

Services & Relief for Foreign-born victims of Human Trafficking




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OVERVIEW

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1. **WHO ARE FOREIGN VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING?**
 2. **SERVICES FOR FOREIGN VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING**
 3. **IMMIGRATION RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
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POLL Question #1

**Foreign victims may be documented
or undocumented immigrants**



Living Undocumented is a risk factor

- ❖ Living in the **Shadows**
- ❖ At **risk** of victimization and discrimination
 - by employers
 - by partners
- ❖ Judgment
- ❖ **Fear** of Law enforcement
- ❖ Lack of familial **support**
- ❖ **Access** Problem
 - to transportation
 - to housing
 - to bank loans
 - to ID
 - to **information**

IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA?

YES!

AGRICULTURE, TOURISM, EDUCATION & JOB OPPORTUNITIES, FAMILY REUNIFICATION, AND FLEEING VIOLENCE ARE JUST SOME REASONS MANY IMMIGRANTS **SETTLE DOWN** IN FLORIDA.



Poll Question 2

OVERVIEW OF FOREIGN VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



What groups of foreign victims might be trafficked in the U.S.?

Both documented and undocumented foreign nationals

- Undocumented immigrants that enter EWI
- H2A and H2B workers
- Immigrants who entered with tourist visas
- Immigrants with fiance visas

CASE SCENARIO: JEAN



A recruiter came to Jean's hometown in Mexico offering people temporary employment in agriculture for \$12 per hour in the U.S. The recruiter told her that she needed to bring the deed to her house as collateral to make sure she complied with the work contract and also pay a \$4,000 recruiting fee.

Once she arrived in the U.S., her employer took her passport and visa. Jean and other workers were taken to a warehouse where there was no AC and they did not have enough to eat. They were only getting paid \$10 a day.

Jean's crew leader forced her to have sex with him. He told her that if she didn't, he would cancel her work contract and have her deported.

There were guards with weapons at the entrance of the farm so they were afraid to leave.

How can we help Jean?



1. Is Jean a victim of trafficking? How do you know?
2. Does Jean have any immigration status?
3. What kinds of services might Jean need?
4. What services are available in your area?

SERVICES FOR FOREIGN VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

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Pre-certified victims of human trafficking



The Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP) funds case management services for foreign national adults and minors who have experienced trafficking and are pursuing [HHS certification](#). The grantees provide assistance through a network of providers throughout the country.

They also help them gain access to:

- Housing
- Employability services
- Mental health screening and therapy
- Medical care
- Legal services

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/map/trafficking-victim-assistance-program#FL_5232

Certified victims of human trafficking



Certification letters are issued to foreign national adults who have experienced trafficking after receiving notice from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security granting a person

- 1. Continued Presence**
- 2. A T-visa**
- 3. A bonafide T-visa application notice**

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/victim-assistance/shepherd>

Services for trafficking victims with a certification letter



Foreign victims of human trafficking who have a certification letter may qualify for the following for a limited time:

- Food - SNAP
- Money - TANF and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
- Health Insurance - Medicaid
- Medical Services Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)
- Employment
- Housing - Public Housing Program
- Education - Title IV Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA)

[Services Available to Victims of Human Trafficking \(hhs.gov\)](https://www.hhs.gov/trafficking/victims-services)

Questions about the letter or benefits



Office on Trafficking in Persons Trafficking Specialists	1-866-401-5510 Trafficking@acf.hhs.gov
Case management services in your area Trafficking Victim Assistance Program	1-800-307-4712 traffickingvictims@uscridc.org
Emergency services National Human Trafficking Hotline	1-888-373-7888 Text 233733 Live chat humantraffickinghotline.org/chat
Trafficking Victim Assistance Program	https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/map/trafficking-victim-assistance-program#FL_5232

Case Scenario: Pedro



Pedro's friend Harvey contacted him to ask if he wanted to start a company together in the U.S. Harvey told Pedro to sell his business, house in Chile and relocate to the U.S. He said he had connections to get Pedro a green card once he got to the U.S. Pedro believed him.

Pedro and his family sold everything and came to the U.S. Harvey was making Pedro work long hours with very little pay and under hostile working conditions. Harvey threatened to get him deported if he did not comply. Pedro then realized that his friend's promises were not true and found himself stuck because he had no money or passport to return to Chile.

Harvey constantly threatened him with deportation and verbally abused him at work. Four months after Pedro's arrival, he was able to escape from this situation.

How can we help Pedro?



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IMMIGRATION RELIEF AND RIGHTS FOR SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Immigration relief



Foreign victims of human trafficking may be eligible for:

- Continued Presence
- T-visa
- U-visa - BonaFide Determination
- Family reunification
- Processing times

Check Case Processing Times

Select your form, form category, and the office that is processing your case

Refer to your receipt notice to find your form, category, and office. For more information about case processing times and reading your receipt notice, visit the [More Information About Case Processing Times](#) page.

Form *

I-914 | Application for T Nonimmigrant Status

Form Category *

Provides temporary immigration benefits to noncitizen victims of tr

Field Office or Service Center *

Vermont Service Center

Get processing time

Processing time for Application for T Nonimmigrant Status (I-914) at Vermont Service Center

80% of cases are completed within

17
Months

Victim Rights Regardless of Immigration Status



- Due process
- Protection orders
- Restitution
- Victim compensation
- Keep information confidential
- Right to report the crime

Rights available upon request:

- Reasonable notice and to be present
- Be heard
- Confer with prosecutor
- Provide a victim impact statement
- To receive a pre-sentence report
- To be informed of anything related to the defendant's conviction, sentence, incarceration and release
- To be informed of all postconviction processes and procedures

Why is this important
to know how our
organizations can
help foreign national
victims of trafficking?

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Majority of social services lack
capacity to serve this population



Polling Question 3



LACK OF **INSTITUTIONAL** MEMORY

LACK OF **ACCESS** TO UPDATED
INFORMATION

LACK OF INTERNAL POLICIES OR
PROCEDURES

LANGUAGE BARRIERS!!!!

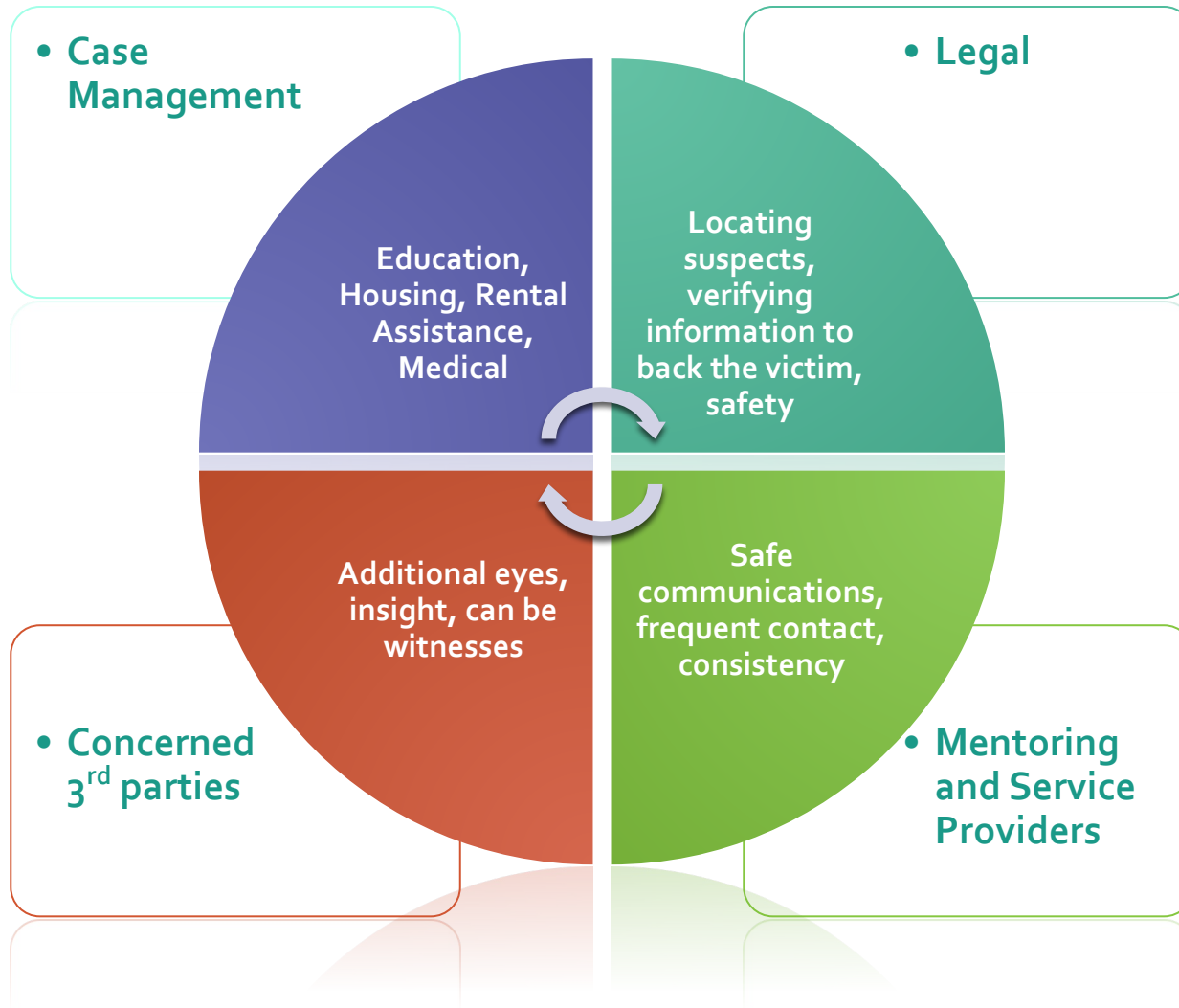
SERVICES COLLABORATION

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Working together!

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Remaining victim centered
- Respect for each members roles
- Keeping the ultimate goal and purpose foremost, while understanding members differing goals

A multidisciplinary team provides the best service!



Resources



Check out the Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center website for a variety of local, state, and national resources:

<https://surviveandthriveadvocacy.org/>

QUESTIONS?



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