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# FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESPONSE TEAM

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**Protocol and Resource Guide**

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This guide was originally created by the Frederick County Human Trafficking Task Force in 2017 to assist agencies and service providers in collaboratively supporting survivors of trafficking. The resource guide lists agencies and organizations that are equipped to provide services specific to trafficking survivors, as well as local resources for victim referral within Frederick County. Please be advised that the resource guide is not exhaustive and some agencies may have provider requirements where not all survivors may be accepted for services.

The assessment tool is a basic guide to assist agencies with the identification of and response to potential trafficking victims. The protocol helps inform our county's response to identified human trafficking victims. The task force suggested that the assessment tool and protocol be incorporated into agencies current protocols. This guide is currently updated and reviewed by the Frederick County Human Trafficking Response Team, the anti-trafficking collaborative created as a result of the task force's recommendations to the Frederick County Council.

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<https://frederickcountymd.gov/7672/Human-Trafficking-Response-Team>

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## Understanding Human Trafficking

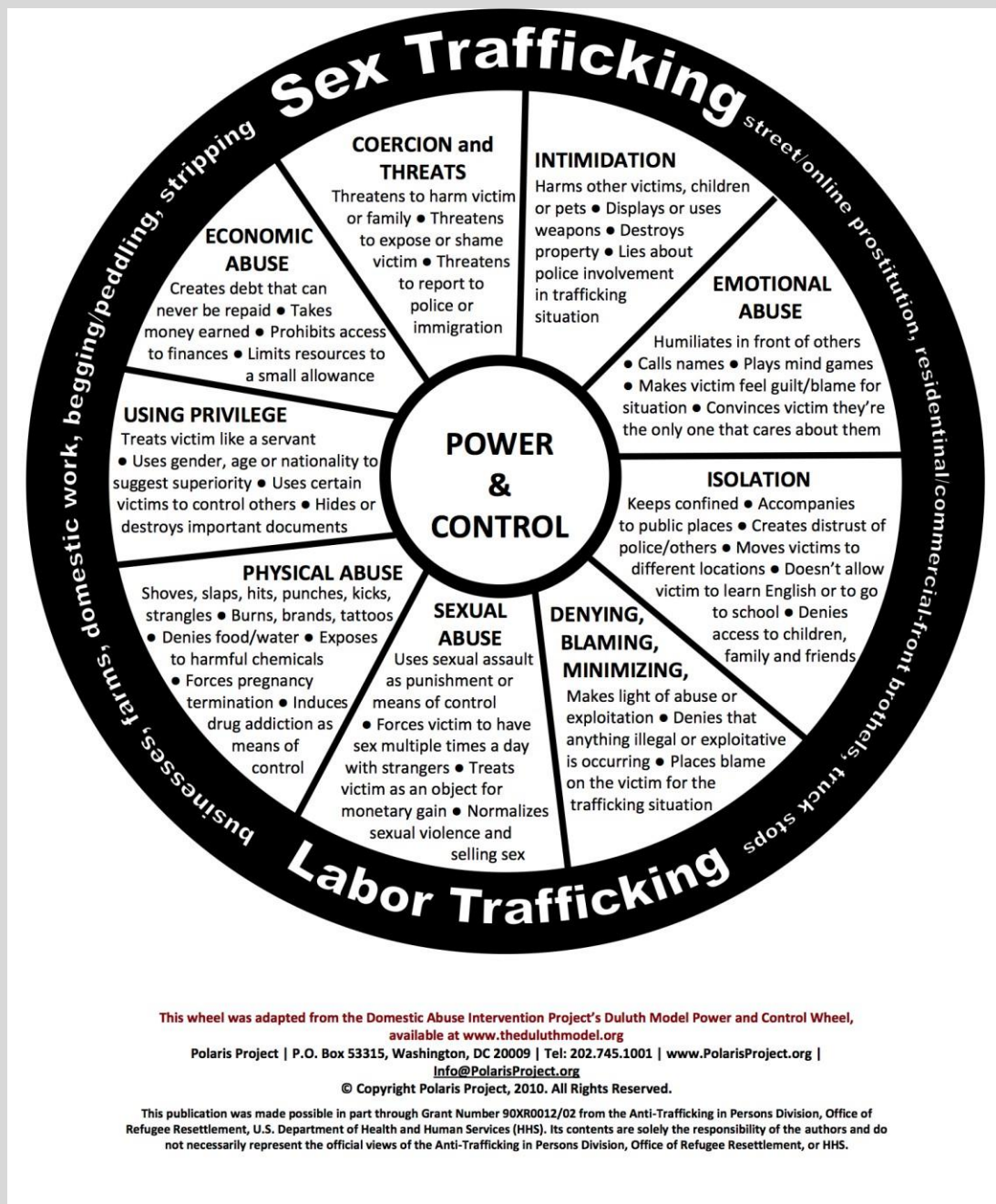
**Human trafficking** is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against his/her will.

*According to the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000:*

**Sex trafficking** is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age (22 USC § 7102).

**Labor trafficking** is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery, (22 USC § 7102). (Polaris)

*Traffickers use tactics of power and control to exploit victims' vulnerabilities, as illustrated here:*



# Human Trafficking Assessment Protocol

## Red Flags

- inability to recall address or knowledge of current location
- reluctance to share basic information
- avoids eye contact
- lack of control of his/her identification or money
- exhibits fear of his/her companion
- someone speaks on his/her behalf or is overly controlling
- discloses multiple sexual partners
- physical branding (tattoos with names/symbols)
- evidence of physical abuse
- child appears to be in relationship with adult

## Tips

- Speak with the person alone
- Use a professional language interpreter when necessary
- Don't make promises you can't keep
- Remember it is rare that a victim will self-identify
- Mirror language the victim uses (e.g. "boyfriend" instead of "pimp")
- Inform person of confidentiality and mandated reporting laws
- Ask person if he/she wants law enforcement contacted, unless there is a risk of harm to self or others

## Sample Questions

1. Does anyone take some or all of the money you earn, or decide how your money is used?
2. Do you owe money to someone that feels impossible to pay off?
3. Does anyone control where you go, who you talk to, or what you do during the day?
4. Has anyone ever made you feel afraid, threatened you, or pressured you to stay in a situation you didn't want to be in?
5. Is anyone holding your identification, passport, or important documents for you?
6. Has anyone threatened to harm you, your family, or someone you care about if you leave or say no?
7. Has anyone ever hurt you physically or forced you to do something sexual?
8. Has anyone tricked, pressured, or manipulated you into doing work or activities you did not want to do?



If **YES** to any of the above questions or if other indicators of human trafficking are present, you can:

Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) hotline at 1-888-373-7888

Ask for assistance with assessment and next steps (following all HIPAA & mandatory reporting regulations). The NHTRC hotline is confidential, operated 24/7, and has access to 200+ languages.

**OR**



If **NO** to above questions:

Refer services as appropriate (see Resource Guide)

\*If victim does not disclose elements of trafficking, but you still feel uneasy with their situation, please call NHTRC at 1-888-373-7888



If victim is a **MINOR**:

Call Frederick County DSS 1-800-91-PREVENT (1-800-917-7383)

and

Local Law Enforcement



If victim is an **ADULT**:

Encourage victim to call Heartly House 301-662-8800

or

Refer to anti-trafficking program (see Resource Guide)

# Resource Guide

## **FREDERICK COUNTY AGENCIES**

*The agencies listed below are located in or primarily serve Frederick County. If you need services that are not listed here, additional regional, state, and national resources — including legal, immigration, behavioral health, and victim support services — are included in other sections of this guide.*

- **Heartly House**

Provides comprehensive services for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, human trafficking, and child abuse. Services include a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, individual and group counseling, victim advocacy, legal advocacy, medical advocacy, abuse intervention groups, and community outreach and education.

24/7 Hotline: 301-662-8800

Website: <https://www.heartlyhouse.org>

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- **Frederick County Department of Social Services (DSS) – Child Protective Services**

Receives and investigates reports of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including child sex trafficking. Provides assessment, safety planning, and coordination with law enforcement and service providers. All reports are confidential.

24/7 Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Hotline: 1-800-91-PREVENT (1-800-917-7383)

Local DSS Office: 301-600-4555

Website: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/local-offices/frederick-county/>

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- **Frederick County Department of Social Services (DSS) – Adult Protective Services**

Investigates reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults and coordinates services to reduce risk and prevent further harm.

Phone: 1-800-91-PREVENT (1-800-917-7383)

Website: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/local-offices/frederick-county/>



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- **Frederick County Behavioral Health Services**

Serves as the Local Addiction Authority and provides screening, referral, and service navigation for mental health and substance use treatment for adolescents and adults. Coordinates access to publicly funded behavioral health services.

Phone: 301-600-1755

Website: <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/337/Behavioral-Health-Programs>

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- **Frederick Health Hospital – Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Program**

Provides medical forensic exams for victims of sexual assault and abuse, including injury documentation, evidence collection, patient education, referrals, and court testimony. Services are available regardless of whether law enforcement is involved.

24/7 Hospital Line: 240-566-3300 (Ask for the Forensic Nurse Examiner on-call)

Website: <https://www.frederickhealth.org>

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- **Child Advocacy Center of Frederick County**

Provides a child- and family-focused response to reports of child abuse and maltreatment. Coordinates multidisciplinary investigations, forensic interviews, prosecution support, treatment, and advocacy to reduce trauma and improve outcomes for children and families.

Phone: 301-600-1758

Website: <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/1091/Child-Advocacy-Center>

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- **Centro Hispano de Frederick**

Supports Limited English Proficient residents of Frederick County through education, referrals, and advocacy. Services include English classes, parent outreach, employment skill development, immigration assistance, and referrals to health and human service agencies.

Phone: 301-668-6270

Email: [info@centrohispanodefederick.org](mailto:info@centrohispanodefederick.org)

Website: <https://www.centrohispanodefederick.org>

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- **Maryland Legal Aid – Midwestern Office (Frederick)**

Provides free civil legal services to financially eligible Maryland residents and adults over age 60. Handles civil (not criminal) matters, including family law, housing, public benefits, and consumer issues. Representation of undocumented individuals is limited to specific circumstances, including victims of domestic violence or human trafficking.

Phone: 301-694-7414

Website: <https://www.mdlab.org>

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- **Mental Health Association of Frederick County**

Provides mental health support, crisis intervention, and prevention services for children, adults, and families. Operates crisis services and connects individuals to community-based supports.

Main Phone: 301-663-0011

Crisis Hotline: 301-662-2255

Website: <https://www.fcmha.org>

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- **Potomac Case Management**

Provides in-home behavioral health services, early childhood mental health services, parenting support, and targeted case management for adults and adolescents. Services require a current mental health diagnosis and Medicaid coverage.

Phone: 301-791-3087

Website: <https://www.potomaccasemanagement.com>

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- **Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc. – Frederick Office**

Works with public and private organizations to assist vulnerable individuals with access to nutrition, health care, education, housing, employment, and immigration-related benefits.

Phone: 202-445-2322

Website: <https://spanishcommunityofmd.org>

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- **Way Station / Sheppard Pratt**

Provides a broad range of behavioral health services for children, adolescents, adults, and families, including outpatient mental health care, psychiatric rehabilitation, housing and residential services, and employment support.

Phone: 301-662-0099

Website: <https://www.sheppardpratt.org>

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- **211 Maryland**

Connects individuals and families to health and human service resources 24/7 in over 180 languages. Operated locally through the Mental Health Association of Frederick County.

Phone: 2-1-1

Website: <https://www.211md.org>

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- **Behavioral Health Partners of Frederick**

Provides outpatient behavioral health services for children, adolescents, adults, and seniors, including psychiatric evaluation, medication management, and individual, family, and group therapy. Offers services in clinic, home, and school settings.

Phone: 301-663-8263

Website: <https://www.bhpfrederick.org>

## **FREDERICK COUNTY YOUTH PREVENTION RESOURCES**

- **Heartly House – Youth Prevention & Education**

Trauma-informed prevention education for youth focused on healthy relationships, consent, bystander intervention, and abuse awareness.

24/7 Hotline: 301-662-8800 | <https://www.heartlyhouse.org>

- **DSS Mentoring Program (Frederick County DSS)**

Mentoring support for youth in foster care to build positive relationships, stability, and resilience.

Phone: 301-600-4555

- **SHIP – Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership**

Supports FCPS students experiencing homelessness with clothing, extracurricular funding, and emergency shelter assistance.

Phone: 240-415-8971 | <https://shipfrederick.com>

- **Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County**

After-school and summer youth development programs providing a safe space, academic support, and enrichment activities.

Phone: 301-831-4330 | <https://bgcfrederick.org>

- **On The Mark Clubhouse (Frederick County Health Department)**

Free after-school clubhouse for teens (12–18) offering peer support, skill-building activities, and a safe social space.

Phone: 301-600-1029 | <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/562/On-the-Mark-Clubhouse>

- **Kids Like Us (KLU)**

Confidential support groups for youth affected by a parent or caregiver's substance use, focused on coping skills and resilience.

Phone: 301-600-3435 | <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/559/Youth-Support-Services>

- **I Believe In Me, Inc.**

Mentorship and personal development program supporting under-resourced youth through education, behavior support, and leadership development.

Phone: 240-586-1221 | <https://www.ibelieve-in-me.com>

- **The Frederick Center**

Support groups and community programming for LGBTQ+ youth, young adults, and families, including identity-affirming and healing spaces.

Website: <https://www.thefrederickcenter.org>

- **Community Agency School Services (CASS) – FCPS**

School-based social work and case management services for middle school students experiencing social, emotional, or behavioral challenges.

Website: <https://www.fcps.org/academics/community-agency-school-services-program>

- **Excel Youth**

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP) helping youth ages 5–17 with mental health diagnoses build skills for daily functioning and success.

Phone: 301-898-2205 | <https://www.excelyouth.com>

- **Family Partnership (Frederick County)**

Family-focused services including parenting support, youth development (ages 16–24), GED/ESL classes, and early childhood programs.

Phone: 301-600-2206 | <https://frederickcountymd.gov/55/Family-Partnership>

- **4-H Youth Development (Frederick County)**

Positive youth development programs focused on leadership, life skills, and hands-on learning.

Website: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

- **Frederick County Public Library – Youth Programs**

Educational, literacy, and enrichment programs for children and teens offered countywide.

Website: <https://www.fcpl.org>

- **Safe Kids Frederick County**

Injury prevention education and safety programming for children and families.

Website: <https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-frederick-county>

- **United Way of Frederick County – Youth & Family Initiatives**

Community-based programs supporting youth development, volunteerism, and family stability.

Website: <https://www.unitedwayfrederick.org>

- **Frederick Police Activities League (PAL)**

Youth enrichment and mentoring programs fostering positive relationships between youth and law enforcement.

Website: <https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov> (search “Police Activities League”)

## **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT – FREDERICK COUNTY**

*For emergencies or immediate danger, call 911.*

- **Frederick Police Department (City of Frederick)**  
Non-Emergency: 301-600-2100  
Anonymous Tip Line: 301-600-TIPS (8477)  
Text Tips: 240-674-TIPS (8477)  
Crime Tip Email: [fpdcrimetip@frederickmdpolice.org](mailto:fpdcrimetip@frederickmdpolice.org)  
Victim Services: 301-600-1356
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- **Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO)**  
  
Phone: 301-600-1046  
Anonymous Tip Line: 301-600-3141  
Victim Services Contact: Maggie Henderson  
Email: [Mhenderson@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:Mhenderson@FrederickCountyMD.gov)
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- **Maryland State Police – Frederick Barrack**  
Phone: 301-600-4151
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- **Thurmont Police Department**  
Non-Emergency: 301-271-0900  
Website: <https://www.thurmontpd.org>
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- **Brunswick Police Department**  
Non-Emergency: 301-834-9101  
Website: <https://www.brunswickmd.gov/police>
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- **Mount Airy Police Department**  
Non-Emergency: 301-829-1423  
Website: <https://www.mountairypolice.org>

## **ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS**

- **Catherine's Cottage – The Salvation Army of Central Maryland**

Provides emergency and transitional housing for adult survivors of sex trafficking (18+), including women, female-identifying transgender individuals, survivors with children, and foreign national survivors. Services include trauma-informed counseling, intensive case management, life skills and enrichment classes, support groups, medical and dental services, mentoring, and optional spiritual support. Accepts statewide referrals.

Phone: 406-SHELTER (406-743-5837)

Website: <https://centralmd.salvationarmy.org>

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- **Courtney's House**

A survivor-run organization providing trauma-informed services for youth and young adults impacted by domestic minor sex trafficking. Serves youth ages 11–24 of all genders, including LGBTQ+ youth. Services include a drop-in center, counseling, support groups, mentoring, tutoring, and intensive case management. Serves Washington, D.C. and Prince George's County.

24/7 Hotline: 202-423-0480

Website: <https://courtneyshouse.org>

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- **FAIR Girls**

Provides survivor-centered services for youth and young adults impacted by sex and labor trafficking. Services include crisis intervention, case management, job training, and leadership development. Vida Home offers safe housing for young women and female-identifying transgender survivors ages 18–26 in the greater Washington, D.C. region.

Crisis Hotline: 1-855-900-3247

Website: <https://www.fairgirls.org>

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- **HopeWorks of Howard County**

Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Services are available to women, men, and transgender

individuals and include case management, victim advocacy, and support for survivors and their children.

24/7 Helpline: 410-997-2272 or 1-800-752-0191

Website: <https://www.wearehopeworks.org>

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- **SAFE Center for Human Trafficking Survivors**

University of Maryland, College Park: A comprehensive service, research, and advocacy center serving survivors of all forms of human trafficking, including domestic and foreign national survivors. Provides bilingual (English/Spanish) case management, legal services, mental health therapy, basic medical care, and economic empowerment services.

Phone: 301-314-7233

Email: [safecenter@umd.edu](mailto:safecenter@umd.edu)

Website: <https://umdsafecenter.org>

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- **TurnAround, Inc.**

Provides specialized services for survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in Baltimore City. Services include emergency shelter, transitional housing, trauma therapy, case management, victim advocacy, and community education and training.

24/7 Hotline: 443-279-0379

Website: <https://www.turnaroundinc.org>

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- **Safe House Project**

A national organization that supports survivors of human trafficking through emergency, transitional, and long-term housing options across the United States. Safe House Project connects survivors to vetted housing programs and provides training and technical assistance to service providers.

Website: <https://www.safehouseproject.org>

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- **National Human Trafficking Hotline (Polaris)**

Provides confidential support, safety planning, and referrals to local resources for victims and survivors



of human trafficking. Available 24/7 and accessible in more than 200 languages. You do not have to report to law enforcement to receive help.

24/7 Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

Text: 233733 (BEFREE)

Website: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org>

## **STATE AGENCIES**

- **Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)**

MCASA works to prevent sexual assault and support survivors through public policy, education, community outreach, technical assistance, and legal services. MCASA plays a key role in Maryland's anti-trafficking efforts, including operation of the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), which provides legal services to sex trafficking survivors.

Phone: 301-565-2277 Website: <https://mcasa.org>

- **Maryland Department of Health (MDH) – Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)**

The Behavioral Health Administration serves as a statewide access point and liaison for human trafficking survivors seeking mental health and substance use services. BHA coordinates with local Core Service Agencies and provides training and technical assistance related to trauma, exploitation, and trafficking.

Phone: 410-402-8300 Website: <https://health.maryland.gov/bha>

- **Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) *(Formerly Department of Human Resources)***

Oversees child welfare services statewide and receives reports of child abuse, neglect, and child sex trafficking. DHS coordinates identification, assessment, and response for trafficking involving children and youth through local departments of social services and contracted providers.

Phone: 410-767-7561 Website: <https://dhs.maryland.gov>

- **Maryland State Police – Child Recovery Unit**

Provides investigative support for the Maryland Center for Missing and Unidentified Persons (MCMUP) and coordinates Maryland's AMBER Alert and Silver Alert systems. The primary focus of the Child Recovery Unit is human trafficking and child exploitation investigations.

The Child Recovery Unit is a member of the FBI's Maryland Child Exploitation Task Force, a multidisciplinary partnership of Maryland law enforcement agencies focused on missing and abducted children and child human trafficking.

Phone: 410-694-4700 Website: <https://mdsp.maryland.gov>

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT & VICTIM ASSISTANCE RESOURCES**

- **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – Office for Victim Assistance (OVA)** The FBI Office for Victim Assistance ensures that victims of crimes investigated by the FBI are informed of their rights and connected to appropriate services. FBI Victim Specialists provide support throughout the investigative process and can assist with referrals to emergency housing, counseling, medical care, support groups, and financial or credit counseling.

Contact: FBI Baltimore Field Office – Victim Assistance

Phone: 410-277-6644

Website: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/victim-assistance>

*(Victim Specialists are assigned by case; individual staff contacts may vary.)*

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- **Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) – Victim Assistance Program**

Homeland Security Investigations investigates human trafficking involving both U.S. citizen and foreign national victims, including labor trafficking and sex trafficking. HSI's Victim Assistance Program provides coordination of services such as crisis intervention, emotional support, counseling referrals, and ongoing support during and after investigations.

Contact: HSI Baltimore – Victim Assistance

Phone: 443-810-9230

Website: <https://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-investigations>

*(Victim Specialists are assigned based on investigation; contact through the field office.)*

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- **U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division**

The U.S. Department of Labor investigates labor exploitation and labor trafficking involving both U.S. citizen and foreign national workers. The Wage and Hour Division works collaboratively with law enforcement and service providers to address labor violations and support victims.

**Contact:**

U.S. Department of Labor – Baltimore District Office

Wage and Hour Division

Phone: **410-962-6211**

Website: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd>

## **SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PROVIDERS**

- **Wells House / Gale House (Frederick, MD)**

Residential substance use treatment with counseling and case management. Accepts Medicaid.

Phone: 301-663-7003 | Referral Direct: 301-606-3396

Website: <https://www.wellshouse.org/locations/frederick-md/>

- **Serenity Treatment Center, Inc. (Frederick, MD)**

Outpatient addiction treatment, intensive outpatient (IOP), DUI/DWI education, and medication assistance support.

Phone: 301-898-2627 | Email: [info@serenitytreatmentcenter.com](mailto:info@serenitytreatmentcenter.com)

Website: <https://www.serenitytreatmentcenter.com/serenity-treatment-center-frederick-md/>

- **Crossroads Center of Frederick**

Outpatient services including counseling, relapse prevention, and support groups. Accepts Medicaid.

Phone: 301-696-1950

- **Mountain Manor Treatment Centers**

Full continuum: assessment, outpatient, residential, detox, dual diagnosis, and adolescent/adult programs.

Adult Admissions: 1-800-537-3422 | Adolescent/Young Adult: 1-800-446-8833

Frederick Outpatient: 301-662-1407

- **Safe Harbor Women & Children's Program (Emmitsburg, MD)**

Residential program for pregnant and post-partum women and their children.

(Refer through Mountain Manor or local case manager.)

- **The Shoemaker Center (Sykesville, MD)**

Detoxification center.

Phone: 410-876-1989

- **Avery Road Treatment Center (Rockville, MD)**

Detox facility.

Phone: 301-762-5613

- **Frederick County Behavioral Health Services – Local Addiction Authority**

Screening, referral, and treatment navigation for adolescents and adults.

Phone: 301-600-1755

- **Maryland House Detox (Linthicum, MD)**

Inpatient medical detox with limited Medicaid beds; ongoing recovery support.

Phone: 855-969-8748

- **Continuum Recovery Center (Frederick, MD)**

Comprehensive treatment with extended care, intensive outpatient, and medication-assisted treatment.

Phone: 301-637-0222 | Website: <https://www.addictionrecoverymaryland.com/>

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

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### **Human Trafficking Prevention Project (HTPP)**

University of Baltimore School of Law & Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

Provides specialized legal services for survivors of human trafficking and individuals with histories of involvement in the commercial sex industry. Services focus on reducing collateral consequences of criminal justice involvement through **vacatur, expungement, and shielding** of prostitution-related and other qualifying offenses. The program also provides training and technical assistance on post-conviction relief and trauma-informed legal practice.

Phone: 410-837-5706

Website: <https://www.ubalt.edu/http>

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### **Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI)**

Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)

Provides direct legal services to victims and survivors of sexual assault, including sex trafficking survivors. Services may include civil legal advocacy, victims' rights assistance, and consultation. SALI also provides training and technical assistance to professionals working with survivors.

Phone: 301-565-2277 or 1-877-496-SALI

Website: <https://mcasa.org/sali>

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### **Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center (MCVRC)**

Provides victims' rights advocacy, legal assistance, and referrals for survivors of crime across Maryland, including survivors of human trafficking. Services may include court accompaniment, assistance understanding victims' rights, and referrals to legal representation.

Website: <https://www.mdcrimevictims.org/>

## **IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE / FOREIGN NATIONAL SURVIVORS**

*The following organizations provide services to foreign-born and immigrant survivors of labor and sex trafficking. Services may include immigration legal assistance, case management, and connection to basic needs. Availability may vary based on eligibility and capacity.*

### **MARYLAND-BASED RESOURCES**

- **Esperanza Center – Catholic Charities of Baltimore**

Provides case management and support services to immigrant survivors of labor and sex trafficking, including assistance with housing, food, health and dental care, and referrals for legal services.

Phone: 667-600-2906

Email: [esperanzahtservices@cc-md.org](mailto:esperanzahtservices@cc-md.org)

Website: <https://cc-md.org/esperanza-center>

- **International Rescue Committee (IRC) – Maryland**

Provides comprehensive case management for foreign national survivors of trafficking, including employment services, health referrals, and assistance accessing public benefits.

Phone: 410-558-3169

Website: <https://www.rescue.org/united-states/baltimore-md>

- **CASA**

Provides immigration legal services, workforce development, and social supports for immigrant communities across Maryland.

Website: <https://wearecasa.org>

### **REGIONAL RESOURCES (MD/DC/VA)**

- **Ayuda**

Provides legal representation and case management for foreign-born survivors of labor and sex trafficking in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia.

Phone: 202-387-4848

Website: <https://www.ayuda.com>

- **Tahirih Justice Center**

Provides immigration legal services and advocacy for immigrant survivors of gender-based violence, including human trafficking.

Website: <https://www.tahirih.org>

- **CARECEN (Central American Resource Center)**

Provides immigration legal services and advocacy for immigrant survivors, including individuals who have experienced trafficking.

Website: <https://www.carecencdc.org>

- **Amica Center for Immigrant Rights**

Provides immigration legal services for detained and non-detained immigrants, including survivors of human trafficking.

Website: <https://amicacenter.org>



# **MARYLAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCES & COLLABORATIVES**

## **STATEWIDE**

- **Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF)**

Website: <https://www.mdhumantrafficking.org/>

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## **LOCAL / REGIONAL TASK FORCES & COLLABORATIVES**

- **Anne Arundel Human Trafficking Collaborative**

County Resource Guide: <https://www.aacounty.org/sites/default/files/2023-07/trafficking-resource-guide.pdf>

- **Baltimore City Human Trafficking Collaborative (BCHTC)**

Website: <https://monse.baltimorecity.gov/human-trafficking-collaborative>

National HT Hotline (referrals): 1-888-373-7888 | Text 233733

- **Carroll County Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team (HART)**

24-Hour Helpline: 410-857-7322 | Office: 410-857-0900

- **Cecil County Human Trafficking Response Team**

Website: <https://cecilhelp4u.com/human-trafficking-task-force/>

- **Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force**

Website: <https://eshddf.org/>

- **Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council**

Website: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/human-trafficking-prevention>

- **Montgomery County Human Trafficking Prevention Committee**

Website: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/human-trafficking/index.html>

Email: [htg@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:htg@montgomerycountymd.gov) | Phone: 240-777-8333

- **Prince George's County Human Trafficking Task Force**

Website: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/human-rights/-human-trafficking-task-force->

- **Southern Maryland Human Trafficking Collaborative**

Regional collaborative serving Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties.

Contact through local county victim services or public safety agencies.

- **Washington County Human Trafficking Collaborative**

Contact through Washington County government or public safety agencies.

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## **STATE & NATIONAL RESOURCES**

- **Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCOPYVS)**

<https://gocpp.maryland.gov/victim-services/human-trafficking/>

- **National Human Trafficking Hotline**

1-888-373-7888 (24/7) | Text 23373

## Regional Navigators (subject to change)

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Allegany	Kara Kline	Jane's Place, Allegany County State's Attorney's Office	<a href="mailto:kkline@alleganygov.org">kkline@alleganygov.org</a>
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Baltimore City	Amy Farmer (Baker)	Center for Hope – Baltimore Child Abuse Center	<a href="mailto:abaker5@lifebridgehealth.org">abaker5@lifebridgehealth.org</a>
Baltimore County	Julie Harrison	TurnAround, Inc.	<a href="mailto:jharrison@turnaroundinc.org">jharrison@turnaroundinc.org</a>
Calvert	Mykel Harris	Center for Children, Inc.	<a href="mailto:mharris@center-for-children.org">mharris@center-for-children.org</a>
Caroline	Susan Ahlstrom	For All Seasons	<a href="mailto:sahlstrom@forallseasonsinc.org">sahlstrom@forallseasonsinc.org</a>
Carroll	Stephanie Powers ( <i>Interim Navigator</i> )	CARE Healing Center	<a href="mailto:spowers@carehealingcenter.org">spowers@carehealingcenter.org</a>
Cecil	Erica Fielder	Cecil County Department of Community Services	<a href="mailto:efielder@ccgov.org">efielder@ccgov.org</a>
Charles	Mykel Harris	Center for Children, Inc.	<a href="mailto:mharris@center-for-children.org">mharris@center-for-children.org</a>
Dorchester	Susan Ahlstrom	For All Seasons	<a href="mailto:sahlstrom@forallseasonsinc.org">sahlstrom@forallseasonsinc.org</a>
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Worcester	Summer Howell	Life Crisis Center	<a href="mailto:showell@lifecrisiscenter.org">showell@lifecrisiscenter.org</a>

## **Human Trafficking Housing & Shelter Resources**

### ***(Emergency, Transitional, and Placement Support)***

#### **MARYLAND-BASED HOUSING & SUPPORT RESOURCES**

- **Heartly House – Frederick County, MD**  
Who: Ages 13+; all genders  
Trafficking: Sex & labor  
Housing: Emergency shelter, hotel placement, transitional housing referrals  
24/7 Hotline: 301-662-8800  
Website: <https://www.heartlyhouse.org>

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- **HopeWorks of Howard County – Howard County, MD**  
Who: Ages 18+; women/female-identifying; men via hotel placement  
Trafficking: Sex & labor  
Housing: Emergency shelter access, hotel placement  
24/7 Hotline: 410-997-2272  
Website: <https://www.wearehopeworks.org>

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- **Catherine’s Cottage (Salvation Army) – Central Maryland**  
Who: Ages 18+; women/female-identifying; foreign nationals  
Trafficking: Sex & labor  
Housing: Emergency and transitional housing  
Hotline: 406-SHELTER (406-743-5837)  
Website: <https://sa-md.org/centralmaryland/anti-human-trafficking>

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- **University of Maryland SAFE Center – Statewide Maryland**  
Who: All genders and nationalities  
Trafficking: Sex & labor  
Housing: Housing linkage and case management (not a shelter)  
Intake: Via website  
Website: <https://umdsafecenter.org>

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## REGIONAL RESOURCES (ACCEPTS MARYLAND REFERRALS)

- **FAIR Girls – Vida Home (Washington, DC)**  
Who: Women/female-identifying, ages 18–26  
Trafficking: Sex trafficking  
Housing: Transitional housing  
24/7 Hotline: 1-855-900-3247  
Website: <https://fairgirls.org>
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## NATIONAL HOUSING & REFERRAL NETWORKS

- **Safe House Project (National Network)**  
Who: Survivors of sex and labor trafficking (varies by partner)  
Housing: Placement coordination only (not a shelter)  
Phone: 507-769-0819  
Website: <https://www.safehouseproject.org>
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- **National Human Trafficking Hotline (Polaris)**  
Who: All ages and genders  
Housing: Referrals to emergency and transitional housing nationwide  
24/7 Hotline: 1-888-373-7888  
Text: 233733 (HELP)  
Website: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org>