

# WHAT WE DO

**Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center (STAC)** is dedicated to building strong, healthy communities by providing direct assistance and coordinated support for survivors of sex and labor trafficking and those at risk.

**Survivor Support and Advocacy** – Each survivor's needs are unique. **STAC offers direct case management, advocacy, and essentials like shelter, healthcare, counseling, job support, and transportation to safety.** Our survivor-informed approach is foundational to all we do. Contact us for immediate support.

**Education and Training** – Human trafficking affects every community. Through our information-rich website, Imagine Freedom podcast, and outreach to rural areas, **STAC raises awareness, trains thousands on recognition and response, and empowers communities to prevent trafficking** through in-person and remote training events and monthly webinars.

**STAC is a single point of contact for survivors** of sex and labor trafficking (youth and adults) in Leon, Wakulla, Franklin, Jefferson, Gadsden and Liberty counties and adjacent areas in Florida's Big Bend. STAC provides educational programming locally, statewide and nationally.



During its first decade, STAC supported and empowered **OVER 250 SEX AND LABOR TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS** and educated over **21,000 INDIVIDUALS** in the Big Bend and beyond.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Every person in our community has a role to play in ending both sex and labor trafficking. Here are things you can do to STOP human trafficking:

Know how to recognize human trafficking and **call 911 if there is immediate danger.**

Call the **National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888** if you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking.

Call the **Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE** if you suspect that a child or vulnerable adult is being trafficked.

**Support human trafficking survivors** and STAC's work by making a donation.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- **Human trafficking** happens when someone is being taken advantage of and forced, tricked or coerced to do things they do not want to do. This can include labor trafficking - like working at a job all day without a break or for little to no pay, or sex trafficking - any kind of sexual act online or in person. Both sex and labor trafficking must involve the exchange of money or something of value.
- **Florida ranks #3** in reported human trafficking cases according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.
- **Human trafficking affects individuals across all demographics**, but people of color and those from the LGBTQIA+ community are particularly vulnerable due to the impacts of generational trauma, historic oppression, discrimination, and other societal inequities. Economic insecurity, along with the lure of financial gain and greed, further drives traffickers to target people facing hardship. Vulnerability can take many forms, and traffickers are adept at identifying and manipulating those who may be in need or seeking stability.

## COMMON MYTHS

**MYTH:** Trafficking only happens in large cities.

**FACT:** Human trafficking occurs in communities of all sizes, including rural areas.

**MYTH:** Trafficking always involves physical restraint or confinement.

**FACT:** Traffickers often use manipulation, financial control and threats to keep people trapped.

**MYTH:** Only women and girls are trafficked.

**FACT:** Trafficking affects people of all genders, ages, and backgrounds. Men, boys and non-binary individuals are also at risk.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW  
YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

