

SOUTH CAROLINA

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

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NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

As the end of the year approaches, the State Task Force is busy working on a number of initiatives. We are excited to announce the launch of our Facebook page (see information under "Contact Us") that is designed to share relevant updates and resources. We encourage you to like our page and share it with your networks.

We are also in the process of scheduling a series of VSP-HT trainings for 2020. These trainings will be held in the Upstate, Pee Dee, and Lowcountry regions. We will announce the specific dates and times once they are finalized. For more information on the VSP-HT and to see if you qualify for the training, please visit the "Tools and Resources" section of our website.

Finally, we are excited to announce our partnership with the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association (SCRLA). This partnership endeavors to strengthen statewide capacity to respond to and support victims and survivors of human trafficking by training workers in the hospitality industry. It will also help to ensure that restaurant and lodging businesses are aware of the crime and have human trafficking response protocols in place.

Thank you for your continued efforts to combat human trafficking and support victims in our state. We look forward to continuing this important work with you in the new year. We wish you all a safe, happy holiday season!

RELEVANT ARTICLES & REPORTS

- A Pioneering Ohio Courtoom Helps Trafficking Victims Find Hope: <https://n.pr/2WshGSU>
- SC case shows the realities of human trafficking: <https://bit.ly/36pNmlc>
- AG, Boston University Announce New App to Identify Cases of Labor Trafficking and Assist Victims: <https://bit.ly/2pvkqHR>
- Horry County Sheriff's Office gets five tips after human trafficking poster campaign: <https://bit.ly/2KD70WH>
- Cyntoia Brown-Long Discusses Her Victimization with CBS: <https://cbsn.ws/2JckbBM>
- Factsheet: Immigration Relief for Victims of Human Trafficking & Other Crimes: <https://bit.ly/2JC4N8x>
- Shared Hope International 2019 Protected Innocence Challenge —South Carolina Report Card: https://sharedhope.org/PICframe9/reportcards/PIC_RC_2019_SC.pdf

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Services & Outreach (Forecasted): <https://bit.ly/2JDNBzn>
- Demonstration Grants to Strengthen Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities (Forecasted): <https://bit.ly/334K44K>

RESOURCES

Natural disasters disrupt communities and can create unique conditions that make disaster survivors vulnerable to human trafficking. Disaster survivors seeking employment after natural disasters are vulnerable to labor trafficking. Additionally, people that are forced to flee their communities and find new shelter are vulnerable to sex trafficking. For information on how to identify and respond to human trafficking after a disaster, access the National Human Trafficking Hotline's disaster response factsheet [here](#).

Traffickers frequently use online platforms to lure, groom, and traffic their victims. In response, Shared Hope has developed comprehensive tools to equip parents, teachers, and those working with youth to recognize these dangers. Access Shared Hope's Internet Safety toolkit [here](#).

CONTACT US

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Stay tuned for a special edition January newsletter!

STATE MEETINGS

South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force

Dec. 6 from 10am-12pm at West Columbia City Hall, 200 12th Street, West Columbia, SC

Attorney General Alan Wilson will speak and we will announce a new statewide partnership.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force

Community Address
Jan. 22 at 10am
Location TBD

Catawba Area Coalition on Human Trafficking

York County: Last Thursday of every month, working lunch from 12-2pm
119 S. Charlotte Ave.
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Lancaster County: Last Tuesday of every month, working lunch from 12-2pm
100 N. Main St. Lancaster, SC

TRAININGS & EVENTS

Webinar—Chaplains & CACs: Effective Collaborations to Address the Spiritual Impact of Abuse

Dec. 5 from 2:00-3:30pm EST
Visit <https://adobe.ly/32r3BLM> to register.

Upcoming

Stay tuned to the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force website and Facebook page for information on our upcoming law enforcement, healthcare, and VSP-HT trainings.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association (SCRLA)

This partnership is an important step in ensuring that the hospitality industry is trained to respond to human trafficking. For more information, visit <http://www.scag.gov/archives/39976>.

The Formation Project

The Formation Project is a survivor-led organization preparing to serve adult survivors of trafficking in 2020. For more information on their mission and services, visit <https://www.theformationproject.org/>.