Welcome

South Carolina Human Trafficking Risk Force Newsletter

2019 Annual Report Overview

The State Task Force made great strides in 2019 in combating human trafficking in South Carolina. The Office of the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate were actively involved in anti-trafficking efforts. This has led to a 360% increase in the number of people reporting human trafficking.

New Partnerships

South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force, South Carolina Department of Corrections, University of South Carolina Hospitality and Tourism, and University of South Carolina Hospitality and Tourism.

2020 Highlighted Initiatives

The Task Force will grow its Interfaith Subcommittee to involve faith communities statewide in anti-human trafficking efforts. This will help to unify existing efforts. The Task Force will also focus trainings in the hospitality and beverage industries. The Top 5 Counties of Human Trafficking in 2018 were: Dorchester, Charleston, Richland, Greenville, and Santee. The Data from the National Human Trafficking Hotline reflects an increase in labor trafficking in South Carolina.

Pineapple lids: Blue Campaign

Homeland Security’s Blue Campaign hosts #WearBlueDay, where people take pictures of themselves wearing blue clothing.

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act

The Task Force will host special events in January to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the TVPA. These events include:

- January 23rd (10AM, Prisma Health, Greenville, SC)
- January 25th (Community Awareness Training)
- January 29th (Movie Review & Panel Discussion)
- April 17th (10AM, United Way)
- July 17th (10AM, United Way)
- October 16th (10AM, United Way)

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