

SOUTH CAROLINA

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

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NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

The State Task Force began the year with its release of the 2020 Annual Report and a press conference honoring January as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

The first quarterly State Task Force meeting was held on March 5, 2021. At the meeting, AirBnB's Public Policy and Trust & Safety team discussed new anti-human trafficking strategies implemented to reduce risk in AirBnB properties. Nancy Hagan from the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission also shared data and research regarding labor trafficking in the agriculture sector. Relevant legislation was discussed by Matt Wills, Senior Advisor to the

Attorney General. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can access the recording on the Task Force website under 'News and Updates.'

On April 14, the State Task Force will launch its Lunch and Learn Series to increase virtual human trafficking training opportunities throughout the spring. Training topics will include myths surrounding human trafficking, trauma-informed care and mental health, and sector-specific labor trafficking research. Additional scheduling and registration information will be emailed out to the Task Force via the listserv and will be posted to the website under the 'Calendar' section.

RELEVANT ARTICLES, REPORTS, & RESOURCES

- South Carolina AG releases 2020 Human Trafficking annual report
- Horry County no. 1 for human trafficking reports in South Carolina
- Editorial: Welcome progress on battling a serious, but largely hidden crime
- Survivors of human trafficking find lifeline in task force set up to help them break free
- This SC human trafficking survivor is drawing from her past to tackle the problem
- Columbia man gets 25 years in prison after pleading guilty to sex trafficking minors
- Office on Trafficking in Persons: Collaboration Strategies to Help Survivors of Human Trafficking Overcome Barriers to Economic Mobility
- Office on Trafficking in Persons: Putting Human Trafficking Survivors at the Center of Faith and Community-Based Efforts to Promote Economic Mobility
- Office on Trafficking in Persons: Federal Housing and Homelessness Programs for Survivors of Human Trafficking
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: Female Victims of Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation as Defendants
- NHTTAC Report: Core Competencies for Human Trafficking Response in Health Care and Behavioral Health Systems
- U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: Safety Planning with Foreign National Children and Youth Survivors of Trafficking (Download from Resources Section)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Department of Health & Human Services**—Victims of Human Trafficking – Services and Outreach (VHT-SO) Program – ACF Region 4
- Department of Health & Human Services**—Trafficking Victim Assistance Program

Visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search "human trafficking" to find the details of each grant.

The deadlines for the following funding opportunities have been extended to April 16 for Grants.gov and April 30 for JustGrants:

- OVC FY 2021 Enhancing Juvenile and Family Court Responses to Human Trafficking
 - OVC FY 2021 Field-Generated Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance for Law Enforcement
 - OVC FY 2021 Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Human Trafficking
 - OVC FY 2021 Preventing Trafficking of Girls
 - OVC FY 2021 Services for Minor Victims of Labor Trafficking
 - OVC FY 2021 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking
 - OVC FY 2021 Training and Technical Assistance for Human Trafficking Service Providers
- Click [here](#) for more information on the deadline extension.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Below, please find the legislation discussed at the State Task Force's March 2021 meeting. While not all of the legislation is directly related to human trafficking, the topics addressed intersect with the crime and may provide useful tools to reduce victimization.

KEY DATES

Budget Debate: Mid-March

Crossover: April 10, 2021. This is the last day a bill can be passed in either chamber and still be considered this calendar year in the opposite chamber.

LEGISLATION

S. 223: *Victim of Domestic Violence Designated Address (Address Confidentiality)*

Author: Shealy, Lexington

Status: Senate Judiciary

H. 3237: *Drug Schedules (Date Rape Drugs; GHB and Rohyphnol)*

Author: King, York

Status: House Judiciary (Similar to H. 3572, Thigpen)

H. 3425: *Unlawful Dissemination of Sexually Explicit Materials (Revenge Porn)*

Author: Garvin, Richland

Status: House Judiciary (Similar to H. 3285, McKnight)

H. 3424: *Teen Dating Violence Prevention Act*

Author: Garvin, Richland

Status: House Judiciary

H. 3485: *Confidentiality of Victims Identify (Address Confidentiality)*

Author: Robinson, Greenville

Status: House Judiciary (Similar to H. 3468, Moore)

H. 3572: *Reschedule Flunitrazepam and Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid as Schedule II Controlled Substances (Date Rape Drugs)*

Author: Thigpen, Richland

Status: House Judiciary (Similar to H. 3572, King)

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Wills, Senior Advisor to the Attorney General, at mattwills@scag.gov.

STATE MEETINGS

The next South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting will be held on June 4 at 10AM. Further details will be shared via email closer to the meeting.

To access the recording of the State Task Force's March meeting, click [here](#).

Stay tuned for updates to the State Task Force's Online Resource Library as we add new materials throughout the spring. Access the library [here](#).

REGIONAL MEETINGS

For Regional Task Force contact information, click [here](#).

Coastal Region Human Trafficking Task Force
Meeting on May 7th at 11AM

Foothills Human Trafficking Task Force
Meeting on April 22nd at 4PM via Zoom

L.E.M.S. Human Trafficking Task Force
Meeting on April 14th from 1-2PM at the Lexington County Sheriff's Department Training Center.

Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force
Meeting on April 21

Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
Meeting on May 19 from 10AM-12PM

Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force
Meeting on May 14 from 10-11AM

Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force
Meeting on April 16

2nd Judicial Circuit Human Trafficking Task Force
Meeting on June 23 at 10AM.

TRAININGS AND EVENTS

To join the SC Immigrant Victim Coalition and receive updates on training opportunities, click [here](#).

Join the National Human Trafficking Training & Technical Assistance Center for a 2-hour SOAR to Health and Wellness training. This training grants free CE/CME credits. Register for one of the trainings below:

•Click [here](#) for May 19

•Click [here](#) for June 16 (This training will be in Spanish)

•Click [here](#) for August 18

All trainings will be held from 1-3PM EST.

National Criminal Justice Training Center Webinar: Trauma & Its Impact on Youth. Access [here](#).

Framework Webinar: Restaurant Workers—Increasing Identification Through Outreach. March 30 from 2-3PM. Register [here](#).

Free to Thrive Webinar: Impact of Human Trafficking on the Asian-Pacific Islander (API) Community. Access this recording and related trainings [here](#).

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