Services Available to Survivors

Once a survivor is identified, there are various support services available including:

- Food/Clothing
- Housing
- Support and Counseling
- State and federal benefits
- Immigration Assistance
- Medical Treatment
- Education
- Life Skills Reintegration
- Court accompaniment and representation

Barriers to Seeking Assistance

Understanding the mindset of human trafficking victims is important to helping them restore their lives. However, there may be many barriers present before a victim seeks assistance.

- Culture & language
- Lack of trust
- Undocumented/fear of deportation
- Fear of law enforcement
- Lack of knowledge of services, rights, and law
- Fear of retaliation from trafficker
- Shame & stigma
- History of emotional, sexual or other physical abuse
- History of running away
  (or current status as a runaway)
- Presence of older boy-girl friend
- Drug addiction
- Gang involvement
- Withdrawn or lack of interest in previous activities
- Psychological victimization
- Trauma bonding (Stockholm Syndrome)

What You Can Do

If you are a victim of human trafficking and need help, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7-888. You will be connected locally to resources you may need in your language of preference. To report suspicious activity directly to law enforcement, call 1-408-918-4960 or email humantrafficking@sheriff.sccgov.org.

What to Expect When Reporting

You will be speaking to a trained specialist.

Calls to the national hotline are taken 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. It is not a government entity, law enforcement, or immigration authority.

You will be asked such questions as: who, what, when, where, etc. You will have a choice to identify yourself and leave callback information or remain anonymous. You may never discover the truth about what you reported but identifying and reporting human trafficking is everyone’s responsibility.

For More Information or To Request Training:

Call 1-408-299-5135

Reporting human trafficking is everyone’s responsibility. Can you recognize the red flags?

Educate yourself and potentially save a life.