



HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAS MANY FACES.

Help Us Stop Human Sex and Labor Trafficking in Prince George's County.

VICTIMS CAN GET HELP.

humans **NOT** for sale



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE



National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)

1-888-373-7888

www.TraffickingResourceCenter.org



Human Trafficking (hu·man traf·fick·ing) *n.* – organized criminal activity in which human beings are treated as possessions to be controlled and exploited (as by being forced into prostitution or involuntary labor).



In Maryland Human Trafficking is:

- The buying or selling of a human being for the purpose of sex or labor.
- The facilitating of buying or selling of a human being for the purpose or sex or labor.
- Receiving earnings as a result of a human being who is being trafficked for sex or labor.

Membership: Chaired by the Executive Director of the County’s Human Relations Commission (*The County’s Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Agency*), the membership of the PGCHTTF includes, but is not limited, to the following government and non-government agencies and organizations, as well as a host of individual community members and ex-officio organizations.

Prince George’s County Commission for Women	Prince George’s County Public Schools – Office of the CEO	Safe House of Hope Turn Around	Iota Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Prince George’s County Circuit Court	Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office	The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force	Dimensions Health Systems
Prince George’s County Department of Family Services	Prince George’s County Department of Social Services	The Maryland Department of Juvenile Services	Various faith-based organizations
Prince George’s County Fire Department	The Prince George’s County Office of Law	The Governor’s Task Force on Crime Control and Prevention	University of Maryland – College Park
Prince George’s County Health Department	Office of the Sheriff for Prince George’s County	The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland	City of Greenbelt Police
Prince George’s County Human Relations Commission	Maryland National Capitol Park Police	The Federal Bureau of Investigation	MNCPPC Park Police
Prince George’s County Office of Homeland Security	FAIR Girls	The District of Columbia Human Trafficking Task Force	City of Bowie
Prince George’s County Office of Community Relations	Courtney’s House	U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Homeland Security Investigations	Municipal Police Chiefs Association
Prince George’s County Police Department	Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault		
	The Polaris Group		
	The Samaritan Women		

Those that need help or see something suspicious can call 311 in Prince George’s County or the National Human Trafficking Hotline directly at 888-373-7888 when outside the County. If you wish to learn more about how you can help, dial 311 in Prince George’s County or call the Human Relations Commission at 301-883-6170. In case of emergency or immediate danger call 911.

Mythbusters – Human Trafficking Facts vs. Fiction

FICTION:

Human Trafficking only occurs in other countries, not the United States.



FACT:

Human Trafficking occurs in every city and every community.

FICTION:

Human Trafficking victims are brought into the United States by strangers from foreign countries.



FACT:

Human Trafficking victims are living right in Prince George's County and are trafficked by peers and/or family members.

FICTION:

Human Trafficking only affects lower income and poorly educated communities.



FACT:

Human Trafficking affects all communities regardless of income or educational levels.

FICTION:

Females are the only victims of Human Trafficking.



FACT:

Victims of Human Trafficking are both males, females, transgender and transsexual.

FICTION:

Human Trafficking victims are mainly teenagers.



FACT:

Victims of all ages are subjected to Human Trafficking.

FICTION:

All "pimps" are men.



FACT:

Women are often "pimps".

FICTION:

Prostitutes are never victims of Human Trafficking.



FACT:

Many prostitutes are victims of Human Trafficking.

FICTION:

Recruiting for Human Trafficking only happens on city streets.



FACT:

Recruiting for Human Trafficking can occur at any location, such as the internet, schools, shopping malls, parks, swimming pools, hotels, movie theaters, amusement parks, etc.

FICTION:

It is only men who recruit victims of Human Trafficking.



FACT:

Women, teens and children often are recruiters.

FICTION:

Only someone who is homeless or from a single parent home is at risk for Human Trafficking.



FACT:

All individuals, regardless of where they live or with whom they live with, can become victims of Human Trafficking.

FICTION:

"Johns" are not criminals.



FACT:

"Johns" engage in criminal activity when they purchase sex.



PGCHTTF: Prince George's County Human Trafficking Task Force



Mission: The Prince George's County Human Trafficking Task Force (PGCHTTF) was formed by Council Resolution CR-74-2013 in July, 2013. The brainchild of Human Relations Commissioner Walakewon Blegay, the Task Force Resolution was developed and championed by Councilmember Karen Toles (Task Force Vice Chair). The Task Force was established in response to the Commission's 2013 Countywide Community Conference on Human Trafficking. The Task Force's focus is to study and combat the problem of Human Sex and Labor Trafficking in Prince George's County and, as a by-product, educate the public, identify and rescue victims and increase prosecution of traffickers.

Goals: Operating through six standing committees: First Responder Training; Law Enforcement and Public Safety; Legislative; Public Awareness and Outreach; Research and Advisory; and Victim Services; the four initial overall goals of the PGCHTTF Task Force are:

- to facilitate more coordinated anti-trafficking efforts in the County through protocol development, extensive community outreach, proactive investigations, law enforcement training efforts, intelligence sharing, forming partnerships between law enforcement and non-governmental organizations ("NGOs");
- to increase identification rates of human trafficking victims in the County, including domestic and transnational victims of both sex and labor trafficking;
- to aide in the establishment of a provider network to provide comprehensive services to victims of trafficking; and,
- to increase the prosecution of traffickers, criminally and where appropriate civilly.



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