



# 30th Alliance

Human Trafficking Team



## About the Alliance

- Founded in 1999
- Covers the 7 western counties (Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee counties)
- Includes the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian
- Is a nonprofit, nongovernmental 501(c)(3)
- Is a victim services organization
- Has brought \$7 million to the 7 western counties in victim services and resources

 **30th Judicial District Alliance**  
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Alliance, Inc.

## Services Offered

- Victim Advocacy & Court Accompaniment
- Financial Education
- Mental Health Counseling and Crisis Intervention
- Safety and Accessibility Audits
- Risk Assessments
- Legal Assistance
- Victim Identification
- Training
- Investigation
- Collaboration
- Referral Services



# Victim Advocacy & Programs

## Victim Advocacy

- Human trafficking
- Domestic violence
- Sexual assault
- Children exposed to violence
- Dating violence & stalking
- Elder abuse & victims with disabilities
- US Military Veterans

## Programs

- Human Trafficking
- Children Exposed to Violence
- Victims with Disabilities & Elder Safe
- Veterans with Disabilities
- Latino Community Advocacy and Outreach
- Animal Assisted Therapy
- Service & Therapy Dogs

# Human Trafficking Program

## Project No Rest – Alliance Contracts Sheepdog International Inc

- One of five Pilot Sites
- Investigation
- Rescue and Recovery
- Prevention - Curriculum development & training
- Youth Engagement & Outreach
- Victim identification & Outreach
- Screening & Intake
- Data Collection & Evaluation

## Governor's Crime Commission

- WNC HT Rapid Response Team
- Enhancing victim services
- Sexual assault victim services
- Curriculum development & training
- Developing interagency protocols
- Creating & distributing information and referral documents

# The Alliance Human Trafficking Team

## PNR

- Russ Conner – Investigator
- Contracted to Sheepdog International Incorporated because we are licensed and insured to conduct investigations in North Carolina



## GCC

- Russ Conner – Team Leader
- Stephanie Ammons - Advocate
- Jenny Lopez Guy – Latina Program Director
- Jess Agostini – Youth Intervention Specialist
- Scott Muse – Sexual Assault Program Coordinator



# Project No Rest Structure is Unique for the Alliance

- Contracted to Sheepdog International Inc
- Fully licensed investigation & security firm through the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board
- Fully insured
- This allows for an investigator who is compliant with NC law
- Only one doing this - innovative



Questions?