

Anti-Human Trafficking Response Directory Santa Barbara County



About the SB County Human Trafficking Task Force

The SB County Human Trafficking Task Force was formed in 2013 to develop and enhance a multidisciplinary HT TF that implements survivor-centered, collaborative, and sustainable approaches to:

- Identify survivors of all types of human trafficking
- Investigate and prosecute sex trafficking and labor trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal and federal levels
- Address the individualized needs of survivors through the comprehensive array of quality services

To learn more, please visit www.traffickstopsb.org

What Is Human Trafficking?

Individuals recruited, harbored, transported, provided, or obtained

by means of force, fraud, or coercion

for the purpose of either (1) commercial sex acts or (2) forced labor or services

Who Is Being Trafficked in SB County?

97% are Female 

60% are Age 24 and Younger 

42% are SB County Residents 

Average Age a Teen Enters Trafficking: 12 - 14

Common Contexts for Human Trafficking

Sex Trafficking

- Massage parlors
- Hotels/Motels
- Bars



Labor Trafficking

- Agricultural labor
- Domestic labor
- Hotels/Motels
- Restaurants



Warning Signs of Human Trafficking

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?

With sizable agricultural and tourism sectors, SB County is a key hub for human trafficking between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Since 2017, more than 200 survivors have been identified in Santa Barbara County.



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Report Suspicions of Trafficking

Do NOT attempt to intervene. The best way to maintain safety for all involved is to report suspicions.

If individual appears to be in imminent danger

Contact: Police (911)

Key Words: "Potential trafficking situation"; Describe immediate concern, who is involved, if you recognize individual(s)

Response Times: Available 24/7

If the suspected survivor of trafficking is a minor

Contact: Child Welfare Services (1-800-367-0166)

Key Words: Describe immediate concern, suspected age(s), who is involved, if you recognize individual(s)

Response Times: Available 24/7

If you have a general suspicion of trafficking

Contact: Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline (1-888-373-7888)

Text: BeFree (233733)

Online: www.humantraffickinghotline.org/en/report-trafficking

Key Words: Share the location (neighborhood, City, State), describe the immediate concern, who is involved and if you recognize the individual(s)

Response Times: Available 24/7

Volunteer

Due to the sensitive nature of survivor safety and personal identification, volunteer opportunities either (1) require extensive training and vetting or (2) do not involved direct contact with survivors.

Intern with Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA)

Contact: arcelia@sbstesa.org

Internship Description: Volunteers will provide emotional support services to survivors of human trafficking over the 24-hr hotline after completing a 60-hr state certified crisis intervention training.

Furthermore, they will be able to provide crisis counseling to survivors who are interested in such services as well as join STESA staff at tabling events related to human trafficking awareness events.

Volunteer with the Interfaith Collaborative Against Human Trafficking

Contact: interfaithcosb@gmail.com

Description: Compile "go bags" for survivors, join advocacy campaigns, and more.

Become a Trainer with SB ACT

Contact: info@sbact.org

Description: Plan/facilitate human trafficking prevention trainings, coordinate community outreach events

Advocate

State & National Legislation

Visit www.traffickstopsb.org for the latest legislation and suggestions about how to advocate for survivors

Raise Awareness

Host a Human Trafficking Awareness Training for a Faith Community, Civic Organization, or Club

Sign up at www.traffickstopsb.org/get-involved

Description: 1 hr, covers definitions, warning signs, and local dimensions of trafficking

Host an Industry-Specific Human Trafficking Awareness Training

Sign up at www.traffickingawareness.org

Description: Industry-specific trainings for hospitality, transportation, education sectors and more