

# Staff Report: February 2024

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## Training and Events Conducted:

- Triangle Apartment Association -Human Trafficking 101 (Raleigh)
- Maya Hospitality Group -Human Trafficking 101 (Gastonia)
- NCFADS Winter Conference -Intersection of Human Trafficking and Substance Use Disorders (Greensboro)
- Alaska Governor's Council on Human Trafficking – About The NC Human Trafficking Commission

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## Training Requests Received and Referred Out:

- Hampton Inn Hotel training referred to True Justice International
- Concord Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. referred to Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center
- Community Emergency Response Team 101 training referred to ShieldNC
- Alpha Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated referred to UNC Project No Rest.
- Campbell University Medical Training referred to UNC Project No Rest

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## Upcoming Training and Events:

- FTCC Guest Speaker Human Trafficking 101 - February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Douglas Byrd High School Human Trafficking 101 - March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Vance County Human Trafficking Awareness Forum – March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Granville County Human Trafficking Awareness Forum – March 14<sup>th</sup>
- Senator Alexander is having a Community Forum in Shelby, NC April 5<sup>th</sup>
- NC DOT Leader's Annual Conference April 8-9<sup>th</sup>
- Training for Housing Finance Agency staff

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## Resource Directory Updating

- Contacted 231 agencies or entities
- Responses from 96.
- Very few remaining RRTs (1/2)
- Missing responses from 50% nongovernmental agencies.

## Survey Monkey

- Purchasing the survey monkey product to help with this updating, we well as with other projects.

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## Appropriations Act – Section 16.22 Facility Improvements:

- 40 of 45 extensions have gone out
- 35 of 45 agencies have received Updated Financial Report Templates
- 10 outstanding Quarter 4 reports
- Q5 and Q6 reports

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## Appropriations Act – Section 16.22 Facility Improvements:

- Legal has sent us the close-out documents and we are ready to start closing 26 grants. It would be 27, but one agency has gone into bankruptcy.
- We are waiting on further instructions from finance for 1 agency that is ready to close but has a small remaining balance to return to us.

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## 2023-2025 Appropriation – Recurring Grant Funds:

- \$500,000 appropriation for direct services.
- Maximum \$50,000 per year, per grantee.
- Position is posting any day now and is a temporary position that must end on June 30, 2025.
- These grants will need encumbered in this fiscal year.
- Technical Correction may be needed in order to issue these as 2-year grants and have spending beyond June 2024.

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January Awareness Month:

Events, Awards, and a Conference!



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## National Hotline Protocols in NC:

- Visited D.C. last month to talk with Polaris about hotline call volume and how we can help in NC.
- We will be opening opportunity to agencies in NC for inclusion in the hotline protocols.
- Be on the look-out for an email!



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## Administration for Children and Families Region IV Meeting:

- 8 Southern States have been meeting since 2016.
- We hosted in NC last month for the 2-day meetings.
- ACF has brought in U.S. OASH (Office for the Assistant Secretary for Health) and SAMHSA.
- Focus is narrowing to public health and child welfare.

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## ACF Region IV Meeting: (Katherine Chon)

1. Migration that works and policy change with DHS - Here's the DHS announcement: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2023/09/18/dhs-issues-proposed-rule-modernize-h-2-temporary-visa-programs-and-strengthen>
2. Laws on Federal Level: federal contractors have a procurement mandate; federally funded health agencies must train staff; child welfare must train staff.
3. Prevention and considering goals as Region IV around prevention.

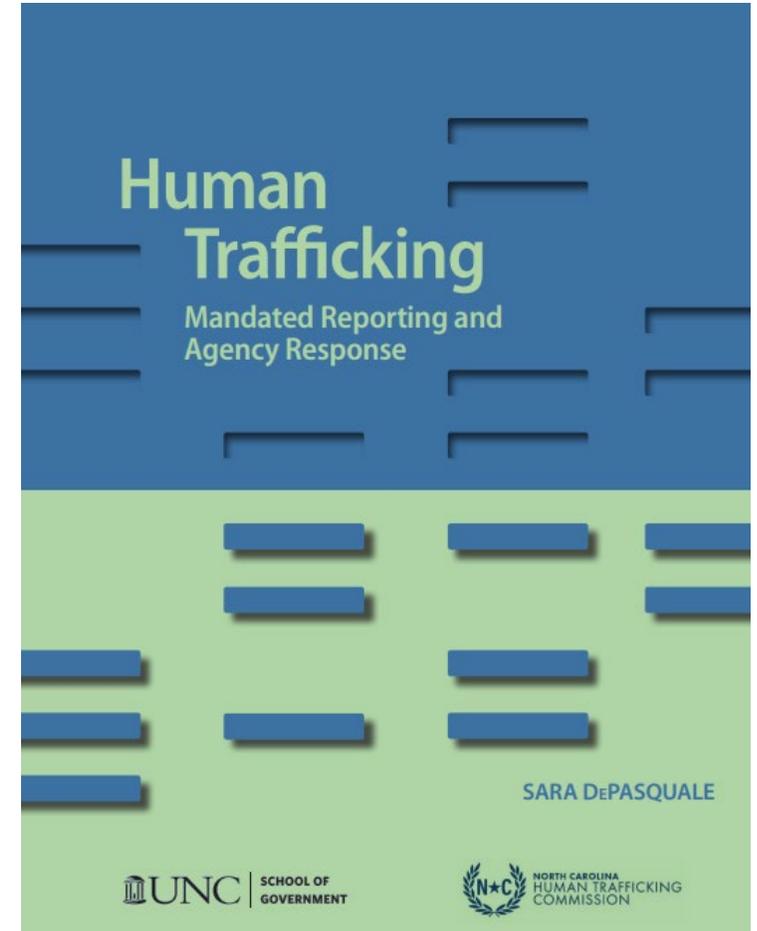
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ACF Region IV Meeting: (Katherine Chon)

## Mandatory Reporting Guide

- Add federal mandates, such as CPS mandatory reporting to NCMCEC; all required to report foreign national minors reported to Office of Trafficking In Persons.



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## Other Projects or Meetings:

- NC Rural Center
- Housing Finance Agency (Survey of dedicated bed count coming)
- Child Welfare Meetings
- CareSource Summit Planning
- Illinois State Police and DHHS
- The Bush School of Government and Public Service (Texas)
- NC Department of Public Instruction

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## Governor's Crime Commission VAWA Grant to HTC:

- Started 10/1/2023.
- Contract just signed 2 weeks ago.
- Grants System opened to us a week ago.
- Will be making partner contracts soon.
- Waiting for GCC to issue new grant openings to re-apply for this grant again.

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## Next Meeting:

1. Invite partners announced in the Buffett Foundation Grant.
  - The State Bureau of Investigation's Human Trafficking Unit is being awarded \$9.6 million over the next five years from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation
  - A Charlotte nonprofit, Safe Alliance, is receiving over \$4 million over the next five years for human trafficking resources
2. Potential new trend in human trafficking.
3. More award recognitions to come.