



— Montgomery County, MD —  
**HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
TASK FORCE**

## 2016-2017 Resource Guide

The Victim Services Subcommittee of the Montgomery County Human Trafficking Task Force has compiled a resource directory to assist government agencies, providers, and members of the public in serving survivors of trafficking. The following directory is a list of organizations and agencies that are actively involved in either victim services or public awareness activities to address human trafficking in Montgomery County.

For more information on the Montgomery County Human Trafficking Task Force please call: (240) 777-8300

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**Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Abused Persons Program/Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program**  
1301 Piccard Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850  
240.777.1355  
[www.vasap.org](http://www.vasap.org)

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**Abused Persons Program:** The program provides crisis and ongoing counseling, shelter, support, and advocacy services to victims of partner-related domestic abuse (domestic violence) and their families. Customers in need may also access services via the county's Crisis Center.

**Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program:** The Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP) assists victims of crimes such as, rape/sexual assault, human trafficking, homicide, driving while intoxicated, carjacking, torture, hate crimes, arson, larceny, robbery, auto theft, and vandalism. The program provides information and referral, advocacy, crisis and ongoing counseling, support, and compensation services for victims of crimes committed in Montgomery County or crime victims who live in Montgomery County. Assistance is also provided to the victims' families and significant others. Staff also works to educate the public about issues related to sexual assault and rape, human trafficking, and labor servitude in addition to other issues. Speakers are available to participate in meetings and forums geared to public education.

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### Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

#### Child Sexual Abuse and Fatalities Investigations

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The mission of the department is to: protect children, preserve families, strengthen communities, ensure permanency and well-being for every abused and neglected child in Montgomery County

## **Adventist Behavioral Health**

**Forensic Medical Unit located at Shady Grove Medical Center**  
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The Forensic Medical Unit, located at Shady Grove Medical Center is dedicated to providing confidential care to men, women, children and families who are victims of sexual assault, abuse, neglect and human trafficking with a continuum of specialized services. Through community partnerships, the Forensic Medical Unit raises awareness, provides services and educates community members about physical and sexual violence.

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## **Ayuda**

6925B Willow Street NW  
Washington, DC 20012  
[www.ayuda.com](http://www.ayuda.com)

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Ayuda is the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area's leading provider of multilingual legal and social services assistance for low-income immigrants in the areas of human trafficking, immigration, domestic violence, and family law. Ayuda's human trafficking program offers comprehensive case management and legal representation to any foreign-born persons trafficked for the purpose of forced labor or commercial sex who reside in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Ayuda assists trafficking survivors to secure basic needs, including housing, food, clothing, access to medical and mental health services, and connecting to community resources. Services include:

1. Legal and social services for human trafficking survivors in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia.
2. Immigration consultations (call for days/times/fees if any).
3. Community presentations and trainings for service providers and community members.

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## **Montgomery County Human Trafficking Task Force**

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In 2014 County Executive Ike Leggett created the Montgomery County Human Trafficking Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to increase understanding of the issue in Montgomery County and to develop interagency coordination of strategies for response and prevention. Overarching goals include:

1. Increasing the identification and prosecution of all parties supporting the organized crime of human trafficking to include traffickers, suppliers, transporters, advertisers, and demand elements.
2. Elimination of human trafficking and
3. Improving identification of and services for human trafficking victims

## Montgomery County Police Department, Vice and Intelligence Unit

Sargent David Papalia

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The Vice and Intelligence Unit handles intelligence gathering for the department and is responsible for identifying threats to our community. Two investigators are assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) to investigate both international and domestic terrorism. The unit also investigates all gambling, prostitution and human trafficking cases.

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## University of Maryland Support, Advocacy, Freedom, and Empowerment Center for Survivors of Human Trafficking (SAFE) Center

5245 Greenbelt Rd. Box 107

College Park, MD 20740

[umdsafecenter.org](http://umdsafecenter.org)

301-314-7233 (SAFE)

[safecenter@umd.edu](mailto:safecenter@umd.edu)

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The University of Maryland SAFE Center's mission is to provide survivor-centered and trauma-informed legal, social, and economic empowerment services to domestic and foreign national survivors of all forms of human trafficking. The SAFE Center also aims to help prevent trafficking and better serve survivors by contributing to research and policy development in this field, and by collaboratively engaging in state and local legislative advocacy efforts. The Center is initially focused on Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, with a longer term focus on the state of Maryland, but we will serve survivors of human trafficking from any location.

The SAFE Center is an initiative of the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, College Park through its formal collaborative program for innovation, University of Maryland: MPowering the State.

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## FAIR Girls

24-Hour Crisis Line: 1-855-900-3247

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

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1. **Case Management & Crisis Response (Prince George's County & Washington, DC):** FAIR Girls provides crisis intervention, court advocacy, and comprehensive case management services to domestic and foreign-born sex and labor trafficked youth, who identify as a female, and are between the ages of 10 and 27.

2. **Prevention Education (Maryland):** Tell Your Friends (TYF) is a four module, multimedia prevention education curriculum taught in middle and high school classrooms, after-school programs, youth shelters, and group homes.. TYF is an interactive, age-appropriate curriculum for adolescents and young adults that defines human trafficking, identifies risk factors teens & young adults may face, discusses healthy and

unhealthy relationships, and provides students with a locally-based resource guide that may be used to contact FAIR Girls and a variety low-barrier support services.

**3. Transitional Housing (Washington, DC):** FAIR Girls Vida Home transitional housing for adult survivors of human trafficking who identify as female. Survivors can stay up to 90 days, and are connected with intensive case management, therapeutic services, and life-skills workshops.

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## **Federal Bureau of Investigation, Victim Assistance Program**

**Barbara Gaskins-Wallace, Victim Specialist**

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**410.277.6644**

The mission of the Office for Victim Assistance (OVA) is to ensure victims of crime investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are afforded the opportunity to receive services and notifications as required by the law, and which will improve their ability to cope with the impact of the crime. Your Victim Specialist can also refer you to other types of programs and services, such as emergency housing, counseling, medical assistance, support groups, and credit counseling. At your request, the FBI can notify your employer and/or creditor for you, if your victimization causes you to be absent from work or affects your ability to make timely payments to creditors. The Victim Specialist will serve as the point of contact between you and the FBI.

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## **Maryland Department of Human Resources**

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources receives all reports of child sex trafficking and has partnered in a five year grant with the University of Maryland to address human trafficking in Maryland. All Child Welfare staff will be trained in identifying and appropriately responding to sex trafficked victims as part of their mandatory core training. Screening of all youth both in out-of-home placement as well as those receiving in-home services will be screened through the use of the CANS and CANS-F to identify youth who may be at risk of trafficking. Youth identified as at risk will receive further screening as well as appropriate prevention services. DHR currently has identified two providers (Arrow Project and Children's Home) who are able to provide diagnostic placement services for youth who are referred as trafficking victims. There are two years left of funding available.

## **Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF)**

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

The Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office makes it a priority to combat human trafficking. The U.S. Attorney's Office's goal is to work with state, federal, and private agencies to discover and rescue victims of human trafficking while identifying and prosecuting offenders.

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## **Homeland Security Investigations – Victim Assistance**

**Victim Specialist: Susan Ritter, Victim Specialist**

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**443.810.9230**

**[www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)**

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) investigates allegations of human trafficking of both foreign and United States born victims and works closely with other federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to further these investigations. HSI also maintains attaché offices in forty-seven countries which can be utilized to assist in the investigation of transnational criminal organizations involved in human trafficking. HSI recognizes that severe consequences of human trafficking continue even after the perpetrators have been arrested and held accountable. HSI's Victim Assistance Program helps coordinate services to help human trafficking victims, such as crisis intervention, counseling and emotional support both during and after the investigative process.

## **Kennedy Krieger Institute, The Center for Child and Family Traumatic Stress**

707 N Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21205

443.923.5980

[www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care-centers/traumatic-stress-center](http://www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care-centers/traumatic-stress-center)

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The Center for Child and Family Traumatic Stress is located at the Kennedy Krieger Institute Fairmount Campus and provides mental health evaluation and treatment services to children, adolescents, and families who experience or may be at-risk for trauma through physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and domestic and community violence.

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## **Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)**

1800 N. Charles Street, Suite 810, The Walbert Building, Baltimore, MD 21201

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KIND's mission is to ensure legal representation for unaccompanied minors in immigration proceedings. KIND provides direct representation of these children, as well as placement with pro bono attorneys. KIND focuses on immigration humanitarian remedies, including Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), asylum, T Visa (trafficking) and U Visa (crime victims).

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## **Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

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

The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault's (MCASA) mission is to help prevent sexual assault, advocate for accessible, compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence, and work to hold offenders accountable. MCASA works on the following areas that connect with anti-trafficking efforts in Maryland: public policy, education, community outreach, technical assistance, and legal services (see Sexual Assault Legal Institute).

## **Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Suicide and Violence Prevention Behavioral Health Administration**

**State Coordinator: Brandon Johnson,**  
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Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) serves as a liaison for victims of human trafficking to receive services from the Core Service Agencies across the state. BHA personnel are also available to provide specific mental health, substance related-disorder, and trauma-focused trainings and presentations to adults who serve young victims of human trafficking.

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### **Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence**

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Training and technical assistance on trauma-informed services, overlap of dating and trafficking, confidentiality, housing, referrals to domestic violence/sexual assault programs, and organizational readiness. MNADV also provides free workshops and conferences. For upcoming trainings, events, activities, and initiatives, visit [mnadv.org](http://mnadv.org).

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### **Sexual Assault Legal Institute**

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301.565.2277 / 877.496.SALI (toll free)

[www.mcasa.org](http://www.mcasa.org) (click on Legal Services - SALI under "For Survivors")

The Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) provides direct legal services for survivors of sexual assault and abuse, and legal training and technical assistance for rape crisis centers and other professionals working with survivors. SALI is a statewide program and serves both children and adults. It is part of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA). Available Resources include:

1. Legal services for survivors for any legal issue related to the sexual assault/abuse, including peace orders/protective orders, immigration (including U and T visas), employment, education, civil rights, family law, crime victim rights, and other matters.
2. Training and technical assistance for programs working with survivors, including presentations on civil legal needs of sexual assault survivors, sexual crimes and victim rights in the criminal justice system, and legal issues for sexual crimes victims who are under 18.
3. Input into MCASA's public policy advocacy, including advocating before the Maryland General Assembly.



## Tahirih Justice Center

**410.999.1900 Baltimore (those in need of legal representation and services should call on Tuesday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.)**

[www.tahirih.org/services/](http://www.tahirih.org/services/)

The Tahirih Justice Center works to protect immigrant women and girls from gender-based violence through legal services, advocacy, and public education programs. With an office located in Baltimore City, they provide free immigration legal services to women and girls who are foreign-born survivors of sex and labor trafficking and who reside throughout the state of Maryland.

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## University of Baltimore School of Law Human Trafficking Prevention Project

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The Human Trafficking Prevention Project is a new clinical program within the Civil Advocacy Clinic at the University of Baltimore School of Law. The HTPP focuses on reducing the collateral consequences of criminal justice involvement for survivors of human trafficking and those populations most vulnerable to exploitation. Student attorneys will represent survivors of sex trafficking seeking to vacate their prostitution convictions under Maryland's 2011 "vacating convictions" law, as well as provide representation for anyone with a history of involvement in the commercial sex industry in expungement and shielding cases under Maryland's recently enacted "Second Chance Act," which allows for the shielding of certain non-violent misdemeanor convictions. Services are free of charge and provided regardless of age, race, ethnicity, biological/assigned sex, immigration status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. HTPP offers the following services:

1. Legal services for individuals with histories of involvement in the commercial sex industry in vacating, expunging, or shielding prostitution and other related charges on their criminal records.
2. Training and technical assistance on the availability of post-conviction relief within the state of Maryland, as well as on working with survivors of trauma.
3. Input on state or federal legislation that impacts survivors of trafficking and those at greatest risk, with a focus on human rights and harm reduction principles.

## The Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative, University of Maryland School of Social Work

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The University of Maryland, School of Social Work (UMSSW), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR), has received funding from the Children's Bureau to address the issue of sex trafficking within the child welfare population. This 60-month project builds infrastructure capacity between state and local child welfare agencies and victim services providers to ensure that trafficked youth and children at risk of exploitation have access to an array of comprehensive, high-quality services. UMSSW serves as the lead agency responsible for project management and evaluation. The work of the Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative (CSTVI) focuses on three priorities:

1. Improving **victim identification** through implementation of a statewide screening tool to identify trafficked youth and children at high risk of exploitation;
2. Enhancing **victim response** through training and technical assistance equip child welfare professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively assist survivors; and
3. Ensuring every victim receives **comprehensive, trauma-informed care** by building capacity among service providers and targeting existing gaps in resources. For professionals and agencies working with children and young adults, CSTVI offers training and technical assistance on identification and response to child sex trafficking, as well as individual case consultation and specialized referrals. For more information or to request assistance, please contact the CSTVI staff listed above.

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## The Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.

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

The Women's Law Center was established in 1971 to promote justice and fairness for women. It advocates for the protection and expansion of women's legal rights through legal assistance to individuals and strategic initiatives to achieve systemic change. Available resources include:

1. The Trafficking Victims Post-Conviction Advocacy Project (TVPCAP) refers survivors of sex trafficking seeking to vacate prostitution convictions arising from having been trafficked to a panel of trained private attorneys to assist them with their vacatur cases.
2. The Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project (MEDOVI) provides free immigration legal service to Maryland residents who are foreign-born victims of domestic violence, human sex trafficking and/or sexual assault. *Contact: Suzanne Bailey, Esquire / Project Director at 410.396.3294 or via email at: [sbailey@wlcmd.org](mailto:sbailey@wlcmd.org) and Denise Lopez Robinson, Legal Advocate at 410.396.3294 or via email at: [drobinson@wlcmd.org](mailto:drobinson@wlcmd.org).*
3. The Protective Order Advocacy and Representation Project (POARP) assist victims in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Carroll County to obtain civil orders of protection against their abuser.

4. The Family Law Hotline provides basic information about Maryland family law to help callers understand their rights and legal options. The hotline is staffed by an attorney Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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## **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**

**699 Prince Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3175**

**24-hour call center: 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)  
Phone: 703-224-2150**

Established in 1984, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) is the leading nonprofit organization in the U.S. working with law enforcement, families, and the professionals who serve them on issues related to missing and sexually exploited children. As part of its Congressional authorization, NCMEC has created a unique public and private partnership to build a coordinated, national response to the problem of missing and sexually exploited children, establish a missing children hotline and serve as the national clearinghouse for information related to these issues.

NCMEC plays a vital role in the Innocence Lost National Initiative by being a clearinghouse for information obtained from the public and Electronic Service Providers about children being exploited through sex trafficking; providing analytical and technical assistance services to law enforcement investigating these cases; and dedicating case management support for missing children victimized through sex trafficking. NCMEC operates the CyberTipline, which receives leads and tips regarding suspected crimes of sexual exploitation committed against children. This includes exploitation of a child by traffickers, children being sold for sex online, and other forms of child sexual exploitation.

To report a missing child or request assistance with a case involving child sex trafficking please call 1.800.THE.LOST or if you have information regarding possible online child sexual exploitation, please make a report at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com).

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## **National Human Trafficking Resource Center**

NHTRC 24-Hour Hotline: 1.888.3737.888  
NHTRC SMS Text Line: 233733 (BEFREE)  
nhtrc@polarisproject.org  
www.traffickingresourcecenter.org

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) works to improve the national response to protect victims of human trafficking in the United States. NHTRC is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls, texts, and emails, from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. The NHTRC takes reports of potential cases of human trafficking, connects callers with anti-trafficking resources in their area, and provides training, technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources. Contact the NHTRC to report a tip; to connect with anti-trafficking resources in your area; or to request training and technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources. The NHTRC is operated by Polaris Project and funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and other supporters.