

# Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force



## RCAHT's Mission:

Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force is a collaborative partnership led by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and Operation SafeHouse to develop resources in the county to educate, prevent, intervene and treat victims of human trafficking and exploitation. The goal of the Task Force is to coordinate services tailored to the characteristics and circumstances of these victims, train law enforcement on investigation and detection, educate the public and create awareness to protect people from abuse and exploitation. Together with Federal Law Enforcements, United States Attorney's Office, and social services we aim to Protect, Prevent and Prosecute on behalf of victims.

## RCAHT Goals:

**Protect** – Ensures that dignity is established

**Prevent** – Ensures creation of community advocates

**Prosecute** – Ensures that justice is served

**Partner**—Ensures that victims' needs can be reached by uniting together

## RCAHT Philosophy:

RCAHT operates out of the awareness that every child, woman, and man is entitled to dignity and respect. No one – domestic or foreign national - should live life in fear, exploitation, or physical or emotional imprisonment.

Our pursuit is to make a tangible and sustained impact on victims of human trafficking through a comprehensive and anthropological approach to life-rebuilding, execute innovative and thorough investigations to ensure that justice is served, and educate through contextualization to create a narrative that creates community advocates and service partners.

Through collaboration and education we shall be a county of communities that can intervene and as a result provide the building blocks necessary for survivors to dream a new story for themselves.

## Education Philosophy

The multi-disciplinary approach model, serves as a catalyst for RCAHT's educational component, guided by the same purpose – holism. Our philosophy is to *bridge the gap* of awareness about human trafficking; to establish a common ground of information and knowledge on the issue and to create a new meta-narrative applicable to Riverside County.

Education encompasses and incorporates trainings geared to tangible tools, contextualized and localized information, protocols and procedures of RCAHT, development of best practices, innovative, out-of-the box service collaboration, and reliance on the holistic approach that everyone on the task force is an expert and thus is empowered to engage and educate others within their specific field.

## Your Involvement in RCAHT:

- RCAHT is a multi-disciplinary approach to Prevent, Protect and Prosecute. We need all partners from Law Enforcement agencies, Legal, Social Services, Victim care and Volunteers.
- Get trained on the information. RCAHT holds trainings at various times of the year and will also train a department to ensure accurate information is being disseminated.
- Become a **Train the Trainer**, an ambassador program through the task force.
- Be a hosting site for movie showings, trainings, conferences, seminars, meetings.
- Be a driver, mentor, and volunteer with Operation SafeHouse.
- Tell a friend, family member or co-worker what you have learned about human trafficking.
- If you think you have come in contact with a victim of human trafficking, call the Trafficking Information and Referral Hotline at **1.888.3737.888**. This hotline is coordinated with local law enforcement in Riverside County.
- Ask Operation SafeHouse what in-kind and donations they need or how to **donate funds to help and support victims**.