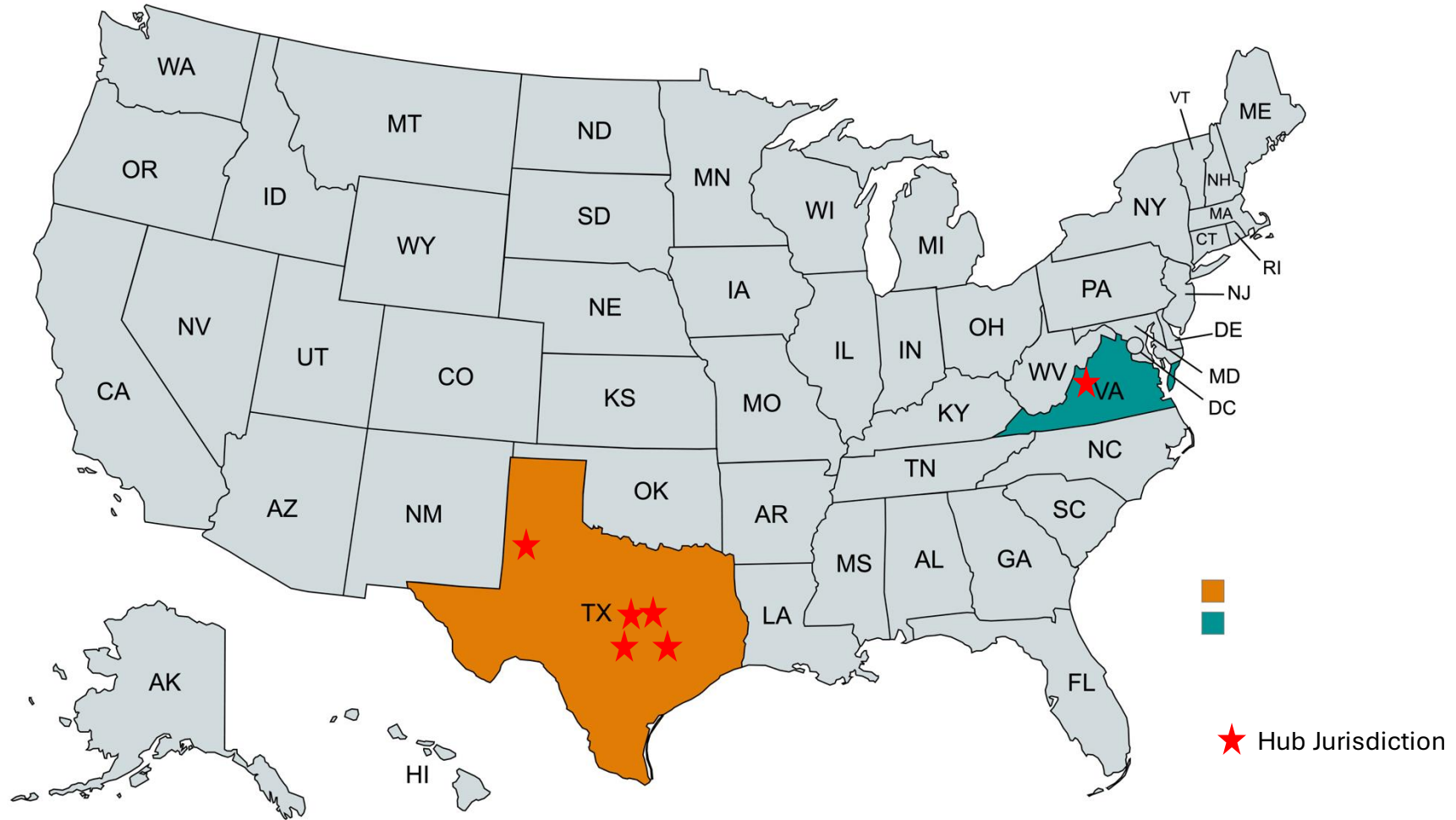




HTI

HTI exists to combat human trafficking at its source by empowering justice systems to stop traffickers.

Current HTI State Programs



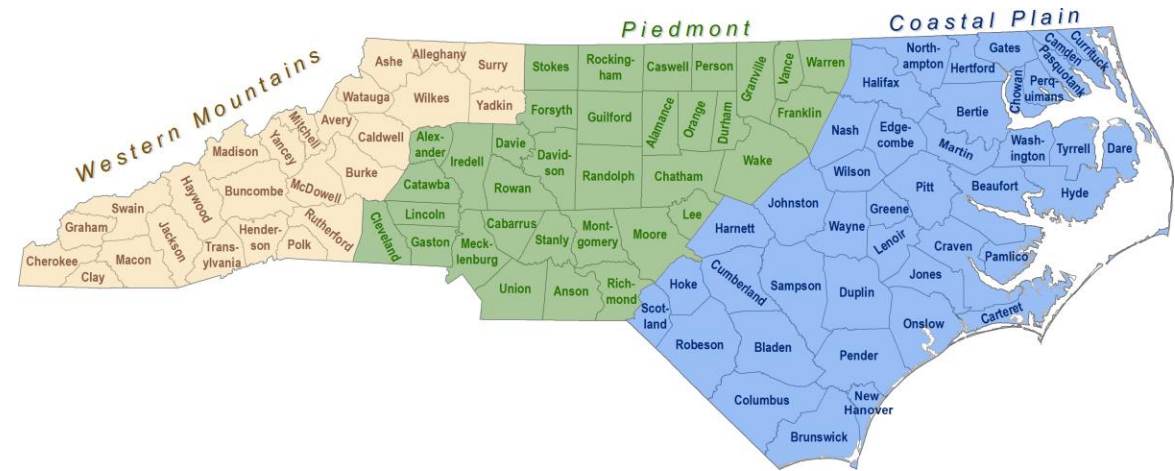
Understanding the need for improved statewide response to trafficking:

- ❖ National Hotline Reports: 684 signals, 235 cases of trafficking in 2023.
- ❖ Of the 76 human trafficking (G.S. 14-43.11-13) charges filed in 2024, 78% came from two counties, Wake (24) and New Hanover (35).
- ❖ There were no charges for involuntary servitude.
- ❖ The median number of days it takes for cases to reach disposition is 467 days for adult victims and 382.5 days for child victims. (July 2023-June 2024)
- ❖ The number of cases pending is 2x the number of new cases being filed. (July 2023-June 2024)
- ❖ Specialized knowledge and skills are needed in trafficking cases but are not present in all jurisdictions across the state.

HTI- North Carolina Solution

Develop High-Impact Enforcement Hubs Across North Carolina

- Working in partnership with NC stakeholders, HTI and NC will identify select jurisdictions across the state to implement intensive programming. Utilizing data, jurisdictions will be selected based upon need and commitment to improving the anti-trafficking response in their community.
- HTI will assess the individual needs of each jurisdiction and develop narrowly tailored training materials, tools and resources to fill gaps in the jurisdiction.
- NC Stakeholders and HTI subject matter experts will work with stakeholders to conduct intensive training within that jurisdiction.
- HTI and NC will develop Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning (MERL) measurements and collect data to show impact.



Goals



Improve identification and recovery of trafficking victims.

Increase investigations and prosecutions of human traffickers.

Build capacity and sustainability.

Capacity Building

HTI Approach

Empowering Stakeholders to Combat Trafficking

HTI equips law enforcement, prosecutors, and key stakeholders with the knowledge, tools, and skills to:

- **Hold traffickers accountable** through effective investigations and prosecutions.
- **Protect survivors** with trauma-informed practices.
- **Prevent future crimes** by creating effective deterrence.

Custom, High-Level Training, Resources, and Materials

HTI's experts deliver:

- **Custom, high-level training** tailored to the unique needs of each jurisdiction.
- **Specialized tools, materials, and resources** to address gaps in investigations and prosecutions.
- **Interactive, skills-based** workshops emphasizing practical, actionable solutions.

Data-Driven Solutions for Sustainable Impact

HTI utilizes the power of data to:

- **Identify key areas** of need and shape jurisdiction-specific responses.
- **Implement targeted training programs** that promote collaboration and proactive enforcement.
- **Foster long-term sustainability** by building local expertise and capacity.

HTI's Approach

Assessment

HTI will work closely with partner jurisdictions to conduct an assessment to identify **specific gaps**, as well as **existing strengths and resources** related to human trafficking enforcement.

Training

HTI will develop and conduct **custom, high-level training** tailored to the unique needs and strengths of each partner jurisdiction, along with **tools, materials, and resources** to improve human trafficking enforcement.

Support

HTI will provide **ongoing support** through mentorship, an interactive practitioner portal, and follow-up training events to **build capacity, collaboration, and sustainability**.

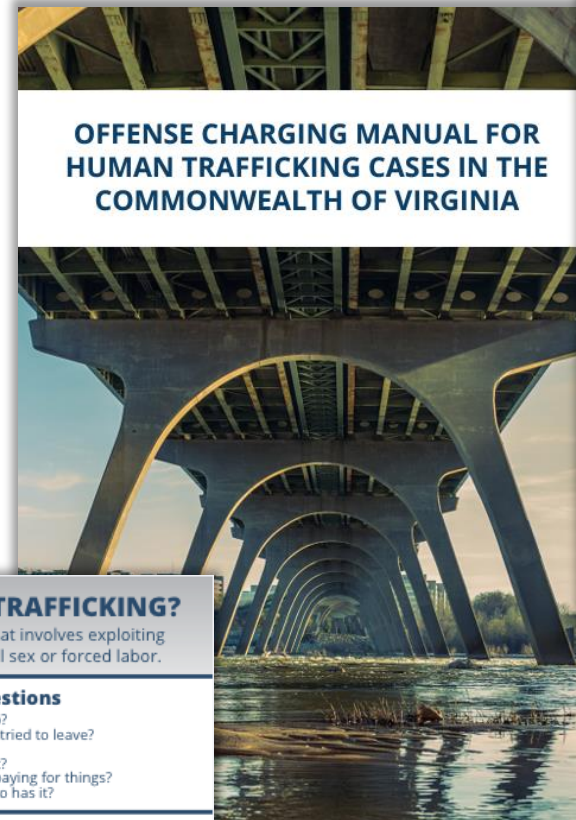
Data

HTI will continually **monitor and analyze enforcement data** throughout the partnership to ensure HTI's efforts are driving meaningful improvements in enforcement.

Training

Examples of Tools, Materials, and Resources:

- Quick-Reference Statutory Guides
- Victim Identification Card
- Offense Charging Manual
- Hypothetical Fact Patterns for Applied Learning
- Mock Cell Phone Extraction
- Mock Skip the Games Records
- Restitution Guide
- Caselaw Database



Texas Human Trafficking Laws Tex. Penal Code Chapter 20A		
SEX TRAFFICKING - ADULT PC § 20A.02(3)-(4)	SEX TRAFFICKING - CHILD/D.L. PC § 20A.02(7)-(8)	LABOR TRAFFICKING PC § 20A.02(1)-(2) & (5)-(6)
1. Act traffic or receive a benefit or engage in sexual conduct	1. Act traffic or receive a benefit or engage in sexual conduct	1. Act traffic or receive a benefit
2. Means force fraud coercion	2. Means any means	2. Means force fraud coercion
3. Purpose prohibited conduct	3. Purpose prohibited conduct	3. Purpose forced labor or services
Venue for trafficking of persons is in (1) the county in which the offense was committed or (2) any county through, into, or out of which the person trafficked may have been taken. (Tex. Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 13.12)		
Traffickers' Control Mechanisms		
Force <ul style="list-style-type: none">Causing bodily injury or serious bodily injuryUsing or exhibiting weaponsSexual assaultAtmosphere of violencePunishment for breaking rulesIsolation from family or friendsWithholding food, shelter, or denying access to basic necessities	Fraud <ul style="list-style-type: none">Withholding or restricting wagesBroken promises related to type of work, relationship, schedule, money, living conditions, immigration status, etc.Overstating risks of leaving/rewards for stayingFeigning power or ties to law enforcement/authorities	Coercion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Threatening harm to victim or othersCausing a victim to become intoxicated or withholding drugs or alcohol to gain complianceDestroying, concealing, confiscating, or withholding a victim's government records or identifying information or documents <small>See PC § 1.07(a)(9) and § 20A.01(c)-(d)</small>
Punishment		
PC § 20A.02(b) Trafficking of Persons	Second Degree Felony	
PC § 20A.02(b)(1) Trafficking of Persons (Enhancement if victim is child or disabled person)	First Degree Felony	
PC § 20A.02(b)(2-4) Trafficking of Persons (Enhancements for additional harm to victim, use of deadly weapon, etc.)	First Degree Felony	
PC § 20A.02(b-1) Trafficking of Persons (Enhancements related to location where trafficking occurred)	First Degree Felony (25 minimum)	
PC § 20A.03 Continuous Trafficking of Persons	First Degree Felony (25 minimum)	
Additional Victim Protections		Key Contact Information
<p>PC § 20A.04, grants immunity to a party to an offense under Chapter 20A who is required to provide evidence or testify.</p> <p>PC § 43.02(d), creates a defense to prosecution if the actor engaged in the conduct that constitutes prostitution because the actor was the victim of Trafficking of Persons (PC § 20A.02) or Compelling Prostitution (PC § 43.05).</p> <p>CCP Article 78.01, allows a person who is the victim of an offense under Trafficking of Persons (PC § 20A.02), Continuous Trafficking of Persons (PC § 20A.03), or Compelling Prostitution (PC § 43.05) to seek a protective order.</p> <p>CCP Article 17.292, allows a magistrate to issue an order for emergency protection on the magistrate's own motion or on the request of the victim, the guardian of the victim, a peace officer, or the attorney representing the case for an offense under Trafficking of Persons (PC § 20A.02), Continuous Trafficking of Persons (PC § 20A.03).</p> <p>PC § 25.07 & § 25.072, create criminal offenses for violations of certain court orders or conditions of bond issued in trafficking cases.</p>		<p>National Human Trafficking Hotline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(888) 373-7888Text 233733 <p>Texas Department of Family & Protective Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1-800-252-5400 <p>Wichitoux</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">844-643-2251

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is a crime that involves exploiting another person for commercial sex or forced labor.

Suggested Indicator Questions

Can you leave if you want to?
Have you been hurt or threatened if you tried to leave?
Do you feel safe?
Where do you sleep and eat?
Are you in debt to someone? How are you paying for things?
Do you have your ID/passport? Who has it?

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Text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733 (BEFREE)

TENNESSEE HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE: (855) 558-6484
East Tennessee Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Services Referral : (865) 292-0285

Support

HTI will provide ongoing support to ensure lasting impact through:

Mentorship

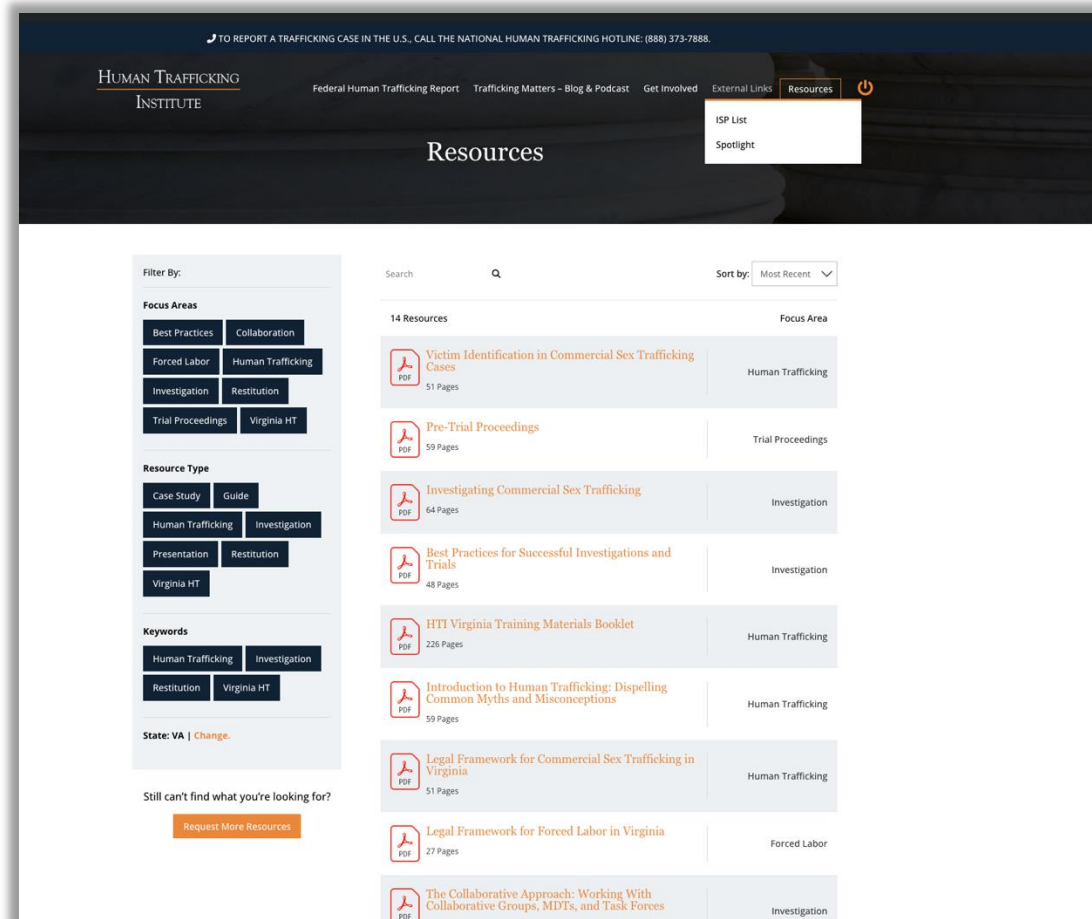
- Direct guidance and expertise from HTI's subject-matter experts.
- Case consultations and hands-on assistance.

Interactive Practitioner Portal

- Access to training materials and resources.
- Caselaw updates.

Follow-Up Training

- Skills-based workshops to reinforce learning.
- Opportunities to address emerging challenges and refine strategies.



Data

HTI will use ongoing data analysis to measure impact and refine efforts.

Enforcement Data

- Number of investigations, arrests, and prosecutions.
- Number of victims and human traffickers identified.
- Data on ancillary offenses, such as prostitution-related offenses and online exploitation.

Training Metrics

- Evaluate participant feedback and learning outcomes.
- Assess whether course objectives are being met effectively.

Continuous Improvement

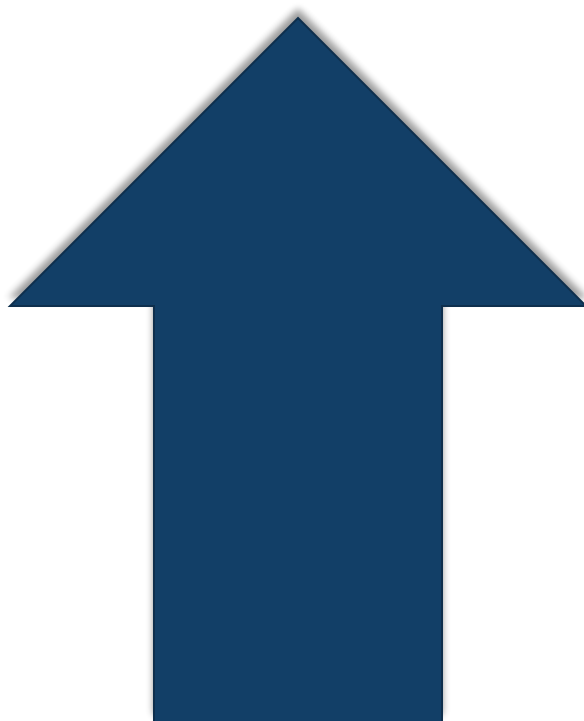
- Use insights to adapt strategies and ensure meaningful improvements in enforcement efforts.



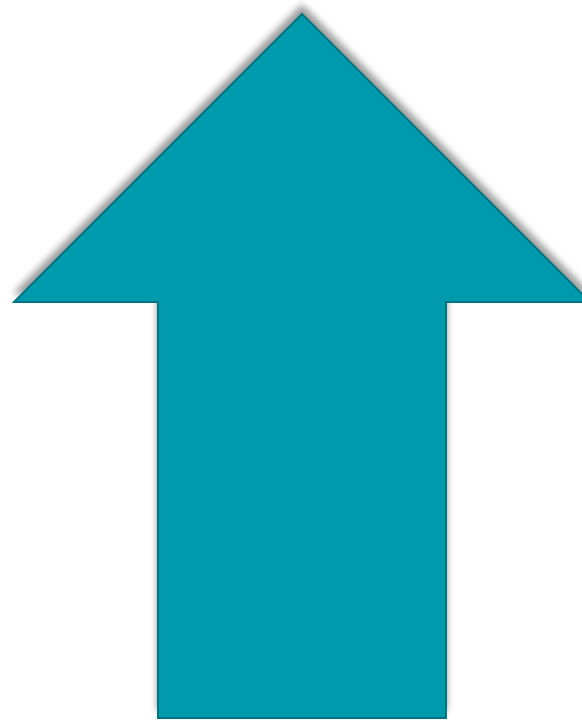
Anticipated Impact



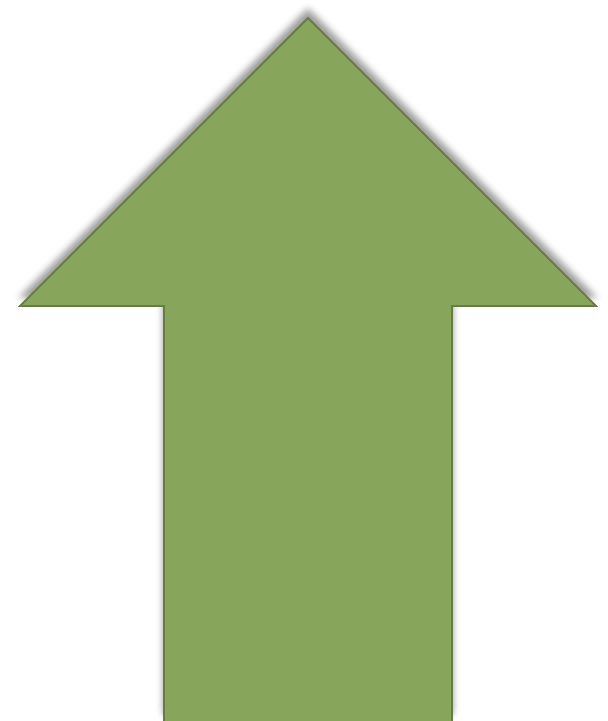
**Victims
Identified**



Investigations



Arrests



Prosecutions

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