

Child Sex-Trafficking Virginia State Resource Guide



Child Sex Trafficking: Virginia Resources

❖ National Resources

National Human Trafficking Resource Center: Polaris Project

www.polarisproject.org

- A nonprofit, non-governmental organization that works to combat and prevent modern-day slavery and human trafficking. The organization works directly with victims, hosts tip and crisis hotlines, and offers solutions to those victimized by human trafficking.

National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888

- A national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the United States, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in more than 200 languages. The Hotline's mission is to connect human trafficking victims and survivors to critical support and services to get help and stay safe. It also equips the anti-trafficking community with the tools to effectively combat all forms of human trafficking. The Hotline offers around-the-clock access to a safe space to report tips, seek services, and ask for help.

Text 'BeFree' to 233733

- Polaris also independently operates the BeFree Textline. Victims and survivors may send a message to BeFree (233733) to get help or to connect with local services.
- The BeFree Textline offers confidential crisis assistance and support, referrals, tip reporting, and general information about human trafficking through SMS text message. Textline advocates are available to respond Monday-Sunday from 3-11pm EST.

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

www.cybertipline.org

1-800-843-5678

- Established in 2011, NCMEC's Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT) provides specialized technical assistance, analysis and recovery services on cases involving child sex trafficking, including:
 - Reviewing CyberTipline reports relating to child sex trafficking;
 - Assisting on cases of missing children involved in, or at risk of, trafficking; and
 - Providing technical assistance and training to help with the identification, location and provision of recovery planning to victims of child sex trafficking.
- NCMEC provides "Hope Bags" which contain basic necessities such as toiletries, shoes, snacks and a change of clothes that can be given to recovered victims.
- Through the Family Advocacy Division the NCMEC offers support services to families experiencing trauma when a child is missing or sexually exploited and offers expert guidance about how families can move forward. The Family Advocacy Division's

family-centered approach helps create a collaborative environment to assist families identify areas of need and find the right community-based resources to address those needs.

❖ **Central Virginia**

Richmond Justice Initiative

www.rvaji.com

- A non-profit organization that mobilizes and educates communities on the issue of human trafficking and most importantly equips communities on how they can take action and affect change.
- Jessica Willis
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- **Prevention Project**
www.prevention-project.org

The Prevention Project program is a recognized multi-award-winning 6-lesson curriculum designed to equip schools, afterschool programs, and youth groups with tools needed to prevent teens from becoming victims of human trafficking, while also providing resources on effectively engaging students, recognizing the signs, and safely reporting trafficking situations. This national program is available for licensure in any state.

For more information email info@prevention-project.org

ImPACT Virginia

www.impactvirginia.org

- ImPACT is a volunteer nonprofit advocating for prevention education as a way to reduce the prevalence of domestic sex trafficking of minors in communities across Virginia.

Gray Haven

www.thegrayhaven.org

- Gray Haven exists to ensure that as many barriers are lowered as possible giving survivors the opportunity to live free. This is accomplished through several different avenues which include:
 - Intervention and identification: Gray Haven disrupts the flow of human trafficking by working with first responders and conducting outreach to vulnerable populations. By working alongside a diverse range of organizations, Gray Haven is able

to ensure victims are identified and referred for survivor care in Richmond and other localities.

- Gray Haven also focuses on advising and collaborating with government agencies, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, non-profit organizations, and the faith community to deliver training that goes beyond what human trafficking is to how we can address it and how to interact with survivors.

- Gray Haven also provides unconditional support as a survivor begins the journey of healing. Gray Haven supports each survivor as they navigate the complexity of life and move toward independence by nurturing resilience, self-determination, and confidence.

- Mia Dodson-McCoy
Hotline: 804-384-0901

The Greater Richmond Regional Hotline 804-612-6126

- One call to the hotline and you are directly connected to a *local* specialist who can offer support and connect callers to resources and experts in your area. The Hotline is available 24 hours per day and open to survivors and their support networks to offer information and connectivity to agencies dedicated to empowering survivors.
- The Greater Richmond Regional Hotline operates as a collaborative service by six local agencies: The James House, Project Hope, Safe Harbor, Hanover Safe Place, Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services, and YWCA of Richmond. (See Below)

The James House www.thejameshouse.org

- Offers cost-free, confidential help for people affected by sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking in the Tri-Cities area of Virginia.
- 24 Hour Crisis Hotline
804-458-2840

Project Hope www.quinrivers.com/programs/project-hope

- Quin Rivers' Project Hope is committed to eliminating domestic and sexual violence in our communities. The goal is to provide a safe and supportive environment for adult and child victims by establishing a violence-free life; holding perpetrators accountable for their violence; and creating community norms that do not tolerate violence.
- Advocates at Project Hope provide intervention and prevention services, including individual and group supportive counseling, court advocacy, accompaniment, emergency assistance, information and referrals and educational programming for adults and children residing in New Kent, Charles City, King William and King and

Queen Counties. There is no charge for these services and all information is confidential.

- 24 hour, confidential hotline
877-966-HELP (4357)

Safe Harbor

www.safeharborshelter.com

- Safe Harbor provides the support that survivors of sexual and domestic violence need to overcome their crisis and to transform their lives. Safe Harbor offers comprehensive services for survivors of sexual and/or intimate partner violence including: 24 hour helpline, children/youth services, community education and training, counseling, court advocacy, emergency shelter and hospital accompaniment. Safe Harbor collaborates with survivors to provide support, education and referral information to help survivors meet their goals.
- 24 Hour Confidential Helpline
804-612-6126

Hanover Safe Place

www.hanoversafeplace.com

- A nonprofit organization providing confidential services to persons experiencing domestic or sexual violence in Hanover County, Virginia and the town of Ashland since the early 1990's. Included in these services are a free and confidential 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, support groups and case management.
- Local Hotline
804-752-2702
- Toll Free Hotline
888-370-7233

Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services

www.goochlandfreeclinicandfamilyservices.org

- Provides access to health care and basic human services to Goochland County residents who are in need of assistance. Domestic and Sexual Violence Services are also available to ALL victims or survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence, regardless of income, gender, or sexual orientation.
- Free Clinic
804-556-5840
- Family Services
804-556-6260

YWCA of Richmond

www.ywcarichmond.org

- A nonprofit organization serving families in Central Virginia. Work to strengthen the community on both individual and family levels through nationally-accredited early childhood education programming, violence prevention education and emergency and on-going services for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and intimate partner violence.
- Provides temporary housing and shelter for victims of human trafficking.
- 24-7 Greater Richmond Regional Hotline
804-612-6126

❖ Eastern Virginia

Samaritan House

- In 2016 Samaritan House committed to ending human trafficking in Hampton Roads by raising awareness and providing services for trafficked victims. Samaritan House was selected to partner with the Virginia Attorney General's Office, The Department of Homeland Security and other federal entities to establish the Hampton Roads Human Trafficking Task Force.
- Through training, outreach, and awareness campaigns the Task Force is improving the understanding, identification, and dynamics of human trafficking. Samaritan House provides an effective, trauma-informed response to victims of trafficking by providing emergency housing and supportive services to victims of human trafficking.
- 24 Hour Crisis Hotline
757-430-2120

Virginia Beach Justice Initiative

www.vbji.org

- Seeks to initiate change by building a coalition of like-minded individuals and organizations that work together to prevent the victimization of individuals and create a comprehensive region-wide program to identify and then assist victims from the time of rescue through recovery and reintegration.
- 877-227-2321

Seton Youth Shelters

- Serving all of Hampton Roads, Seton Youth Shelters provides 24-hour emergency shelter for youth ages 9-17 years old and in special cases for 18 year olds. This program serves

runaway/homeless youth and youth in crisis within their family, school and/or community. Seton Youth Shelters operates two shelters in Virginia Beach, one for boys and the other for girls.

- Residents are provided with case management to facilitate coordination of services. Residents also receive youth advocacy and individual/family crisis counseling, community referrals and aftercare follow-up. Youth who enter the shelter program attend local public schools. Residents will also be offered counseling services that address a variety of topics and serve to increase youth awareness of community resources.
- 24 Hour Crisis Hotline
1-866-751-7640
757-498-HELP (4357)

Latisha's House Foundation

www.latishashouse.com

- A holistic centered nonprofit that provides survivors of sex trafficking and prostitution with a safe place to heal and grow. At Latisha's House women have the opportunity for a new beginning; they learn life skills, complete education, receive evidence-based, trauma informed counseling, job training and have the opportunity to realize their potential in an unconditionally supportive environment.
- Provides support statewide and is available as a referral source for any county in Virginia.
- 757-741-2798

❖ Northern Virginia

Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative

www.novahti.com

- NOVA - HTI works directly with law enforcement to assess and coordinate all aspects of care for human trafficking survivors and provide the healthy support structure needed for them to thrive.
 - Mentors stand-with trafficking survivors, helping them through their challenges and celebrating their triumphs.
 - Volunteer floaters provide a variety of services for clients. For example, a volunteer floater may be asked to drive clients to appointments, gather/deliver supplies, teach life skills, or assist with emails or phone calls.
 - Crisis response team members are those called at any time - day or night - to recovery scenes and work with law enforcement to provide the immediate needs of victims.

- Case management team members partner with law enforcement as they assess the individual needs of the client, write an individualized plan of care with the client, and refer them to the appropriate treatment facilities and service providers.
 - Family Life Transition is a program where families open their homes to provide housing to stable survivors who are ready for that transition. Training, backgrounds screenings, references and interviews are required.
- 703-634-6061

ACTS- Action in Community Through Service

www.actspwc.org

- ACTS staff and volunteers are committed to providing their expertise and ACTS resources to help those in crisis identify the options that are available to them at times when they feel they have none.
- ACTS works to alleviate hunger, homelessness and interpersonal violence in order to help individuals achieve self-sufficiency.
- Helpline
(703) 368-4141 or 800-273-8255

Northern Virginia Family Service

www.nvfs.org

- 571-748-2500

Sun-Gate Foundation

www.sun-gate.org

- A non-profit, survivor led organization based in Alexandria, Virginia, is an independent organization addressing a critical gap in the human trafficking aftercare community by making a substantial commitment to survivors. Sun-Gate Foundation funds educational opportunities provided to survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking in the United States. The ultimate goal is to equip these young girls, boys, women, and men with a solid foundation to confidently go after their dreams.
- 571-403-1495

North Spring Behavioral Healthcare

www.northspringleesburg.com

- North Spring Behavioral Healthcare offers a residential program entitled Sex Trafficked and Exploited Girls Program. This program provides treatment to youth who have a documented or disclosed history of sex trafficking or exploitation. Additionally, nursing and clinical assessments are utilized to screen youths who have had these experiences.

Individually tailored treatment objectives are established for each youth based upon their exploitation and trafficking history. Collaboration with all stakeholders is a critical component to treatment planning.

❖ **Western Virginia**

Freedom 424

www.freedom424.org

- The mission of Freedom 4/24 is to bring freedom and justice to victims and survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking through increasing education, raising awareness, and providing financial support for frontline organizations working to end these forms of modern-day slavery.
- The Awareness & Education Initiative is a prevention and education program targeting middle and high school students in the greater Lynchburg area, providing them with the skills and knowledge they need to protect themselves and their communities against human trafficking.
- 434-582-4517
events@freedom424.org

❖ **Substance Abuse and Withdrawal Symptoms**

Virginia Poison Control

1-800-222-1222

- Registered Nurses, also known as poison specialists, will ask you about:
 - The substance you are calling about
 - How much was taken
 - When it happened
 - Symptoms
 - Any treatments you already tried
 - The patient's medical history
- The Virginia Poison Control Center serves as a 24/7 resource for physicians, emergency medical personnel and other health care professionals by providing the most current information on assessment and treatment of toxic exposures.
- In the event of a rare poisoning, a patient with significant toxicity or unusual presentations, this service is available 24/7 for a phone consultation with one of the four toxicologists, who are all fellowship trained and board eligible/certified in clinical or medical toxicology.