



Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Taskforce

SERVING SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The Human Trafficking Task Force works to assess the scope of the problem locally, offer access to training opportunities, develop protocols and improve law enforcement and victim service response. The task force is comprised of state, and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as non-profit and faith-based organizations. Together we are dedicated to a victim-centered approach to combat the commercial sexual exploitation and labor trafficking of human beings.

Community Outreach & Education

- Community tabling events, presentations, business outreach & education, tailored presentations on Human Trafficking

HART (Helping Achieve Resiliency Treatment) Court – Treatment court for at risk juveniles

- multidisciplinary team to support and advocate for juveniles up to age 18 who are system involved

Human Trafficking Response Team

- 24-hour response
- On-scene response with law enforcement to support and advocate for survivors
- Accompaniment to hospital & medical appointments
- Accompaniment to police station, court, jails, juvenile detention facilities, social services, and other locations as requested
- Emotional support, crisis intervention, medical and legal advocacy, connect survivors with programs/services
- Food, clothing, hygiene items, and vouchers for local stores
- Transportation for taxi, bus and UBER rides
- Assistance signing up for social services such as Medi-CAL, CALFresh, WIC and CalWORKS

Safe at Home Program

- Address confidentiality program administered by the California Secretary of State's Office

Tattoo (branding) Removal or Cover-up

- In collaboration with laser removal agencies & tattoo parlors

Financial Assistance

- California Victims of Crime Compensation Program
 - Relocation Expenses
 - Security deposits for rental housing

For more information, please contact:

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National Human Trafficking Hotline

Get Help. Report a Tip. Request Services
1-888-373-7888