

Staff Report August 2026:

Completed Training, Events, or Presentations:

- SNNC Beyond Awareness Community Action Day, Durham, NC 6/18
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, Fayetteville, NC, 6/22-23
- District Court Judges Conference, Asheville, NC 6/24
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, Fayetteville, NC, 6/24-25
- Wilkesboro Speedway Event 7/17-7/19
- Community Health Worker Human Trafficking Training, Sandhills Community College
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, Rowan County, 8/18-8/19

Staff Report continued:

Upcoming Training:

- NCVAN Victim Service Practitioner Certification Academy Training
- NC Probation and Parole Association Training, September 3rd
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, Smithfield, NC, September 22-23rd
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Train-The-Trainer, October 2026
- FRONTLINE FOCUS Regional Training for School Social Workers, Thomasville, NC 10/20
- Female Genital Mutilation Webinar, October 23, 2026

Staff Report – Annual Grants:

RECURRING \$500,000 in Direct Service Grants (annual state funds)

- Contracts for 2025-2026 ended on 6/30/2026, but these rolled into their second year for the same 9 agencies.
- Five of the nine have officially closed out year one; an additional two have closing paperwork issued; and the remaining two are projected to be closed by August 30th.
- First payments for this fiscal year have been issued.

Staff Report – Federal Grants:

ARPA / SFRF Grant Program Updates:

Total ARPA Grantees	Closed 6/30/2024	Closed 6/30/2025	Closed 12/31/2025	Closed 2/28/2026	Closed 3/31/2026	Closed / Closing 6/30/2026	Closes 9/30/2026
182	23	34	43	3	2	62	15

- Currently have on staff three grant managers paid by federal funds. One reviewer moved onto another opportunity last week and the other reviewer ends her position next week.
- The funds must be expended by the end of December 31, 2026. We are on track for all agencies to end their periods of performance by September 30, 2026. Staff will take up to 60-days to officially close out agencies.

Statewide Conference:



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STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

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WHEN:
January 19 - 20
2027
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WHERE:
Raleigh Convention Center
500 S Salisbury St
Raleigh, NC 27601





KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Sharon Cooper, MD, FAAP

- Registration coming soon
- Training provided is geared towards community and professionals with special focus on Service Providers, School Professionals, Social Workers, Law Enforcement, Therapists, Legal Assistance, the Courts, and Health Care Providers.
- Topics covered will equip professionals and the general community on preventing, identifying and providing assistance to victims of human trafficking.
- Opportunities for sponsorship are available
- With support from the Raleigh City Council



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Mark your calendar to attend next year's conference for professionals engaging in North Carolina's local, regional, and statewide response to human trafficking.

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North Wilkesboro Speedway Event

2026 NCHTC Activation Plan Objectives



- North Wilkesboro Speedway (NWS) and the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (NCHTC) leveraged the NWS race weekend (July 17–19) as an opportunity to educate fans, staff, and vendors about human trafficking — and how fans can play a role in stopping it.
- Messaging focused on an empowerment and awareness helps inform and educate fans via multiple consumer channels:
 - Social media
 - The Speedway Experience Fan Stage
 - The Pre-Race Stage (on Front Stretch of Track)
 - A 10' x 10' NCHTC Fan Zone Display (beside the NCHP) 10' x 20' Display)
 - Posters and Stickers throughout the Facility
 - Monitors and Screens throughout the Facility
 - PA announcements
 - NWS Team Education



With Highway Patrol IPC :

2026 NCHTC Activation Plan Fan Zone Stage Speeches

Sargent Mark Nales was interviewed and created awareness of the challenges North Carolina is facing with Human Trafficking. Interviews were Friday, Saturday and Sunday for two / three minutes.



Awareness Posters:

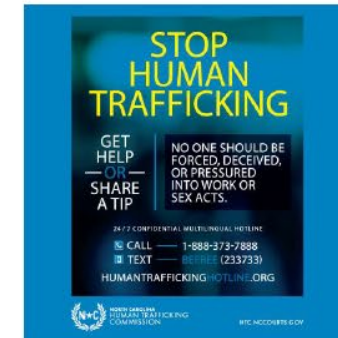
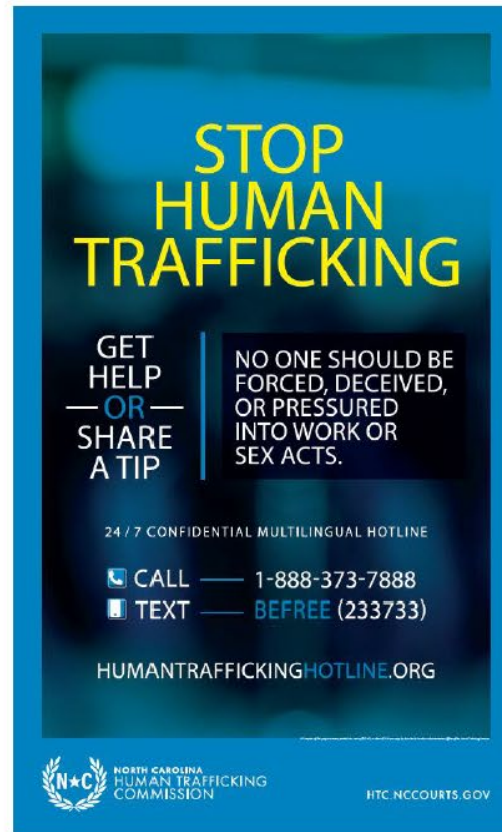
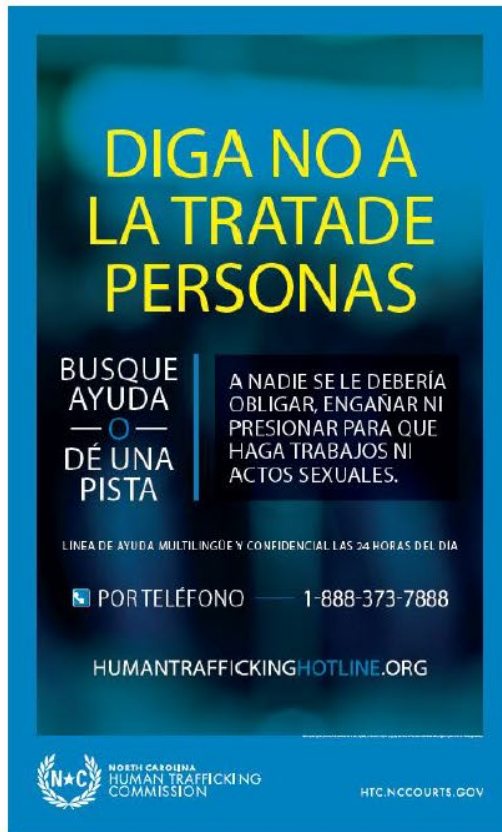
2026 NCHTC Activation Plan NCHTC Screen Graphics

Stop Human Trafficking graphics appeared on 14 screens throughout the property from Friday to Sunday.



Awareness Posters:

2026 NCHTC Activation Plan
English & Spanish Posters and Stickers



5" x 5" Decals

Awareness Posters:

2026 NCHTC Activation Plan Fan Zone Display

NCHTC encouraged fans to sign up for the NCHTC email list to receive free gifts and provide all fans educational materials at their display.



Other News:

Compass Connections – National Human Trafficking Hotline:

- Requests to direct service agencies previously on the protocols
- Vetting Service Providers
- Asking for law enforcement credentials
- Dashboard development
- Inviting to come to NC for the Conference Plenary