



CHARLOTTE METRO

human trafficking

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“Traffickers operate at low-risk and high-reward. We must increase the risk and we do this through a collaborative, cross-agency response.”



MEMBER AGENCIES





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STRATEGIC VISION



2030 STRATEGIC VISION

Our Purpose

Strengthen collaboration, coordination, and accountability across systems to prevent exploitation and improve outcomes for individuals impacted by trafficking.

How We Operate

-  Connector
-  Reducing Silos
-  Advancing Shared impact

WHO WE ARE BECOMING BY 2030

By 2030, the Task Force will be:

-  A trusted regional connector
-  A unified and credible voice
-  A collaborative, community-owned network
-  A sustainable model for system-level impact

Built for longevity, trust, and collective ownership.



WHAT MEMBERSHIP MEANS

Membership Is Active, Not Symbolic.

Members are expected:

-  Participate in committees or shared initiatives
-  Contribute expertise, perspective, or capacity.
-  Uphold shared standards of ethics and accountability.

In Return, Members Gain:

-  Access to shared tools, training, and vetted resources
-  Stronger inter-agency relationships
-  A coordinated regional voice grounded in trust

DEFINED METRO REGION

Our Service Footprint

-  Mecklenburg County and surrounding **NC counties** including: **Cabarrus, Iredell, Union, and Gaston**
-  Select SC border counties, including:
 - York
 - Lancaster
 - Chester



Why This Matters

-  Trafficking crosses jurisdictional boundaries
-  Regional alignment strengthens outcomes and response

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Structure & Leadership



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Reputation & Voice



If you are experiencing a medical or life-threatening emergency,
911 or go to your nearest emergency room.

National Suicide
Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255
text: 1-800-799-4889

National Runaway
Safeline

1-800-786-2929

National Mental
Health Crisis Hotline

988

Emergency
Shelter

211

Safe Alliance
Hope Line

NC specific
980-771-HOPE

A21 Aftercare
Line

NC specific
949-500-7988

Crisis Text
Line

741-741
Text "LISTEN"

The Relativ
Crisis Cen

Charlotte
704-377

Department of Social Services After-Hours

Mecklenburg County
980-314-3577

Cabarrus County
704-920-3000

Gaston County
704-866-3300

Iredell County
704-878-3100



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**Student
Resource
Card**

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Standards, Vetting & Accountability



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Legislative & System Influence



2026 DATA REPORT

Exploitation in the Queen City

An Examination of Human Trafficking of Minors

Charlotte Metro Human Trafficking Task Force

Data reflects January 2025 – December 2025

About This Report

This data report captures information collected from vetted members of the Charlotte Metro Human Trafficking Task Force and reflects patterns identified through screening, assessment, and service engagement across the region.

The report provides insight into:

- Trends in minor victim identification
- Age and gender patterns
- Geographic concentration by zip code
- System-level factors impacting identification capacity

Why This Data Matters

Youth rarely self-identify as victims of trafficking. Identification depends on trained professionals, system capacity, and coordinated response — making accurate data and shared analysis essential to prevention and protection efforts.

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2026 Data Report



2025 MINOR DATA HIGHLIGHTS



Youth were Identified
as Suspected or
Confirmed for Sex Trafficking



of victims identified
were females



of cases were with
children 15 years old
and younger



49% of victims came from 6 zip codes –
a total of 20 had impact

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Financial Health & Sustainability





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