



Anti-Human Trafficking Update

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Agenda

- Need
- Roles
- Models & Best Practices
- Trends & Gaps
- Motion



From Victim to Survivor to Thriver: Sergio's* Story

“My journey is just beginning. I am compassionate, adaptable, and super smart.

Right now, my focus is firmly set on environmental science. Nature has always been my haven, where I find peace and a sense of belonging. **I am using the lessons I’ve learned from my challenges to become a leader at my community college, drawing upon past experiences to help others. I also advocate for kids in foster care, deeply personal work, as I’ve experienced similar paths.**

With acceptance letters from three colleges on the table, **deciding where to transfer is my next exciting step.**

Life is so different than what it used to be. **What really made the difference was the genuine care and support I received from adults, who consistently checked in on me to make sure I was okay.** I’m looking forward to embracing the opportunities to grow and discover more about myself that lie ahead.”



Contra Costa HT Collaboratives

Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF)

A collaborative effort of over 40 agencies that provides direct services to survivors, holds traffickers accountable, educates the community and members, and harnesses data to support these efforts.

Co-led by:



COMMUNITY AND VIOLENCE SOLUTIONS
ENDING SEXUAL ABUSE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking Coalition

An informal body overseen by the Board of Supervisors since 2009 which shares information, best practices, training, and networking around human trafficking issues.

Led by:

CONTRA COSTA
ALLIANCE
to End Abuse

Human Trafficking Multi-Disciplinary Team (HT-MDT)

A collective of 30+ agencies that plans for and meets survivor goals for complex or high-risk human trafficking cases.

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FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER
SAFETY | HEALING | COMMUNITY

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children / Youth (CSEC/Y) Interagency Steering Committee

A committee that supports and guides the work of Contra Costa County to end CSEC/Y through identification, intervention, and education.

Co-led by:

CONTRACOSTA COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES
*Building Brighter
Futures Together*





Need

- EHSD Direct Services & CSEC/Y 2023 Data
- Contra Costa Human Trafficking Task Force 2023 Data



EHSD Direct Services (January - December 2023)

Children and Family Services Bureau (CFS)

*Commercially Sexually Exploited
Children (CSEC) Services Program*

142 children served*

Workforce Services Bureau (WFS)

*Trafficking and Crime Victim
Assistance Program (TCVAP)*

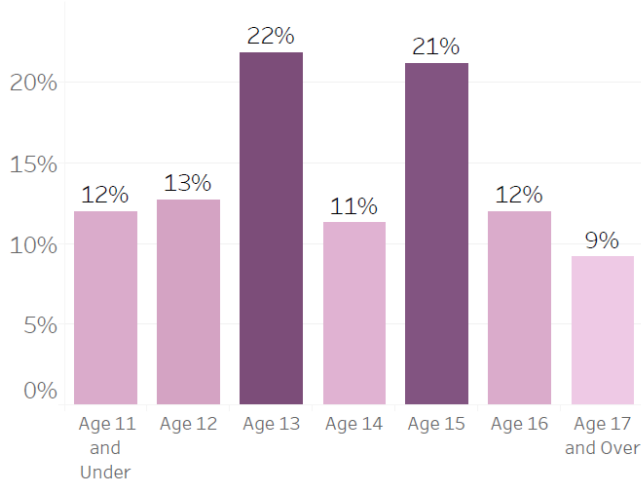
- **55** received TCVAP cash aid
- **164** received TCVAP CalFresh
- **\$580,374** issued in TCVAP cash aid & CalFresh combined.

*See breakout on next slide

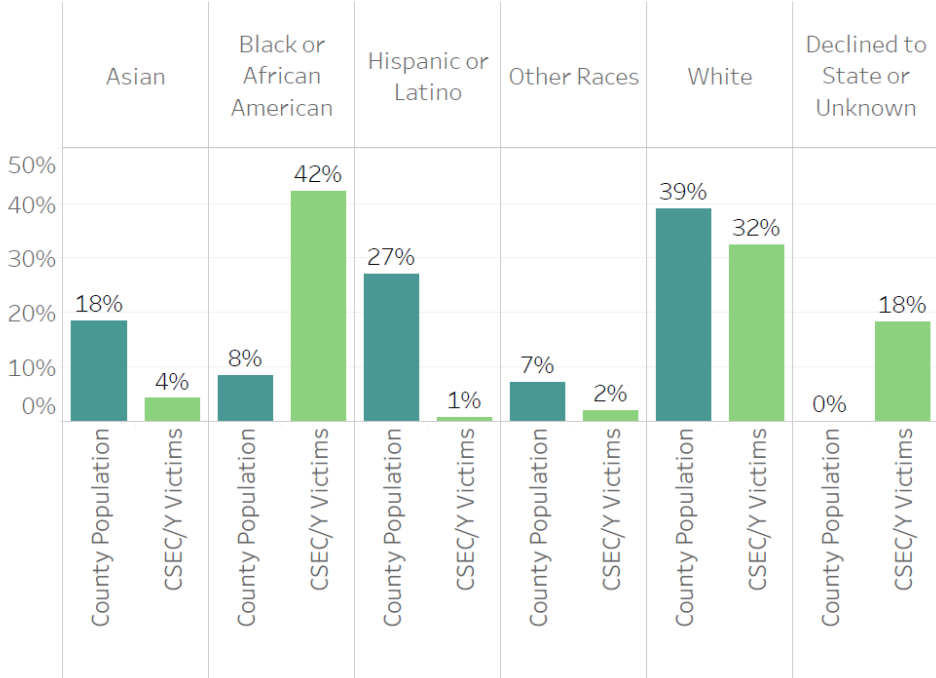


January – December 2023 CSEC/Y* Data

Age Distribution



Race/Ethnicity



Types Addressed

At Risk	126
Victim Before Foster Care	11
Victim During Foster Care	<10
Victim While Absent from Placement	<10

Total = 142

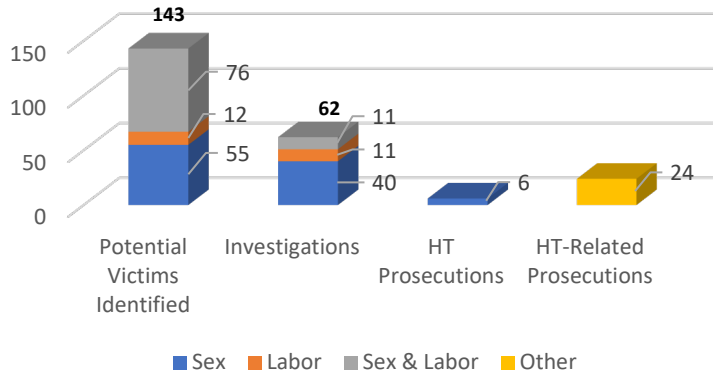
*Note: CSEC/Y stands for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Youth.
Source: Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS).



Lead Agencies' 2023 Data

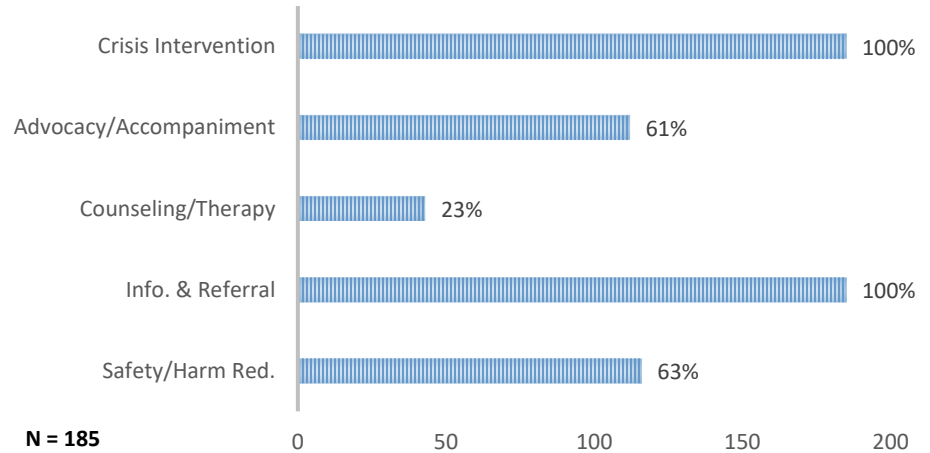
DA & LE Partners

New Human Trafficking
Identifications, Investigations & Prosecutions
(CY2023)



Community Violence Solutions

Services Provided to HT Survivors





CONTRA COSTA HUMAN TRAFFICKING

TASK FORCE

Member Data

Calendar Year 2023	Partner Agency	Total # Served	Sex Trafficking	Labor Trafficking	Sex & Labor Trafficking
	Community Violence Solutions	185	177	<10	N/A
	DA - Victim Witness Assistance	89	73	16	N/A
	Family Justice Centers (CC County)	49	49	0	0
	International Rescue Committee	17	<10	12	<10
	Justice At Last	25	<10	11	<10
	Love Never Fails Us	13	13	0	0
	STAND! for Families Free of Violence	21	17	<10	<10
		Total # Service Contacts	Sex Trafficking	Labor Trafficking	Sex & Labor Trafficking
	Arm of Care	555	550	0	<10
	Total # Identified	Sexual Exploitation	Labor Exploitation	Sex & Labor Exploitation	
Contra Costa H3 - HMIS Data	777	137	178	462	

Note: Data based on CCHTF data survey of May 2024. Not all members represented. When the number of cases is less than 10, this is indicated as “<10” to preserve anonymity.



Roles

- Employment and Human Services Department
- Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office
- Contra Costa Human Trafficking Task Force
- Collaboratives and Partnerships



Employment & Human Services Department (EHSD)

CONTRA COSTA

ALLIANCE to End Abuse

- Implements BOS' policy to end interpersonal violence (IPV) incl. all forms of HT.
- Offers backbone support to a county-wide, multi-sector, public-private partnership & multiple collaboratives.

1 FTE =
\$107,280.4



Children and Family Services

- Under Commercially Sexual Exploited Children (CSEC) Services Program.
- Identifies children/youth who are, or at risk of becoming, victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
- Determines appropriate & trauma-informed services.

2.45 FTEs =
\$363,328



Workforce Services

- Facilitates access to governmental programs for those in need.
- Administers Trafficking & Crime Victim Assistance Program (TCVAP), CalWORKS, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, etc.

(TCVAP) .58 FTE =
\$90,614



Total Cost to EHSD: \$561,222.4



EHSD Service Partners

Team	Purpose	Partner	FY 2023-24 Amount	FY 2024-25 Amount
Alliance to End Abuse	Funding specifically for human trafficking prevention and intervention	Office of the District Attorney	\$332,222	\$250,000
		Justice At Last	\$100,000	N/A
Alliance to End Abuse	Funding for interpersonal violence that includes human trafficking	Bay Area Legal Aid	\$87,003	\$160,594
		Community Violence Solutions	\$124,384	\$280,065
		Family Justice Center	\$228,740	\$427,588
		Tahirih Justice Center	N/A	\$ 40,000
Children and Family Services	Children's Interview Center, CSEC program, and human trafficking intervention direct services	Community Violence Solutions	\$312,000*	\$190,000
Children and Family Services	Search and recovery services	Love Never Fails	\$120,085	\$124,598
Total			\$1,294,434	\$1,472,845



*Note: The CIC contract with CVS includes \$122,000 revenue submitted to EHSD from local law enforcement agencies.



District Attorney's Office & CCHTTF



Contra Costa County District Attorney

- Collaborates to **identify & investigate** cases of HT
- **Prosecutes** HT & HT-related crimes
- Seeks **restitution** to make victims whole
- Provides **services** and **support** to crime victims (VWAP)
- Partners on **other forms of relief** available to HT survivors
- **Co-Chairs** CCHTTF
- **Subcontracts** with: local LE agencies to support collaborative HT investigations



CONTRA COSTA HUMAN TRAFFICKING **TASK FORCE**

Mission

- Comprehensive services
- Exploiter accountability
- Education & Prevention
- Data-driven approach

Key Projects & Initiatives

- Survivor Leadership
- Vacatur
- Interpreters Bureau
- Protocols

Education, Training & Outreach

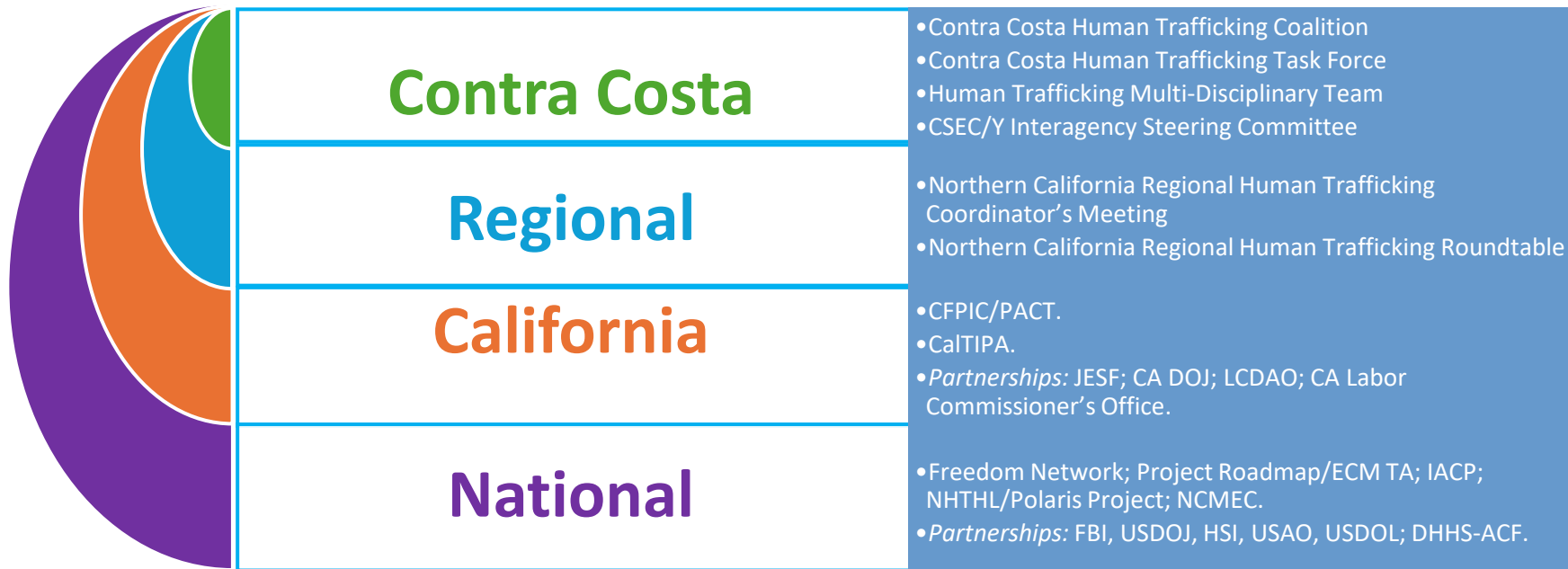
- Prevention Education
- Basic & Advanced Trainings
- Strategic Outreach



- Provides 24/7/365 **crisis line & on-site response**
- Team of expert **HT case specialists**
- Array of **services & programs**
- **Education/prevention** in schools
- **Co-chairs** CCHTTF
- **Subcontracts** with: 1) Bay Area Legal Aid, 2) Justice At Last, 3) International Rescue Committee, 4) My Sister's House



Collaboratives & Partnerships





Models & Best Practices

- Models & Principles to Stop Human Trafficking
- Comprehensive Services
- Human Trafficking Prevention



Models & Principles to Stop Human Trafficking

HARM REDUCTION

HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMUNITY SAFETY

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION)

- Multi-disciplinary
- Collaborative
- Trauma-informed
- Strengths-based
- Victim/survivor-centered
- Self-sufficiency & empowerment
- Survivor leadership
- Culturally, linguistically, & SOGIE competent & affirming
- Data & outcome driven





Comprehensive Services

- Restraining Orders
- Immigration
- Family Law
- Labor/employment law
- Consumer law, tax law
- Dependency
- Vacatur/post-conviction relief
- Court accompaniment
- Victim's rights advocacy

- Victim Compensation
- Financial Supports
- Education, GED, scholarships
- Job Trainings &
- Employment Support
- Work Permits



- Crisis intervention
- Safety plan
- Food
- Shelter, housing
- Clothes, toiletries
- Childcare, family needs
- Aids, accommodations
- Transport
- Language access

- Medical Treatment
- Access to Medication
- Mental Health
- Dental
- Substance Use
- Alcohol Abuse



HT Prevention



Primary Prevention: Identify root causes. Decrease risk factors & enhance protective factors to prevent HT before it occurs.



Secondary Prevention: Guide identification & early response to incidents of HT.



Tertiary Prevention: Reduce recidivism & revictimization & mitigate long-term impacts of HT.



HT Prevention: Socio-Ecological Model



INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

RISK FACTORS

- Age (minors, elder adults)
- Marginalized group
- Exposure to other trauma &/or abuse
- Substance use
- Systems involvement
- Unmet basic necessities
- Limited education

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- Mental health & substance use disorders treatment
- Affordable, quality education
- Steady income
- Social-emotional well-being
- Basic necessities



HT Prevention: Socio-Ecological Model



RELATIONAL LEVEL	
RISK FACTORS	PROTECTIVE FACTORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lack of support from family or caregiver▪ Isolation▪ Polyvictimization▪ Aggressive/violent peer behavior▪ Lack of financial stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Peer support▪ Healthy relationship programs/education▪ Parent & family engagement & social support programs▪ Mentorship



HT Prevention: Socio-Ecological Model



COMMUNITY LEVEL

RISK FACTORS

- Lack of resources for social supports & healthy relationships
- Poverty
- Absence or lack of enforcement of worker rights
- Lack of intervention against violence

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- Access to education & resources that address poverty
- Worker's Rights coalitions
- Positive youth development programs
- Mental health & social support resources



HT Prevention: Socio-Ecological Model



SOCIETAL LEVEL

RISK FACTORS

- Societal factors that enable sex/labor exploitation of persons
- Discrimination & income inequity
- Laws/policies that limit access to health care, education, mental health resources, & economic stability

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- Education & awareness trainings that promote social norms of non-exploitation & non-violence
- Laws, policies, & funding that increase access to social services & address inequities



Trends & Gaps

- Addressing Key Trends & Gaps
- Addressing Racial Inequity
- AI & Tech Abuse in Human Trafficking



Addressing Key Trends & Gaps*



Targeting of Youth
incl. Foster Care &
Unaccompanied



- CFS CSEC services program
- Targeted HT Operations
- UC minors convening
- Targeted training/outreach
- LE/LT Data Collection
- Expanded youth legal services



Under-identification
of HT Cases &
Survivors



- Targeted training/outreach
- Universal screening
- Expand network of ID partners
- Media campaign & materials



Limited Data
Coordination &
Sharing



- Form HT Data Working Group
- Develop HT Data Plan
- Establish shared data principles & practices



Pro Bono Legal
Services limited range
& capacity



- Mapping & gap analysis
- Develop provider relationships
- Expand available services
- Provide HT-specific training



Unstable Funding &
Lack of Supports



- Collaborative Funding Proposals
- Seek funding targeted to gaps
- ID alternate funding streams



Inadequate Shelter
& **Housing Resources**



- Survivor-centered placements
- Mapping & gap analysis
- Increase referrals to existing resources (LNF, MISSEY, MSH)



Need for Increased
Coordination of
Services



- Case Referral Protocol
- Case Operations Protocol
- Increase referrals to HT-MDT
- Analyze service & cross-referral gaps



Few Specialized
Mental Health
Providers



- Mapping & gap analysis
- Outreach to schools/programs
- Consider HT-specific program

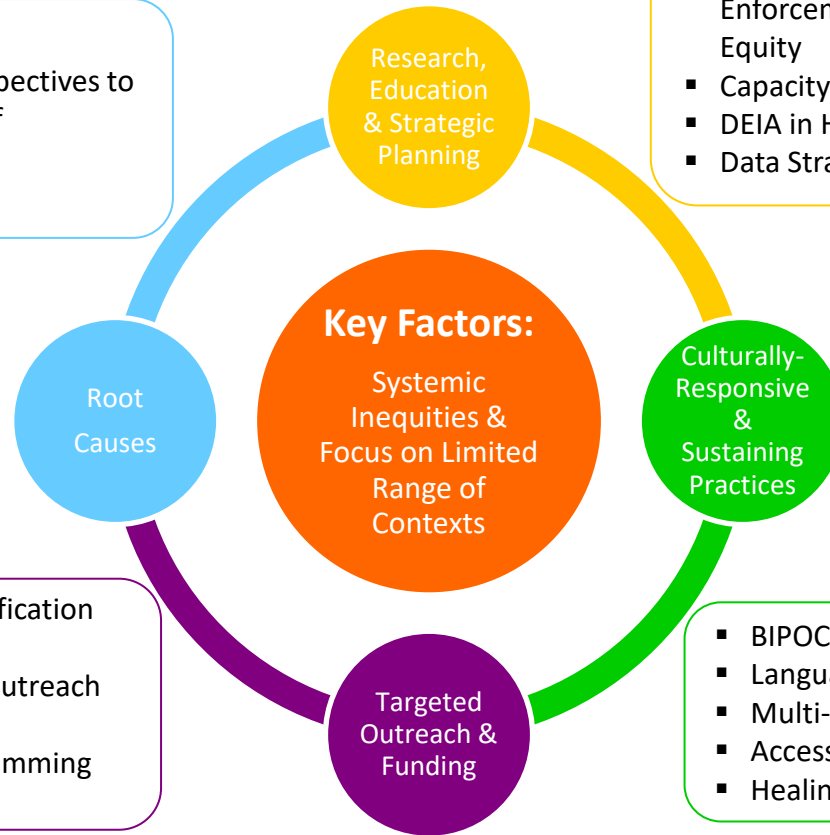
*Based on responses received from CCHTF and CCHTC Partners to 2024 surveys.



Addressing Racial Inequity

- New partnerships & perspectives to respond to root causes of vulnerability to HT

- UC Berkeley Research: Law Enforcement Best Practices for HT Equity
- Capacity Building
- DEIA in HT Working Group
- Data Strategy on Equity Measures



- Outreach Efforts & Identification Channels
- Targeted Public Media/ Outreach Campaigns
- Targeted Funding/ Programming for Inequities

- BIPOC Survivor Leadership
- Language Access: IBP
- Multi-racial/lingual/cultural Staffing
- Access to Immigration Relief
- Healing Spaces



AI & Tech Abuse in Human Trafficking

Dangers

- AI is increasing the risk of deception and vulnerability esp. for youth and immigrants:
 - Fake jobs, gaming campaigns, etc.
 - Misuse of language software.
 - Using AI created content to commit online extortion and phishing.
 - AI-generated malware.



- Privacy
- Confidentiality
- Hallucinations
- Copyright

Solutions

- AI Detection Software
- Get support removing unwanted content online at www.takeitdown.ncmec.org
- AI may facilitate advocacy, but use with caution.



Motion



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RECEIVE presentation on Anti-Human Trafficking Update.



We are all preventionists!



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



Acronyms Key

- **CA DOJ:** California Department of Justice.
- **CaITIPA:** California Human Trafficking Investigators and Prosecutors.
- **CCHTTF:** Contra Costa Human Trafficking Task Force
- **CFPIC/PACT:** Child and Family Policy Institute of California/Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking Project.
- **DHHS-ACF:** Department of Health and Human Services-Administration for Children & Families.
- **ECM TA:** Enhanced Collaborative Model Technical Assistance.
- **FBI:** Federal Bureau of Investigations.
- **HSI:** Homeland Security Investigations.

- **IACP:** International Association of Chiefs of Police.
- **JESF:** Joint Enforcement Strike Force.
- **LCDAO:** Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.
- **NCMEC:** National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
- **NHTHL:** National Human Trafficking Hotline.
- **SOGIE:** Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression.
- **USAO:** United States Attorneys' Offices.
- **USDOJ:** United States Department of Justice.
- **USDOL:** United States Department of Labor.