



North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission

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CREATION OF THE COMMISSION:

- Created in 2012 by the NC General Assembly as a *temporary* commission housed with the NC Department of Justice
- Reformed in 2013 as a *permanent* commission with specified appointments
- Operated without funding until 2017 when a position was hired through grant funding
- Relocated to the NC Administrative Office of the Courts in 2018
- Appropriated \$250k recurring operating funds in Nov. 2021

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STATUTORY CHARGES

1. To **receive funding** on behalf of the State to **examine and combat** human trafficking;
2. To **commission, fund, and facilitate quantitative and qualitative research** and to **create measurement, assessment, and accountability mechanisms**;
3. To **inform and educate** law enforcement personnel, social services providers, and the general public;
4. To suggest – and provide assistance and review – with **new policies, procedures, or legislation**;
5. To develop **regional response teams**; and
6. To **identify gaps** in law enforcement or service provision and **recommend solutions**.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143A-55.10 (2013)

Human Trafficking Commission - Members

Appointed by the Governor:

Maggie Brewer, Chair of the NC HTC, NC Department of Corrections, Chief Deputy Secretary, *Department of Public Safety Designee*

Kindl Detar, NC DOJ, *Department of Justice Designee*

Jennifer Haigwood, Department of Labor, *Commissioner of Labor's Designee*

Dr. Corinna Myers, Family Physician, Atrium Health Cabarrus Family Medicine, *Health Care Representative Designee*

Appointed by the Senate:

William M. Nichols, Ret. Major NC State Highway Patrol, *County Sheriff's Department Designee*

LT. Jordan Reese, Gaston County Police Department, *City or Town Police Designee*

Caitlin Ryland, Legal Aid of North Carolina, *Legal Aid of North Carolina Designee*

Caitlin Brooks, Attorney, *Public at Large Designee*

Appointed by the Speaker:

The NC Coalition Against Human Trafficking, N.C. Coalition Against Human Trafficking Designee

Tina Pennington, Beloved Haven Executive Director, *Faith-Based or Benefits Organization Designee*

William R. West, Jr., Cumberland County District Attorney, *District Attorney Designee*

Deana Joy, N.C. Child Advocacy Centers, *Public at Large Designee*

Judicial Branch Seats:

Judge Amanda Wilson, N.C. Association of District Court Judges, *Chief Judge for District Court 21 Designee*

Judge Claire Hill, Superior Court Judge 14, *NC Conference of Superior Court Judges Designee*

Amy Auth, Director of Legislative Affairs, *NC Administrative Office of the Courts Designee*

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ASHLEY TAUSCHER – COURT MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

- VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT PROGRAM
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
- RENEWED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2025

KEY SUCCESSES OF THIS POSITION:

- TRAININGS CONDUCTED ACROSS VARIOUS FIELDS AND DISCIPLINES
- CONTRACTED WITH NIKI MILLER TO UPDATE THE HTC'S RESOURCE DIRECTORY
- CONTRACTED WITH EXPERT LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNER, RICK HOFFMAN
- DEVELOPS MATERIALS REQUESTED BY PROFESSIONALS (NC DPI IS MOST RECENT)
- FACILITATE AND ASSIST WITH ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE EFFORTS, PROJECTS AND TRAININGS

Training and Technical Assistance

- Conduct training
- Provide Technical Assistance to Agencies
- Develops Materials Requested by Professionals
- Edits and Reviews Materials
- Case consultation with professionals, as needed
- Held statewide conferences, as funding was available
- Resource Library with materials, videos, etc.



Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training

- Nov. 2023 IPC Training in Wake County
- April IPC Training in Johnston County
- June IPC Training in Robeson County
- September IPC Training in Vance-Granville County
- Upcoming December IPC Training



*September 3-4th IPC Training; Vance-Granville Community College.
Photo Courtesy of Ashley Tauscher, NC HTC, 9/4/2024.*

North Carolina Housing and Finance Agency

2025 Supportive Housing Safe (SH-Safe) Program

- Funding for 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations the acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of developments serving victims and survivors of human trafficking
- Applicants must currently serve survivors/victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, or sexual assault. SH-Safe eligible properties must serve adults or children that are victims/survivors of human trafficking.
- The SH-Safe Guidelines and Instructions, Project Description and Site Visit request form, and additional application information can be found on the [agency website](#).
- If you have questions or would like to meet with supportive housing staff to discuss a potential project, please contact SHDevelopment@nchfa.com

An Initial Focus

The NC Human Trafficking Commission works with the National Human Trafficking Resource Center regarding how calls and tips are routed, and which agencies are listed as referral sources.

NHTRC
1-888-373-7888

NATIONAL
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
RESOURCE CENTER

MANDATORY HOTLINE POSTING



- Job centers
- Transportation stations, rest areas, and welcome centers
- Emergency rooms/emergency departments
- Establishments permitted by ABC Commission
- Adult establishments
- “Public nuisance” establishments

North Carolina Resource Directory

State Government Agency Human Trafficking Projects	+
State Level Nonprofit Coalitions	+
Regional Response Teams (RRTs)	+
Local Level Task Forces	+
Local Level Coalitions	+
NGOs Providing Services to Human Trafficking Populations	+
Emergency Shelter Beds for Human Trafficking	+
Farmworker and Migrant Outreach	+
Local Government Led Efforts / Projects	+
University Projects and/or Research / Academia	+
National Hotline Numbers	+
Additional Resource Guide Links	+

Non-Profit Tiers

The Tier Ratings in this directory refer to an organization's self-identified specification on human trafficking from the Polaris Project. The tiers do not refer to quality or preference but only to the organization's focus on trafficking. Tiers 1 through 4 indicate the following level of specification:

Tier 1: The organization's **primary focus and/or mission** is human trafficking.

Tier 2: Human trafficking is **part** of the organization's focus, but they also focus on other populations, and they have a specific human trafficking project or staff person dedicated to human trafficking.

Tier 3: The organization's focus and mission are **not focused specifically** on human trafficking, but their mission is focused on other high-risk populations or victim services, and has no specific human trafficking project or dedicated staff.

Tier 4: The organization is a **general social services organization** that is part of the anti-human trafficking effort by accepting referrals, attending training, etc.

Standards for Direct Service Providers

KEY SECTIONS:

- Foundational Standards
- Specialized Standards, by Service
 - 24/7 Hotline
 - Crisis / Emergency Response
 - Case Management / Victim Advocacy
 - Survivor Peer Support
 - Shelter Housing
- More Specialized Service Standards to come in the next revision!



Standard 10: Media and Publicity The organization practices and encourages responsible media coverage and publicity on human trafficking.	
Exceeds Standard	The organization includes information about responsible reporting in replies to media inquiries, provides media with original or credited photos or illustrations that do not stereotype or misrepresent the issue of trafficking, educates reporters about responsible reporting and tips for interviewing survivors, and acts proactively to prepare media response when major events happen. The organization provides access to media training for those who participate in interviews or presentations.
Meets Standard	The organization's website includes basic, factual information about trafficking, as well as links to related resources, for the purpose of informing responsible reporting. victims / survivors are not included or depicted in media contacts without informed consent and support. The organization has protocols for responding to media inquiries.
Does Not Meet Standard	The organization shares inaccurate, stereotypical, or sensationalized information or images with the media; does not refer the media to anti-trafficking organizations that are better able to respond; and / or involves victims / survivors without consent, preparation, or support. The organization exerts influence to encourage victims / survivors to share their stories, be present for events, or represent the interests of the organization to the public or supporters. The organization does not have protocols to provide support for victims / survivors who do share their stories.

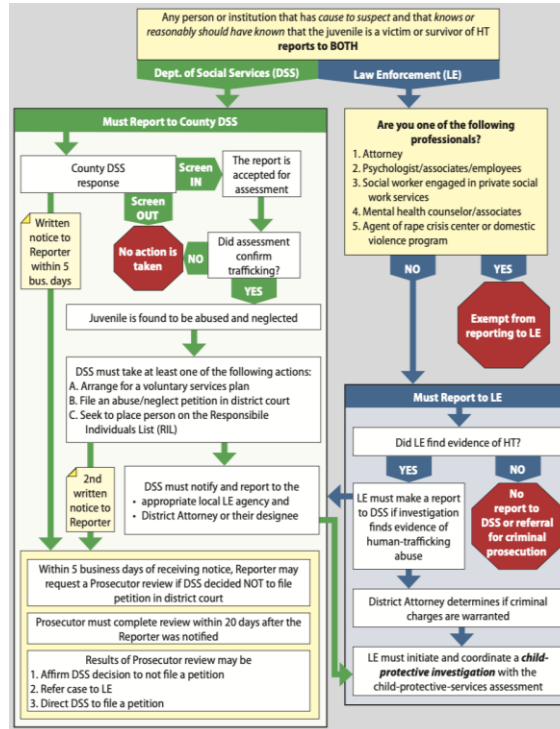
Mandatory Reporting Toolkit

Human Trafficking
Mandated Reporting and Agency Response

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Public Awareness Campaigns and Activities



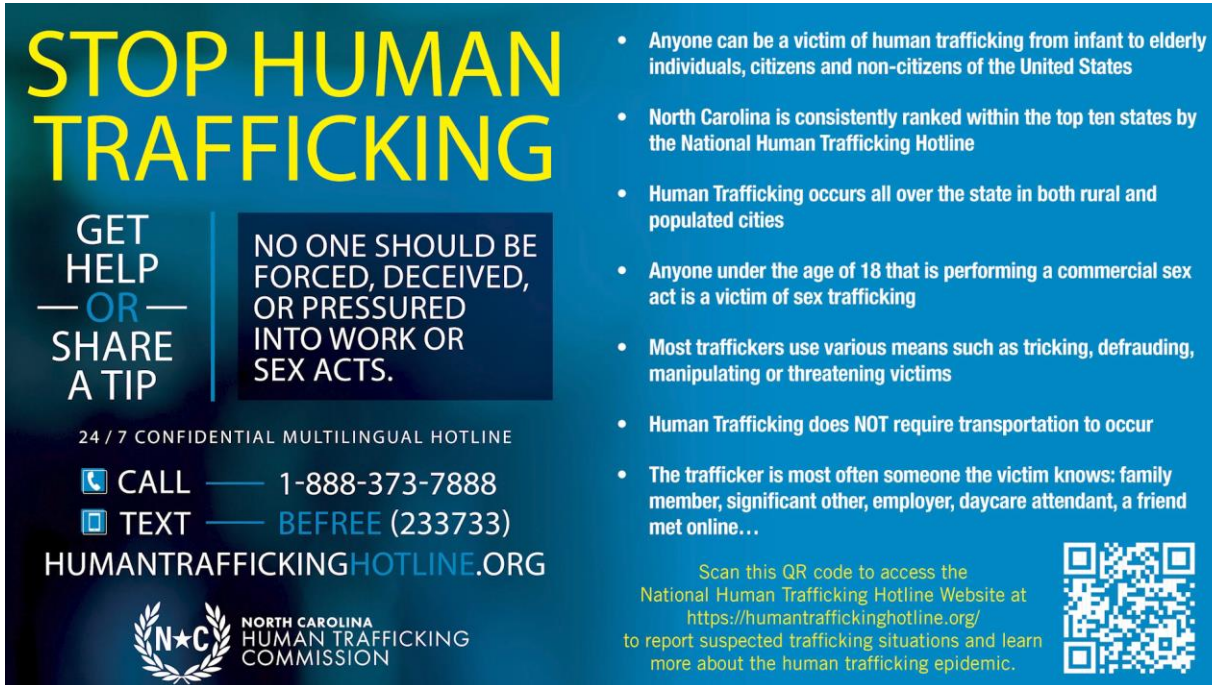
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Aprenda sobre la trata en el campo

SPEAK UP NC.ORG



Public Awareness Campaigns and Activities



STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

GET HELP — OR — SHARE A TIP

NO ONE SHOULD BE FORCED, DECEIVED, OR PRESSURED INTO WORK OR SEX ACTS.

24 / 7 CONFIDENTIAL MULTILINGUAL HOTLINE


CALL — 1-888-373-7888

TEXT — BEFREE (233733)

HUMANTRAFFICKINGHOTLINE.ORG

- Anyone can be a victim of human trafficking from infant to elderly individuals, citizens and non-citizens of the United States
- North Carolina is consistently ranked within the top ten states by the National Human Trafficking Hotline
- Human Trafficking occurs all over the state in both rural and populated cities
- Anyone under the age of 18 that is performing a commercial sex act is a victim of sex trafficking
- Most traffickers use various means such as tricking, defrauding, manipulating or threatening victims
- Human Trafficking does NOT require transportation to occur
- The trafficker is most often someone the victim knows: family member, significant other, employer, daycare attendant, a friend met online...

Scan this QR code to access the National Human Trafficking Hotline Website at <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/> to report suspected trafficking situations and learn more about the human trafficking epidemic.



Carolina Cinemas Collaboration, May 2024

Human Trafficking Commission Grants

The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (HTC) was designated under **SB 105 in the 2021-2023 biennium budget** to award and administer funds to organizations within the state that serve victims and survivors of human trafficking. The HTC activated an Appropriation Committee for the purposes of overseeing the grant program development and process. View the original text from **pages 356-363 of the State Budget**.

HTC Appropriation Committee:

The Appropriation Committee held their initial meeting on Monday, January 24, and on February 7. Minutes and slides presented at the meetings can be found under the [Commission's meetings and minutes](#).

Human Trafficking Commission Grants (Nov. 2021)

- **Section 16.20 (A)**: Grants for Nonprofit Organizations Providing Services to Victims of Human Trafficking
- **Section 16.20 (B)**: Grants to Develop, Strengthen, or Expand Human Trafficking Victim Service Programs
- **Section 16.21**: Competitive Grants for Nonprofit Organizations Providing Services to Victims of Human Trafficking
- **Section 16.22**: Facility Improvement Grants for Organizations that Provide Services to Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- **Section 16.23**: Economic Assistance Funds for Organizations that Provide Services to Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Over 250 grant agreements have been issued to obligate these funds!

Public Commission Meetings

Committee meetings are open to the public virtually and public notice will be posted on the [HTC website](#) prior, as well as on the [N.C. Secretary of State public meetings calendar](#).

- **Upcoming meetings: October 24th, 2024, and December 12, 2024.**

2024

December 12, 2024

General Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

N.C. Judicial Center, Dogwood and Magnolia Rooms, Raleigh

[Via Webex](#)

October 24, 2024

General Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

N.C. Judicial Center, Hickory Boardroom, Raleigh

[Via Webex](#)

August 22, 2024

General Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

N.C. Judicial Center, Hickory Boardroom, Raleigh

[Via Webex](#)

Projects

- NC DOL Hotel & Lodging Training
- NC DHHS Child Welfare Training
- Development of a grants management system
- Applying for GCC grant renewal to maintain the Courts Management Specialist
- National, Regional, and State representation and networking
- HTC looks forward to working with the new NCCAHT liaison over the next 2 years!



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