

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to exploit a person for labor or commercial sex.

Every year millions of men, women, and children are trafficked in countries around the world – including the United States – and throughout Michigan. Many of these victims are lured with false promises of financial or emotional security.



The JATT is dedicated to preventing human trafficking and rescuing those being trafficked, both within the target area of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties, and across Michigan.

For additional information about the JATT, contact:

The Michigan State Police 517-284-3208

The Salvation Army 248-443-5500

www.michigan.gov/cjgrants

www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org/emi

www.humantraffickinghotline.org

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If you suspect human trafficking or to connect with a service provider in your area, **call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888.**

INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

Recognizing the indicators can help identify a human trafficking situation. While no single indicator is necessarily proof of human trafficking, recognizing the signs is the first step in identifying potential victims.

Behavior or Physical State:

- * Does the victim act fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid?
- * Does the victim defer to another person to speak for him or her?
- * Does the victim show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture?
- * Has the victim been harmed or deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other life necessities?
- * Does the victim have few or no personal possessions?

Social Behavior:

- * Can the victim freely contact friends or family?
- * Is the victim allowed to socialize or attend religious services?
- * Does the victim have freedom of movement?
- * Has the victim or family been threatened with harm if the victim attempts to escape?

Work Conditions and Immigration Status:

- * Does the victim work excessively long and/or unusual hours?
- * Was the victim recruited for one purpose and forced to engage in some other job?
- * Is the victim's salary being garnished to pay off a smuggling fee? (Paying off a smuggling fee alone is not considered trafficking.)
- * Has the victim been forced to perform sexual acts?
- * Has the victim been threatened with deportation or law enforcement action?
- * Is the victim in possession of his/her identification and travel documents? If not, who has control of the documents?



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