



# NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION

The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (HTC), housed in and staffed by the North Carolina Judicial Branch, is the legislatively mandated leader of anti-human trafficking efforts in North Carolina per S.L. 2013-368. The Commission is charged with:

- Examining and combating human trafficking
- Funding and facilitating research
- Creating measurement, assessment, and accountability measures
- Suggesting new policies, procedures, and legislation
- Informing and educating law enforcement personnel, social services providers, and the general public
- Developing regional response teams
- Identifying gaps in law enforcement or service provision and recommending solutions

Thanks to the work of the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission, North Carolina received an “A” rating in the national fight against human trafficking, according to a 2019 report produced by Shared Hope International. North Carolina’s report card rating of 94 is an improvement from the 90 rating received in 2018 and a significant improvement from the 61 (or D) rating in 2011. North Carolina’s ranking among states improved from 9th in 2018 to 8th overall over the past year.



## UNDER FEDERAL AND NORTH CAROLINA LAW:

- Minors involved in any commercial sexual activity;
- Adults induced into commercial sexual activity through force, fraud, or coercion; and
- Children and adults induced to perform labor or services through force, fraud, or coercion

**... ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

22 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7113 (2014) | N.C. General Statutes § 14-43.10(a) (2013)

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NORTH CAROLINA

- North Carolina has consistently ranked within the **top 10 states** with the most reported human trafficking cases in the nation.
- There is no single profile of victims of human trafficking. **Victims represent all demographics** and can be anyone.
- Ending human trafficking will take involvement from all disciplines and **every community**.
- North Carolina S.L. 2019-245 added a new requirement for school personnel in kindergarten through twelfth grade to receive **training on child sexual abuse and sex trafficking**.
- In 2019, there were **713 charges of human trafficking and other offenses** of a similar nature across the state.
- Since 2018, G.S. 7B-101 allows the Department of Social Services to **investigate cases of potential human trafficking of minors** regardless of whether the perpetrator is a parent or caregiver.
- In 2017, S.L. 2017-57 required certain businesses, hospitals, public transportation facilities, and employment offices to **post a human trafficking public awareness sign**.
- Since 2016, human trafficking prevention and awareness is required to be taught in **every public middle school** in North Carolina. (G.S. 115C-81.30(a)(13))

## THE COMMISSION'S KEY SUCCESSES

- 2019 Adoption of Standards for Direct Service Providers
- 2018 – 2019 Distribution of \$1.35 Million in Grant Funding
- 2017 – 2019 Three Multi-Disciplinary Human Trafficking Training Symposiums in North Carolina
- 2017 Darkness to Light Stewards of Children Training
- 2017 Truckers Against Trafficking Coalition Build
- 2017 Mandatory Hotline Posting Legislation (over 20,000 key locations across North Carolina)
- 2016 Federal SOAR Training Pilot
- 2016 N.C. Certified Law Enforcement Training

### General Assembly Mandates and Legislation:

- Provides Civil Cause of Action for Victims; Expansion of Expunction for Victims; and Creates Sex Tourism Law, S.L. 2019-158
- Restorative Justice Act, S.L. 2018-75
- Study assigned to HTC in consultation with the Conference of District Attorneys and the Office of Indigent Defense Services, S.L. 2018-75
- N.C. DHHS "Feasibility Study for Provision of Anti-Human Trafficking Training," S.L. 2017-151
- National Human Trafficking Hotline Awareness Posters, S.L. 2017-57
- Participation in Erin's Law, S.L. 2014-199, §4: Study on Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

## HELP US RAISE AWARENESS!

CONTACT THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT **1-888-373-7888**  
TO ASK QUESTIONS, REPORT AN INCIDENT, OR FIND HELP FOR A POTENTIAL VICTIM.



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