

What is Human Trafficking?

Modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to exploit someone for labor or commercial sex

OR

Someone under 18 years old participating in commercial sex.

Signs to Look For:

- A minor engaging in commercial sex
- Forced to have sex for something of value
- No control of identification documents or money
- Inadequate or unusual sleeping arrangements
- Branding tattoos or marks
- Untreated medical conditions
- Not paid at all or well underpaid for labor or services
- Threats of deportation or harm to self or loved ones
- Defers to someone else to answer questions
- Doing a job other than what they agreed to
- Confused or disoriented, especially about their location

Is it really happening here?

Yes. While we are still working collecting accurate data to assess the prevalence of the issue in our community, our member agencies are serving survivors of human trafficking on a daily basis. In 2016, our task force supported our District Attorney's office to achieve Muskegon County's first ever human trafficking conviction!

What should I do if I suspect human trafficking?

If someone is in immediate danger call 911

Call The National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-3737-888 (available 24/7)

If the victim is under 18 call CPS

855-444-3911

If in need of services call The Hope Project

231-747-8555 (9am-5pm M-F)

If in need of emergency shelter call Every Woman's Place

231-722-3333 (available 24/7)

Contact Us

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Who We Are

The Lakeshore Human Trafficking Task Force is a collaboration of law enforcement, social services, faith communities, elected officials, people who've experienced and overcome human trafficking, and other community advocates dedicated to working together to make our community one that is trafficking-free.

We are a registered nonprofit underneath the umbrella of The Hope Project, a faith-based nonprofit in Muskegon, MI seeking to support the healing of girls and women who have survived sex trafficking and prevent further cases through mentoring and education.

Our Mission

Providing a comprehensive response to human trafficking in Muskegon County and surrounding areas.



Our Approach

Prevent

Stop human trafficking before it starts in our community by collecting data, advocating for legislation, and addressing demand.

Educate

Share with our community accurate and current information about both sex and labor trafficking, the impact on individuals and the community, and how to identify and respond to victims.

Respond

Help member agencies respond to trafficking by advocating for victim-centered, trauma-informed and evidence-based services.

Support

Support the healing process for victims and survivors by building capacity agencies offering services to victims.

Connect

Provide opportunities and resources for stakeholder agencies and community members to network and build relationships that ultimately support the well-being of victims and survivors.

What We Offer

Trainings

LHTTF hosts regular trainings for professionals in our community. Check our calendar for upcoming events!

If you are interested in bringing a training to your agency or group, please fill out the request form on our website.

Community Forum

Annually during Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the task force hosts an open-to-the-public community forum with an enlightening panel of people from all different vantage points of the issue of human trafficking. Check our website and Facebook for upcoming event dates!

Networking opportunities

Are you interested in engaging in this issue on a deeper level? Do you have experience with human trafficking or work at an agency that encounters affected people? Do you have something to bring to the table? Join us for our monthly membership meetings! Fill out a contact form on our website or email info@lhttf.org for more information.