

Who We Are

The St. Louis Rescue and Restore Coalition is a group of organizations, service providers, and community members whose mission is to increase the identification of foreign national victims of human trafficking and to build a community movement to respond to all forms of human trafficking through public awareness, training, and outreach strategies.

By educating the community, we hope the individuals who are most likely to encounter victims will be able to *look beneath the surface* by recognizing indicators and asking the right questions in order to assist victims of human trafficking.

We take a human rights approach to the issue of human trafficking which ‘focuses on the situation, needs, and rights of trafficked persons; respects individual autonomy and rights; is empowering and non-judgmental; and connects the rights of the individual to prosecution of traffickers.’ (Freedom Network USA)

All forms of human trafficking are a violation of a person’s inherent human rights.

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How you can help

Learn about the issue and teach others

- ⇒ Host a presentation by the St. Louis Rescue and Restore Coalition.
- ⇒ Become familiar with the NHTRC Resource Library.
www.traffickingresourcecenter.org
- ⇒ Join or partner with the Coalition to get involved in local anti-trafficking efforts

Become a conscientious consumer

- ⇒ Buy second hand products including refurbished electronics.
- ⇒ Research how your favorite brands are monitoring their supply chains and choose brands with good human rights records.

Support organizations fighting human trafficking and providing services to victims.



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Look Beneath the Surface:
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look like many of the
people you see every day.

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to look for?

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What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is the exploitation of an individual for the purpose of forced labor or commercial sex. Victims are entitled to protection and services in the United States no matter their immigration status.

Federal Definitions

Labor Trafficking: Using force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain a person for labor or services in involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Sex Trafficking: Commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act is under the age of 18.

What might human trafficking look like?

- * Under the age of 18 and performing commercial sex acts
- * Poor working and living conditions
- * Person is not in control of their own money or identification documents
- * Person owes an overwhelming and/or increasing debt
- * Person is unable to move about freely and come and go as they wish
- * Person is being threatened and intimidated
- * Receives little or no pay for their work
- * High security measures exist where the person lives and/or works
- * Person is not allowed to speak for themselves
- * Nonverbal cues: person is fearful, anxious, hyper vigilant, overly submissive, or depressed
- * Signs of malnourishment, physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, or exposure to harmful chemicals
- * Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and discrepancies in their story

If you see something suspicious like the indicators above, make a report to the 24-hour National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline

1-888-3737-888

Service Provision

The International Institute of St. Louis is able to provide directly or through a partner agency the following services:

- Screening
- Advocacy and Legal Assistance
- Comprehensive Case Management
- Crisis Intervention
- Safety Planning
- Mental & Medical Health Assistance
- Education
- Employment Assistance
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Housing Assistance
- Financial Assistance
- Interpreter and Translator Assistance
- Family Reunification Assistance
- Transportation Assistance

These services can be offered on a short term basis to assist an individual in the direct aftermath of their exploitation.

