee would love to see a push in communication of the importance of having a survivor to advise on efforts and services, especially for those directly serving victims of trafficking. Our long term goals would be to have a survivor represented on every subcommittee.

Chair:

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Data Management & Research

Mission: To understand human trafficking victimization and service needs through data and research and to inform prevention, intervention, and policy making on human trafficking with data and research. (This statement is aligned with the purpose of the federal Data Collection Project of the Office on Trafficking in Persons)

Membership: The Children’s Law Center at the University of South Carolina School of Law provides tremendous support to the Sub-committee’s accomplishments in 2019. Special thanks go to the amazing team members Ms. Margaret Bodman and Ms. Mandy Bowden at the Center who work diligently on a child sex trafficking grant project with the Chair to provide law enforcement officers with knowledge and tools in identifying and responding to child victims

and high risk children of sex trafficking. Margaret Bodman, JD, currently serves as the Prosecution and Law Enforcement Senior Resource Attorney for the Children’s Law Center. Mandy Bowden, MCJ, is the Children’s Justice Act Coordinator for the Children’s Law Center. She coordinates the South Carolina Children’s Justice Act Task Force which is comprised of over 30 multidisciplinary child abuse professionals across the state. The subcommittee is also comprised of law enforcement from across the state who provide much needed insight and feedback central to the project’s success.

2019 Goals:

Led by the Chair of the subcommittee/the Research Scientist of the Children’s Law Center at the University of South Carolina School of Law (the Center), the Center was awarded a Federal Formula Grant by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice through the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of High Safety and Justice Program. The purpose of the grant project is to provide law enforcement officers with knowledge and tools to identify and respond to child victims and high risk children of sex trafficking.

Goal 1: The prevalence of child sex trafficking will be quantified locally to increase law enforcement officers’ awareness of child sex trafficking.

Goal 2: A statewide cross-agency longitudinal dataset on high risk children of sex trafficking will be built for law enforcement to obtain data.

Goal 3: A screening tool will be developed for law enforcement officers. More child victims and high risk children of sex trafficking will be identified in a more timely fashion with the use of the tool.

Goal 4: To convene a workgroup to develop recommended practices of responding to child victims and high risk children of sex trafficking.

Goal 5: To develop a training curriculum for law enforcement officers and promote the use of the curriculum in training for law enforcement around the state.

2019 Accomplishments:

In the 10/1/2018 – 9/30/2019 grant year, the major accomplishments in comparison to goals proposed in the grant project included:

Goal 1 Accomplishments: This goal was accomplished through working with local law enforcement agencies to collect and analyze their runaway and incorrigible incident reports. Red flags, risk factors and potential child sex trafficking cases were identified from the incident reports. Findings were compiled in data reports to share with the local agencies to support their efforts to combat child sex trafficking.

Goal 2 Accomplishments: This goal was accomplished through linking data across agencies in South Carolina through the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA). The “high risk children” of sex trafficking were defined in the data applications as subjects who were born in the years of 1996, 1997, and 1998 with any charges of truancy, runaway, incorrigible, and

“prostitutions” with the Department of Juvenile Justice and an indicated finding of abuse or neglect with the Child Protective Services in the S.C. Department of Social Services. The RFA then linked the cohort data from the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and S.C. Department of Services to the selected variables from the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the S.C. Law Enforcement Division, the S.C. Department of Corrections, and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. All agencies approved the Center’s data applications. The Center is currently analyzing the linked dataset.

Goal 3 Accomplishments: After an extensive literature review on existing screening tools on local and national levels, the Center developed two tools for law enforcement officers with guidance from the Law Enforcement Practices and Protocol Child Sex Trafficking Workgroup convened by the grant project. The first tool was the Child Sex Trafficking Flagging Tool for Law Enforcement that was designed in pocket card format for patrol officers to use. The second tool was the Child Sex Trafficking Identification Tool for Law Enforcement that was designed for investigators to use. To further provide evidence to validate the tool, the Center will pilot the tools and collect feedback from the piloting law enforcement agencies before finalizing them in year two of the grant.

Goal 4 accomplishments: To develop recommended practices, the Center established the Law Enforcement Practices and Protocol Child Sex Trafficking Workgroup (the Workgroup). Currently, members of the law enforcement Workgroup include law enforcement representatives from city, county, state and federal levels. It is worth mentioning that many of the Workgroup members have rich experiences in handling child sex trafficking cases in South Carolina. It is also encouraging to have law enforcement representatives from counties where the most human trafficking cases were reported in recent years. Based on the input from the Workgroup members, the Center compiled the recommended practices on identifying child victims and high risk children of sex trafficking. The Workgroup is still working on developing the recommended practices on investigating and prosecuting child sex trafficking cases and plans to have the recommended practices complete in year two of the grant.

Goal 5 accomplishments: The Center collected and reviewed existing training curricula from other states on child sex trafficking, met with stakeholders to discuss the need for a statewide standardized curriculum, and identified components, length, potential trainers and delivery methods of the training. With the input, the Center drafted a curriculum outline and gathered feedback in Workgroup meetings on different components of the outline. The Workgroup members provided extremely helpful feedback and recommended resources from local and national levels to be incorporated in the curriculum. The Center is currently working with the Workgroup to identify experienced law enforcement trainers from our state to provide the training. This is important as most of the child sex trafficking trainings in South Carolina were given by trainers from the federal level or other states. This training is designed to incorporate local data collected in the aforementioned goals 1 and 2 of the grant project, flagging and identification tools developed for local law enforcement officers in goal 3 as well as recommended practices compiled in goal 4. The Center plans to finalize the curriculum and implement the training in year two of the grant.

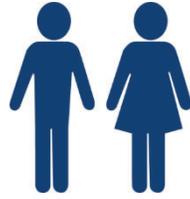
2019 Challenges: The lack of resources and time to work on the goal to establish a statewide cross-agency comprehensive human trafficking data collection system. However, with the recent hiring of Megan Rigabar, the Human Trafficking Program Assistant at South Carolina Office of the Attorney General, I am hopeful that progress would be made in accomplishing the goal in 2020.

2020 Goals:

- 1) To continue to work towards establishing a statewide cross-agency comprehensive human trafficking data collection system;
- 2) To continue the grant project on identifying and responding to child victims and high risk children of sex trafficking in South Carolina and apply for the year-three grant to support the project.

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Direct Service Providers – Adult Victim Focus

Mission of the Subcommittee: The purpose of the Direct Services—Adult Focus Subcommittee is to assess and identify gaps in service, inform and influence best practices, serve as a clearinghouse of resources, and provide recommendations and updates to the Attorney General’s Office.

Subcommittee Members (As of August 2019):

- SCCADVASA
- SC Attorney General’s Office
- Safe Harbor
- Family Resource Center
- Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
- Safe Passage
- Cumbee Center for Abused Persons
- SWITCH
- Jasmine Road
- Lily Pad Haven

2019 Goals:

- Develop minimum standard recommendations for organizations providing direct services to adult survivors of human trafficking.
- Identify supportive and holistic services regionally and statewide for adult survivors of human trafficking, and to develop a comprehensive and collaborative referral network for advocates and service providers.
- Build capacity within SCCADVASA Member Organizations and community partners by identifying which agencies and individual advocates are already providing services to human trafficking victims so that they may receive further training and support in implementing best practice standards.

2019 Accomplishments:

- On May 2, 2019, the Subcommittee submitted its minimum standard recommendations for organizations providing direct services to adult survivors of human trafficking.
- In December 2019, the Subcommittee finalized a compiled resource list of direct service providers, advocates, and organizations in South Carolina who serve adult survivors of human trafficking.

2020 Goals:

- Assist with the continued development of a statewide resource directory.
- Provide guidance as needed with the development of the minimum standards recommendations for organizations providing direct services to adult survivors of human trafficking.
- Continue to build capacity with agencies and advocates providing services to adult survivors of human trafficking to ensure that they receive training and support in implementing best practices.

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2020 Chair:

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Direct Service Providers – Minor Victim Focus

The Direct Service Providers – Minor Victim Focus officially launched in 2019 as a result of

Mission: To provide a comprehensive and integrated approach to assist minor victims of human trafficking. It is our hope to enhance the quality and quantity of services to address safety, security and healing needs to all minor victims of human trafficking in South Carolina.

Membership: There are approximately 15 members and eight organizations represented on the sub-committee.

2019 Goals: The Direct Service Providers (Minor Focus) had our first meeting on August 5th. The focus of this meeting was to bring key players to the table to discuss CAC Multidisciplinary Team Response, Human Trafficking Tools for minor victims, indicators and the creation of a flowchart. We also discussed assessment and the need for Acute Centers.

2019 Challenges: The challenges we identified were gaps in services, lack of resources for minor victims of human trafficking, response, and responsibility.

2020 Goals: Our primary goals for 2020 will be to identify gaps in our perspective agencies and develop action steps with solutions. We will also be assisting in the state level certification process for direct service providers. The subcommittee could benefit from identifying other key players who could join to help with the vision of creating more resources, an internal map and flow chart as to how our minor victims should flow through the system so that we can all have the same understanding and continuity in how to service minor victims of human trafficking.

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Healthcare Providers

Mission: To improve identification and response to human trafficking in the healthcare setting.

Membership: There are seven representatives from around the state serving on the subcommittee.

2019 Goals: To complete the first medical protocol for identification and response to human trafficking victims, along with an educational component to accompany the protocol.

2019 Accomplishments:

- Completed the education component of the healthcare protocol for identification and response to human trafficking.
- Held the first protocol training in Columbia.

2020 Goals:

- Facilitate regional “train the trainer” classes
- Work with partner agencies, including the SC Hospital Association, on the dissemination of the protocol to hospitals

Additional: We would like a list of resources to give to patients and a list of contact people's cell phones so representatives from each organization can be in contact with each other.

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Interfaith Subcommittee

South Carolina is home to a robust, diverse community of faith-based organizations. Many in the faith community have been active in South Carolina's ongoing efforts to combat human trafficking. As the involvement of faith groups in the anti-human trafficking movement continues to grow, the State Task Force identified a need to improve statewide collaboration among those in this community. In 2020, the Interfaith Subcommittee will officially launch to help coordinate the efforts of South Carolina's faith-based involvement within the larger statewide anti-human trafficking movement.

The Interfaith Subcommittee will be composed of point people in each of the four state regions to be liaisons between the State Task Force and the interfaith groups of their respective regions. Along with the representatives from each of the regions, there will be representation on the subcommittee from direct service providers to ensure victim-centered, trauma-informed approaches are central to the development of initiatives. Members of the subcommittee will identify faith leaders throughout the state who wish to elevate their involvement and participate in a thorough training process. The subcommittee will also collaborate with regional task forces to identify representatives of the faith community within their corresponding communities.

The development of this infrastructure will improve the State Task Force's ability to forge streamlined partnerships with faith organizations across the state to more effectively coordinate anti-human trafficking trainings and awareness efforts with members of the faith community. The Interfaith Subcommittee will also be equipped to assist in developing human trafficking response protocols and trauma-informed practices within their houses of worship. By building out a network of committed faith-based organizations, the State Task Force will assist in unifying interfaith anti-human trafficking efforts statewide. As a result, the State Task Force hopes to ultimately improve coordination of anti-human trafficking messaging, training, and support services across South Carolina.

Chair:

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Labor Trafficking

Mission: The purpose of the Labor Trafficking Subcommittee is twofold: to increase attention and collaboration around the issue of labor trafficking and to develop and implement specific strategies to reduce its prevalence.

2019 Goals: Develop a strategic plan to guide the Subcommittee's efforts.

2019 Accomplishments: The Subcommittee has begun this process and is set to finish this in early 2020.

2019 Challenges: For part of 2019, the Subcommittee lacked a Chairperson. As a result, meetings and progress were halted.

2020 Goals:

- Finish the development of a strategic plan outlining the Subcommittee's upcoming labor trafficking initiatives.
- With the Attorney General's Office, host a roundtable of key stakeholders to promote dialogue and collaboration on the issue, share ideas and best practices, and brainstorm initiatives specific to labor trafficking.
- Assist the Attorney General's Office in coordinating a training with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants on the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP) for interested providers.
- Develop multilingual labor trafficking resources and awareness posters for foreign nationals living in South Carolina.



Law Enforcement

Mission of the Subcommittee: The purpose of the Law Enforcement Subcommittee is to coordinate anti-human trafficking efforts and trainings within South Carolina’s law enforcement community.

2019 Goals:

- Create and grow a network of law enforcement agencies that will support local, state, and federal efforts to combat human trafficking.
- Use the aforementioned network to increase awareness of and participation in relevant training opportunities.

2019 Accomplishments:

- Since establishing a Subcommittee Chairperson in late 2018, the Subcommittee has focused on growing its network throughout 2019.

2019 Challenges:

- Given the volume and regional diversity of members, it is very difficult for the Subcommittee to meet in person.

2020 Goals:

- Continue to build out a statewide law enforcement network that will support local, state, and federal efforts.
- Host Thorn to provide trainings on the Spotlight tool.
- Develop and implement regional law enforcement trainings to promote collaboration and information sharing between agencies.

Chair:

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Legal Innovations

Mission: To support victims through innovative approaches in the legal field and drive best practices in South Carolina’s response to human trafficking in the legal field. The subcommittee recognizes that private attorneys, judges, prosecutors, public defenders, GALs, Court Administration, and other stakeholders all have critical roles to ensure the justice system responds effectively and appropriately to human trafficking in our state. The sub-committee seeks to identify and support legal innovations to that end.

Membership: Membership consists of individual private bar and legal aid attorneys.

2019 Goals:

1. **Recruiting key members.** The subcommittee aims to recruit members who are broadly representative of the legal response to human trafficking in South Carolina.
2. **Engaging additional key entities in SC.** The sub-committee aims to collaborate with key entities in 2019, including state Municipal Courts, state Circuit Courts, state Public Defenders, Court Leadership, Court Administration, GALs, key law enforcement agencies, and lawmakers, where appropriate.
3. **Engagement with USC Law and Charleston School of Law.** The subcommittee aims to continue supporting USC Law’s engagement and foster an engagement with Charleston School of Law on the issue, providing all support to student and faculty interests and partnering in projects involving clinical work, research and writing, training, and fostering engagement from law students and faculty in the statewide and regional task forces.
4. **Regional HT Task Force Legal Innovation Subcommittees.** As regional subcommittees continue to develop, the state subcommittee aims to support and collaborate with regional Legal Innovation Subcommittees.

Legal Innovations Highlight:



A Judge and Advocates Provide Training For Youth Human Trafficking Project in Charleston and Greenville, SC

In 2019, SC Family Court Judge Michèle Patrão Forsythe, Amanda Adler, Esquire, and Nelson Mullins Pro Bono Administrator Norah Rogers, worked together to create a new pilot project called the Youth Human Trafficking Project. The new project is designed to help judges identify youths with criminal charges in family court that may be victims of labor and/or sex trafficking or at-risk of becoming victims. The youths will be provided a trained guardian ad litem (GAL) to ensure their best interests and voices are heard in their court proceedings. The appointed GALs will conduct investigations and file formal reports with the court stating findings and advocating for established local services.

Service provider advocates, the S.C. Attorney General's Office, DJJ, CASA, law enforcement and others trained a total of sixty-six (66) volunteer lawyers at CLE training presentations in Greenville (March 29, 2019) and Charleston (May 5, 2019).

2019 Challenges:

1. **Recruiting key members.** A principal challenge was recruiting members who are broadly representative of the legal community and response to human trafficking in South Carolina.
2. **Engaging key entities in SC.** One challenge that was more of a function of time investment rather than pushback was engaging key entities in SC, including state Municipal Courts, state Circuit Courts, state Public Defenders, Court Leadership, Court Administration, Charleston School of Law, GALs, key law enforcement agencies, and lawmakers, where appropriate. Engagement with these stakeholders represents significant opportunities for growth for the subcommittee.

2020 Goals:

The chair position remains in transition and the State Task Force is currently recruiting a new person to lead the efforts in 2020.

Chair:

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Prevention Education & Outreach

Mission of the Subcommittee: The purpose of the Prevention Education & Outreach Subcommittee is to develop prevention messaging, promote education efforts, and engage in outreach in order to educate young people on human trafficking so the crime can be prevented.

2019 Goals:

- Complete the creation and posting of the prevention education curricula chart.
- Design and implement a Speaker’s Bureau for general prevention education and community awareness.
- Determine the design for executing the Speaker’s Bureau.

2019 Accomplishments:

- The Subcommittee created the prevention education curricula chart outlining the Task Force’s curricula recommendations.
- The Subcommittee also provided a written outline of recommended curricula for schools to review.

2019 Challenges: The co-chairs were appointed in early 2019. Given the delay in co-chair appointments, the Subcommittee chose to focus on curricula recommendations and defer the further development of the Speaker’s Bureau to 2020.

2020 Goals:

- Design and implement a Speaker’s Bureau for general prevention education and community awareness.
- Continue to discuss and research evidence-informed curricula for school prevention education.

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**Youth Advocacy**

Mission of the Subcommittee: The purpose of the Youth Advocacy Subcommittee is to engage youth on the issue of human trafficking to equip them to educate their peers and potentially prevent others from becoming victims of human trafficking.

2019 Goals:

- Engage the public through human trafficking awareness presentations.
- Develop and distribute posters for schools and other youth serving organizations.

2019 Accomplishments:

- Posters were distributed in the early part of 2019.
- Plans for a Higher Education Initiative were developed.

2019 Challenges:

- The Subcommittee lacked a Chairperson for part of 2019. As a result, meetings and progress were halted.

2020 Goals:

- Develop and implement a Higher Education Initiative to engage college-aged youth statewide in campus anti-human trafficking efforts.
- Work with the Prevention Education & Outreach Subcommittee to assist schools in choosing and implementing human trafficking prevention curricula for youth.
- Grow the Subcommittee through the recruitment of additional members.

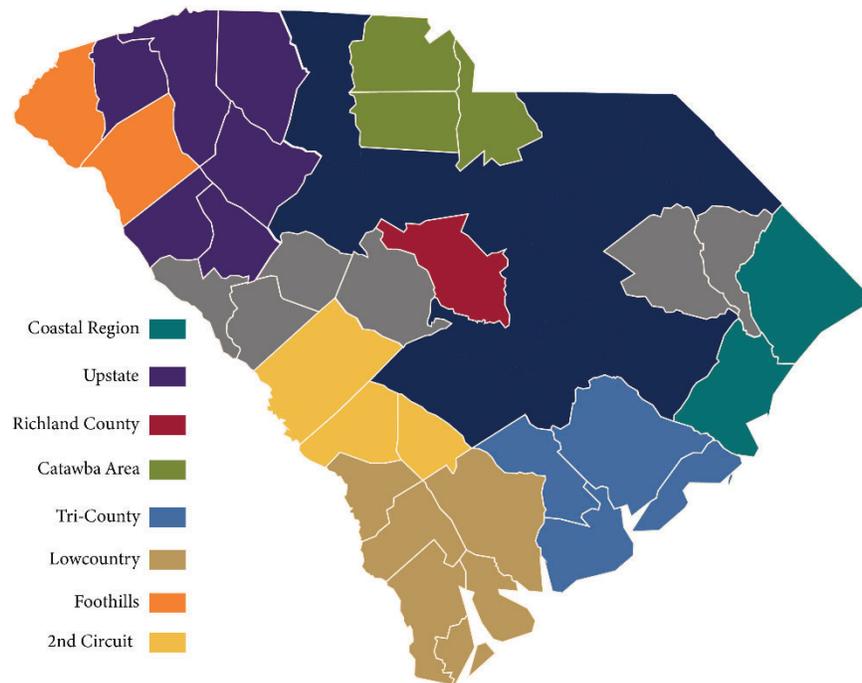
Chair:

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Other Information: Chairperson update coming soon.

XI. Regional Human Trafficking Task Forces



To ensure that regions across South Carolina are equipped with the resources and infrastructure necessary to effectively combat human trafficking, the State Task Force encourages the development of regional task forces. Once created, the regional task forces serve to coordinate anti-human trafficking efforts within their jurisdiction while collaborating with the State Task Force to promote information sharing and cooperation with statewide initiatives.

Regional Human Trafficking Task Force Standards

In order to ensure that South Carolina’s anti-human trafficking efforts are consistent statewide, the State Task Force has created the following minimum standards for regional task forces to meet in order to be recognized by the state. The Regional Task Force standards are divided into three categories: mission, operations, and management.

Task Force Mission:

- Task force members must have a clear and accurate understanding of human trafficking in all forms.
- Regional task forces will develop a stated vision, mission, and annual goals.
- Regional task force members will promote trauma-informed, culturally competent, and non-discriminatory practices in all areas, especially in victim services. Members of each task force must adhere to these practices.

- Regional task forces will revisit goals annually with their members to update and clarify the direction of efforts in their communities.

Task Force Operations:

- Regional task forces will recognize the importance of collaboration with the State Task Force, other regional task forces, multi-sector agencies, and organizations.
- Efforts will be made to foster professional, collaborative relationships amongst members of the regional task force as well as amongst representatives of State Task Force sub-committees.
- In partnership with the Coordinator of the State Task Force, the regional task forces will develop a comprehensive emergency response protocol.
- Regional task forces will ensure its members provide non-discriminatory services that support all victims regardless of citizenship, nationality, language, gender, sexual orientation, type of trafficking, or age.
- Regional task forces will build diverse partnerships with organizations that assist vulnerable populations.

Task Force Management:

- Regional Task Forces will create and formalize bylaws to internally regulate meetings/initiatives and to outline processes for conflict resolution, leadership changes, and elections.
- Regional Task Forces will elect two co-chairs through an election administered online to allow for the participation of all task force members.
- Regional Task Forces will reserve one co-chair position for a member of law enforcement.
- Regional Task Forces will create mechanisms to collaborate and align with judicial circuits.
- Regional Task Forces will hold a minimum of one meeting quarterly.

Throughout 2020, the State Task Force will work with established task forces, as well as those preparing to launch new coalitions, to ensure standards are clearly set and adhered to throughout the year.



2nd Judicial Circuit Task Force

Mission: To help victims of human trafficking find a voice and receive services to become survivors, as well as aiding in the effective prosecution of the traffickers.

Counties: Aiken, Barnwell, and Bamberg

Membership: Those who attend meetings currently include: Aiken County Sheriff's Office, SC Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon, 2nd Judicial Circuit AET, DSS, Aiken Barnwell Mental Health, Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons, Children's Place Inc, SLED, DJJ and the Solicitor's Office.

Regional Task Force Subcommittees: The task force has not developed subcommittees since the relaunch.

2019 Accomplishments: Three traffickers were arrested in one operation in April and three adult victims were rescued.

2020 Goals: Hold at least one meeting per quarter, break into subcommittees, and collect approved resources in the area to help victims.

Co-Chairs:

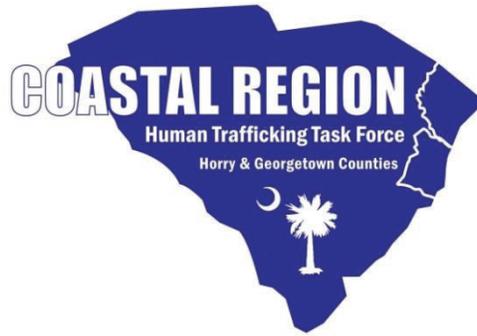
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Mission: Establish a multi-disciplinary regional coalition supported through guidance from the State Task Force via the Attorney General’s Office, provide education and awareness to prevent and expose human trafficking, coordinate existing services for victims and survivors of human trafficking, while identifying additional needs within the community.

Number of Members and Organizations: 329

Counties Served: Horry, Georgetown

Regional Task Force Subcommittees and Chairperson(s):

Task Force Co-Chairs: Sherri Smith & Janis Croteau

Information Coordinator: Janis Croteau

Healthcare: Natalie Darby

Speakers Bureau: Bill Croteau

Labor Trafficking Co-Chairs: Betty Houbion & Bill Croteau

Law Enforcement Co-Chairs: Chris Graham, Beth Davis, Jade Roy

Direct Services: Janis Croteau

Youth Advocacy Co-Chairs: Tami Elswick & Beverly Wilhelm

Legal Innovations Co-Chairs: Mary-Ellen Walter & Cara Walker

PEA – (Recruitment, Marketing, Public Relations) Co-Chairs: Sherri Smith, Brooke Holden, Bonnie Myers

2019 Accomplishments: We had two poster campaigns. The first was in Myrtle Beach prior to the annual Carolina Country Music Festival. The second was a two-county campaign focusing on Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Surfside Beach, Pawley’s Island, and Georgetown. Posters are in the Myrtle Beach Airport and we have a kiosk of information.

Training: ERASE training for law enforcement. Three day training for officers investigating human trafficking cases.

Two day Amber Alert training focusing on “Developing a Community Response for High-Risk Victims of Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation.” We had 110 attendees.

Presentations:

-Provided multiple presentations and trainings to the area Chamber of Commerce, churches, and local hotels.

-Provided training for the teachers at St. James High School in Murrells Inlet.

Media Events: Provided multiple media interviews with local media (TV, radio, and print).

2020 Goals:

- Continue our community outreach and awareness.
- Provide more training opportunities for area law enforcement, prosecutors, and DJJ employees.
- Hold a hospitality labor trafficking event in February.
- Amber Alert Training on Developing a Community Response to Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Specialized Training has been approved and is scheduled for March 26-27, 2020. This is the second part of a two-part series.
- The taskforce is looking to expand our community outreach further into Georgetown County. We are hoping to add more executive chairs to our taskforce from Georgetown County.
- Establish a task force calendar events that will be accessible to the public through our social media sites and website.
- Launch our taskforce website, where information will be more accessible to victims and our citizens.
- Expand direct services for victims and survivors.
- Expand our law enforcement subcommittee to provide the multi-disciplinary approach to identifying child victims.
- Provide more training to our local schools.

2020 Meetings: Thursday, January 9th 10am -12pm – Coastal Region quarterly meeting at Winyah Auditorium in Georgetown.

Events Related to Human Trafficking Awareness Month:

-Tuesday, January 7th, 5pm-7pm: We are hosting an event at Horry Georgetown Technical College, Conway Campus. We will have Erica Leigh Fagin's testimony about her time as a missionary in 11 countries to stop human trafficking.

-Thursday, January 9th 10am -12pm: Coastal Region quarterly meeting at Winyah Auditorium in Georgetown. Georgetown County Sheriff Carter Weaver will be the guest speaker.

-Saturday, January 11th (Time TBD): Light up the Coast for National Human Trafficking. Last year we were able to get the Myrtle Beach Sky Wheel illuminated with blue lights. In 2020, we are attempting to have a popular or highly visible structure illuminated with blue lights in every town/city in both Horry and Georgetown Counties.

Chairs:

Sherri Smith and Janis Croteau

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Mission: To bring together agencies, organizations, and businesses of the Lowcountry that work in the community to help fight human trafficking and/or serve victims of human trafficking and become a force where survivors can receive immediate services and traffickers fear conviction.

Number of Members and Organizations: Approx. 15

Counties Served: 14th Judicial Circuit: Allendale, Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton counties

Regional Task Force Subcommittees and Chairperson(s): As of the middle of this year we voted to dissolve the committees as the organizations were doing things that made it redundant and sign up action was little.

2019 Accomplishments:

1. Established committees
2. Began brainstorming ways to reduce sex purchasing in the 14th Judicial Circuit
3. Planning on community education and local trainings

2020 Goals:

- Community education and local trainings for law enforcement, medical, legal, and service providers
- Begin a campaign to reduce sex purchasing
- Increase law enforcement attendance
- Produce and implement local protocol for collaboration and survivor efficiency

2020 Meetings: Jan. 22nd: Community address and service education, state update

April 22nd: State update, protocol, training date

Oct 4th: Reduction of sex purchasing continued talk, speaker on buying

Oct 21st: Training day

July 22nd: Protocol approval, goals for 2021, speaker on protocol

Events Related to Human Trafficking Awareness Month: Jan 22nd Community Address: 10 am-12pm, Bluffton Library large conference room.

Co-Chairs:

Shane Roberts

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Mission: Through a united community effort, Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force will relentlessly pursue human traffickers and buyers, prevent human trafficking through increasing community awareness, advocate for laws to end human trafficking in Richland County and protect and support all survivors.

Number of Members and Organizations: 178 Members

Counties Served: Richland County

Regional Task Force Subcommittees and Chairperson(s):

- Education & Awareness—Emma Rush, MSW
- Survivor Support—Laurie Pineda
- Law Enforcement—Captain Heidi Jackson
- Legislation & Advocacy—Bob Healy & Councilman Jim Manning

2019 Accomplishments: Implemented a host of community awareness events to increase public awareness of human trafficking throughout the year to include:

Canvas the County: A quarterly event where volunteers display National Human Trafficking Hotline posters in legislatively mandated locations in Richland County.

No More Silence @ Soda City: In January during Human Trafficking Awareness Month, volunteers dressed in all black with an "X" taped over their mouths representing the silence victims experience from the inability to speak out against their trafficker and distributed informational materials to initiate a conversation with the public.

Movie Review & Panel Discussion: The movie panel was comprised of a multidisciplinary team who led a discussion on how human trafficking affects Richland County citizens. The purpose of this event is to dispel myths and present an open forum for the community.

Freedom Sunday: RCAHT partnered with Word of God Church to implement an event to highlight human trafficking locally and abroad as their ministry is global. This event provided the opportunity to speak with the congregation.

Panel Discussion at Word of God: Following Freedom Sunday, RCAHT and Word of God implemented a panel discussion that was attended by over 200 individuals. The panel was moderated by Fraendy Clarvaud of WACH Fox.

March Madness: During the March Madness events, RCAHT partnered with NCAA, Columbia Airport, USC, Colonial Life Arena, and local hotels and restaurants to display National Human Trafficking Hotline posters to deter tourists from solicitation and to encourage potential victims to contact the National Hotline.

Resource Training: RCAHT's Education and Awareness Committee implemented a statewide training to inform individuals and agencies of the resources available to human trafficking survivors. The training was well attended and received.

Training: The RCAHT Task Force presented at local, statewide, and national conferences with a total of 2,145 participants.

2020 Goals:

- Educate and increase public awareness of human trafficking in Richland County to create an effective response to this crime.
- Build capacity in Richland County to investigate and prosecute traffickers and buyers and to recover human trafficking victims.
- Create a system of support for survivors of human trafficking.
- Advocate for legislation and ordinances that prevent and prosecute human trafficking while supporting survivors.

2020 Meetings: January 17, March 20, May 15, July 17, September 18, November 20
10:00 AM: 2500 Decker Blvd, Columbia, SC

Events Related to Human Trafficking Awareness Month:

Paint the City Blue: January 4th, 2020. This event will involve decorating parts of the city (ideas include Main Street/downtown, Five Points, and The Vista) similarly to the American Heart Association's paint the town red.

No More Silence Demonstration at Soda City: January 11th, 2020

Volunteers will dress in all black, half with tape over their mouths in an X to symbolize the silence victims and survivors feel, the other half engaging in conversations with patrons at the Soda City Farmers Market.

Canvas the County: January 13th – 19th, 2020

Volunteers will get packets with designated areas of Richland County, where they will distribute and post the National Human Trafficking Hotline Posters in mandated businesses/locations as per statute.

Movie Review and Panel Discussion: January 22nd (time TBD)

A showing of a relevant movie and discussion from professionals and experts in related fields at the Richland Library- Main.

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Chair:

Councilman Jim Manning, MPA, LISW-AP & CP

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Mission: Implementing a coordinated community response to identify, prevent, and eliminate human trafficking in the Tri-County area by supporting law enforcement, service providers, and survivors.

Number of Members and Organizations: Approximately 90 involved participants; this includes approximately 65 agencies

Counties Served: Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester

Regional Task Force Subcommittees and Chairperson(s):

- Child Direct Services – Rachael Garrett and Anna Smalling (Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center) and Millicent Walker and Jacquelin Da Hora (Dorchester Child Advocacy Center)
- Adult Direct Services – Kat Wehunt (The Formation Project)
- Legal Innovations – Casey Austin (Maron Marvel Law Firm) and Rene Stuhr Dukes (Rosen Hagood Law Firm)
- Healthcare – Stephanie Armstrong, Kathy Fabrizio, Kathy Gill-Hopple, Karen Drozd, Karen Hughes, Abbey Williams (MUSC) (no Chairs, just leadership)
- Faith-Based – Maraide Sullivan (St. Michael’s Church) and Cyndi Mosteller (East Cooper Baptist Church)
- Research – Dr. Kristen Hefner (The Citadel Criminal Justice Department), Dr. Leslie Hill (The Citadel Criminal Justice Department), Dr. Bob Kahle (Riley Center for Livable Communities at the College of Charleston)
- Law Enforcement – Lauren Knapp (Charleston County Sheriff), Logan Fey (SLED), Tiffani Crider and Jonathan Glenn (N. Charleston PD), Shawn Caines and William Mataya (Homeland Security Investigations) (no Chairs, just leadership)
- Youth Advocacy and Education/Outreach – Ashley Hughes
- Survivor Advisory – Kat Wehunt and Lindsey Hass
- Labor Trafficking – Colin Trimble and Jason Coker (Dept. of Labor) and Cristi Privado (South Carolina Legal Aid – Migrant Farmworkers Unit) (No Chairs, just leadership)

2019 Accomplishments:

- Created Structure for the Task Force and built up chairs or leadership for many of the subcommittees
- Created a categorized listserv of over 200 stakeholders and a community listserv of over 650 people
- Performed poster sweeps of the Tri-County
- Increased key awareness of the anti-demand legislation including supporting education of bill S 194 to our Tri-County legislators
- Presented at 2 of 4 of our School Districts regarding human trafficking education and school systems
- Hosted two Youth Summits and one Youth Advocacy Club at Wando High School (currently working with three other high schools regarding helping them start Clubs)
- Performed human trafficking trainings/speaking for over 1,200 people

2020 Goals:

- Have each subcommittee complete their Continuum of Care
- Increase compliant information sharing and collaboration amongst stakeholders
- Increase awareness of human trafficking in the Tri-County area
- Continue to support service providers, law enforcement, and survivors

2020 Meetings: February 28th, May 15th, August 14th, November 13th

Events Related to Human Trafficking Awareness Month: Community Awareness Training, 1/25/2020: Women’s Missionary Society, Greater St. James A.M.E Church-Summerville

Chair:

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Mission: To address the problem of human trafficking, educating and training local businesses, NGO's, victim service providers, sharing best practices and collaborating with other agencies and citizens in the movement in the Upstate of South Carolina.

Membership: Approximately 208 members in the listserv. Organizations include but are not limited to: Prisma Health, United Way, SWITCH, Greenville County SO, Greer PD, Greenville City PD, Spartanburg County SO, Simpsonville PD, Mauldin PD, DSS, DJJ, Greenville County School district, Bon Secours, JVC, Jasmine Road, SCVAN, SCCADVASA, Pendleton Place, Clemson PD, Spartanburg Regional, Anderson University, Furman University, Foothills Alliance, Greenville Tech, Junior League Greenville, Interfaith Forum Greenville, Pickens County CAC, US Attorney's Office, World Relief Upstate.

Counties: Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Pickens, Greenwood, Oconee, Laurens, and Abbeville.

Regional Sub-Committees and Chairpersons:

Legislation: Walker Smith

Healthcare: Jennifer Combs

Prevention: Dena Rapp & Rick Floyd

Adult Direct Service: Marie McDonald

Other Positions:

Secretary: Michelle Greco

Convener: Kate Mendez

2019 Accomplishments:

- Created Subcommittees and assigned chairs
- Arranged and completed Poster project distributing National Human Trafficking Hotline mandated posters to several hospitality businesses
- Arranged guest speakers leading the fight to discuss ongoing projects in the state (Richland County SO & Specialized Foster Care, Lighthouse for Life, HSI, EEOC).
- Created logo
- Created website
- Identified best practices for coalitions and taskforce as a team

2020 Goals:

- Distribute more mandated posters
- Create labor trafficking subcommittee and assign chair
- Create interfaith subcommittee and assign chair

2019 Meetings:

January 10th, May 9 - New Intern, resource guide for state, Guest Speaker, July 12th, October 11th, Lighthouse for Life

2020 Meetings:

January 17th, April 17th, July 10th, and October 9th (Locations TBD)

Co-Chairs:

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XII. Member Accomplishments

The Office of the South Carolina Attorney General continues to lead the State Task Force efforts while also diligently prosecuting cases and helping to bring awareness to the complexities of human trafficking in our state. In fact, the office presented over 110 presentations in 2019 reaching nearly 10,000 individuals throughout the state. However, it remains vital to acknowledge the collective efforts and numerous accomplishments of our local, state, and federal Task Force partners. No one agency alone can provide the solution to the problem in South Carolina.

Below, please find information submitted by each organization. It is not a comprehensive list of all the efforts in 2019, but a good representation of the multi-sector approach underway in South Carolina.

SERVICE PROVIDERS: UPSTATE

JASMINE ROAD

Agency Name and Address: Jasmine Road, Inc.
PO Box 25452
Greenville, SC 29616

Mission Statement: Our mission is to offer women who are trapped in a cycle of sexual exploitation and addiction a path to freedom, a haven for healing, and the opportunity to flourish, leading to generational change and the betterment of our community.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): We accept statewide referrals, but we are located in Greenville County.

Organizational Overview Jasmine Road offers a two year “housing-first” residential program that serves to heal, empower, and employ adult female survivors of human trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. Jasmine Road partners with many agencies in our community to provide holistic restoration services, including comprehensive healthcare, psychiatry, and medication management (Bon Secours St. Francis), clinical mental health counseling (Julie Valentine Center, Compass of Carolina, Canterbury Counseling), dental healthcare (Strausbaugh, DMD), outpatient addiction treatment (Phoenix Center), addiction recovery coaches and support (FAVOR Greenville), wellness and exercise opportunities (Caine Halter YMCA, Greenville Yoga, Integrative Yoga Therapy, Southern Om, Susan Cannon), GED tutoring and classes, employment readiness, financial literacy (United Ministries), continuing education opportunities (Greenville Technical College), and creative outlets in art and theatre (Applied Theatre Center and Triune Mercy Center). Jasmine Road utilizes a coercion resiliency curriculum designed by survivor leaders for survivors exiting trafficking and exploitation (Ending the Game).

In 2019, Jasmine Road launched two social enterprise businesses: a jewelry-making enterprise and a candle-making enterprise. Jasmine Road social enterprises provide meaningful

employment in a safe environment for residents and graduates. They also generate revenue to sustain the operations of the nonprofit. In January 2020, Jasmine Road will open Jasmine Kitchen, a third social enterprise business offering additional employment opportunities, an apprenticeship program, and transferable job skills necessary to sustaining independent living.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
22	0	0	0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 3 <u>Closed:</u> 2	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 8 <u>Closed:</u> 9	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0

Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information <i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male	Female	Other	Unknown				
0	22	0	0				
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
11	7	2	1	1	0	0	0
Services Provided <i>(Ex: "One minor sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health; one adult labor trafficking victim—housing")</i>							

- 8 adult survivors—Housing in the Jasmine Road program (includes clinical mental health—therapy and psychiatry care—addiction recovery support, physical healthcare, dental healthcare, medication management, employment readiness and financial literacy, physical health and wellness classes and activities, advocacy within the criminal justice system, and legal support)
- - 4 adult survivors—Intensive outpatient addiction treatment
 - 4 adult survivors—Completed 6-week culinary training program with managerial ServSafe certification
 - 5 adult survivors—Secured employment (2 within Jasmine Road social enterprises)
 - 3 adult survivors—Continuing education at local community college
 - 2 adult survivors—Continuing education to obtain GED
- 14 adult survivors—Case management services and referrals to other agencies
 - 8 adult survivors—6-week trauma education group in the Greenville County Detention Center
 - 7 adult survivors—Referrals and advocacy within criminal justice system to secure placement into an inpatient addiction recovery center or long-term residential program
 - 2 adult survivors—Referred and facilitated connections to law enforcement/victim advocates

Referrals

Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies	Purpose of Referrals Made
100+	<p>Most of our residential program is referral based- we partner with incredible agencies in our community who are already doing wonderful work in their areas of expertise to provide many of the services we offer in our residential program, including: health and dental care, clinical mental health services, addiction recovery resources and programs, continuing education opportunities, professional and personal development opportunities, etc.</p> <p>We also make referrals for individuals who are not participating in our residential program. The purpose of these referrals is for: placement in a residential program (when we are at capacity or a prospective resident is ineligible for Jasmine Road), housing/ immediate shelter services, inpatient addiction recovery services, healthcare and community resources, law enforcement and legal support, clinical mental health services,</p>

			vocational training, additional employment opportunities outside of Jasmine Road social enterprises, and other case management services.
Presentations			
Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings
23	1555	13	298

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: We plan to open a second residence toward the end of 2020 that will triple our capacity. By year end 2020, we anticipate that we will be able to serve up to 13 women in the two year residential program and two program graduates in transitional housing apartments. In addition, Jasmine Road will open its third social enterprise business, Jasmine Kitchen, in January 2020. Jasmine Kitchen is a lunch café providing safe employment opportunities and vocational training to Jasmine Road residents and program graduates. Jasmine Road social enterprises offer unique opportunities for survivors to explore and choose career paths based on their individual interests and talents.

Task Force Involvement: State Task Force, State Task Force Adult Services Workgroup, Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force

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SWITCH

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: SWITCH
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Mission Statement: SWITCH was founded in 2012 and provides community-based services as a faith-based ministry and organization. SWITCH is a community of Christian believers who want to see an end to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in our community.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Anderson, Spartanburg, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Union, Cherokee, Greenwood, Laurens, and Abbeville.

Organizational Overview: We have five programs:

- Awareness: Educating those in our community about human trafficking.
- Prevention: Teaching evidence-based curriculum to youth in the area to educate about vulnerabilities that can lead to exploitation and trafficking.
- Demand: Male-led program that seeks to educate about the supply and demand to the sex industry and connection to pornography.

-Intervention: Direct services to those most at risk for exploitation and trafficking, including those in foster care, the homeless population, and those incarcerated.

-Restoration: Holistic case management provided for those who want to get out of the life of human trafficking and exploitation. SWITCH has partnered with many local partners for services such as therapy, shelter, GED, financial classes, medical care, etc. These partnerships include Miracle Hill Ministries, Pendleton Place, Brio Internal Medicine, and United Ministries.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
46	1	0	0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 22 <u>Closed:</u> 12	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 21 <u>Closed:</u> 8	<u>Active:</u> 1 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
0	0	0	0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors

<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0				
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information <i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male	Female	Other	Unknown				
0	46	0	0				
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
30	11	1	0	0	0	0	4
Services Provided <i>(Ex: “One minor sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health; one adult labor trafficking victim—housing”)</i>							
SWITCH provides holistic case management. A participant initially comes in and receives a full biopsychosocial by a master’s level staff member. The care coordinators then work to create individualized care plans with goals. They work with participants to meet goals and find partner agencies to help do that as needed. SWITCH has offered therapeutic classes this year for the first time including: yoga, photography, dance, painting, financial, and job skills.							
Referrals							
Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies				Purpose of Referrals Made			
184				Restoration homes, substance rehabilitation, therapy, medical needs, dental needs, GED completion, etc.			
Presentations							
Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given		Number of Attendees at Trainings			
110	Varied	100		Varied			

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: We would like to add a survivor group and a music therapy group.

Task Force Involvement: Zaina Greene, Executive Director, is Co-Chair of the Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force. Erin Kornahrens, Clinical Director, attends the State Task Force Subcommittee for Adult Services

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SERVICE PROVIDERS: MIDLANDS

RICHLAND COUNTY COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (RCCASA)

Agency Name and Address: Richland County Court Appointed Special Advocates
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Mission Statement: Advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Richland County Family Court by providing quality volunteer and legal representation to ensure each child a safe, permanent, nurturing home.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Richland County

Organizational Overview: RCCASA provides advocacy through Guardians ad Litem for children who are in the custody of DSS.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
0	16	0	8
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 5 <u>Closed:</u> 1	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 2 <u>Closed:</u> 1
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 7 <u>Closed:</u> 3	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 5 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
0	0	0	1

Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018							
Adults		Minors		Foreign National Adults		Foreign National Minors	
<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0	
<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0	
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
Adults		Minors		Foreign National Adults		Foreign National Minors	
<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 1	
<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0	
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male		Female		Other		Unknown	
1		15		0		0	
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
0	16	8	0	0	0	0	0
Services Provided							
<i>(Ex: "One minor sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health; one adult labor trafficking victim—housing")</i>							
Advocacy for housing, therapy, schooling, etc. in Richland County Family Court for human trafficking victims who are in the custody of DSS.							
Referrals							
Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies				Purpose of Referrals Made			
0				NA			
Presentations							

Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings
37	2,145	10	398

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: NA

Task Force Involvement: The State Task Force and the Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Alexis Scurry: scurrya@rcgov.us and 803-576-1735

SEXUAL TRAUMA SERVICES OF THE MIDLANDS (STSM)

Agency Name and Address: Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 803-771-7273
 STSM Office Telephone: 803-790-8208

Richland Office (Headquarters): 3830 Forest Drive, Suite 201, Columbia, South Carolina 29204

Lexington Office: 711 East Main Street, Suite C, Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Sumter Office: 21 North Harvin Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Clarendon Office: 16B North Brooks Street, Manning, South Carolina 29102

Newberry Office: 1530 Main Street, Suite 104, Newberry, South Carolina 29108

Mission Statement

Our Mission: STSM advocates for and supports survivors of sexual assault and abuse and educates the community to identify and prevent sexual violence.

Our Vision: Healthy survivors, thriving in a community free of sexual violence.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Sumter, Clarendon

Organizational Overview

Direct Services:

- 24-hour in-person crisis response to area hospitals by trained advocates
- 24-hour hotline
- Crisis intervention (coping skills, resources, safety planning)
- Trauma specific individual/group counseling by trained and licensed master’s level clinicals available to primary and secondary survivors
- Legal advocacy for assistance with navigating criminal justice process, consultation, accompaniments, initial reporting, etc.
- Hotline/crisis intervention and group services for incarcerated survivors

Education/Outreach

- K-12 violence prevention education, school, community-based
- Parent and adult education
- Training, community presentations, and outreach

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
29	2	We do not track documentation status	We do not track documentation status
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 13	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 1	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 6 <u>Closed:</u> 10	<u>Active:</u> 1 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
5	1	0	0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 1	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			

Adults		Minors		Foreign National Adults		Foreign National Minors	
<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0	
<u>Closed:</u> 4		<u>Closed:</u> 1		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0	
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information <i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male		Female		Other		Unknown	
2		33		1		1	
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
16	9	1	0	2	0	0	9 (1 biracial)
Services Provided <i>(Ex: “One minor sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health; one adult labor trafficking victim—housing”)</i>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual therapy—two minors sex trafficking, two adults sex trafficking • Case Management/Referral —30 • Follow up advocacy—47 • Crisis Intervention—five adult sex trafficking • Hotline—three sex trafficked minors (one male), one labor trafficked minor, four labor trafficked adults, ten sex trafficked adults • Mandated reports—two minor aged survivors sex trafficking • Legal Advocacy—one adult female sex trafficking survivor • Suicide Risk Assessments—two sex trafficking survivors • Prison Hotline Call—one female sex trafficking survivor • Prison Crisis Intervention—nine incarcerated adult female sex trafficking survivors, one incarcerated adult male sex trafficking • Prison Group Services—five incarcerated adult female sex trafficking survivors • Transportation—one trafficking survivor • Hospital Accompaniment—seven adult female sex trafficking survivors 							
Referrals							

Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies		Purpose of Referrals Made	
Exact number unknown at this time		Vocational Rehabilitation (Employment) Housing Psychiatric	
Presentations			
Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: NA

Task Force Involvement: The State Task Force and the Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Ari Foster, LMSW: 803-790-8208

SERVICE PROVIDERS: LOWCOUNTRY

DOORS TO FREEDOM

Agency Name and Address: Doors to Freedom
 1317- M N Main Street #263
 Summerville, SC 29483

Mission Statement: Doors to Freedom is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that has been established to provide a safe place for domestic minor female survivors of sex trafficking to experience a transformed life.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: Doors to Freedom lovingly supports each individual as she overcomes her traumatic past and receives total restoration: body, soul, and spirit. We are committed to providing a place for these girls to call home. Through academic education, life skills, personal growth, and vocational training, she will find a new life, restored hope, and a beautiful future.

Doors to Freedom community partners are Dee Norton Children’s Center, Dorchester County Children’s Center, MUSC, Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), SC Human Trafficking Task Force, and Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force. Doors to Freedom also partners with Charleston Southern University’s Music Therapy Department for Music Therapy interns.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Note: For the purpose of these questions, “closed cases means the survivor was discharged from Doors to Freedom’s program.

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
0	17	0	2
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 5	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 7	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 1				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 5	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 1				
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male	Female	Other	Unknown				
0	19	0	0				
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
4	11	4	0	0	0	0	0

Services Provided

(Ex: “One minor sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health; one adult labor trafficking victim—housing”)

Doors to Freedom provides and/or arranges the following individualized services as needed:

-Education: Educational assessment upon intake, tutoring, preparation for a high school equivalency diploma, preparation for a high school diploma, college preparation, Individualized Growth Plan presentations, vocational or continuing education opportunities, advocacy and support.

-Life Skills: Residents complete a Casey Life Skills Assessment upon intake and are enrolled in a life skills elective class which is individualized based on her assessment. Life skills goals are formulated each week based on each resident’s individual needs in the following topics: hygiene, vocational, nutrition, and self-esteem.

-Advocacy and Case Management: Doors to Freedom communicates with other professionals involved in each resident’s case, keeps legal guardians and regulatory agencies informed of progress made in program, attends court hearings when appropriate, mediates barriers to services if/when they arise.

-Therapy: Doors to Freedom partners with DNCC, DCAC, MUSC’s National Crime Victims Center, and MUSC’s Foster Care Support Clinic for TF-CBT and RRFT. Doors to Freedom offers music therapy and group therapy in-house.

-Vocational: HER Bracelets is a resident operated vocational program. Residents are also offered career shadowing opportunities.

-Healthcare: Doors to Freedom is not a medical facility. All healthcare needs are outsourced to licensed health care providers within the community. Upon admission, the resident will have routine health care, eye, and dental appointments.

Referrals

Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies	Purpose of Referrals Made
Adults are referred to the Formation Project.	Doors to Freedom works with minor survivors—adults are referred elsewhere for services.

Presentations

Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings
Approx. 15-20	600+ total	0	N/A

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: We would like to open another home in the Tri-County area due to the excellent services this area has to offer. We are currently looking for three foster families in our area to receive proper training for this population. We would assign a caseworker to each family for support and case management to ensure the child receives proper services. We would also like to start an assessment center in our area. Our current home is not designed for emergency care. Through the assessment center all identified trafficking victims could be brought to the center and holistically assessed for proper placement, either in a Doors to Freedom home or with a trained foster family.

Task Force Involvement: South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force and Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Contact Information: Sharon Rikard, Executive Director: sharon@doorstofreedom.com, 843-817-0740; Becky Bonavida, Operations Director: becky@doorstofreedom.com, 843-259-3589

FRESH START HEALING HEART

Agency Name and Address: Fresh Start Healing Heart
P.O. Box 754
Port Royal, SC 29935

Mission Statement: Fresh Start Healing Heart’s mission is to walk beside survivors of all forms of human trafficking while providing basic needs, housing, and wrap-around restorative services through us and our community partners.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): South Carolina & Georgia

Organizational Overview: We provide housing, counseling, basic needs, goal setting, health and nutrition education, transportation, self-esteem building, boundary building, victim advocacy and accompaniment, resume help, prayer partners, mentors, case management, translation for Spanish, Hebrew, Portuguese, Cantonese in two forms, Mandarin in two forms, Korean and Japanese, martial arts/self-defense, home economics skills, financial management, support groups, bible study/service attendance, “I STAND” Conference for middle and high school education, Run Away Prevention/Intervention program, education, and law enforcement, medical, and service provider assistance.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
6	3	1	0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 4	<u>Active:</u> 1	<u>Active:</u> 1	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 2	<u>Active:</u> 2	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
0	0	0	0				
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male	Female	Other	Unknown				
0	10	0	0				
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0

Services Provided			
<i>(Ex: “One minor sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health; one adult labor trafficking victim—housing”)</i>			
Continued services for six adult female sex trafficking survivors: victim advocacy, mentoring, counseling, basic needs, health, and nutrition education, boundary skills, self-esteem, home economic skills, self-defense, money management, and referrals.			
Housing, services, and referrals for two sex trafficking adult females sex trafficking. One prevention course for a youth runaway (with concern from organizations of grooming or more), three spoken with, and one took course from mentor on boundaries and self esteem			
Referrals			
Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies	Purpose of Referrals Made		
19	Sex Trafficking Adult Females: two lawyers, one medical, one SNAP, one law enforcement, four housing, four counseling, one self defense Youth Grooming Sex Trafficking: One SNAP and one lawyer Housing non-human trafficking: two housing, one United Way		
Presentations			
Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings
23	500	3	50

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: We plan to expand education efforts.

Task Force Involvement: State Task Force and Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Sheila Roemeling: 843-644-1991, director@freshstarthealingheart.org, or slchttf@gmail.com

PEOPLE AGAINST RAPE (PAR)

Agency Name and Address: People Against Rape
198 Rutledge Ave. Ste. 5, Charleston, SC, 29403

Mission Statement: The mission of PAR is to prevent sexual violence and its consequences, and to provide essential services to victims and survivors

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties

Organizational Overview: PAR serves all adult (18+) survivors of adult sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse as well as their loved ones. We have a 24/7 hotline at 843-745-0144, provide hospital accompaniments for forensic exams, and bilingual (English and Spanish) follow up services that include law enforcement and court accompaniment as well as in-person meetings and correspondence with incarcerated survivors for our PREA program. Additionally, we have a network of lawyers that work with our clients as needed, pro bono. We also have counseling and support groups. We provide prevention education and training to community members and professionals as requested. All our services are free and confidential.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
6	Do not serve minors	Not Tracked	Do not serve minors
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 2 <u>Closed:</u> 0	Do not serve minors	Not Tracked	Do not serve minors
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 4 <u>Closed:</u> 0	Do not serve minors	Not Tracked	Do not serve minors
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	Do not serve minors	Not Tracked	Do not serve minors
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0 <u>Closed:</u> 0	Do not serve minors	Not Tracked	Do not serve minors
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			

Adults		Minors		Foreign National Adults		Foreign National Minors	
<u>Active:</u> 0		Do not serve minors		Not Tracked		Do not serve minors	
<u>Closed:</u> 0							
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information <i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male		Female		Other		Unknown	
0		6		0		n/a	
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
4	2	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Services Provided <i>(Ex: “One minor sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health; one adult labor trafficking victim—housing”)</i>							
PAR provided 24/7 hotline support, hospital accompaniment for forensic exams, legal advocacy, law enforcement and court accompaniment, housing referrals, transportation, counseling and mental health referrals to community resources and internal services, support groups, crisis management and emotional support, employer advocacy, housing advocacy, and educational advocacy.							
Referrals							
Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies				Purpose of Referrals Made			
11				Emergency housing, legal services, and mental health services.			
Presentations							
Number of Presentations Given		Number of Attendees at Presentations		Number of Trainings Given		Number of Attendees at Trainings	
n/a		n/a		5		92	

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: We are in the process of strategic planning, restructuring, and rebranding. We hope to expand legal services and resources for our clients.

Task Force Involvement: Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Shelby Wade, Prevention and Education Coordinator at PAR & Tri-County SART Chair: prevention@peopleagainstrape.org and 843-577-9882

LAW ENFORCEMENT: UPSTATE

GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Agency Name: Greenville County Sheriff’s Office
Agency Description: County Sheriff’s Office
Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Greenville County
Task Force Involvement: Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force
Contact Information: Jonathan Bastoni, Human Trafficking Investigator
 Greenville County Sheriff’s Office
 TFO Homeland Security Investigations
 Cell: 864-923-2280; Office: 864-235-0519; jbastoni@greenvillecounty.org

Case Data

Note: 3 of the 11 victims served in 2019 were minors

Number of Human Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018 <i>(please specify how many of these cases remain active and how many are now closed)</i>			
Sex Trafficking		Labor Trafficking	
<u>Active:</u> 1		<u>Active:</u> 1	
<u>Closed:</u> 2		<u>Closed:</u> 0	
Number of Ongoing Human Trafficking Investigations Started in 2019			
Sex Trafficking		Labor Trafficking	
12		0	
Number of Human Trafficking Cases Charged in 2019			
Sex Trafficking		Labor Trafficking	
1		0	
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information <i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims served.</i>			
Gender Identity			
Male	Female	Other	Unknown
1	10	0	0
Race and/or Ethnicity			

White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0

LAW ENFORCEMENT: MIDLANDS

AIKEN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Agency Name: Aiken Department of Public Safety (ADPS)

Agency Description: Municipal police and fire agency

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): The city limits of Aiken, SC

Task Force Involvement: Captain Maryann Burgess and Officer Eleanor Hunter are co-chairs of the 2nd Judicial Circuit Task Force covering Aiken, Barnwell and Bamberg counties.

Contact Information: Captain Maryann Burgess: 803-642-7667; mburgess@cityofaikensc.gov and Officer Eleanor Hunter: 803-522-3053; ehunter@cityofaikensc.gov

Case Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 1 (Assisted)	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0

Number of Human Trafficking Cases Charged in 2019							
Sex Trafficking				Labor Trafficking			
<u>Minors:</u> 0				<u>Minors:</u> 0			
<u>Adults:</u> 1 (47 counts between three traffickers; charges were made by Aiken County Sheriff's Office but ADPS assisted in the investigation)				<u>Adults:</u> 0			
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male		Female		Other		Unknown	
0		3		0		0	
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Agency Name: Richland County Sheriff's Department

Agency Description: Law enforcement agency

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Richland County

Task Force Involvement: The State Task Force member and the Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Captain Heidi Jackson: hjackson@rcsd.net, 803-576-3113

Victim Advocate/Investigator Laurie Pineda: lpineda@rcsd.net, 803-576-3112

Additional Information: Richland County Sheriff's Department gave human trafficking awareness presentations at 36 community events with an approximate total of 2,418 attendees. The Department's investigators also attended 11 meetings to collaborate on the issue of human trafficking. In 2019, Richland County Sheriff's Department conducted three buyer operations and handled five human trafficking cases.

Case Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 3	<u>Closed:</u> 3 (4 victims)	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Sex Trafficking		Labor Trafficking	
<u>Minors:</u> 5 counts of sex trafficking with minors		<u>Minors:</u> 0	
<u>Adults:</u> 3 counts of sex trafficking with adults		<u>Adults:</u> 0	
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information			
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>			
Gender Identity			
Male	Female	Other	Unknown
0	7	0	0

Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

LAW ENFORCEMENT: LOWCOUNTRY

ALLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Name: Allendale Police Department

Agency Description: Police department

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Town of Allendale

Contact Information: Chief John R. Sullivan: 803-584-2178

Case Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Human Trafficking Cases Charged in 2019			
Sex Trafficking		Labor Trafficking	
<u>Minors:</u> 0		<u>Minors:</u> 0	
<u>Adults:</u> 0		<u>Adults:</u> 0	

Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male	Female			Other	Unknown		
0	0			0	0		
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Agency Name: Charleston County Sheriff’s Office

Agency Description: Local sheriff’s office with one member on the HSI Human Trafficking Task Force

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Charleston

Task Force Involvement: Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Lauren Knapp, Charleston County Counter Threat Coordinator: 843-637-7411 and lknapp@charlestoncounty.org

Case Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 1	<u>Active:</u> 2	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			

U.S. Adults		U.S. Minors		Foreign National Adults		Foreign National Minors	
<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0	
<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0	
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
U.S. Adults		U.S. Minors		Foreign National Adults		Foreign National Minors	
<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0	
<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0	
Number of Human Trafficking Cases Charged in 2019							
Sex Trafficking				Labor Trafficking			
<u>Minors:</u> 0				<u>Minors:</u> 0			
<u>Adults:</u> 0				<u>Adults:</u> 0			
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male		Female		Other		Unknown	
0		3		0		0	
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

HAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Name: Hampton County Sheriff's Office

Agency Description: County Seat: Hampton; Population 20, 726; Square Miles: 560

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Hampton County

Task Force Involvement: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Contact Information: Captain Anthony Russell, Special Operation Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Hampton County Sheriff's Office

PO Box 633, Hampton, SC 29924

Case Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0
<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0
<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0
<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0	<u>Active</u> : 0
<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0	<u>Closed</u> : 0
Number of Human Trafficking Cases Charged in 2019			
Sex Trafficking		Labor Trafficking	
<u>Minors</u> : 0		<u>Minors</u> : 0	
<u>Adults</u> : 0		<u>Adults</u> : 0	
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information			
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>			
Gender Identity			

Male		Female		Other		Unknown	
None		None		None		None	
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None

SUMMERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Name: Summerville Police Department

Agency Description: Municipal law enforcement agency, 114 sworn

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Dorchester, Berkeley, and Charleston counties

Task Force Involvement: Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Captain Rick Gebhardt; 843-285-7025; rgebhardt@summerville.sc.gov

Case Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			

U.S. Adults		U.S. Minors		Foreign National Adults		Foreign National Minors	
<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0		<u>Active:</u> 0	
<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0		<u>Closed:</u> 0	
Number of Human Trafficking Cases Charged in 2019							
Sex Trafficking				Labor Trafficking			
<u>Minors:</u> 0				<u>Minors:</u> 0			
<u>Adults:</u> 0				<u>Adults:</u> 0			
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male		Female		Other		Unknown	
0		0		0		0	
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GENERAL AGENCY: UPSTATE

BON SECOURS ST. FRANCIS HEALTH SYSTEM

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Bon Secours St. Francis Health System
1 St. Francis Drive, Greenville, SC 29601
Jessica Weingartner, Director of Mission
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Mission Statement: To extend the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and bring good help to those in need, especially people who are poor, dying, and underserved.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Greenville County

Organizational Overview: Catholic health care system comprised of two acute care facilities, seven urgent care centers, and 70 physician practices

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

Awareness and education for our clinicians and the public, in addition to providing medical care. We also partner with Jasmine Road to support their program and we provide comprehensive medical and behavioral health care to their residents.

2019 Accomplishments:

- Completed one staff training in January.
- Continued to provide comprehensive medical and behavioral health care to Jasmine Road residents.
- Secured a location for the second Jasmine Road home and obtained a \$100,000 grant to renovate the building. We will receive matching funds from other local organizations to fund 100% of the renovation costs.
- Held our Third Annual Seminar on Human Trafficking at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena. The event featured nationally recognized speakers, including Ambassador John Richmond, Ambassador to the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, and John Clark, President and CEO of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The entire event was livestreamed by WYFF4 News and received over 30,000 views. This is the largest human trafficking awareness event put on by a health system.
- Funded, scripted, and oversaw production of a health care provider training video for the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA), which will be distributed to all South Carolina hospitals.
- Began discussions about creating a Forensic Nursing Program to better serve victims of violence, including human trafficking.

2020 Goals:

- Complete renovation of the second restoration home for Jasmine Road

- Host the Attorney General’s Office to provide health care and VSP training in the Upstate
- Each year our annual seminar has doubled attendance over the previous year. We will strive to maintain that trajectory of growth. Include the SCHA training video in all clinical staff orientations and provide more in-depth training to critical providers (Emergency Department, women’s services, etc.)
- Implement Forensic Nursing in our acute care facilities

Task Force Involvement: Jessica Weingartner, Director of Mission, is a member of the Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force, the State Task Force, and the Healthcare Subcommittee. Dr. Carson Felkel, System Medical Director for Behavioral Health, and Walker Smith, Director of Advocacy & Community Relations, are members of the Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force.

INTERFAITH FORUM GREENVILLE

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Interfaith Forum Greenville
PO Box 16315, Greenville, SC 29606

Mission Statement: The purpose of Interfaith Forum is to build understanding, respect and cooperation among the various religious denominations and faith groups in our community, our region, our nation, and our world.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Greenville County

Organizational Overview: See website at interfaithforumgreenville.org

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

We are developing a campaign to empower youth ages 11-18 to know how to recognize and resist recruitment into domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) for themselves and their peers. This prevention program will bring innovative, interactive presentations and workshops to Upstate faith communities and schools beginning in early 2020 for audiences made up of youth, their parents, and other adult leaders. Presentations will include an original interactive drama and employ improvisational storytelling to illustrate indicators of vulnerability to being trafficked and provide community resources for follow-up action that can be taken by youths and adults.

2019 Accomplishments: First conceived in response to the August 2019 Bon Secours presentation on Human Trafficking in Greenville, this campaign has so far succeeded in accumulating valuable input from representatives of five Upstate service provider agencies as well as Greenville Public Schools and the Greenville County Sheriff’s Department. We are working closely with Dr. Dale Savidge, a Registered Drama Therapist and director of Greenville’s Applied Theatre Center, to develop an original interactive drama for this campaign based on input from survivors of DMST, school counselors, and others. We have also established a working relationship with Shared Hope International for obtaining training and resources to be used in our presentations and workshops.

2020 Goals:

1. Develop and present six public presentations designed to inform and inspire faith community youth group leaders and participants to take action on preventing DMST recruitment in their community.
2. Encourage youth groups to take on a project of placing the free human trafficking awareness posters available through the Attorney General's Office in their local community's fast food restaurants where many young people work.
3. Develop and present four interactive workshops for teens and their parents on building self-esteem and skills in non-violent communication for parents and teens to use in their relationships with one another and their peers.
4. Establish this campaign as an active, funded program in our community

Task Force Involvement: Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force

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PICKENS COUNTY ADVOCACY CENTER

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Pickens County Advocacy Center

Mission Statement: The Pickens County Advocacy Center, formerly the Rape Crisis Council of Pickens County, was established in 1985 to provide optimum quality assistance and crisis intervention for all sexual assault victims in Pickens County.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Pickens County

Organizational Overview: The Pickens County Advocacy Center provides immediate 24-hour response to sexual assault victims and their families through medical, court and law enforcement escort, educational programs, information and referral, legal advocacy and support services. Pickens County Advocacy Center also provides training for medical personnel, social service, and law enforcement agencies on the dynamics of sexual assault. All of our services are complimentary and confidential.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

1. Delivers presentations to community partners, parents, students, health care workers, group homes, individuals, etc. in the community about human trafficking.
2. Shares information about human trafficking at tabling events.
3. Works and meets with other local human trafficking agencies in the Upstate to see how we can work together.
4. Attends the Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force meetings.

2019 Accomplishments:

1. Delivered presentations about human trafficking to the Pickens community.

2. Passed out information on human trafficking to local businesses and community partners for them to display in their office(s) about the issue and how victims can seek assistance.
3. Visited local healthcare facilities and passed out resources.
4. Met with local human trafficking agencies.

2020 Goals:

1. Attend more trainings on human trafficking.
2. Get VSP certified for human trafficking.
3. Visit more schools to present on human trafficking.
4. Increase human trafficking awareness in Pickens County.
5. Distribute more awareness materials.
6. Educate more parents, guardians, and foster parents.
7. Be better prepared when a human trafficking survivor comes into the ER or office.

Task Force Involvement: Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force

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RIVERS OF JUSTICE

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Rivers of Justice
208 Frontage Road, Clemson, SC 29631
Mailing Address: PO Box 1141, Seneca, SC 29672

Mission Statement: The mission of Rivers of Justice is to end domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) through prevention, education, and action.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: Rivers of Justice was formed in 2012. We not only raise awareness about DMST but we also serve children who are at risk for becoming victims.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

We raise awareness by giving specialized presentations to students, all involved in the education system, churches, community groups, colleges, medical personnel, foster families, and anyone who would like to have a presentation on DMST. We put up bulletin boards throughout the Upstate, we have a mentor program in the Oconee County School System for at-risk children and we host events for vulnerable children. We have a biannual conference on human trafficking. Past speakers have come from Night Light, Shared Hope, law enforcement, the Attorney General's Office, On Eagles Wings, and various local agencies. We provide Darkness to Light Training and although the cost is \$15 per person for us to provide the training, we provide it free of charge for those who work with vulnerable children. This teaches people how to recognize, respond to, and prevent child sex abuse. The majority of child trafficking victims have been

sexually abused before they are trafficked. We also distribute state posters to locations and businesses where they are required.

Additionally, we visit hotels and motels to talk to the general manager about human trafficking and distribute resources including informational materials, posters with red flags and the National Human Trafficking Hotline number, and cart tags in Spanish and English for housekeeping with red flags and the National Human Trafficking Hotline number. We also partner with Soul Fire to raise awareness of pornography and how it is driving the sex industry. A small part of what we do is working with relevant legislation.

2019 Accomplishments:

- Distributed 65 state posters
- Put up eight billboards in the Upstate
- Held a conference
- Educated 172 people using the Darkness to Light Training
- Trained 42 new individuals for the Mentoring Program
- Educated approximately 500 people on DMST
- Hosted two events for vulnerable children
- Working on two bills with other groups

2020 Goals:

- Mini Conference
- Ten billboards in the Upstate
- Train 100 new mentors for the Oconee County School System
- Train 200 people using the Darkness to Light Materials
- Educate 1000 people regarding DMST
- Movie night on DMST with a speaker
- Provide five events for at-risk children
- Distribute 100 state posters
- Visit 50 hotels and motels educate the general manager and leave resources

Task Force Involvement: State Task Force and Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Dena Rapp, dena@riversofjustice.org

GENERAL AGENCY: MIDLANDS

FAMILY CONNECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Family Connection of South Carolina

Mission Statement

Our Mission: Changing lives by making connections, raising awareness, and promoting inclusion for those with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

Our Vision: Everyone in South Carolina will have the support, education, and opportunities to achieve their full potential.

Our Values: Our shared experience guides staff and volunteers in every interaction with parents, professionals, and the community. We are caring, welcoming, knowledgeable, courteous, and professional.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: Family Connection has a long history of serving families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs. In 2015, we became the Parent Training and Information Center for South Carolina. There is a center in every state to provide information and training to parents of those with disabilities, from birth through age 26. With this new opportunity, Family Connection has expanded services to further assist parents and families in navigating systems that provide healthcare, early intervention, special education, general education, and postsecondary options for their children. We have centralized our intake and referral system by introducing our Family Information Center (FIC). Highly trained, professional parents staff the FIC and provide information, support, education, and referrals to meet the individualized needs of the caller. Our staff is ready to help parents navigate the stages of their journeys and help them chart a true course for success.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

Advocate, educate, and collaborate

2019 Accomplishments:

- Over 11,000 families supported through our Family Information Center
- Over 3,500 families received direct one on one support
- 250 trainings offered statewide to parents and professionals

2020 Goals: To raise awareness about people in the disability community being particularly vulnerable and more at risk for human trafficking.

Task Force Involvement: Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Amy Holbert, CEO, and Jena Martin, Director of Special Populations:
jena@familyconnectionsc.org

SOUTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA)
Marie Majarais McDonald
PO Box 7776, Columbia, SC 29202

Mission Statement: The collective voice promoting the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault through advocacy, collaboration, and education.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: SCCADVASA is the statewide coalition of organizations providing intervention services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and Primary Prevention programs to students and communities across the state.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

- Training, technical assistance, and referral services to criminal justice and victim service professionals, attorneys, and collaborative task forces
- Funding for private attorneys to represent trafficking survivors who have suffered from domestic or sexual violence
- Chair Adult Direct Services Subcommittee for the State Task Force

2019 Accomplishments:

- The Adult Services Subcommittee provided minimum standard recommendations for all service providers directly working with trafficking survivors to ensure safe, consistent, quality and trauma-informed care
- Legal services for human trafficking victims
 - Provided funding to hire private attorneys to represent three sex trafficking survivors (two immigrant minor, sex trafficking survivors; one adult sex trafficking survivor).
 - Secured additional funding from OVW to expand funds available to pay for private attorneys to provide direct legal services to trafficking survivors suffering domestic and sexual violence.
 - Re-started collaborative conversations with legal services partners around the Legal Assistance to Survivors of Trafficking (LAST) Project, including SC Legal Services, Hispanic Alliance Legal Team, Charleston Legal Access, Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force, and the US Attorney's Office.
- Training & Technical Assistance
 - In partnership with SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, provide training & technical assistance to DSS Attorneys, DSS Child Trafficking Unit and DSS County Staff re: immigration and public benefit eligibility for minor, immigrant trafficking survivors.

- Co-hosted a full-day legal training with the US District Court and the USC School of Law entitled “Expanding Pro Bono Legal Representation for Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors.”
- Presentation on Labor Trafficking to the 2019 SC Farmworker’s Institute.
- Provide technical assistance to 22 attorneys and victim service professionals working directly with trafficking survivors.
- Provide 42 instances of technical assistance and capacity building to member organizations and other service providers (law enforcement, victim advocates)
- Facilitated seven human trafficking trainings, educating over 275 people

2020 Goals:

- Build capacity and provide training/support to member organizations directly serving victims of trafficking
- Increase resource and referral sources for adult survivors
- Legal services for human trafficking victims
 - Expand and assist with the coordination of the network of legal services, pro bono, and low bono attorneys to provide direct legal services to trafficking survivors through the LAST Project initiative
 - Provide funding to pay for private attorneys to represent trafficking survivors who have experienced domestic and sexual violence
 - Provide training to attorneys, criminal justice partners, and victim service professionals regarding the legal needs of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking survivors.

Task Force Involvement: Mandated members of the State Task Force; attend/support other regional task forces.

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SOUTH CAROLINA INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: South Carolina Indian Affairs Commission
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Instagram: @indigenouswomensallianceofsc

Twitter: @IndigenousSC

YouTube: Indigenous Women’s Alliance of South Carolina

Mission Statement: In order to promote the unity of Native American people living in South Carolina, the South Carolina Indian Affairs Commission shall strive to protect our cultures and the environment, advocate for the unique human rights of Native Americans, and preserve the history and heritage of our people.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: The South Carolina Indian Affairs Commission is comprised of committees, or task forces, that focus on different issues in the Native community. One committee, the Indigenous Women’s Alliance of South Carolina, represents Indigenous women and families

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

We advocate for missing and murdered Indigenous women by raising awareness among the dominant culture and sharing missing persons alerts on social media.

2019 Accomplishments: We created an Indian Child Welfare Act Task Force to advocate for Native American children in South Carolina. We requested South Carolina senators sponsor a bill similar to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act. This bill will prevent Native American children from being trafficked by giving state tribes the right to determine their children’s placement and maintain cultural ties. The bill has been drafted and will be submitted during the upcoming session.

2020 Goals:

- Advocate for child-protection legislation in the upcoming legislative session.
- Coordinate events in the Native American community to raise awareness for domestic violence.

Task Force Involvement: State Task Force

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SOUTH CAROLINA VICTIM’S ASSISTANCE NETWORK (SCVAN)

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: South Carolina Victim Assistance Network
Mailing Address: PO Box 212863
Columbia, SC 29221

Mission Statement: SCVAN advocates for all crime victims and those who serve them to ensure they have the help and resources they need.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: Established by the SC General Assembly in 1984, SCVAN provides coordination for representatives of all agencies involved in victim services through its collaboration, public awareness, advocacy, and victim assistance functions. SCVAN serves as the voice for all victims of crime in South Carolina and the people who serve them.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

SCVAN offers services to human trafficking victims through various pathways:

1. Financial Relief for Victims Program

- a. Emergency Financial Assistance—To help victims of crime in South Carolina when local resources and funding programs or private insurance are not available;
 - b. Transitional housing—Developed to assist victims of crime to gain economic stability and achieve their personal goals;
2. Crime Victim Resource and Referral Program—Provides resource and referral services to crime victims and service providers;
3. Forensic Nurse Examiner Program—Forensic/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (FNE or SANE) help victims by providing immediate, compassionate, culturally sensitive, and comprehensive forensic evaluation and treatment by trained, professional nurse experts;
4. Legal Assistance for Victims—Provides holistic legal services to South Carolina crime victims across myriad areas of law, including victims’ rights enforcement; and
5. Faith Based Victim Services—Create collaboration among faith-based organizations and local victim assistance programs to provide resources and to improve the range, quality, and accessibility of services to crime victims

2019 Accomplishments:

- Served 1,676 new South Carolina crime victims/survivors through our various programs.
- Provided \$283,790 in emergency and transitional housing funds to South Carolina victims.
- Managed a listserv of over 4,000 individuals including law enforcement, service providers, social workers, school counselors, attorneys, etc.
- Averaged over 70,000 people reached every month through its social media outlets.
- Emergency Fund Online Application went live.
- Hosted A Faith Response to Crime Victims Roundtable: “Meeting Needs Healing Hearts” by the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network in partnership with the Town of Saluda Police Department.
- Expansion of referrals to pro bono and low bono Attorneys.
- Reaching Rural Grant award for helping rural area victims.
- Expanding quality trainings for attorneys, law enforcement, victim service providers, and other members of the victims’ rights community.
- Victim Rights Week 2019 Conference, sponsored by SCVAN, was held in Columbia, SC in April 2019. There were 450+ attendees.
- Creation and expansion of Victim Rights Centers.
- Community networking breakfasts statewide
- Spartanburg Community Outreach Resource Events.
- Statewide SCVAN program trainings for victim service providers.

2020 Goals:

GOAL I: Reach out to and provide services for crime victims statewide through trainings, collaboration with other organizations, referrals to other networks and attorneys, and direct legal representation.

GOAL II: Strengthen legal referral network to improve access to holistic legal representation of violent crime victims, survivors, and their families.

GOAL III: Increase victim service provider knowledge and awareness of the Financial Relief for Victims Program.

GOAL IV: Increase Forensic Nurse Examiner Programs throughout the state.

GOAL V: Increase Faith Community response to victims/survivors.

Task Force Involvement: Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force and the State Task Force.

ZONTA OF COLUMBIA

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Zonta of Columbia
PO Box 1164
Columbia, SC 29201

Mission Statement: Empowering women and girls locally and worldwide through service and advocacy.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Richland, Lexington, Kershaw, Newberry, and Fairfield

Organizational Overview: Zonta of Columbia is affiliated with Zonta International. We offer support, programming, and monetary awards to young women in public affairs and in business. We meet monthly for a luncheon to plan events including collaborative efforts to address human trafficking. While we primarily serve the Midlands, we do collaborate with other Zonta Clubs in the state (e.g. Bluffton/Beaufort).

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

Zonta of Columbia provides support, education, and financial contributions to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina. We have hung posters in hotels and other locations as required by law. We attend the State Task Force meeting and attend community awareness events through the Attorney General's Office. We train and educate women at Killingsworth using a program called Enhancing Your Assets and we also distribute two monetary awards for the Youth Women in Public Affairs and the Jane Klausman award for business.

2019 Accomplishments:

- We continue to recruit new members of like-minded women
- Worked with the Attorney General's Office to submit a grant to Zonta International
- Attended Zonta district meetings to gather information and resources
- Participated in National Human Trafficking Awareness Day at the Statehouse
- Participated in National Human Trafficking Awareness Month by participating in events (e.g., distribute flyers, attend documentaries, etc.)
- Secured a new meeting location for the monthly meetings
- Made contact with additional partners (e.g., Nurturing Center, etc.) and provided donations.

- Awarded a twelfth grade student the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and featured her and her family as speakers at our June 2019 meeting.
- Updated website: www.zontaofcolumbia.com

2020 Goals:

1. Recruit additional members
2. Hold our Zonta Zinger event in February 2020 to raise funds for the two scholarships that we provide to women in high school and college.
3. Make additional connections with partners including the Girl Scout Leadership Center, universities, and community stakeholder groups.
4. Make progress on our four pillars of membership, advocacy, service, and increase community awareness of human trafficking.

Task Force Involvement: State Task Force

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GENERAL AGENCY: LOWCOUNTRY

MUSC CHILD ABUSE PEDIATRICS

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: MUSC Child Abuse Pediatrics
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Karen Drozd: 843-876-0239
Kathy Fabrizio: 843-723-3600
Dr. John Melville: 843-723-3600

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley counties (though we accept patients from all over who need our services).

Organizational Overview: To serve abused and neglected children through evaluation, treatment, and referral for services to improve patient outcomes.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?
Our PSANE Program Coordinator and a Nurse Practitioner serve on the Medical Subcommittee of the Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force. Our Nurse Practitioner serves on a CSEC multi-disciplinary team (MDT) committee. We serve human trafficked patients in our clinics and the Peds Emergency Department at MUSC.

2019 Accomplishments: Increased participation in the Tri-County Human Trafficking Taskforce and the CSEC MDT.

2020 Goals: Continue our participation with the Tri-County Task Force Medical Subcommittee to work toward common goals of increased communication and focused/aligned education in order to increase patient outcomes.

Task Force Involvement: Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force Medical Subcommittee

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14TH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office
P.O. Box 1880, Bluffton, SC 29910
Erinn McGuire, Community Outreach: 843-790-6453

Mission Statement: Our primary role is to prosecute all cases in General Sessions Court, certain misdemeanors in Magistrate's Court, and all criminal cases in Family Court.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties

Organizational Overview: The 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office is the chief prosecuting agency for Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties. Each year, we prosecute approximately 5,000 cases. Additionally, our office operates a number of prevention programs including [pre-trial intervention](#), [worthless checks](#), [alcohol education](#), [traffic education](#), [treatment-based courts](#) and [juvenile arbitration](#). The office is led by the Solicitor, who is elected every four years. [Solicitor Duffie Stone](#) was appointed by the Governor in 2006. He was re-elected in 2008, 2012 and 2016.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

Our office regularly attends quarterly State Task Force meetings and collaborates with area service providers, including Hopeful Horizons and the Child Abuse Prevention Association – Beaufort and area hospitals. We recently hired a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) trained to provide forensic examinations to both children and adults.

2019 Accomplishments: On July 7, 2019, Solicitor Duffie Stone appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee on ways to make the internet safer for children. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham is the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He testified, “We live in a world in which criminals can interact with our children without ever physically stepping inside our home. We must think about this threat differently than we have in the past. The safety of our children depends on it and we all have a role to play.”

On Oct. 10, 2019, our office opened the state’s first Justice Institute and 14th Circuit Victims Services Center. The center brings together a multi-disciplinary team of professionals and organizations to provide services of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes against vulnerable populations, to include trafficking victims. The facility includes an exam room and forensic interview room. A new camera system in a children’s interview room can be viewed via closed circuit by other professionals in an adjacent room. This reduces the number of times children have to recount their stories, a process that can re-traumatize some victims. The room is also available to law enforcement officers who want to interview child witnesses in an environment less intimidating than a police station.

2020 Goals: Solicitor Duffie Stone is slated to provide remarks at the Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force’s 2020 Community Address on Jan. 22, 2020 at the Bluffton Library in Bluffton, SC. He will discuss internet crimes.

- Continue to educate and promote the 14th Circuit Victims Services Center to our circuit’s law enforcement agencies as a valuable resource and tool.
- Provide anti-human trafficking training to area law enforcement.
- Continue to collaborate and support local, state and federal investigators with ongoing sex trafficking investigations.

Task Force Involvement: Sheila Roemeling, one of the coordinators of the Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force, typically attends the state-level meetings, however someone from our office might be able to attend future meetings, particularly since our 14th Circuit Victims Services is open and Heather Dollar, RN, is providing direct care.

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GENERAL AGENCY: PEE DEE

GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Georgetown County School District
2018 Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440

Mission Statement: To provide all students with world class knowledge and skills that prepare them for citizenship in a diverse society.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Georgetown County

Organizational Overview: Education, PK-12th grades

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

We have participated actively in the coalition task force comprised of many different agencies in our area. We have attended educational programs in the past year to learn more about human trafficking.

2019 Accomplishments:

1. Participated in the Coastal Region Human Trafficking Task Force with other area agencies.
2. Attended educational programs to learn more about human trafficking.
3. Provided information and updates to administration and school nurses to raise awareness about human trafficking and how we will respond if we encounter a suspected victim in our schools or school health offices.

2020 Goals:

1. Continue active participation in the Coastal Region Human Trafficking Task Force.
2. Learn more about steps to take if we encounter a suspected victim of human trafficking in our schools or school health offices.
3. Implement statewide protocol as it applies to our agency and population.

Task Force Involvement: Coastal Region Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Natalie Darby

STATE & FEDERAL AGENCIES

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: United States Attorney's Office, District of S.C.

Mission Statement

To protect and serve the citizens of the District of S.C. through the ethical, vigorous, and impartial enforcement of the laws of the United States and in doing so to defend the national security, improve the safety and quality of life in our communities, protect the public funds and financial assets of the United States, maintain a courteous and professional working environment, and, with skill and integrity, seek to do justice in every matter

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: Four offices: Columbia, Florence, Charleston, and Greenville

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

The United States Attorney's Office investigates and prosecutes all forms of human trafficking.

2019 Accomplishments:

1. **United States v. Woodard and Cuyler** - Donnell Salethian Woodard, a/k/a "Tank," age 31, of Columbia, South Carolina, pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiracy to sex traffic minors and benefiting from sex trafficking of minors. Woodard faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years in federal prison with a maximum of life, a fine of \$250,000, a trafficking fund special assessment of \$5,000, mandatory registration as a sex offender, and at least 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release. Co-defendant India Tykeyah-Najee Cuyler, a/k/a "Lady Tank," age 24 pled guilty in federal court to using a facility of interstate commerce (a cell phone) to entice a minor under the age of 18 to engage in sexual activity and is awaiting sentencing. Cuyler faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison with a maximum of life, a fine of \$250,000, a trafficking fund special assessment of \$5,000, mandatory registration as a sex offender, and at least 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release.
2. **United States v. Spicer et al** – This case involved the interstate sex trafficking of a 16 year old victim who was ultimately rescued after she was located in Myrtle Beach. The trafficker physically abused the 16 year old victim and forced her to prostitute. The lead defendant Mark Spicer was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, ten years of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution to the victim. The co-defendant, Phylcia King, was sentenced to three years imprisonment, five years of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution to the victim.
3. **United States v. Edwards** – Bobby Edwards was convicted of forcing an African-American man with an intellectual disability to work extensive hours at a restaurant for no pay. He was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, and ordered to pay the victim \$272,952.96 in restitution.

Agency Goals for 2020:

1. Increase prosecutions of labor and sex trafficking
2. Provide training as needed

Task Force Involvement: USAO representatives participate in state and regional task forces.

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**CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION
SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Crime Victim Services Division, SC AGO

Mission Statement: To provide services and support to victims of crime in South Carolina.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: The division is a component of the Office of the Attorney General. It is composed of four departments. The departments manage grant funding, victim compensation, Ombudsman services and Victim Service Provider Certification, training and statistical analysis.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

The division funds anti-human trafficking efforts through grant awards, administers Victim Service Provider certifications and makes victim referrals through the Ombudsman's Office.

2019 Accomplishments: Administered \$42 million in victim of crime grant programs including grants supporting the SC Human Trafficking Task Force, administered \$12 million in victim compensation funds, and provided inaugural certifications in Victim Advocate Human Trafficking training.

2020 Goals: Continue to fund and support anti-human trafficking initiatives through funding under the Violence Against Women Act program, the Victim of Crime Act program and the State Victim Assistance Program.

Task Force Involvement: AGO Deputy Director Kim Hamm is a mandated member.

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803-734-0787

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (DHEC)

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info:

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
2100 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Mission Statement: To improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians by protecting and promoting the health of the public and the environment.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: DHEC is charged with promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment in South Carolina. With more than 3,400 employees working in 100 locations across the state, our vision is healthy people living in healthy communities. This vision is supported by the agency's four divisions:

-Environmental Affairs issues and enforces environmental permits and operates the state's ocean and coastal resource management program.

-Health Regulation oversees the licensing and certification of healthcare facilities, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers, and drug control enforcement.

-Public Health operates the agency's public health and state laboratory functions, including 72 local health departments.

-Operations provides strategic planning, project management, information technology, communications, legal services, human resources, and facility support.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

The DHEC Sexual Violence Services Program distributes a monthly resource email about a variety of topics related to sex violence. Some of these resources are related to commercial sexual exploitation, including sex trafficking and prostitution and pornography. The DHEC Sexual Violence Services Program also oversees SC's Rape Prevention Education (RPE) project, which focuses on sexual violence prevention efforts. Because sex trafficking and prostitution are forms of sexual violence, the DHEC Sexual Violence Services Program includes information about sex trafficking and prostitution in the guidance and technical assistance that it provides to South Carolina's rape crisis centers. The DHEC Sexual Violence Services Program also sends a representative to attend the State Task Force meetings.

2019 Accomplishments: DHEC hired a new Sexual Violence Services Program Coordinator to manage its relationships with South Carolina's rape crisis centers and SCCADVASA. This FTE position is solely focused on improving and expanding DHEC's guidance, training, and technical assistance for sexual violence prevention and response throughout the state.

2020 Goals: Disseminate more resources and information to South Carolina’s rape crisis centers and state coalition so that employees and volunteers are better educated about sex trafficking and prostitution response and prevention efforts. Educate the rape crisis centers about End Demand programs and how sex trafficking and prostitution are forms of sexual violence, so they can expand their sexual violence prevention efforts to include sex trafficking and prostitution.

Task Force Involvement: State Task Force

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ)

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
 220 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, SC 29210; 803-896-9749

Mission Statement: It is the mission of DJJ to protect the public and reclaim juveniles through prevention, community services, education, and rehabilitative services in the least restrictive environment.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: DJJ is a state cabinet agency, and by law, it is also a treatment and rehabilitative agency for the state's juveniles. DJJ is responsible for providing custodial care and rehabilitation for the state’s children who are incarcerated, on probation or parole, or in community placement for a criminal or status offense.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
0	6	0	0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u>	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u>	<u>Active:</u>
<u>Closed:</u>	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u>	<u>Closed:</u>

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 6	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
0	0	0	0				
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors				
<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0				
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0				
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male	Female	Other	Unknown				
1	5	0	0				
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Referrals			
Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies		Purpose of Referrals Made	
5		To assist with identification of HT Victims	
Presentations			
Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings
1	65	0	0

Task Force Affiliation: State Task Force and Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)

Agency Name: South Carolina Department of Social Services

Mission Statement: Serve South Carolina by promoting the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and vulnerable adults, helping individuals achieve stability and strengthening families. This mission is accomplished through core principles of competence, courage, and compassion.

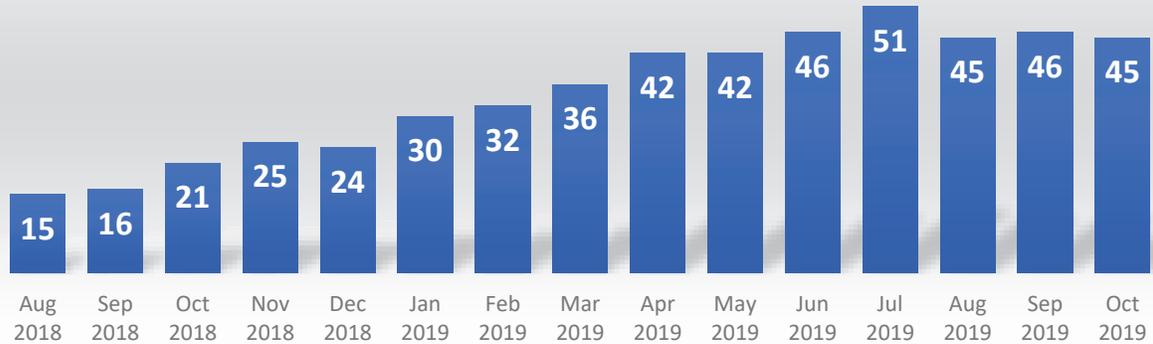
Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Organizational Overview: DSS provides an array of services to children and their families who have experienced abuse and/or neglect.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?
 DSS Child Welfare Services (CWS) staff recognize and assess all incidents involving children known or suspected to be victims of child trafficking, regardless of the child’s immigration status. CWS coordinates with law enforcement, juvenile justice, and service providers to provide comprehensive services for children who are victims of child trafficking.

See the graph below for the number of sex trafficking victims recorded from August 2018 to October 2019:

**"Victims of Sex Trafficking"
Children in Foster Care One Day or More
During the TWO Months Prior to the Report Date**



2019 Accomplishments:

1. Continuous improvement of Child Trafficking Program through data, services, and development.
2. Completed updated Child Trafficking Policy and Work Aid.
3. Identified over 50 children who are in our system who were confirmed and potential victims of child trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation.
4. Developed a Child Trafficking Protocol to internally staff Child Trafficking victims in our system

2020 Goals:

1. Continue to build internal capacity of staff to accommodate needs of victims of child trafficking.
2. Develop a specialized comprehensive service array for children in our system to align with the continuum of care produced by the SC Attorney General’s Office.
3. Continue existing and developing new relationships with providers in the state to help fill housing, service, and transitional gaps throughout the regions.
4. Explore grants and other funding sources to help promote the aforementioned goals.

Task Force Involvement: State Task Force and Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact Information: Jennequia Brown, Human Trafficking Program Coordinator

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (SLED)

Agency Name: South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division

Agency Description: State Police Agency

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Statewide

Case Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 2	<u>Active:</u> N/A	<u>Active:</u> N/A	<u>Active:</u> N/A
<u>Closed:</u> 1	<u>Closed:</u> N/A	<u>Closed:</u> N/A	<u>Closed:</u> N/A
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 4	<u>Active:</u> 9	<u>Active:</u> N/A	<u>Active:</u> 2
<u>Closed:</u> 2	<u>Closed:</u> 1	<u>Closed:</u> N/A	<u>Closed:</u> N/A
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> N/A	<u>Active:</u> N/A	<u>Active:</u> N/A	<u>Active:</u> N/A
<u>Closed:</u> N/A	<u>Closed:</u> N/A	<u>Closed:</u> N/A	<u>Closed:</u> N/A
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
U.S. Adults	U.S. Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> N/A	<u>Active:</u> 1	<u>Active:</u> 2	<u>Active:</u> N/A
<u>Closed:</u> N/A	<u>Closed:</u> N/A	<u>Closed:</u> N/A	<u>Closed:</u> N/A
Number of Human Trafficking Cases Charged in 2019			
Sex Trafficking		Labor Trafficking	
<u>Minors:</u> 7		<u>Minors:</u> 0	
<u>Adults:</u> 0		<u>Adults:</u> 0	
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information			
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>			
Gender Identity			
Male	Female	Other	Unknown
2	17	0	0

Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
7	9	3	0	0	0	0	0

Task Force Information: State Task Force and all Regional task forces in South Carolina.

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 S/A Jade Roy – SLED HTU Pee Dee Region – (803) 995-1104
 Lt. Latisha Walker – SLED HTU Supervisor – (803) 896-5591
 Capt. Connie Sonnefeld – SLED Captain (803)-260-0876

CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTERS

DEE NORTON CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center
1061 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403
677 Long Point Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
843-723-3600

Mission Statement: To prevent abuse, protect children, and heal families. The goal of the IMPACT program, which serves at-risk and confirmed victims of trafficking, is to increase the availability and coordination of effective, tailored services for minor victims of human trafficking and their families to support recovery and healing after the crime. This includes training child direct service professionals, providing intensive case management and trauma-informed interventions, and conveying multi-disciplinary case coordination meetings.

Organizational Overview: Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center is an accredited children’s advocacy center providing immediate support and assistance to children and their families through forensic interviews, medical examinations, and mental health assessments, along with multidisciplinary case coordination.

Dee Norton also provides therapy to child victims and their families where appropriate. Dee Norton is a community-based, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and coordinates with more than 30 partner agencies to take appropriate action and deliver the critical services needed for the child and family. We also strive to increase public awareness of the issue of child abuse.

Counties Served: Although we accept referrals from any location, our primary service region is the Ninth Judicial Circuit which includes Charleston and Berkeley counties

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019	
<u>At risk:</u> 46	<u>Confirmed:</u> 22 (includes carry over)
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019	
<u>At risk:</u> 4 (included in at-risk sex trafficking count above)	<u>Confirmed:</u> 1 (included in at-risk sex trafficking count above)
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018	
<u>At risk:</u> 0	<u>Confirmed:</u> 4
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018	
<u>At risk:</u> 0	<u>Confirmed:</u> 0

Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019

<u>At risk:</u> 46	<u>Confirmed:</u> 22
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Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019

<u>At risk:</u> 4 (included in at risk sex trafficking count above)	<u>Confirmed:</u> 1 (included in at risk sex trafficking count above)
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Victim/Survivor Demographic Information
(For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served)

Gender Identity

Male	Female	Other	Unknown
7	61	0	0

Race and/or Ethnicity

White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
13	28	12	0	0	1		4

Location of Victimization
(Please specify the county within each region where the child’s victimization occurred. If the victimization spanned multiple counties, please list the most recent county where the incident was reported.)

<u>Upstate:</u> 2	<u>Midlands:</u> 7	<u>Lowcountry:</u> 52	<u>Pee Dee:</u> 2
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Services Provided
(Ex: “One sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health”)

*We also served (10) bi-racial or multi-racial clients this year. The confirmed labor trafficking victim was trafficked in Honduras, however, her recent sex trafficking investigation is from Richland County therefore I have listed her under the Richland County victimization location. We also have one client whose victimization occurred outside of the United States, three occurred out of South Carolina, and one whose victimization location is unknown.

Our clients receive a multitude of services that range from mental health assessments and treatment, forensic interviews, forensic medical exams, case coordination (to include coordination of a multi-disciplinary team staffing), intensive case management, and consultation to the parent/legal guardian as well as service provider.

Referrals			
Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies		Purpose of Referrals Made	
We do not track the number of referrals made for each client. However, on average it is safe to say that each client receives between one and three referrals.		The majority of referrals are for mental health treatment. However, we also refer out for basic needs such as housing and financial assistance for the family. Often we refer and coordinate with other CAC's and immediate medical care providers that may be closer in proximity to client's home.	
Presentations <i>(Please only count presentations that include information on human trafficking)</i>			
Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings
2	105 (estimate)	7	276 (estimate)

2020 Goals for Expansion of Services: We were awarded a new grant from the Office for Victims of Crime to support our continued efforts in Improving Multidisciplinary Partnerships to Address Child Trafficking (IMPACT Project). This new award provides funding for additional programmatic staff in the area of youth service coordination which can provide an advocate dedicated to assisting identified CSEC youth in navigating the service system.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Coordinator Information:

Anna Smalling, LMSW
843-723-3600 and asmalling@deenortoncenter.org

Task Force Involvement: Our center serves as the co-chair of the Child Direct Services Subcommittee of the Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Contact Information: Rachael Garrett: rgarrett@deenortoncenter.org and 843-723-3600
Anna Smalling: asmalling@deenortoncenter.org and 843-723-3600

DICKERSON CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER

Agency Name and Address: Dickerson Children’s Advocacy Center
140 Gibson Road, Lexington, SC 29072

Mission Statement: The mission of the Dickerson Children's Advocacy Center is to provide comprehensive assessment and treatment services to physically and sexually abused children ages 0-18 years throughout the Midlands of South Carolina.

Organizational Overview: The Dickerson Children's Advocacy Center is a child-focused facility that provides forensic interviews, forensic medicals, mental health, and victim advocate services to victims of child abuse between the ages of 0 to 18.

Counties Served: Lexington County, 11th Judicial Circuit which includes Saluda, Edgefield, and McCormick. We also assist any counties who need our help.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
<u>At risk:</u> 6		<u>Confirmed:</u> 1	
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
<u>At risk:</u> 0		<u>Confirmed:</u> 0	
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
<u>At risk:</u> 0		<u>Confirmed:</u> 0	
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
<u>At risk:</u> 0		<u>Confirmed:</u> 0	
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
<u>At risk:</u> 6		<u>Confirmed:</u> 1	
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
<u>At risk:</u> 0		<u>Confirmed:</u> 0	
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information <i>(For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served)</i>			
Gender Identity			
Male	Female	Other	Unknown
0	7	0	0

Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Location of Victimization							
<i>(Please specify the county within each region where the child's victimization occurred. If the victimization spanned multiple counties, please list the most recent county where the incident was reported.)</i>							
<u>Upstate:</u> 0		<u>Midlands:</u> 7		<u>Lowcountry:</u> 0		<u>Pee Dee:</u> 0	
Referrals							
Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies				Purpose of Referrals Made			
0				NA			
Presentations							
<i>(Please only count presentations that include information on human trafficking)</i>							
Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings	Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: We are seeking funding to employ a law enforcement/CPS liaison and trafficking victims will be one of the underserved populations we will include as part of our program service and prevention education efforts, as well as local training and education for community partners.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Coordinator Information: We do not have a specific person, but we have underserved advocate staff and two director positions (forensics and clinical services) who focus on underserved populations which includes human trafficking.

Task Force Involvement: Truckers Against Trafficking and State Task Force. We have been asked to coordinate a Midlands Regional Multidisciplinary Team in 2020.

DORCHESTER CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Dorchester Children’s Advocacy Center
 303 E. Richardson Avenue
 Summerville, SC 29483
www.dorchesterchildren.org and 843-875-1551

Mission Statement: The mission of Dorchester Children’s Advocacy Center (DCAC) is to provide a coordinated, evidence-based response to child abuse that reduces trauma and offers healing to children and their families in a safe environment.

Organizational Overview: DCAC is nationally accredited Children’s Advocacy Center that offers an array of services including forensic interviews, forensic medical exams, mental health therapy, family advocacy, multi-disciplinary team meetings, community training, and case coordination for children high risk of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). DCAC mental health therapists are trained to provide trauma screenings, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy, Risk Reduction Through Family Therapy, Alternatives for Families Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy. Groups being offered include Girls Circle, Sexual Behavior Problems (Adolescents and School Aged), Creating Healthy Interactions and Respecting Personal Space (preschool-aged children), psychoeducational groups regarding body safety, and a caregiver support group for children who have disclosed abuse. DCAC provides trainings to multidisciplinary team partners, community organizations, youth serving organizations, and the general public. Prevention trainings include learning the signs of abuse and neglect and how to respond to a child’s disclosure, the Children’s Advocacy response to child abuse, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) 101, psychoeducational group on body safety for children ages 3-8, and teen safety regarding digital-cyber and physical safety. DCAC works in partnership with other community agencies and organizations in order to provide immediate follow-up of abuse reports, and professional medical and mental health evaluations.

Counties Served: DCAC primarily serves children and families residing in Dorchester County and Berkeley County. DCAC has also served children and families residing in outlying counties.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019	
<u>At risk:</u> 9	<u>Confirmed:</u> 2
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019	
<u>At risk:</u> 1	<u>Confirmed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018	
<u>At risk:</u> 0	<u>Confirmed:</u> 0

Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018							
<u>At risk:</u> 0		<u>Confirmed:</u> 0					
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
<u>At risk:</u> 9		<u>Confirmed:</u> 2					
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
<u>At risk:</u> 1		<u>Confirmed:</u> 0					
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>(For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served)</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male	Female	Other	Unknown				
0	12	0	0				
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
6	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
Location of Victimization							
<i>(Please specify the county within each region where the child's victimization occurred. If the victimization spanned multiple counties, please list the most recent county where the incident was reported.)</i>							
<u>Upstate:</u> Anderson County: 1	<u>Midlands:</u> Richland County: 2	<u>Lowcountry:</u> Charleston County: 2 Berkeley County: 4 Dorchester County: 1 Orangeburg County: 1	<u>Pee Dee:</u> Darlington County: 1				

Services Provided
(Ex: “One sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health”)

CSEC Engagement Assessment: West Coast Clinic’s Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT).
 Case consultation: Can be done via phone or in person; education on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and recommendations.
 Case coordination: Can include case management, advocacy, staffing case at CSEC Multidisciplinary Team meeting.
 One minor at risk of sex trafficking – CSEC Engagement Assessment, forensic medical exam, case coordination, mental health assessment.
 One minor confirmed sex trafficking – mental health assessment, mental health therapy, case coordination.
 One minor confirmed sex trafficking victim –case coordination services, mental health assessment, mental health therapy, forensic medical exam.
 One minor at risk of sex trafficking – case consultation to referring agency and other persons involved, case coordination.
 Two minors at risk of sex trafficking – case coordination, mental health assessment.
 Four minors at risk of sex trafficking – case coordination.
 One minor at risk of labor trafficking – case consultation to referring agency, case coordination.
 One minor at risk of sex trafficking – forensic interview, case coordination

Referrals

Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies	Purpose of Referrals Made
6	Medical, mental health evaluation, mental health therapy, housing, alcohol and drug assessment

Presentations
(Please only count presentations that include information on human trafficking)

Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings
0	0	17	394

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: We plan to expand services by providing daily living independent skills as well as expand our training and outreach efforts to educate the community.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Coordinator Information: Jacquelin Da Hora, LISW-CP, CSEC Program Coordinator
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Task Force Involvement: Co-Chair of the Child Direct Services Subcommittee for the Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force. Member of the Child Direct Services Subcommittee for the State Task Force.

EDISTO CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Edisto Children’s Center
 PO Box 1568
 Orangeburg SC 29115
 803-534-2272, Robin Livingston

Mission Statement: To assist children and families to get to a place of physical, mental, and emotional well-being through a multidisciplinary approach to protect and prevent children from child abuse.

Organizational Overview: Edisto Children’s Center is under the umbrella of CASA Family Systems. Edisto Children’s Center is a private, nonprofit organization whose primary focus is to aid in creating a community where children are safe, valued, and nurtured through a multidisciplinary approach.

Counties Served: Orangeburg, Bamberg, and Calhoun counties

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019	
<u>At risk:</u> 2-(possibility)	<u>Confirmed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019	
<u>At risk:</u> 0	<u>Confirmed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018	
<u>At risk:</u> 1 (possibility)	<u>Confirmed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018	
<u>At risk:</u> 0	<u>Confirmed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019	
<u>At risk:</u> 0	<u>Confirmed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019	
<u>At risk:</u> 0	<u>Confirmed:</u> 0

Victim/Survivor Demographic Information <i>(For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served)</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male	Female	Other	Unknown				
0	2	0	0				
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Location of Victimization <i>(Please specify the county within each region where the child's victimization occurred. If the victimization spanned multiple counties, please list the most recent county where the incident was reported.)</i>							
<u>Upstate:</u> 0		<u>Midlands:</u> 2		<u>Lowcountry:</u> 0		<u>Pee Dee:</u> 0	
Referrals							
Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies				Purpose of Referrals Made			
0							
Presentations <i>(Please only count presentations that include information on human trafficking)</i>							
Number of Presentations Given	Number of Attendees at Presentations	Number of Trainings Given	Number of Attendees at Trainings				
0	0	0	0				

2020 Plans for Expansion of Services: To offer more trainings and conferences for all multidisciplinary team members and to educate the community.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Coordinator Information: None currently.

Task Force Involvement: None currently.

FOOTHILLS ALLIANCE

Agency Name, Address, and Contact Info: Foothills Alliance
216 E. Calhoun St., Anderson, SC
864-231-7273 and www.foothillsalliance.org

Mission Statement: The mission of Foothills Alliance is to work in collaboration with community partners to prevent sexual assault trauma as well as child abuse and neglect by providing education, advocacy, and treatment services in Anderson and Oconee Counties.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Anderson and Oconee Counties

Organizational Overview: Foothills Alliance provides 24-hour trauma hotline crisis response, advocacy in the ER and court proceedings, child and adult victim advocacy, community education and awareness, forensic interviews and forensic medical exams, professional therapy, and non-offending parent support.

What does your agency do to support anti-human trafficking efforts in South Carolina?

We advocate on behalf of both child and adult survivors of human trafficking. We provide educational presentations and materials to the community including those offered by the SC Attorney General's Office and the State Task Force.

2019 Accomplishments: In 2019, Foothills Alliance provided human trafficking awareness information and victim identification trainings to professionals including school counselors, school administrators, librarians, medical residents and college students. We provided human trafficking awareness workshops for parents in collaboration with law enforcement and community partners. As a child advocacy center and sexual trauma center, we have provided advocacy, counseling, and support services to human trafficking survivors, both children and adults. We also collaborated with law enforcement and community partners on developing a regional task force.

2020 Goals: Foothills Alliance will continue to provide human trafficking awareness information and presentations for community groups and professionals. We will include human trafficking information in our educational presentations. We will continue to increase community awareness and understanding of recruitment tactics used by traffickers. We will expand relationships and partnerships with faith organizations to increase educational opportunities and to serve those in vulnerable circumstances. We will continue to serve human trafficking survivors through our advocacy and support services.

Task Force Involvement: Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force.

JULIE VALENTINE CENTER

Agency Name and Address: Julie Valentine Center (JVC)
 2905 White Horse Road
 Greenville, SC 29611

Mission Statement: Julie Valentine Center's mission is to stop sexual violence and child abuse and the impact of these crimes through prevention, investigation, collaboration, treatment, and advocacy.

Area Served (Statewide or Counties): Rape Crisis—Greenville; Children’s Advocacy Center—Greenville and Pickens

Organizational Overview: Julie Valentine Center is the sexual assault and child abuse recovery center located in Greenville, SC. Services are provided in three core program areas: rape crisis, prevention and education, and child advocacy.

Victim/Survivor Service Data

Number of Sex Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
12	6	0	0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 2	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Sex Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
<u>Active:</u> 10	<u>Active:</u> 6	<u>Active:</u> 0	<u>Active:</u> 0
<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0	<u>Closed:</u> 0
Number of Labor Trafficking Victims/Survivors Served in 2019			
Adults	Minors	Foreign National Adults	Foreign National Minors
0	0	0	0

Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Carried Over from 2018							
Adults		Minors		Foreign National Adults		Foreign National Minors	
<u>Active</u> : 0		<u>Active</u> : 0		<u>Active</u> : 0		<u>Active</u> : 0	
<u>Closed</u> : 0		<u>Closed</u> : 0		<u>Closed</u> : 0		<u>Closed</u> : 0	
Number of Labor Trafficking Cases Opened in 2019							
Adults		Minors		Foreign National Adults		Foreign National Minors	
<u>Active</u> : 0		<u>Active</u> : 0		<u>Active</u> : 0		<u>Active</u> : 0	
<u>Closed</u> : 0		<u>Closed</u> : 0		<u>Closed</u> : 0		<u>Closed</u> : 0	
Victim/Survivor Demographic Information							
<i>For each demographic, please list the total number of victims/survivors served in 2019.</i>							
Gender Identity							
Male		Female		Other		Unknown	
1		15		0		0	
Race and/or Ethnicity							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern or North African	Unknown
Services Provided							
<i>(Ex: "One minor sex trafficking victim—clinical mental health; one adult labor trafficking victim—housing")</i>							
Mental health services, Spiritual Care services, Emergency Room accompaniment							
Referrals							
Number of Referrals Made to Outside Agencies				Purpose of Referrals Made			
0				NA			
Presentations							
Number of Presentations Given		Number of Attendees at Presentations		Number of Trainings Given		Number of Attendees at Trainings	
0		0		0		0	

Task Force Involvement: State Task Force and Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force

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XIII. 2020 Recommendations

Determining the Magnitude of Human Trafficking in South Carolina

Finding: There is not abundant or comprehensive data about human trafficking as it is happening in South Carolina.

Recommendation

In 2019, the Data Management and Research Subcommittee will continue efforts on multiple projects that will benefit efforts underway in our state. There will be an increased effort in 2020 to launch the first human trafficking data collection system in South Carolina. The data collection system will align with the DHHS Office on Trafficking in Persons data project and be interoperable to best position State Task Force members to both contribute toward and receive statistics. The information will be shared with local, state, and federal stakeholders. The collection of such data will help shape law enforcement training opportunities and the development of support services in our state.

Protecting, Supporting, and Serving Victims of Human Trafficking

- Finding One: First responders, medical professionals, labor agencies, and victim advocacy groups must be able to recognize the signs of human trafficking.

Recommendation

Training is a critical element in elevating the response to human trafficking in South Carolina. The State Task Force will continue efforts to provide comprehensive training to first responders, medical professional, labor agencies, and victim advocates through local, state, and national partnerships. It is important that ongoing efforts to inform the community continue to ensure that multi-sector professionals are able to identify and safely respond to human trafficking in their communities. This will help ensure that law enforcement is notified, victims' needs are more rapidly addressed, and traffickers are prosecuted in South Carolina courts.

- Finding Two: There is a lack of sufficient funding for, access to, and availability of resources for groups that provide services to victims of human trafficking.

Recommendation

Throughout 2020, the State Task Force will actively seek opportunities for members to receive much needed funding to support their efforts in implementing prevention education, offering professional training opportunities, and developing new support services across the state.

- Finding Three: South Carolina does not have adequate shelter space to meet the needs of human trafficking victims.

Recommendation

The lack of safe shelter space for human trafficking continues to be an issue in South Carolina and across the nation. The State Task Force will continue efforts to support the development of shelter spaces that meet the unique needs of human trafficking victims and

survivors. Furthermore, the Task Force will work diligently to ensure that these programs provide victim-centered, trauma-informed services that align with best and emerging practices in the field. The latter will be achieved through a formal vetting and certification process of direct service providers. A resource guide of those providing quality services will then be shared with judges, law enforcement, other providers, and partners at the regional and national level.

- Finding Four: There is a lack of understanding and awareness of the various immigration benefits for non-citizen victims of human trafficking that are essential to victim safety and prosecution.

Recommendation

There is an ongoing need to continue to educate direct service providers regarding immigration benefits for non-citizen victims of human trafficking. In early 2020, the State Task Force will develop a brochure (offered in multiple languages) that details information to best position providers to support this population. The brochure will be posted on the Task Force website so that partners may reference and/or download the resource as needed.

- Finding Five: Civil relief options for a trafficked victim are not well known or communicated.

Recommendation

The Legal Innovations Sub-Committee will continue its partnerships with stakeholders invested in this matter. Efforts will be made to include relevant information in trainings, during special events, and through other effective avenues.

- Finding Six: Delivery of and access to victim services need to be better coordinated.

Recommendation

After much work in 2019, this is an area that will continue to be further developed in 2020. More MOU's will be drafted and specialized programs vetted to ensure the Task Force endorses support services that are grounded in safe, quality practices. The Task Force will develop a list of service providers that meet specific criteria and post on the website for reference by stakeholders in South Carolina, the Southeast and across the nation. This information will also be shared directly with law enforcement and members of the bar.

Investigating and Prosecuting Human Traffickers

- Finding One: The lack of resources available to law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges frustrate opportunities to arrest, prosecute, and sentence human traffickers.
- Finding Two: The lack of information-sharing among law enforcement officers and prosecuting offices hinders opportunities to arrest, prosecute, and sentence human traffickers.
- Finding Three: The lack of trained law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges prevents opportunities to arrest, prosecute, and sentence human traffickers.

Recommendation (Finding One, Two and Three)

Resources will continue to be identified and disseminated to better support the efforts of law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges. Additionally, the law enforcement network will continue to be strengthened to position local, state, and federal partners to share information, best respond to case tips, and seek support on investigations as needed. This network will largely be developed during Law Enforcement Subcommittee meetings and training opportunities highlighting human trafficking investigative strategies.

Preventing Human Trafficking in South Carolina

- Finding One: There is inadequate enforcement of existing rules and regulations in South Carolina.

Recommendation

In 2020, efforts will continue to better educate law enforcement and prosecutors about the specifics of human trafficking legislation in South Carolina. Partners across the state will be better positioned to enforce rules and regulations if ongoing efforts continue in this area.

- Finding Two: Lack of awareness about human trafficking and ingrained societal perceptions aggravate the problem, resulting in lost opportunities to help victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

Recommendation

The State Task Force will continue public awareness initiatives throughout the state. A Speakers Bureau, composed of a trained cohort of speakers, will help ensure that ingrained societal perceptions are challenged and the public remains better informed on the complexities of human trafficking.

Other Areas for Consideration and Study

- Foreign national victims: Consider how current immigration laws can affect victims of severe human trafficking.
- Rapid Response Teams: Consider creating teams throughout the state via new partnerships, the development of regional multiagency groups, and concise points of contact to be used by response teams.
- Child Victims: Analyze how South Carolina juvenile law affects juvenile victims of human trafficking, particularly those victims who might be arrested for a crime.
- Internet and Technology: Develop strategies to more efficiently investigate tips received from online sites, draft protocol for handling tips including possible areas of overlap between human trafficking and internet crimes against children. Also examine different methods, specifically those related to technology and the Internet, used in the perpetration of human trafficking crimes in order to formulate better responses, develop prevention strategies, and build stronger cases for prosecution

Recommendations

In 2020, the State Task Force will continue its efforts to support providers working with foreign national victims, fully launch its Strategic Response Model, and continue to highlight the need for Internet related education and the use of technology in investigating human

trafficking cases. We will also continue efforts to protect minor victims through partnerships with child welfare agencies and advocates, ensure both children and adolescents receive quality services that meet their unique needs, and encourage prosecution of criminals who target children as victims of sex and/or labor trafficking.

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We are eager to continue our leadership of the State Task Force in 2020. Additionally, we look forward to creating new partnerships and initiatives that will effectively contribute to the anti-human trafficking movement in South Carolina, the Southeast Region, and across our nation.

In closing, the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General would like to recognize contributions made to this report by the following individuals. Thank you for your dedication to the cause and ensuring that anti-human trafficking efforts across the state are recognized each year.

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In case of an emergency, dial 911 for local law enforcement response.

For victim assistance or to report potential human trafficking, please contact:

The National Human Trafficking Hotline

Call 1-888-373-7888

Text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733)



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