

## Anti-Human Trafficking Update

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# Agenda

- Data
- Response to Need
- Funding Challenges\*
- Awareness and Resources
- Motion



### Data

- EHSD Direct Services & CSEC/Y 2024 Data
- Contra Costa Human Trafficking Task Force 2024 Data



### **EHSD Direct Services**

### **Children and Family Services Bureau (CFS)**

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Services Program

From January 2024- December 2024,

131 children served.

### Workforce Services Bureau (WFS)

Trafficking and Crime Victim
Assistance Program (TCVAP)

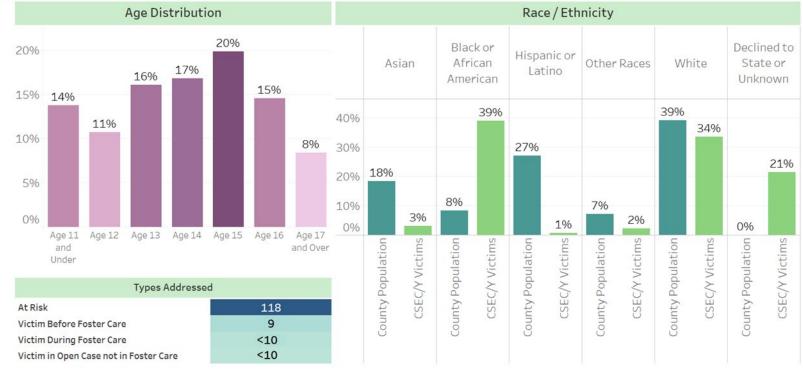
From January 2024 - December 2024,

- 18 received TCVAP cash aid.
- 267 received TCVAP CalFresh.
- \$932,113 issued in TCVAP cash aid & CalFresh combined.





# January 2024 - December 2024 CSEC/Y\* Data

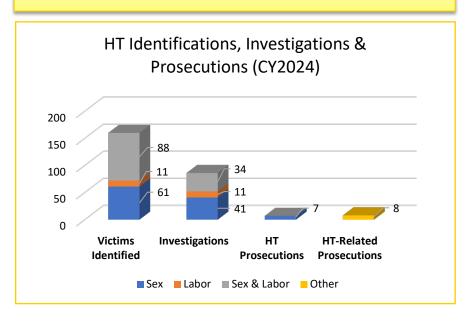




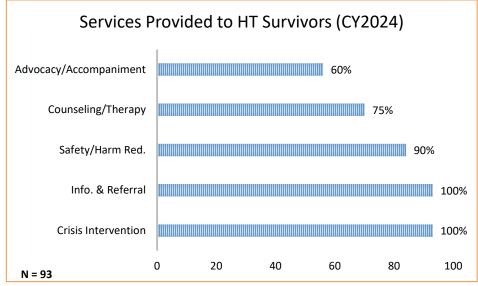


### Lead Agencies' 2024 Data

#### **DA & Law Enforcement Partners**



#### **Community Violence Solutions**







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Partner Agency	Total # Served	Sex Trafficking	Labor Trafficking	Sex & Labor Trafficking
Community Violence Solutions	93	70	15	<10
DA - Victim Witness Assistance	40	30	10	0
Church World Services	5	0	5	0
Justice At Last	57	16	21	11
Love Never Fails Us	32	18	4	10
STAND! for Families Free of Violence	17	16	<10	0
Arm of Care	150	150	0	0
	Total # Identified	Sexual Exploitation	Labor Exploitation	Sex & Labor Exploitation
Contra Costa H3 - HMIS Data	958	231	263	464



# Response to Need

- Victim-Centered Service Roadmap
- CFS Service Enhancements
- CSEC/Y Interagency Steering Committee Update
- CCHTTF Subcommittee & Working Group Initiatives
- Alliance to End Abuse's Partnerships

























## Identification & Initial Response

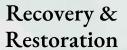
- Mandated Reporters
- Screening Tools
- 24/7 Crisis Lines
- Immediate Safety

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### Assessment & Stabilization

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





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



### Empowerment &

#### Long-term Support

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



## **CFS Service Enhancements**

- Panel participation at Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking (PACT) statewide convening in Sacramento
- Highlighted innovative services to prevent and address CSEC/Y in Contra Costa County





### **CFS Service Enhancements**





Enhanced emergency backpacks with harm reduction-focused, culturally responsive and SOGIE-affirming items



# CSEC/Y Interagency Steering Committee Update

- Highlighting enhanced collaborations with:
  - Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE)
    - Structured training outreach with diverse school districts
    - Strategic engagement with Office of the Superintendent
    - 385% increase in CCCOE training participation
  - Mental Health and Probation Program (MHAPS)
    - Facilitated CSEC 101 educational module
    - Conducted CSEC/Y case consultations
    - Creating systematic case review methodology for clinical practitioners.









### Subcommittee Initiatives





Delivery

Service

 Standards of Care

- Referral Protocols
- Training
- Mapping & **Gap Analysis**



Labor Trafficking

 Targeted Outreach

- Training & Technical Assistance
- Referral Network
- Proactive **Investigations**



Law

 Technical Assistance

- Case Collaboration
- Case Handling Protocol
- Proactive **Investigations**



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**Training** 

 Collaborative **Trainings** 

- Outreach Campaign
- External **Training Priorities**
- Common **Training Bank**





### Working Group Initiatives

#### Interpreters Bureau

**Goal:** To identify and equip a small cadre of interpreters with specialized training in interpretation for human trafficking and develop Language Access Protocol.

#### Vacatur of Criminal Records

**Goal**: To develop a protocol and conduct training with key stakeholders to enhance qualifying HT survivors' ability to clear their criminal records.

#### Survivor Leadership

**Goal:** To implement a structure and process for HT survivors to provide their expertise to all aspects of the Task Force's work.

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Corridor

**Goal:** To bring stakeholders together to better understand and develop responses to HT, safety, and livability issues affecting the area of Richmond/San Pablo.

#### Data

**Goal:** To develop a county-wide plan for data collection, sharing, analysis and use with stakeholders; to expand data collection to include new sources and methodologies; and to create a repository of reliable HT data.

#### Pro Bono Legal Services

**Goal:** To increase the number of timely referrals for these services, to identify gaps in types of services available, and to develop a plan to address these gaps.





### 23rd Street Corridor WG

#### **Community Concerns:**

- CSW & Human Trafficking
- Related violence & crime
- · Safety of children & residents
- Poor lighting, vacant lots, dumping
- Lack of response from city, law enforcement, civil society

#### **Prioritized Approaches:**

- Enhanced Lighting
- Traffic Calming
- Enforcement
- · Survivor Outreach
- Community-building



### Alliance to End Abuse's Partnerships

#### **Learning & Sharing**

#### **Contra Costa Human Trafficking Coalition**

Led by: ALLIANCE

to End Abuse

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

### Coordination for Victims' Safety & Well-Being

#### **HT Multi-Disciplinary Team**

Co-led by:

ALLIANCE to End Abuse



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

#### **Expanding the Infrastructure**



South County Family Justice Center Coming soon: The SAFE Center

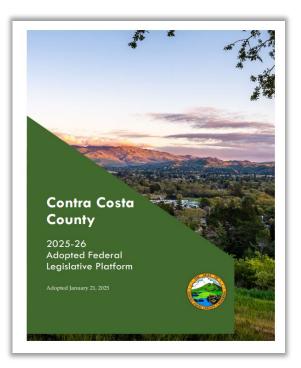


# Funding Challenges

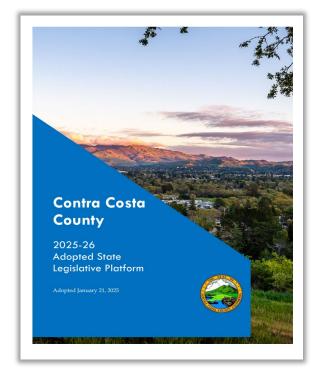
- Contra Costa County 2025-2026 Legislative Platforms
- VOCA Funding Uncertainty
- Other Potential Financial Impacts



## Contra Costa County 2025-26 Legislative Platforms



Thank you for prioritizing violence prevention.





# **VOCA** Funding Uncertainty



Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) signed into law. The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) administers the Crime Victims Fund (CVF).



USA PATRIOT Act amends VOCA and expands sources of federal revenues for Crime Victims Funds.



#### **March 2025**

Continuing Resolution maintains VOCA funding through Sept. 30, 2025. Sets the obligation cap at \$1.9B for FY 2025.



#### **August-October 2025**

In August, 21 state AGs sued to challenge the new conditions to access the VOCA funds. The Trump administration announced its plan to drop the conditions on Oct. 3.\*\*

Congress starts setting an annual obligation cap on VOCA funds for distribution.

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VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act passed to help replenish the Fund.

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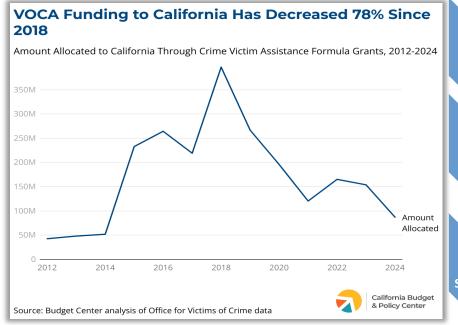
OVC allocates \$165,356,925 Crimes Victims Funds to CA for FY25,\* conditional on supporting and assisting federal immigration enforcement activities.

**July 2025** 

<sup>\*</sup>Source: <a href="https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/2025-crime-victims-fund-compensation-and-assistance-allocations">https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/2025-crime-victims-fund-compensation-and-assistance-allocations</a>, last accessed on 11/04/2025.



# **VOCA Funding Uncertainty in CA: Implications for Crime Victim Services**



•CA experienced a 43% decrease in federal VOCA funding b/w 2023 and 2024. Gov. Newsom approved one-time state funding of \$103 M.

•AB 2432 is signed into law to create the California Crime Victims Fund in Sept. 2024.

Funding Advocacy

FY 24-25

- Contra Costa BOS co-signed letter requesting \$260M in one-time state funding for crime victim services.
- •Budget ask to reauthorize \$30M in state funding for Human Trafficking Victims Assistance Program.

FY 25-26 State Budget

- •\$100M to Cal-OES' Special Programs Grants and Management to supplement federal VOCA funding.
- •\$17M to Cal-OES' Special Programs Grants and Management for services to victims of human trafficking.
- •\$2M to CalVCB for Trauma Recovery Centers.
- Reversion of \$49.7M originally for flexible cash assistance for survivors of violent crimes in California.



### Other Potential Financial Impacts



#### **FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ACTIONS**

- Delayed/fewer funding opportunities.
- New conditions linked to executive orders/policy.





- Furloughs pause grant activity and reimbursements.
- Reduced access to technical assistance and support.
- Some pending grant solicitations may not be issued.





 Reduced focus on women's health issues, prevention services, and housing for survivors.

#### **INFLATION**



- Impacts the purchasing power of the Alliance to End Abuse for services.
- \$1,678,247 in 2016 = \$2,265,399.55 in 2025.\*

#### **TARIFFS**



- Increases costs of goods.
- Impacts lower-income individuals disproportionately.

#### **RISING HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS**



 May result in cuts in services and higher administrative costs for service providers.



### Awareness and Resources

- "Click with Caution" Campaign
- Additional Online Resources
- Contra Costa HT Response Agencies & Tip Line



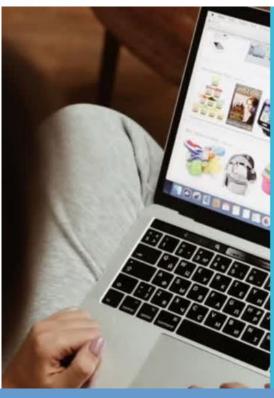
# "Click with Caution" Campaign

- New awareness campaign launched January 2025
- Focus:
  - Online grooming tactics used by exploiters to target children and youth
  - Provides practical strategies for digital safety
- Impact:
  - Equipped over 100 professionals with knowledge to identify and respond to online vulnerabilities





### Additional Online Resources



- 1. Vigilant Parent Initiative
- 2. Common Sense Media
- 3. KidSmartz
- 4. NetzSmartz
- 5. ICAC Task Force
- 6. Ruth, Your Digital Guardian
- 7. FBI Kids Cyber Safety for Youth Grades 3 8



# 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



## Motion



### Motion

RECEIVE presentation on Anti-Human Trafficking Update.



## Anti-Human Trafficking Update

**DECEMBER 9, 2025** 









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