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## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

### Host an Event

Whatever group you belong to, whether it be a house of worship, a community organization, a political organization or other group, host a presentation by a trained speaker from our Speakers Bureau to promote community awareness about human trafficking—what it is, how and why it happens, signs to look for and ways audience members can get involved.

### Learn More

Attend one or more webinars, events, conferences, and seminars listed on our website to learn about trafficking in Northern Virginia.

### Be A Friend

Sign up as ‘A Friend’ of the Task Force, and send our prepared invitation with our introductory brochure to decision-makers in your workplace, church or organization.

Visit Our Website  
[NVHTTF.COM](http://NVHTTF.COM)

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## NORTHERN VIRGINIA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Who are we?  
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## A REGIONAL BLIGHT

Northern Virginia is one of the top areas where human trafficking is occurring in the United States. What is trafficking? It is modern day slavery.

Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into labor or commercial sexual exploitation. Driven by money, they are attracted to the wealth found in this region.

Sadly, human trafficking is a hidden crime. Victims rarely come forward on their own. Language barriers, drug addiction or fear of retribution by traffickers or law enforcement keep some victims enslaved for years.

Meanwhile, these criminals transfer victims in and out of the surrounding counties while moving them up and down the East coast via I-95.

## WHO ARE WE?

The Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force is a coalition of federal, state and local law enforcement, government agencies and nongovernmental organizations dedicated to combatting this blight by:

- Identifying and prosecuting criminals engaged in trafficking;
- Identifying, rescuing and providing services to trafficking victims; and
- Conducting training, outreach and community awareness efforts.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

The Task Force accomplishes its work through four volunteer committees:

### Law Enforcement Committee

Develops and implements strategies to identify and prosecute traffickers who are operating or hiding and transporting victims in the Northern Virginia region.

### Victim Services Committee

*Family Reunification* – Supports reuniting victims with familial support systems, supports family needs when victims are recovered and compiles resources on reunification.

*Best Practices and Procedures* – Creates standardized practices and protocols for assessment and evaluation of victims for service delivery.

*Foreign National Victims* – Provides expert opinion related to the needs of foreign national victims and connects those needs with community resources.

*Housing* – Evaluates, compiles and recommends housing options for human trafficking survivors, and provides housing staff with opportunities for training on working with victims.

### Communications Committee

Manages website and internal communications, including newsletters.

### Outreach and Awareness Committee

*Speakers Bureau* – Recruits and trains speakers, connects speakers with resources for speaking engagements, supports our current speakers and keeps data on outreach.

*Advanced Training* – Creates resources and training materials for speakers, including training on an online platform and for specific professional niches and demographics.

*Multicultural Working Group* – Provides training and resources for culturally diverse communities, translates resources into other languages and creates outreach materials.

*Introductory Outreach* – Manages the front end of public outreach, conducting cold calls to community organizations, managing presence at selected events, creating advertising materials, and networking with businesses and organizations to encourage awareness events.

*Friends* – Enlists support from individuals, who are not Task Force members, in raising community awareness in the workplace, churches and social organizations.