



# Anti-Human Trafficking Update

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# Agenda

- Response to Need
- Sustainability
- Recommendation
- Lives Impacted
- Awareness and Resources



# Response to Need

- Client Stories
- Child Labor Trafficking & Exploitation: Definition & Symposium
- CFS Service Enhancements & Missing from Care Protocol
- Alliance to End Abuse Collaboratives
- Regional Collaborations
- CCHTTF: Strategic Planning FY 26-29 & Working Group Updates
- DA Advances in Human Trafficking



# Client Stories



## Identification & Initial Response

- Mandated Reporters
- Screening Tools
- 24/7 Crisis Lines
- Immediate Safety



## Assessment & Stabilization

- Comprehensive Evaluations
- Safety Planning
- Basic Needs
- Legal Support



## Recovery & Restoration

- Therapeutic Services
- Case Management
- Educational Support
- Life Skills



## Empowerment & Long-term Support

- Permanent Housing
- Economic Independence
- Civil Legal Services
- Survivor Leadership



# EHSD Direct Services

## Children and Family Services Bureau (CFS)

*Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Services Program*

In 2025:

**121 children**

## Workforce Services Bureau (WFS)

*Trafficking and Crime Victim Assistance Program (TCVAP)*

In 2025:

**20** TCVAP cash aid recipients  
**296** TCVAP CalFresh recipients  
**\$1,009,783** issued



# Child Labor Trafficking & Exploitation

Child Labor Trafficking: **Force, Fraud, or Coercion** used to lead a child or youth to perform labor or services, from formal employment to informal services and illegal activities.

## FORCE

Physically restraining or harming a victim

## FRAUD

Deceiving victims about job duties, work conditions, or payment

## COERCION

Threats to loved ones, reputation, immigration status, finances & basic needs; use of substances & criminal history to maintain control

## Spectrum of Child Labor



← Legal Permissible

Legally Prosecutable →

## Key Difference from Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Any youth under 18 who exchanges sex for anything of value is automatically trafficked, no force, fraud, or coercion required. Child labor trafficking and exploitation identification is more complex because it requires assessing all three elements.



# Symposium

70+

Professionals  
Convened

## Expert Presentations

Identification protocols & warning signs



WESTCOAST CHILDREN'S CLINIC

## Centered in Survivor Leadership

Forced criminality & peer "recruitment"



## Research

Intersectional vulnerabilities & trauma-informed intervention



LOVE NEVER FAILS

## Interagency Workshop

Mapping barriers & action steps



## Resource Panel



JUSTICE AT LAST

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE SOLUTIONS  
ENDING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE



LOVE NEVER FAILS



CWS  
Church World Service



FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER  
SAFETY | HEALING | COMMUNITY

"But the real work begins now. The knowledge you've gained today, the connections you've made, and the protocols we've discussed, these only create impact when we put them into practice." Kimberly Baker, Employment and Human Services Department



# CFS Service Enhancements

## CSEC Mini Trainings with Community Violence Solutions

11

Trainings per year



- Working with LGBTQ & CSEC Survivors
- CSEC & Internet Safety
- Working with Boys At-Risk or Victims of CSEC
- Intersection of CSEC & Anti-Racism
- Best Practices When Working w/ Immigrant CSEC Survivors

✓ Provides regular training for CFS Social Workers on nuances topics

## Contracted Partner Services

### Community Violence Solutions (CVS)

5

Case Specialists

### Love Never Fails Us (LNF)

3 + 2

Case Specialists + Investigator

### Search and Recovery Program

20+

Youth recovered



# CFS Missing From Care Protocol

*Updated Fall 2025 | Approved by CDSS December 2025*

## Reporting Requirements

Updated procedures for reporting youth missing/absent from placement at risk of exploitation or labor trafficking

## Documentation

Clear standards for documenting search efforts, contacts made, and status updates throughout recovery

## Ongoing Search Efforts

Structured protocols for search activities across child welfare, law enforcement, and community partners

## Harm Reduction Approaches

Trauma-informed strategies to support a foster youth's safe and successful return to care



# Alliance to End Abuse's Collaboratives

## Contra Costa Human Trafficking Coalition



- Held 4 meetings in 2025.
- ≈ 25 partners per meeting.
- Shared learning and resources.

## Contra Costa Human Trafficking Multidisciplinary Team



- Reviewed 8 cases.
- 119 Partners participated.
- 43 connections made.



# CFS Regional Collaborations

## Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking (PACT) Network

### Bay Area Cohort

Quarterly convening with 11 Bay Area counties; Enhanced cross-county collaboration, especially for missing youth.

### Statewide Convening

Connects Child Welfare commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) programs across California to share innovations and advance coordinated responses to child trafficking

### CDSS Work Group

Advising statewide policy, prevention & response to child labor trafficking



## Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Interagency Steering Committee

### 4 Quarterly Meetings

System of Care Partners and Community-Based Organizations

### Key Topics

Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Child Labor Trafficking and Exploitation (CLTE) Symposium, victims assistance, local resources & protocol updates

### Protocol Milestone

Revised to incorporate CLTE, forced criminality & peer recruitment per California Department of Social Services requirements





# Other Regional Collaborations

## No Traffick Ahead

- Focuses on long-term, sustainable approach to human trafficking.
- Uses a collective impact model.
- Presented at the April 2026 Contra Costa Mayor's Association meeting.
- Includes the Alliance to End Abuse as a partner.



## TRX Operational Coordination

- Enhances coordination and information sharing among law enforcement agencies.
- Creates system and protocols for secure, real-time intelligence sharing.
- Recovered missing child sexual abuse survivor trafficked across Bay Area.





# Strategic Planning: FY 26-29

## Services

1. Victim Services Directory
2. Common Standards of Care

## Accountability

1. HT Case Support & Outcome Tracking
2. Expanded Law Enforcement Training

## Education & Training

1. Training & Outreach Plan
2. Continuing Education Standards



## Data

1. Labor Trafficking Report
2. HT Data Factsheet(s)





CONTRA COSTA HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
**TASK FORCE**

# Working Group Initiatives

## Interpreters Bureau

**Update:** Language Access Protocol nearing completion. HT-specific interpreters training planned for July 2026.

## Survivor Leadership

**Update:** Survivor leadership working group formed and protocol under development. Survivor Advisory Committee anticipated for September 2026.

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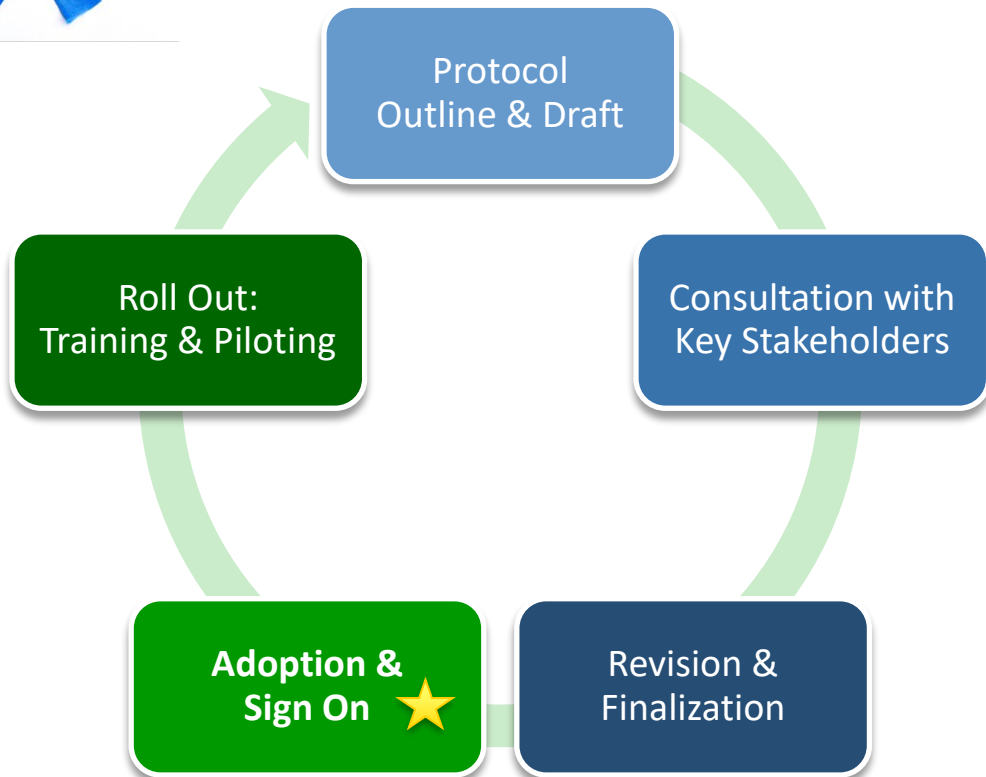
**Update:** WG beginning operations with initial focus on HT data mapping, data plan and revision of data collection protocol and eventual goal of creating HT data dashboard.

## Vacatur

**Update:** Vacatur protocol slated for final approval in May 2026. Training, implementation, and piloting of protocol beginning June 2026.



# Vacatur Working Group



## Components

- Protocol
- Tools
  - A. Directory of Pro Bono Service Providers
  - B. Vacatur Information Sheet
  - C. Records Request Form
  - D. Key POCs for Vacatur
  - E. Petition Template
  - F. Compliance Verification Form
  - G. Petition Checklist & Resources
  - H. CAST-LA Vacatur Guide
  - I. CA DOJ Records Correction Form



# DA Advances in Human Trafficking



## Identification & Referral

- Renewed Roll Call Training
- New Case Referral Process: CA Labor Comm.
- LT/LE Complaint Form & Webpage



## Investigations

- HT Ops & Advanced HT Investigations Courses
- 2 New LT/LE Investigators
- Redoubled proactive operations



## Prosecutions

- Nearly tripled # of ST prosecutions in Q.1/2026
- Doubling of cases involved trafficked minors
- Quickest case progression of all prosecution units



# Sustainability

- Federal & California Context
- CCHTTF Sustainability Update



# Federal & California Context

- Support H.R. 909, Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act of 2025.
- CA Governor's January 2026 Proposed Budget – no supplemental VOCA funding.
- Advocacy in CA for \$100M supplemental VOCA funding.
- CA Governor's May 2026 Revise:
  - Only \$25M in GF supplemental VOCA funding.
  - One-time \$10M in GF for Vertical Prosecution Grant Program to Combat Human Trafficking.



# Sustainability Update



## Instrumental Role of Federal Funding

- Supports basic infrastructure & core operations
- Co-lead Agencies in rely upon federal funds
- ECM grant subawards: 5 local LEAs & 3 CBOs



## Potential Impacts of Funding Reductions

- Reductions in programming & services
- Less able to maintain infrastructure
- Reduction in staffing



## Sustainability Planning Underway

- Seeking new funding sources
- Maximizing existing opportunities
- Strategic sustainability planning with key partners



# Recommendation



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ACCEPT and FORWARD report/presentation to the Board of Supervisors.



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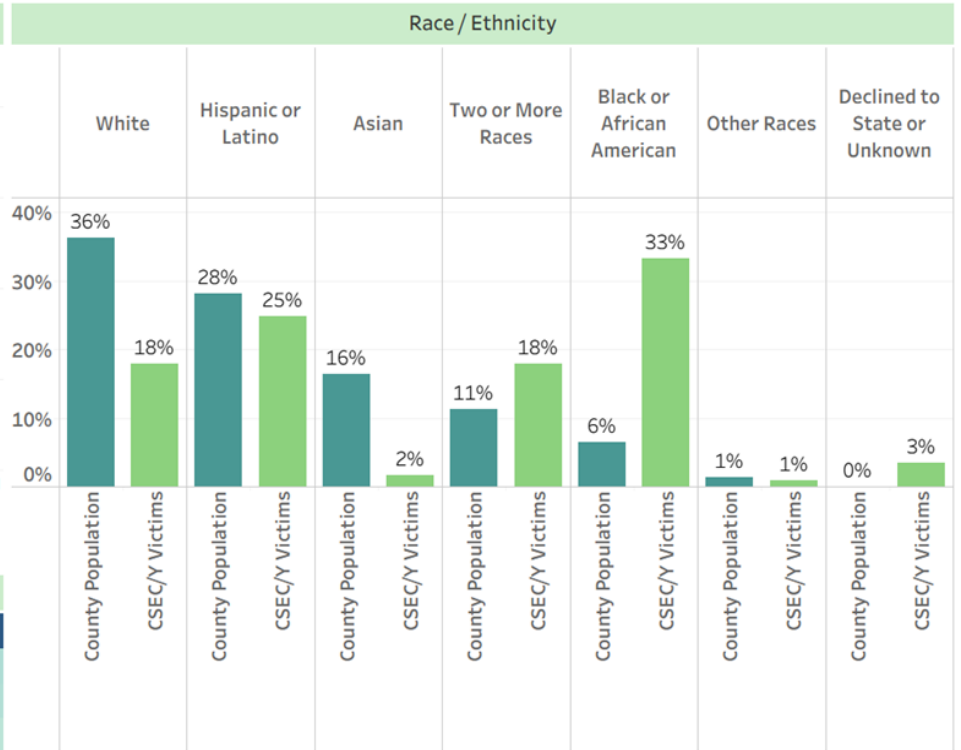
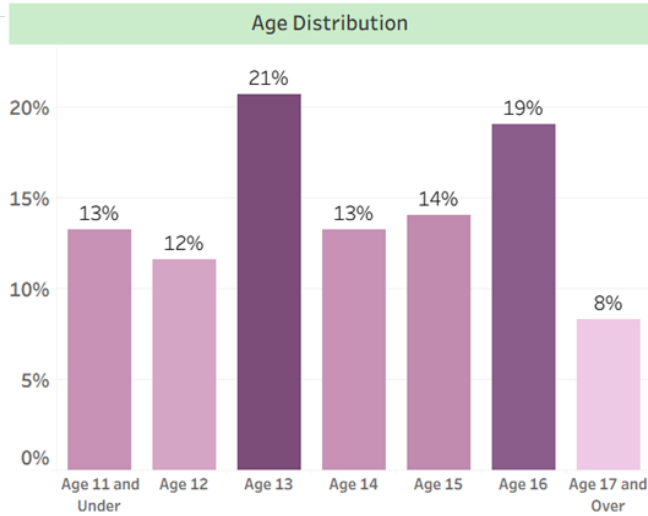


# Lives Impacted

- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Youth 2025 Data
- Contra Costa Human Trafficking Task Force 2025 Data



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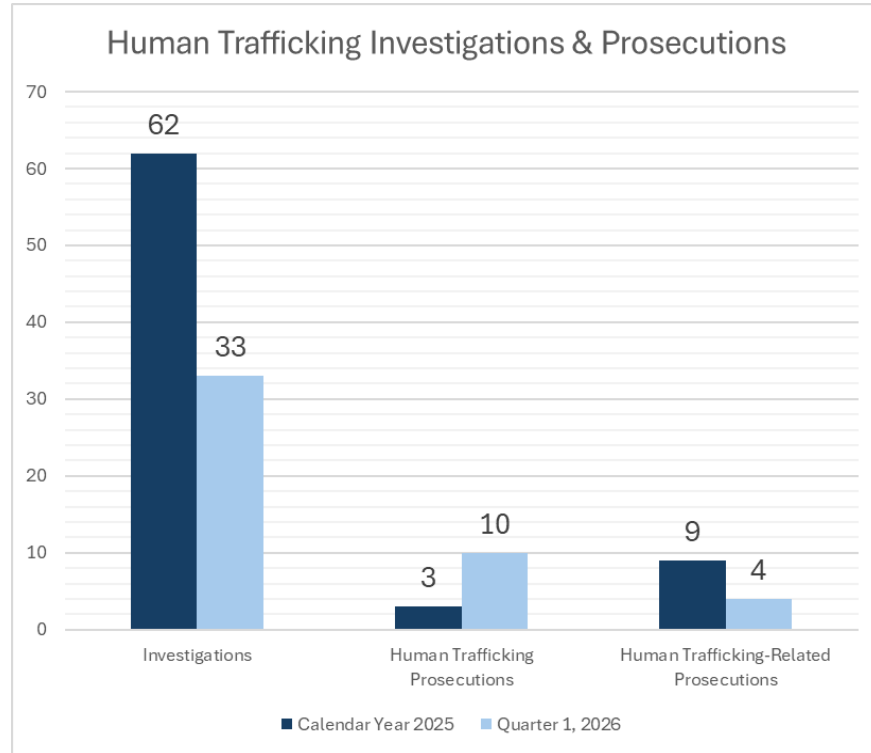


### Types Addressed

At Risk	108
Victim Before Foster Care	7
Victim During Foster Care	<10
Victim in Open Case not in Foster Care	<10



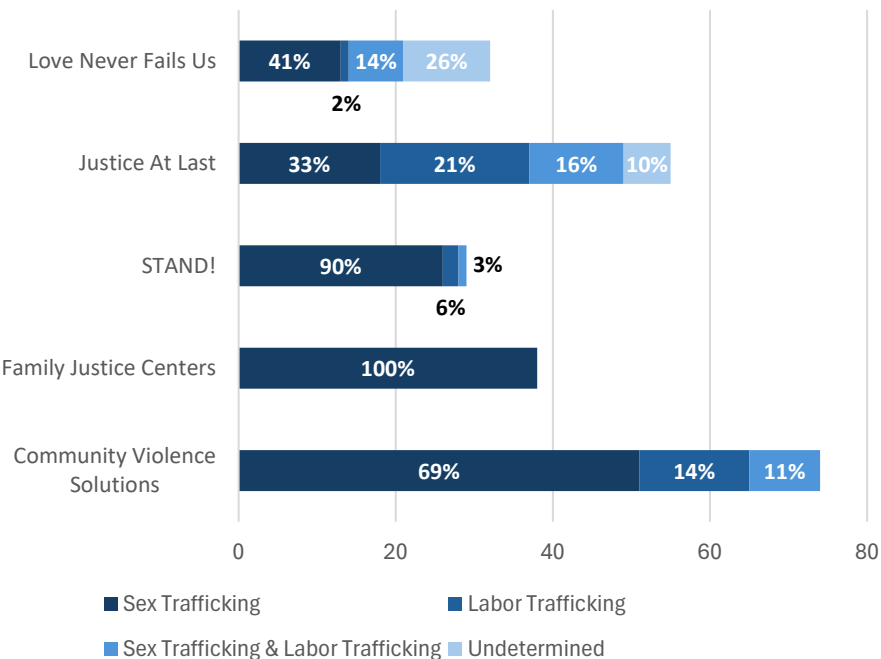
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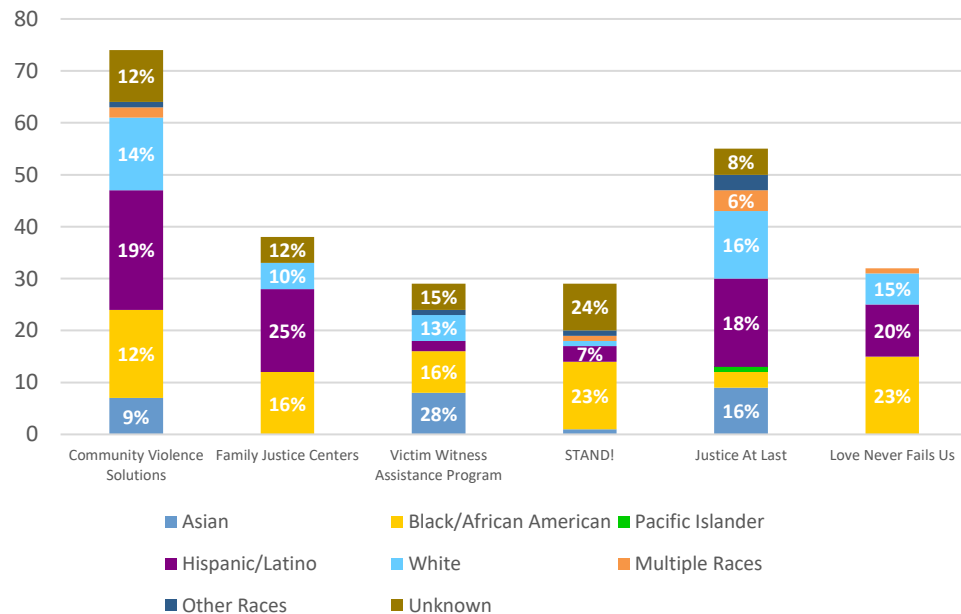


# Victim Services 2025

### Human Trafficking Victims Served by Trafficking Type



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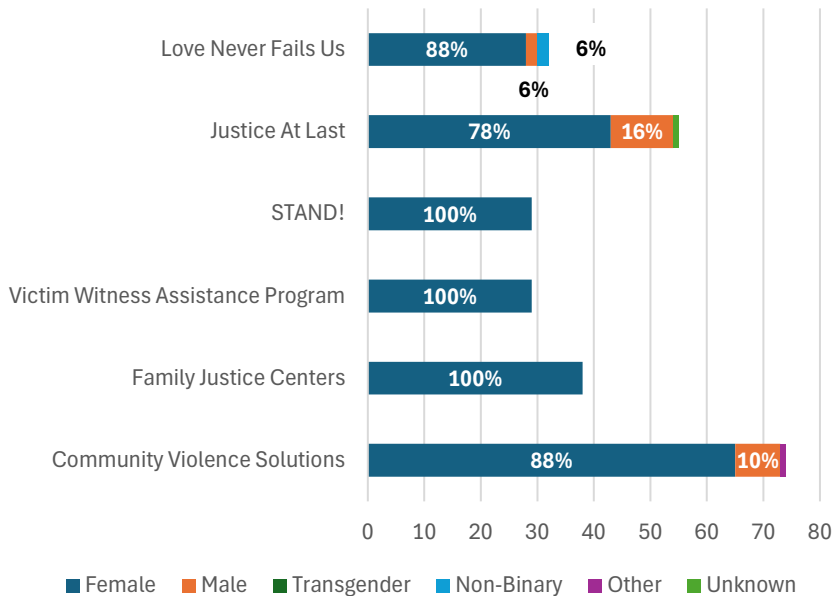


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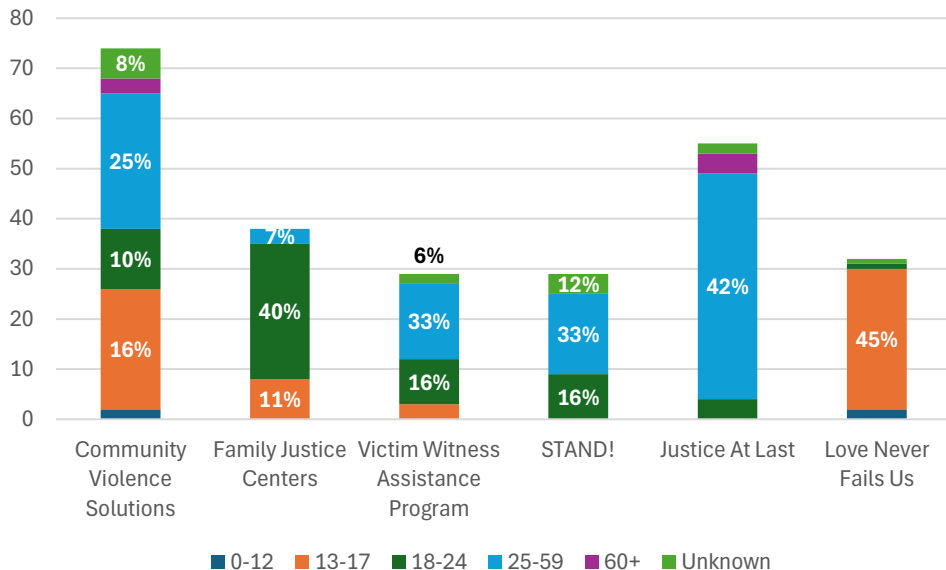


# Victim Services 2025

## Human Trafficking Victims Served by Gender



## Human Trafficking Victims Served by Age



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# Awareness and Resources

- “Click with Caution” Campaign
- CCHTTF Outreach Campaign
- Safety4theBay.Org Campaign
- Contra Costa Human Trafficking Response Agencies & Tip Line



# Click with Caution Campaign

Launched Human Trafficking Prevention Month 2025

200+

Professionals Trained

4x per year

Sessions for Professionals & Families

5

Online Grooming Tactics Covered

## False Job Ads

Fake job advertisements targeting teens online- verify employers, never share private info

## Online Gaming

Chat & private rooms on Roblox, Minecraft & Fortnite used to contact and groom youth

## Fake Tutoring Links

Free study offers with unverified links used to harvest personal information

## Fake Giveaways

Too-good-to-be-true offers that require excessive personal information to enter

## Social Media Ads

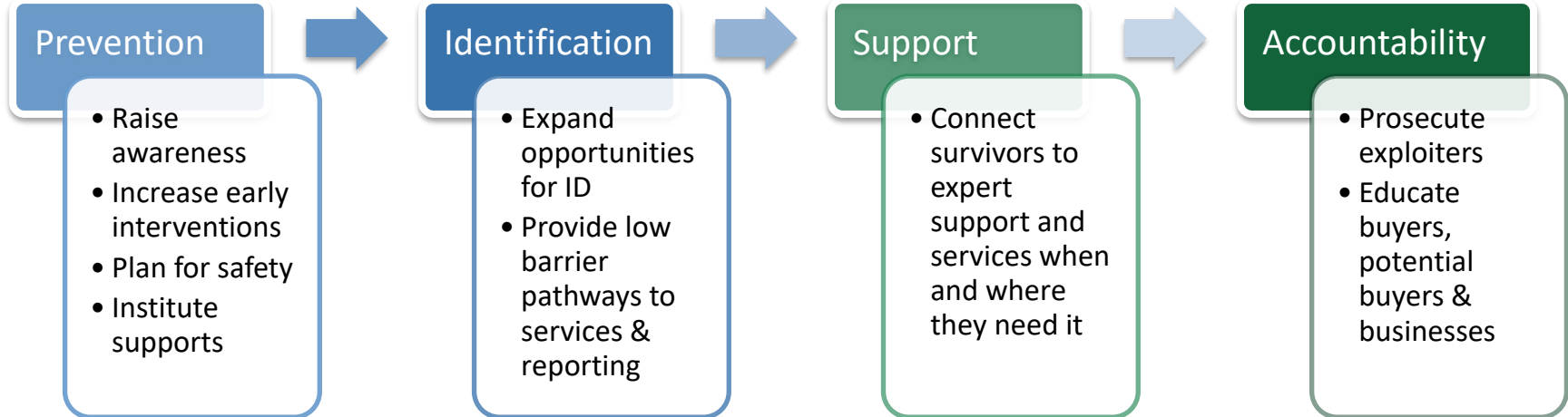
False ads with peer endorsements on popular platforms to appear legitimate





# Outreach Campaign

Initiate county-wide HT outreach efforts targeting key objectives, sectors and populations using updated materials that reflect current anti-HT protocols and resources.





# Safety4theBay.org Campaign

The screenshot shows the homepage of Safety4theBay.org. At the top is a teal navigation bar with the logo on the left and links for Home, Get Help, About Us, Contact Us, Report, and Map My Location on the right. The main content area has a purple-tinted background image of a group of people. The headline reads "Are You or Someone You Know Unsafe?". Below this is a sub-headline: "We're here to help. Find confidential support, know your rights, and report abuse. This is a safe site for the greater Bay Area region." Three orange buttons labeled "Get Help", "Report", and "Contact" are positioned below the text. At the bottom of the screenshot, a section titled "What Is Making You Unsafe?" is visible, with a sub-headline: "These are some of the most common situations that may threaten your safety. Click each one to learn your rights and where to find support."

- Centralized online resources.
- Proactive response to international sporting events.
- Local first approach.

<https://safety4thebay.org/>



# Contra Costa HT Response Agencies & Tip Line



## Community Violence Solutions

24/7 Crisis Line: 1 (800) 670-7273



## Children & Family Services

Child Abuse Hotline: 1 (877) 881-1116

CSEC Email: CFSCEC@ehsd.cccounty.us



## Contra Costa Human Trafficking Tip Line

Non-Emergency Voicemail: (925) 957-8658



## Contra Costa County Family Justice Alliance

West County (Richmond): (510) 974-7200

Central County (Concord): (925) 521-6366

East County (Antioch): (925) 281-0970

South County (Danville): (925) 486-0100