

# How to Get HELP

**NATIONAL  
HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING  
HOTLINE**

**1-888-373-7888**

**The National Human Trafficking Hotline** is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Hotline offers access to a safe space to report tips, seek services, and ask for help.

**Email:** [help@humantraffickinghotline.org](mailto:help@humantraffickinghotline.org)  
**Website:** [www.humantraffickinghotline.org](http://www.humantraffickinghotline.org)

## **BeFree Textline**

Text HELP to 233733 (BEFREE) to get help for victims and survivors of human trafficking or to connect with local services.

## **Online Chat Service**

Accessible from  
[www.humantraffickinghotline.org](http://www.humantraffickinghotline.org)



## **Vision**

To work toward a day when no person within Pasco County is compelled to work or engage in a commercial sex act against their will.

## **Mission**

To ensure the health and safety of the people in our community through awareness, education, and advocacy efforts.

## **Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking**

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### **County webpage:**

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/index.aspx?NID=2110>  
<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/index.aspx?NID=2651>

**Pasco County  
Commission  
on Human  
Trafficking**



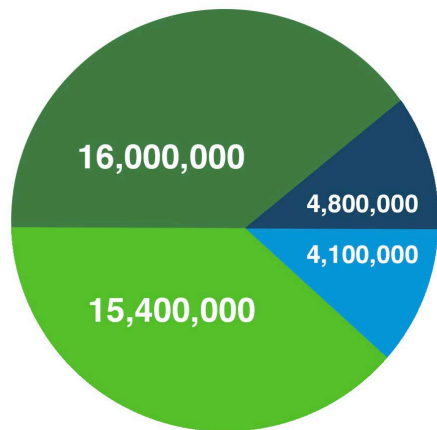
**STOP Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking  
is happening here too.

# Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery

Human Trafficking is a growing problem worldwide and is quickly becoming the second most common criminal act behind drug trafficking.

**40.3 MILLION**  
VICTIMS WORLDWIDE



- FORCED LABOUR EXPLOITATION
- FORCED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
- STATE-IMPOSED FORCED LABOUR
- FORCED MARRIAGE

Florida consistently ranks third in the number of calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. In response to this growing trend, the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners Commission on Human Trafficking was formed by Resolution NO. 14-272 on September 9, 2014.

The Commission is made up of 11 members representing county government, law enforcement, the school district, service providers, businesses, child welfare, behavioral health, and the faith based community.

## What is Human Trafficking?

**Compelling** someone to work or engage in a commercial sex act.

A crime against a **person**.

The **exploitation** of a human being by means of force, fraud, or coercion.

Occurs when trafficked men, women and children are under the control of another person and are treated as property and are **stripped of their rights**.

## Know the Signs

- Under 18 and providing commercial sex
- Few or no personal possessions
- ID, travel documents/ money controlled by someone else
- Signs of malnourishment, dehydration, exhaustion
- Evidence of violence (bruising, scarring, branding) or untreated injuries
- Isolation from community, family and friends
- Denied access to medical care and other services

## Recognize The Behavior

- Appears fearful, anxious, submissive
- Avoids eye contact
- Not allowed/able to speak for themselves
- Does not know or have an address
- Appears confused about where they are
- Does not have a sense of time
- Reacts with fear at the mention of law enforcement/immigration officials



## What Can You Do To Help?

- Be observant, look for signs of trafficking
- Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline if you suspect trafficking
- Request a training from the Commission
- Volunteer your time or donate goods to an anti-trafficking organization
- Become educated about the issue by visiting <https://polarisproject.org/>
- Purchase goods marked with the fair trade logo

