

## **GOAL 2: To have a resource directory of all service programs that is user-friendly and current.**

Goal 2 addresses the need to have and maintain an up-to-date resource directory for service providers in Florida who assist victims of trafficking. Such a listing is important for anyone who is assisting victims as well as for law enforcement and prosecutors who are investigating trafficking cases. This section includes both a listing of service providers and a table of all anti-trafficking task forces, coalitions and points of contact from around Florida. These local community coordinated efforts are at the heart of community involvement and anti-trafficking public awareness campaigns. They are also key to providing the most effective and efficient coordinated care to trafficking survivors. Local law enforcement and prosecutors have also seen great successes when they coordinate human trafficking case investigation and prosecution in their local task forces.

### **Resource Directory**

#### **Introduction**

The following is a list of Florida organizations that provide support to survivors of human trafficking. Resource groups listed in this section have been divided into eight geographic regions. The contact information for each organization is provided, along with a short description of the services that the organization offers. Many of these organizations provide services to various vulnerable populations and have incorporated assistance to victims of human trafficking as one part of their larger mission. A few of the organizations receive specific funding from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) or the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to assist foreign born victims of human trafficking. The list includes organizations that offer an array of services ranging from legal representation to social services, to donations of food or clothing or gift certificates, or to the provision of cash assistance.

Certain Florida service providers have elected not to be publicly identified out of concern for their clients' confidentiality or safety. Their services may be accessed through law enforcement agencies or local anti-trafficking task forces.

### **Recommendations**

12. This resource directory should be made publicly available on the website of the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights (CAHR) (<http://www.cahr.fsu.edu>), as well as the websites of the Department of Children and Families and other relevant Florida state agencies.
13. The CAHR should update the information on a regular basis.
14. This directory should be available for trainings within each region of Florida.
15. Each Florida task force and coalition should report any new service providers in their area to the CAHR.
16. Each organization already listed on this directory should report changes in contact information to the CAHR as they occur.

## Resource Directory of Florida Organizations that Assist Human Trafficking Survivors

**Note:** The following is a list of service providers throughout Florida who assist survivors of human trafficking. The list is not exhaustive, and is comprised of organizations identified by Florida law enforcement agencies, by non-governmental organizations, and by anti-trafficking task forces throughout the state. The list is maintained and updated by the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, but does not constitute any kind of endorsement of the service providers listed here.

### Area 1: Fort Walton, Panama City, Pensacola

#### **Anchorage Children's Home**

Panama City  
850-763-7102

[www.anchoragechildrenshome.org](http://www.anchoragechildrenshome.org)

*Services: Provides housing to victims under 21 through their transitional program and if victims are under 18 they are housed at the shelter. They service both pre-certified and certified trafficking victims, and provide case management to their residents for the duration of their stay.*

#### **Catholic Charities**

Pensacola  
850-436-6420

[www.catholiccharitiesnwfl.org/](http://www.catholiccharitiesnwfl.org/)

*Services: Provide case management, counseling, health screenings, housing, legal immigration assistance, and transportation. They serve pre-certified victims for up to 9 months and certified victims for up to 4 months.*

#### **Global Child Rescue**

Pensacola  
850-525-4807

[www.facebook.com/pages/Global-Child-Rescue/181364153052](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Global-Child-Rescue/181364153052)

*Services: This faith based organization focuses on child rescue. It conducts outreach and awareness training in Florida and other states, and coordinates services with other agencies for victims of trafficking.*

**Klaas Kids**

Pensacola  
850-525-4807

[www.klaaskids.org/st-flo.htm](http://www.klaaskids.org/st-flo.htm)

*Services: Search and rescue with a focus on domestic and international minors suspected to be victims of human trafficking. This organization also conducts awareness trainings for law enforcement agencies and the general public.*

**Lutheran Services**

Pensacola  
850-453-2772

[www.lsfnet.org/](http://www.lsfnet.org/)

*Services: Housing for adolescents between the ages of 10-17 who have been abused, neglected, or who are runaways. Shelter is offered to children who meet admission requirements, including victims of human trafficking.*

**Salvation Army, Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Program**

Panama City  
850-763-0706 or 800-252-2597

[www.uss.salvationarmy.org](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org)

*Services: Offer emergency shelter, counseling, and legal advocacy; provide information and referrals. The program is open to domestic and international (male and female) victims of trafficking. Women have access to a domestic violence shelter and men have access to transitional housing.*

<b>Area 2: Big Bend Area</b>
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**Catholic Charities**

Tallahassee  
850-222-2180

[catholiccharitiesnwfl.org/Tallahassee](http://catholiccharitiesnwfl.org/Tallahassee)

*Services: Provide food and clothing donations, case management, assistance locating housing, and assistance in covering first month's rent and utility bills.*

### **FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights**

Tallahassee

850-644-4551

[www.cahr.fsu.edu](http://www.cahr.fsu.edu)

*Services: Provides pro bono immigration representation for pre-certified and certified victims of human trafficking, as well as legal assistance with asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile, VAWA, and U-visa cases.*

### **Women's Clinic**

Tallahassee

850-656-9177 or 850-222-4050

[www.opendoorwomensclinic.com](http://www.opendoorwomensclinic.com)

*Services: A clinic for pregnant women which provides free ultrasounds and counseling; the clinic also has a project called "Gabriel Project" which provides clothing for infants and other supplies.*

### **Zonta Club of Tallahassee**

850-907-0693

[www.zonta-tallahassee.org](http://www.zonta-tallahassee.org)

*Services: Conducts awareness training on trafficking and also coordinates with its members to provide direct donations when needed.*

<b>Area 3: Jacksonville</b>
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### **Betty Griffin House**

St. Augustine

904-808-8544

[www.bettygriffinhouse.com](http://www.bettygriffinhouse.com)

*Services: Provides housing and support for domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking victims. Services include counseling, transportation, case management, and assistance locating employment. Has court advocates, and also contracts out with attorneys; works with Three Rivers. Has 24 hour hotline, provides vouchers for clothing and furniture at their two thrift stores. They serve both pre-certified and certified victims. Shelter can take boys up to 17 accompanied by their mother. Victims can stay up to six weeks, and stays may be extended on a case-by-case basis.*

**Florida Coastal Legal Services**

Jacksonville

904-680-7650

<http://fcsl.edu/clinic/house-clinics>

*Services: Offer pro bono legal representation to immigrant victims of human trafficking through their student immigration clinical program.*

**First Coast Child Protection Team**

Jacksonville

904-633-0300

[myfloridalegal.com/vicdirect.nsf/Fourth+Judicial+Circuit/4B4A7DE10DB70EBA852568C100669736](http://myfloridalegal.com/vicdirect.nsf/Fourth+Judicial+Circuit/4B4A7DE10DB70EBA852568C100669736)

*Services: Medical screenings and referrals, child forensic interviews; cases need to be reported to law enforcement to be eligible to receive these services.*

**Hubbard House**

Jacksonville

904-354-3114

[www.hubbardhouse.org](http://www.hubbardhouse.org)

*Services: Assists victims of human trafficking that do not have a domestic violence component to their case. Client needs are evaluated on a case by case basis to provide housing and case management. Usually case management involves seeking services and providing referrals to different agencies. Hubbard House also has a thrift store that provides vouchers to clients.*

**Jacksonville Area Legal Aid**

Jacksonville

904/356-8371, ext. 334 or (866) 356-8371 toll-free

<http://www.jaxlegalaid.org/contact.html>

*Services: Provides immigration services to persons who are certified as victims of human trafficking through HHS; covers Duval, Baker, Nassau, Clay, and St. Johns Counties; applicants' income must not exceed 187% of POV guidelines.*

**Quigley House**

Jacksonville

800-339-5017

904-284-0061

[www.quigleyhouse.org](http://www.quigleyhouse.org)

*Services: Provides emergency shelter care for up to eight weeks; during this time, advocates provide counseling, court advocacy, safety planning, and referrals to other partners. Also facilitates transportation through a volunteer program for their appointments. Services are available to both pre-certified and certified victims of trafficking.*

**Trinity Rescue Mission**

Jacksonville

904-355-1205

[www.trinityrescue.org/pages/page.asp?page\\_id=77399](http://www.trinityrescue.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=77399)

*Services: Drug/smoke free short-term emergency shelter; in addition to shelter, provides meals and clothing. Has one facility for women and children (limited space for boys 8-13) and another facility for men and boys over the age of 13. Open to both domestic and international trafficking victims.*

**Woman's Center of Jacksonville**

904-722-3000

[www.womenscenterofjax.org](http://www.womenscenterofjax.org)

*Services: supports victims of sexual assault with legal assistance, finding shelter and clothing, providing mental health counseling on a sliding scale for victims over the age of twelve or if awarded victim compensation; provides counseling for three years (parental consent is needed for minors.) The Center assists both males and females but the majority of the clients are female. For foreign victims of human trafficking, the services are coordinated with the Jacksonville Task Force or FBI.*

**World Relief**

Jacksonville

904-448-0733

[worldrelief.org/Page.aspx?pid=1637](http://worldrelief.org/Page.aspx?pid=1637)

*Services: Provide assistance to international pre-certified and certified victims of trafficking; cover basic needs such as housing, food, medical care, transportation, and clothing. Also assist victims in applying for public benefits.*

**The Zonta Club of Jacksonville**

904-662-0523

[secretary@zontajacksonville.com](mailto:secretary@zontajacksonville.com)

[www.zontajacksonville.com/](http://www.zontajacksonville.com/)

*Services: Human Trafficking Speaker's Bureau to increase awareness of human trafficking.*

## Area 4: Gainesville and Ocala

### **Alachua County Health Department**

Gainesville

352-334-7900

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/index.htm>

*Services: Provides initial health screenings, TB and STD testing, treatment, and primary care for human trafficking victims.*

### **Alachua County Housing Authority**

Gainesville

352-372-2549

[www.acha-fl.com](http://www.acha-fl.com)

*Services: Provides housing options within Alachua County for human trafficking victims, subject to local availability.*

### **Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center**

Gainesville

352-264-6760

1-866-252-5439

*Services: Provides therapy and counseling, 24 hour crisis counseling, court accompaniment, legal and personal advocacy, and information and referral for human trafficking victims, especially those who have undergone sexual victimization.*

### **American Red Cross**

Gainesville

352-376-4669

<http://www.redcross.org/>

*Services: Provides cots, water, comfort kits, blankets, and pillows for victims of human trafficking.*

### **Catholic Charities**

Gainesville

352-372-0294 Ext. 24

[www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org)

*Services: Provides case management for victims of human trafficking and assistance depending on the needs of each victim.*

**Child Advocacy Center, Inc.**

Gainesville

352-376-9161

<http://www.childadvocacycentergainesville.org/>

*Services: Coordinates multidisciplinary care of child victims of human trafficking, including case management, therapy (individual, group, and family), and forensic interviewing.*

**Children's Table**

Gainesville

352-486-6525

<http://www.facebook.com/TheChildrensTable?sk=wall&filter=12>

*Services: Primarily serves families with children but will also provide food for trafficking victims.*

**Harvest of Hope Foundation**

352-372-1312

<http://www.harvestofhope.net/>

*Services: Provides migrant farm workers and their families with emergency assistance, economic hardship relief, and educational scholarships since 1997.*

**Ocala Rape Crisis-Domestic Violence Center (Creative Services, Inc.)**

Hotline number: 352-622-5919

Administration: 352-622-5919

<http://myfloridalegal.com/vicdirect.nsf/Fifth+Judicial+Circuit/ECAA26252ED7AAB585256882006ED424>

*Services: Counseling, legal advocacy, and emergency shelter for 12-15 weeks is available to any victim.*

**St. Francis House**

Gainesville

352-378-9079

[www.stfrancishouseqnv.org](http://www.stfrancishouseqnv.org)

*Services: Provides food, transitional housing, and intensive case management services for human trafficking victims.*

**Salvation Army:**

Gainesville

352-376-1743

[http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www\\_uss\\_gainesville.nsf/vw-text-index/fa23ddedf423823f8025734d0062f45f?opendocument](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www_uss_gainesville.nsf/vw-text-index/fa23ddedf423823f8025734d0062f45f?opendocument)

*Services: Provides food, clothing, and bedding supplies for trafficking victims.*

**Three Rivers Legal Services**

352-372-0519

[www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org)

*Services: Provides a wide range of civil legal services to the poor, abused, disabled and elderly; does not provide services to undocumented people other than victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.*

<b>Area 5: Orlando</b>
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**Catholic Charities (Central Florida)**

Orlando

407-658-1818

[www.cflcc.org](http://www.cflcc.org)

*Services: Provides comprehensive support to pre-certified and certified victims of trafficking in nine counties. This includes immigration legal services, counseling, and food and personal items. Also coordinates housing with other agencies.*

**Covenant House**

Orlando

407-426-7888 or 407-482-0404

[www.covenanthousefl.org/](http://www.covenanthousefl.org/)

*Services: Provides emergency shelter care for youths age 18-20, including young mothers and their babies; shelter care includes provision of meals, clean clothes, and a safe place to sleep; also provide counseling, case management, substance abuse intervention, on-site health services, and life skills instruction; have shelter capacity for 20 youths.*

**Cross Winds**

Cocoa Beach

321-452-0800

[www.crosswindsyouthservices.org](http://www.crosswindsyouthservices.org)

*Services: Emergency homeless and runaway shelter that is open 24/7 to serve male and female minors. Also coordinates a transitional housing program.*

**Harbor House**

407-886-2244 Administration

Hotline is 407-697-4563

[www.harborhousefl.com](http://www.harborhousefl.com)

*Services: Domestic violence shelter that has 3 physical locations and is able to house men, women, and children accompanied by adults. All their services such as counseling, food, clothing, and referrals for legal and medical assistance are available victims.*

**Legal Aid Society of Orange County**

Orlando

407-841-8310

[www.legal-aid.com/](http://www.legal-aid.com/)

*Services: Offer legal services to thirteen counties in Central Florida and have two attorneys (one full-time and one part-time) who handle their immigration cases; at this time would refer representation of human trafficking survivors to private attorneys who provide services to their organization.*

**Safe House Seminole**

407-330-3933 (Hotline)

407-302-5220 (limited hours - not for emergencies)

[www.safehouseofseminole.org](http://www.safehouseofseminole.org)

*Services: Provides a 45 day emergency shelter program; residents work with case manager and can make arrangements to stay up to 90 days. Residents who continue to need assistance and meet the requirements can request transitional housing for up to two years and then request off site transitional housing when eligible. During the stay in the program, group counseling is available and advocates assist with resources and referrals. These services are available for pre-certified and certified victims.*

**Victim Services of Orange County**

Orlando

407-644-2577

[www.victimservicecenter.com](http://www.victimservicecenter.com)

*Services: Provides comprehensive, victim-focused services to meet the needs of victims of crime, including sexual violence survivors, who reside in or were victimized in Orange County, Florida.*

### **Salvation Army Brevard County Domestic Violence Program**

Cocoa Beach

321-631-2766 ext. \*822

[www.salvationarmyncbrevard.org](http://www.salvationarmyncbrevard.org)

*Services: Homeless shelter for women and children; also provide food pantry and emergency assistance.*

### **The Women Center**

Melbourne

321-242-3110 (Sue Kiley for questions on services for victims of trafficking)

[www.womenscenterinbrevard.org](http://www.womenscenterinbrevard.org)

*Services: Full service counseling program for female, male and children victims; offers emergency shelter for a short period and depending on availability has transitional housing for two years which includes guidance and assistance for self-sufficiency.*

## **Area 6: Tampa and Clearwater**

### **CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse)**

727-895-4912

[www.casa-stpete.org](http://www.casa-stpete.org)

*Services: Staff specially trained in working with trafficking victims, including children; emergency shelter and crisis line, support groups, information and referrals, legal advocacy, children's programs, emergency food, clothing, personal items, safety planning, addictions intervention and referrals, special outreach to elderly and people of color, transitional housing with an afterschool program, supervised visitation, emergency response team for child abuse prevention, Peacemakers prevention for pre-school, elementary and middle school, thrift shop, community education and training, address confidentiality, relocation and crime compensation assistance.*

### **Clearwater Task Force Against Human Trafficking**

727-562-4492

[www.catfht.org](http://www.catfht.org)

*Services: Coordinates with services providers in the area to meet the housing, legal, medical, and mental health care needs of victims of human trafficking.*

**Family Resource Inc.**

Manatee County

941-741-3575

[www.family-resources.org](http://www.family-resources.org)

*Services: Maintains short-term shelters (“SafePlace2B”) that provide care for runaway and homeless youth ages 10 through 17. Youth receive basic care, individual and family counseling, life skills, and are reconnected to school and other community resources. Services may be accessed 24 hours a day by calling:*

*St. Petersburg (727) 384-TEEN (8336)*

*Clearwater (727) 449-TEEN (8336)*

*Bradenton (941) 708-5850*

**Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking**

Tampa-Clearwater

727-442-3064

[www.stophumantrafficking.org](http://www.stophumantrafficking.org)

*Services: Advocacy throughout the process of recovery for pre-certified and certified immigrant trafficking victims and for domestic trafficking victims; provides case management in meeting victim needs such as housing, medical & mental health care, and education; works closely with community service providers to secure emergency food and shelter, medical and psychological treatment, and other services for victims.*

**Gulf Coast Legal Services**

Tampa-Clearwater

727-821-0726

[www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)

*Services: Offers comprehensive pro bono immigration legal representation to survivors of trafficking.*

**Lutheran Social Services**

813-875-1408

[www.lsfnet.org](http://www.lsfnet.org)

*Services: Offers short-term, residential shelter for runaways and troubled youth (ages 10-17) as well as individual and family counseling. Master's level professionals and trained staff provide a full range of services including: screening and assignments, referrals, temporary shelter, counseling, intervention, case management, and aftercare/follow-up for six months.*

**Salvation Army**

Tampa

813-383-5722

[http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www\\_uss\\_tampa.nsf](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www_uss_tampa.nsf)

*Services: Shelter is available for labor and sex trafficking, female and male victims, and available for children when referred by DCF. These services can be provided to both pre-certified and certified victims. The time frame for shelter depends on each case; the organization works with other organizations for case management.*

**World Relief**

Clearwater

727-849-7900

[www.worldrelief.org](http://www.worldrelief.org)

*Services: Offers comprehensive services which include: case management; housing; immigration legal support; advocacy; medical and dental care; mental health assessments; translation and interpretation services; job skills training/ESL and transportation; interact with over 100 local churches and ministries.*

<b>Area 7: Naples and Fort Myers</b>
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**Amigo Center**

Bonita Springs

239-437-6727

[www.amigoscenter.org](http://www.amigoscenter.org)

*Services: Provides legal services for the immigrant community and conducts public awareness trainings for the community on human trafficking.*

**ACT (Abuse Counseling and Treatment) Shelter**

239-939-3112 (Hotline)

239-939-2553 (office)

*Services: Unlimited stay for adult victims of both labor and sex trafficking (including women with children or pregnant); coordinates with resources in the area, forensic examination, advocacy with legal and law enforcement matters; offers counseling therapy provided by licensed therapists; assists victims applying for benefits (food stamps, cash assistance, Medicaid); maintains food pantry; assists with gas money and bus passes. Minor victims can receive therapy and counseling but not housing.*

**Catholic Charities**

Ft. Myers (serving Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties)

239-337-4193

<http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/>

*Services: Offers wide-ranging support to immigrant victims of trafficking ( pre-certified and certified); provides counseling, food and clothing, transportation to and from appointments; assists clients in obtaining mental health services, medical, and dental care; assist with short-term housing needs; once victims become certified, they become eligible for four months of benefits; provides immigration legal services for certified victims.*

**Children Network**

Ft. Myers

239-226-1115

[www.childnetswfl.org/child\\_available.php](http://www.childnetswfl.org/child_available.php)

*Services: Sexual abuse counseling and educational services for minors only (females and males). The services are available for both US citizen sex trafficking victims and pre-certified and certified immigrant victims.*

**Coalition of Immokalee Workers**

Collier County

239-657-8311

[www.ciw-online.org](http://www.ciw-online.org)

*Services: Conducts extensive training and community education on human trafficking and migrant worker exploitation; coordinates services for survivors of trafficking including housing, counseling, jobs, clothing and food, in addition to finding medical help. The organization has been nationally recognized for its community network that features peer support.*

**Clothes Closet of Faith United Methodist Church**

Ft. Myers

239-940-1101

[http://www.firstumc.org/outreach\\_clothescloset.asp](http://www.firstumc.org/outreach_clothescloset.asp)

Open Tuesday from 9-noon and Thursday from 12-3

*Services: Provides vouchers for clothes to people in need, including victims of human trafficking. Their facility operates on a referral basis only.*

**David Lawrence Center**

Naples

239-455-8500

<http://www.davidlawrencecenter.org/>

*Services: Mental health and substance abuse assistance including psychiatric care; most services are available on a sliding scale and are offered in Spanish, English or Creole. Serves foreign and domestic victims of trafficking.*

**Lutheran Services Florida**

Fort Myers

239-278-5400

[www.lsfnet.org](http://www.lsfnet.org)

*Services: Residential and non residential services in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties are offered for child victims of different crimes between the ages of 10-17. This organization offers a 30-day stay program unless there are special circumstances that require a longer stay. Services such as counseling, education, meals and snacks are provided to residential clients and counseling at home and schools is available for nonresidential clients. Serves both international and domestic child victims of trafficking.*

**The Shelter for Abused Women and Children**

239-775-1101

239-775-3862

[www.naplesshelter.org](http://www.naplesshelter.org)

*Services: Emergency shelter for domestic violence victims in Collier County; trafficking victims can stay as long as they need; the shelter has housed minor victims of human trafficking at the request of DCF; during their time at the shelter, victims have a case manager and are provided with basic needs to include transportation to and from appointments, counseling, and the option of attending support groups. In addition, the shelter has a kennel for residents who need to bring their pets.*

**Project Help**

239-649-1404

2392627227 Hotline (24 hours a day)

[www.projecthelpnaples.org](http://www.projecthelpnaples.org)

*Services: Crisis intervention counseling and advocacy; counseling is free of charge and is available for foreign and domestic victims. At this time, counseling is offered in English and Spanish and a language line is used for other languages. They also provide referrals for housing, legal and medical needs.*

**St. Mathews House Wolfe Apartments**

239-353-8746

[www.stmatthewshouse.org/index.html](http://www.stmatthewshouse.org/index.html)

*Services: Homeless shelter that provides housing for domestic and foreign victims of human trafficking through their transitional living apartments. Victims of human trafficking also have access to their food pantry, bus passes, and social service referrals in the area.*

**Wings of Shelter**

239-340-2980

[www.wingsofshelter.org](http://www.wingsofshelter.org)

*Services: Faith-based organization that provides housing for female trafficking victims under 18. The facility has space for up to five people and serves both international and domestic victims.*

<b>Area 8: Miami, Broward and West Palm</b>
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**Catholic Charities Legal Services**

Miami

305-373-1073

[www.cclsmiami.org](http://www.cclsmiami.org)

*Services: Comprehensive immigration legal services to all victims of trafficking.*

**Covenant House Florida**

954-561-5559

1-800-683-8338

[www.covenanthousefl.org](http://www.covenanthousefl.org)

*Services: 24-hour shelter for any child under 21 who is homeless, abused, neglected or at risk. Has both a crisis center and transitional housing. Children have access to counseling, case management, substance abuse treatment, employment assistance, independent living classes; the transitional housing is available for two years and is available for older adolescents.*

**Florida Freedom Partnership**

Miami

305-640-9856

[www.floridafreedom.org](http://www.floridafreedom.org)

*Services: Assistance for victims of trafficking; provides housing, counseling, legal services, cash assistance, bus passes, furniture, ESOL/literacy classes for pre-certified victims. Cash assistance is not available to certified victims due to funding restrictions. However, they are eligible for gift cards for supermarkets or pharmacies as well as employment services and ESOL/literacy classes.*

**Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center**

Miami

FIAC Lucha Project

305-573-1106

[www.fiacfla.org](http://www.fiacfla.org)

*Services: Comprehensive legal representation and case management for immigrant victims of both labor trafficking and sex trafficking (and provide referrals to numerous other organizations that assist victims of trafficking); also conducts trainings for law enforcement and for service providers on human trafficking.*

**Filipino Consulate**

Fort Lauderdale

954-729-6647

[www.philippineconsulateofsouthflorida.com](http://www.philippineconsulateofsouthflorida.com)

*Services: Assists Filipino victims of trafficking in south Florida; files reports with the Department of Homeland Security and the Florida Office of the Attorney General, serves as a direct liaison with the Government of the Philippines, and provides referrals to organizations that assist victims of human trafficking.*

**Kristi House**

Miami

Project Gold

305-547-6800

[www.kristihouse.org](http://www.kristihouse.org)

*Services: Housing and case management for minors to include therapy (has highly specialized multidisciplinary team that addresses sex abuse); Project Gold focuses on the needs of child victims of sex trafficking between the ages of 11-18 (both domestic and foreign-born).*

**International Rescue Committee**

Miami

305-640-9881

[www.theirc.org/us-program/us-miami-fl](http://www.theirc.org/us-program/us-miami-fl)

*Services: Case management for international children and adults victims of trafficking. IRC has a program for pre-certified victims and another for certified victims; both programs include assistance with counseling and mental health, cash assistance, and referrals for legal representation and housing.*

**Lutheran Services Florida**

Oakland Park  
954-486-44222

[www.lsfnet.org](http://www.lsfnet.org)

*Services: Provides services for international victims of human trafficking through funding from USCCB; assistance may include gift cards for food at Publix or Walt-mart; bus passes, paying for housing and teaching job seeking skills. The program is available for nine months.*

**Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services**

305-635-8953

[www.miamibridge.org](http://www.miamibridge.org)

*Services: Provides services for adolescents between the ages of 10-17; temporary shelter for 30 days; offers family counseling for up to four months; parenting classes and life skills program; serve both domestic and international victims of trafficking.*

**VIDA Legal Assistance, Inc.**

Miami

786-525-9178 or 786-247-0110

*Services: Provides and ensures that quality legal representation, and other necessary direct and indirect services, are available to economically disadvantaged immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, trafficking in persons, and other related violent crimes. VIDA stands for Voices for Immigrant Defense and Advocacy. VIDA was founded by experts in the field of legal representation for immigrant victims of violence and advocate for their rights.*

*More specifically, with respect to services for survivors of trafficking in persons, VIDA provides direct immigration legal representation; coordination of and referrals to other needed legal and social services; and prepares and conducts educational presentations for social and legal service providers, government agencies, law enforcement and the community at large.*

**Statewide**

**Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

Tallahassee  
850-425-2749

[www.fcadv.org](http://www.fcadv.org)

*FCADV provides technical assistance and support for the state’s 42 state certified domestic violence centers that provide an array of services to domestic violence survivors and their children as well as public awareness and other services to the public.*

**Florida Council Against Sexual Violence**

Tallahassee

850-297-2000

<http://www.fcasv.org/>

*FCASV serves as a resource to the state on sexual violence issues. It provides information, assistance and leadership on all aspects of sexual violence, including rape, child abuse, stalking and sexual harassment.*

**Florida Department of Children and Families, Refugee Services**

Tallahassee

850-488-3791

[www.dcf.state.fl.us/](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/)

*The Secretary of the Department co-chairs the Florida Statewide Taskforce on Human Trafficking. The Department offers an array of services to victims of trafficking through their Refugee Services Program.*

**Florida Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program**

Tallahassee

850-245-4455

[www.doh.state.fl.us/Family/svpp/index.html](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Family/svpp/index.html)

*The Sexual Violence Prevention Program supports activities such as primary prevention educational trainings to the general public; operation of hotlines; training programs for professionals; efforts to increase awareness in underserved communities and services to victims of sexual assault through contracted providers.*

**Florida Department of Law Enforcement**

Tallahassee

850-410-7000

<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Content/home.aspx>

*It provides services across the state. Along with the Headquarters in Tallahassee, they have 7 Regional Operations Centers located in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa Bay, Fort Myers and Miami. In addition, the Commissioner has been assigned as one of the co-chairs for the Florida Statewide Taskforce on Human Trafficking.*

## Anti-trafficking Task Forces, Coalitions and Points of Contact in Florida

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<p><b>Circuit 7 Human Trafficking Coalition</b>          Annette Pitts, Chair          386-882-6252  <a href="mailto:Annette_pitts@dcf.state.fl.us">Annette_pitts@dcf.state.fl.us</a></p> <p><i>Counties covered: St. Johns, Putnam, and Volusia</i></p>	<p><b>Clearwater/Tampa Bay Area Task Force on Human Trafficking</b>          Lt. George Koder, Task Force Commander          727-562-4492  <a href="mailto:george.koder@myclearwater.com">george.koder@myclearwater.com</a>  <a href="mailto:humantrafficking@myclearwater.com">humantrafficking@myclearwater.com</a>          Website: <a href="http://www.catfht.org/">http://www.catfht.org/</a></p> <p><i>Counties covered: Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco</i></p>
<p><b>Collier County Task Force</b>          Collier County Sheriff's Office          Charlie Frost, Chair          239-793-9475          Marisol Schloendorn, Co-Chair          239-793-9176  <a href="mailto:ccsohta@colliersheriff.net">ccsohta@colliersheriff.net</a></p> <p><b>Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking</b>          Kerri Hixson, Chair          239-252-2754  <a href="mailto:KHixson@CA.CJIS20.ORG">KHixson@CA.CJIS20.ORG</a>  <a href="http://www.ccaht.org/index.htm">http://www.ccaht.org/index.htm</a></p> <p><i>Counties covered: Collier</i></p>	<p><b>Human Trafficking Coalition of the Palm Beaches</b>          Susan E. Larson, Chairperson          561-837-5025 Ext.168  <a href="mailto:Susan.Larson@myfloridalegal.com">Susan.Larson@myfloridalegal.com</a></p> <p><i>Counties covered: Palm Beach County</i></p>
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## **Task Forces and Coalitions Background and Activities**

Human trafficking task forces and coalitions are extremely important to Florida's ability to address and respond to human trafficking. There are four Department of Justice (DOJ) funded task forces in Florida. They are located in Tampa/Clearwater, Homestead/Miami, Collier, and Lee Counties. Other task forces and coalitions such as those in Jacksonville, Gainesville, and Orlando operate without government funding or support. Human trafficking task forces and coalitions around the state vary widely in terms of participants, activities, and size.

These coordinating efforts represent the responses of caring and motivated individuals to their areas' needs in combating human trafficking. The work of each group varies and, again, reflects their locales. Most conduct outreach/awareness activities on human trafficking and coordinate services for victims in their areas. Those that include law enforcement agencies focus on ongoing human trafficking case investigations. Task force and coalition activities most often focus on raising public awareness and on educating key members of the community. They also raise funds to support their work and to assist victims of trafficking. Both the funded and unfunded task forces and coalitions depend heavily on volunteers. Individuals and organizations in Ocala, Sarasota, and Tallahassee have also begun initial efforts to create local task forces.

These task forces and coalitions respond similarly when asked about the value of having a local coordinated effort. These responses include being able to:

- raise awareness with the entire community,
- serve victims locally with coordinated services,
- coordinate services in advance of a human trafficking "raid,"
- mobilize local expertise on different issues which improves service provision to victims,
- collaborate with one another in sharing information and existing resources,
- conduct outreach to non-traditional and underserved victim groups,
- conduct victim-centered training for partners,

- have better coordination for trafficking prosecutions,
- help victims to access more services,
- identify gaps and duplication of services,
- bridge the gap between law enforcement and NGOs/service providers,
- raise community awareness of the indicators of human trafficking through the use of local, state, and national resources,
- assure that no one agency works in isolation and that there is support for referrals, advice, and assistance,
- learn about best practices and how to implement them within other agencies,
- access a wide range of professionals who can train and do awareness events at no cost, and
- immediately identify all local, state, and federal law enforcement contacts and service providers in case of a raid with multiple victims.

### **Alachua County Human Trafficking Task Force**

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The Alachua County Human Trafficking Task Force does not receive funding for its activities and therefore it relies on its members, organizations, and agencies in the area for support. It was established in 2007 and at the present time has 30 regular members and 100 on their list serve. Alachua is the only county that the task force covers but it is planning on expanding to Baker, Bradford, Union, Levy, and Gilchrist counties next year.

The first point of contact for this task force is Sherry Kitchens, Chair. The Task Force coordinates services with various organizations such as Three River Legal Services, Florida Rural Legal Services, Gainesville Harvest, Catholic Charities, and local churches. Among these different organizations, they are able to provide shelter, legal services, and case management for victims.

They rely solely on the collaboration from different groups within their area to accomplish their goals. For example, churches have assisted with temporary housing, and a member of one of

the churches also has allowed the use of his apartment complex for temporary housing. Other task force members have provided housing through local shelters and have also found long term housing with the help of the local housing authority.

They do outreach in the form of presentations and trainings to agencies and community groups. In addition, they are coordinating with the Body Shop to set up a table with information on trafficking. They are in the process of bringing the FDLE 40 hour special investigator training to the Gainesville area.

### **Broward Human Trafficking Coalition (BHTC)**

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BHTC was established in 2010 and is still in development. This Coalition works very closely with Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. It has members who represent various law enforcement entities (local, state, and federal), as well as NGOs. It does not receive government funding. It maintains an active "speakers bureau" that has presented in forums ranging from school based groups to emergency room nurses' associations. They have a committee focused solely on business and fair trade products, education, and awareness. They also work with a wide range of national and local service providers including the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Salvation Army, Lutheran Services, Women in Distress, PACE Center for Girls, Coast to Coast Legal Aid, and the local county health department and law enforcement. BHTC assists in coordinating efforts. Recently, they worked with the SENetwork to secure a grant for Broward County to work on an awareness campaign specifically targeting LGBT youth given their particular vulnerability. In terms of general outreach, BHTC speaks to different groups on the topic of human trafficking. In early 2010, BHTC worked with the BVRC (Broward County Victim Rights Coalition) to offer public presentations in conjunction with the FBI. The Coalition meets once every month and approximately 50 people attend their monthly meetings.

### **Circuit 7 (Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia County) Human Trafficking Coalition**

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This coalition started in January 2010 and it meets quarterly. It does not receive any funding from the government and therefore its awareness, outreach and other activities depend solely

on the efforts of its trained volunteer members. Individual members have conducted presentations to faith-based organizations, domestic violence centers, child advocacy centers, and law enforcement which have resulted in building relationships in the area. At this time, there are approximately 50 members who belong to agencies and organizations such as law enforcement, DCF, educational entities, and domestic violence and homeless shelters located in St. Johns, Putnam and Volusia counties. The Coalition is working with DCF to identify a person who will be responsible for leading the Coalition. The FBI or DCF have been identified as the first points of contact when a new case arises. This coalition has reached out to the Northeast Task Force for victim assistance from service providers in the Jacksonville area when necessary.

### **Clearwater/Tampa Bay Area Task Force on Human Trafficking**

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The Clearwater Task Force is funded by DOJ and was established in 2006. They have been recognized as a model task force throughout Florida and nationally. Their main emphasis is for law enforcement and service providers to work together to cover all aspects of human trafficking. The Task Force members have conducted “immersion training,” to assist other task forces around the country. In these sessions, a less well performing task force is paired with the higher achieving task forces from around the U.S. for a five-day training.

The major partners in the task force are World Relief, Salvation Army, Gulf Coast Legal Services, and the Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI), but they also work with various other government agencies and NGO partners in the area. Together they conduct awareness-raising activities at churches and rotary clubs, and they coordinate services for victims. They use materials from HHS and also use materials in Spanish to increase awareness within the Hispanic community. For National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, they conduct presentations in three different counties and have a 5K walk that takes place in the fall.

Meetings are open to the public. They are required to meet at least quarterly and have approximately 75 participants at these meetings. Groups such as the Soroptimist and Zonta have participated at their meetings and are very active in delivering presentations on human

trafficking to various community groups. In addition, the Regional Community Policing Institute has developed materials for volunteers, as the Task Force relies on various volunteer groups to assist with awareness activities. A “speakers’ bureau” has formed to assist the Task Force in its awareness initiatives in the area.

Since 2006, the task force has worked with 17 human trafficking victims, leading to 52 arrests and 21 convictions of traffickers. They worked with one case in Hillsborough County involving a disabled domestic minor, and have participated with active investigations into labor, and domestic and international sex trafficking cases, all involving adults.

### **Collier County Task Force**

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The Task Force is funded by DOJ and was established in 2004. Its members include the Collier County Sheriff’s Office, FBI, ICE, U.S. Attorney’s Office and the Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking. This Coalition includes all the service providers and community members that aid victims of trafficking. The Task Force conducts targeted community outreach, presentations, training programs, and walks. These presentations have been conducted for a wide array of community leaders and groups. They have distributed information to agriculture workers in English and Spanish from November through May every year.

The Task Force also helps with investigative trainings with state agencies. One of the new trainings that has been developed is for crew leaders (supervisors leading a group of workers). The University of Florida has a certificate program for crew leaders and has allowed the Task Force to incorporate human trafficking information into its curriculum. Members and participating agencies include women’s shelters, Catholic Charities, Collier Health Services, Salvation Army, Grace Place for Children and Families, Collier County Homeless and Hunger Coalition, Florida Freedom Partnership, the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (FIAC), the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), and San Matthew House (which provides temporary housing, clothing and food).

Out of the many cases the Task Force has been involved with, three were investigated and prosecuted as human trafficking cases at the federal level. They see mainly labor trafficking of adult males, but have had a few female minor sex trafficking cases as well. The Task Force does not have meetings as do other task forces but the Coalition and the Sheriff's Office meet every month to discuss outreach activities. The Coalition coordinates fund raising and accepts donations to conduct their outreach.

### **Human Trafficking Coalition of the Palm Beaches**

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This Coalition was established in 2005. They participate in community health fairs and other community/coalition events that help display information on human trafficking. They also target certain areas in Palm Beach County, (e.g. the Belle Glade area, Boynton Beach area, etc.) for human trafficking public awareness efforts. Outreach materials are in Creole, English, and Spanish. The Coalition provides free presentations and handouts on trafficking to a wide array of social services, health care organizations, law enforcement, non-governmental organizations, community leaders, business organizations, and religious and community groups.

As a voluntary coalition, they depend on private funding. Their members include local and federal law enforcement, state attorneys, Department of Health, Department of Education, emergency personnel, non-governmental agencies, and concerned citizens. They are exploring the possibility of becoming a 501(c)(3) organization. They are developing a protocol in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Emergency Services to assist the FBI when it conducts anti-trafficking raids and needs to house and care for multiple victims. The Coalition also is working on a Human Trafficking Protocol with Palm Beach County in order to find specific housing for victims.

The Coalition meets once a month for two hours as a general group. They also have a "Core Group" that meets once a month before the general meeting. Their training committee and the Core Group members are in regular contact. The Core Group has nine members and the general group meeting usually has about 25-30 attendees. Their e-mail list is extensive, and

they have agencies and individuals who sign up for e-mail updates and meeting minutes. When they provide presentations to the community, they have a “Join Us” form that they use for those who may be interested in joining the Coalition or who just want monthly updates. The updates include articles on human trafficking, educational opportunities, and any other pertinent information.

### **Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force**

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Lee County has a task force that has been funded by DOJ since 2005. The Task Force mainly coordinates law enforcement efforts to investigate human trafficking cases. They also have a coalition that is open to the public and was formed for organizations to share information about their resources and opportunities for training and outreach. Both the Task Force and Coalition work jointly to combat human trafficking and coordinate services.

Training is offered by members of the Task Force. The Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships does work to raise public awareness about human trafficking. This involves workshops and conferences in the Lee County area. An estimated 40 human trafficking cases of domestic and foreign nationals have been reported within the past year. The domestic cases reported have been sex-trafficking and the foreign cases have involved labor and sex trafficking.

Lee County Sheriff’s Office and federal law enforcement are the first to be contacted if a human trafficking case is suspected. Both agencies refer cases to Catholic Charities for services and both entities coordinate with partner organizations to provide services for pre-certified and certified victims. Services are coordinated with agencies and organizations such as the Amigos Center, FIAC, Florida Rural Legal Services, Ave Maria Law School, various shelters in the area, Lee County School system, Florida Gulf Coast University, and faith-based organizations.

The Task Force currently meets once a month, with approximately 10 attendees. This is separate from the Lee County Trafficking Coalition. The Coalition meets every few months and 25 to 50 Coalition members typically attend.

### **Marion County Task Force**

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The Marion County Task Force was formed in the summer of 2010. It was formed of community partners such as Ocala Police Department the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Children's Advocacy Center, Kimberly's Cottage, Department of Children and Families, Legal Services, Domestic Violence Shelter, Health Department, Guardian ad Litem and State Attorney's Office. At this time quarterly meetings are taking place with an attendance of approximately 10-20 members. The Task Force conducts community awareness trainings periodically using materials produced by USCIS and US Department of Health and Human Services. The Department of Children and Families has estimated a total of eleven cases in the area and the Ocala Police Department and Marion County Sheriff's Office have been investigating two cases one of which is a labor trafficking case. First responders on their cases have been DCF and law enforcement.

### **North East Florida Human Trafficking Task Force**

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The Task Force was established in 2005 and in 2007 they received funding from FCAHT to develop an outreach strategy and materials. They rely on the task force members to conduct outreach and assist in their activities. They currently have a \$6,000 budget thanks to funds raised by the October 2009 SCTNow awareness walk.

This task force conducts a range of public awareness activities including Awareness Walks, College and Social Service Fairs, Human Trafficking Awareness Day events, website creation and promotion, engagement in social media, speaking events (to churches, mothers' groups, professional agencies, etc.), press conference and releases, email campaigns, radio shows and concerts. They also have partnered with the Body Shop to do awareness campaigns at a local mall. They have participated in and conducted trainings for law enforcement, social services, government agencies, and the community since 2007.

The local anti-trafficking organization World Relief has a partnership with USCCB to provide funds for victim services to international human trafficking victims. Domestic minor victims

who are not reunited with family receive all services through DCF service providers. The Task Force helps to coordinate services for victims of trafficking and is developing a protocol to assist victims in the future.

In their area, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) and FBI work together to investigate cases, and both offices have full-time victim advocates. The FBI victim advocate handles case management for victims and World Relief Jacksonville also has funds available to assist international victims. DCF, other social service agencies, and some medical professionals have received training on identifying victims. Housing for victims is arranged as needed by the victim advocate or case manager. It is common for female victims to be placed in a domestic violence shelter, depending on the victim's needs and security requirements. The Task Force has been discussing the need for emergency shelter and long term housing for victims of trafficking.

The Task Force meets monthly and every quarter conducts a community meeting. About 25 people attend the committee meetings and up to 50 attend the Report to the Community meetings held every quarter. They also communicate via email to over 300 people.

### **Orlando Human Trafficking Coalition**

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The Orlando community is served by a human trafficking coalition that is not funded by the federal government but which assists law enforcement by providing victim care and furthermore connects a variety of Orlando service providers. One of the primary points of contact for victim services is the Catholic Diocese of Orlando, operating through its Catholic Charities Office. Catholic Charities has assisted with numerous human trafficking cases in the area. It currently has two different missions on human trafficking: one is to conduct education and awareness activities and the other is to provide direct services to pre-certified and certified victims. These services can include providing gift cards, assisting with rent, utilities, and job placement, applying for benefits once victims are certified, and representing victims on their immigration cases. Catholic Charities works in close collaboration with other Orlando service providers, including Harbor House, Covenant House, private doctors and counselors, and the

Salvation Army. They have multi-language capabilities within their institution to facilitate communication with international victims.

Orlando is also served by the Orlando Rescue and Restore Coalition, which was founded by the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking (FCAHT) in 2007. Since its inception, the Rescue and Restore Coalition has grown to over 40 agencies, including FDLE, DCF, and the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation. During 2010 the Super Bowl in Miami, FCAHT partnered with the Klaas Kids Foundation and the Miami-Dade Police Department to do street outreach to potential domestic minor sex trafficking victims, and worked to engage the local business community in their efforts. FCAHT outreach efforts are evolving and on-going, and include HHS poster campaigns, sponsorship of an annual march to raise trafficking awareness, extensive community presentations, and maintaining trafficking information on the [www.stophumantrafficking.org](http://www.stophumantrafficking.org) website. FCAHT currently spearheads a Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Subcommittee and a Stop Child Labor Trafficking Subcommittee in the Orlando area.

The Orlando coalition has identified a number of victims of human trafficking (the majority of whom are exploited for labor trafficking cases and are both domestic and international males).

### **South Florida Human Trafficking Task Force**

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This task force was established in 2007; it is funded by DOJ and also receives additional operational support such as personnel and office space from DHS. The Task Force is primarily law enforcement focused, covering both labor and sex trafficking of international victims. Members give presentations throughout Miami-Dade and Broward Counties on trafficking to community organizations and law enforcement officers. They do these presentations at the request of local organizations and law enforcement agencies. They distribute DOJ public awareness materials. The Task Force does not provide direct services. Instead, they are the first point of contact when cases arise and have an unwritten agreement with local NGOs to provide law enforcement related services. Their main service provider partners are FIAC, FCAHT and the Florida Freedom Partnership.

They meet monthly or weekly with other law enforcement (depending on the status of ongoing cases), and quarterly with all of the partners (law enforcement and service providers). ICE has appropriated funding for investigations, and DOJ funding goes to support the local law enforcement personnel in their overtime, travel and outreach activities.

### **Treasure Coast Human Trafficking Coalition**

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This Coalition began in June 2009 and it covers Martin, Okeechobee, Indian River, St. Lucie, and Highlands counties. The Coalition is divided into law enforcement, community awareness, and social services subcommittees. The main focus of their work is community awareness that is carried out by volunteers and assisted by donations. For instance, Crime Stoppers has provided funding to buy business cards, create a coalition logo, bookmarks, and a banner. These materials include the Crime Stoppers number and have a list of service providers to contact. The Clearwater Task Force has mentored and assisted their efforts. They have conducted or participated in trainings for law enforcement, DCF, and the Attorney General's office. Their partners include Crime Stoppers, the St. Lucie Sheriff's Office, Salvation Army, domestic violence shelters, DCF, and FIAC. Law enforcement or DCF (if the case involves a minor) have been assigned as the first contacts if a case arises.

There is a quarterly meeting for all members of the Coalition and the advisory board meets every two months. Subcommittees meet every few months.

### **Florida Faith-based Initiatives**

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Leaders of all nine Catholic dioceses in the state of Florida will be receiving training this year so that they can train members of their own dioceses and communities using a standardized curriculum on human trafficking. These trainings will be conducted in local parishes and will emphasize how Florida's Catholic community can both report human trafficking and also assist with victim care throughout the state.