



MISSISSIPPIANS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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**IDENTIFICATION. PREVENTION.
INTERVENTION. RECOVERY.**



The impact of human trafficking is devastating, and knowing where to go for help can be confusing.

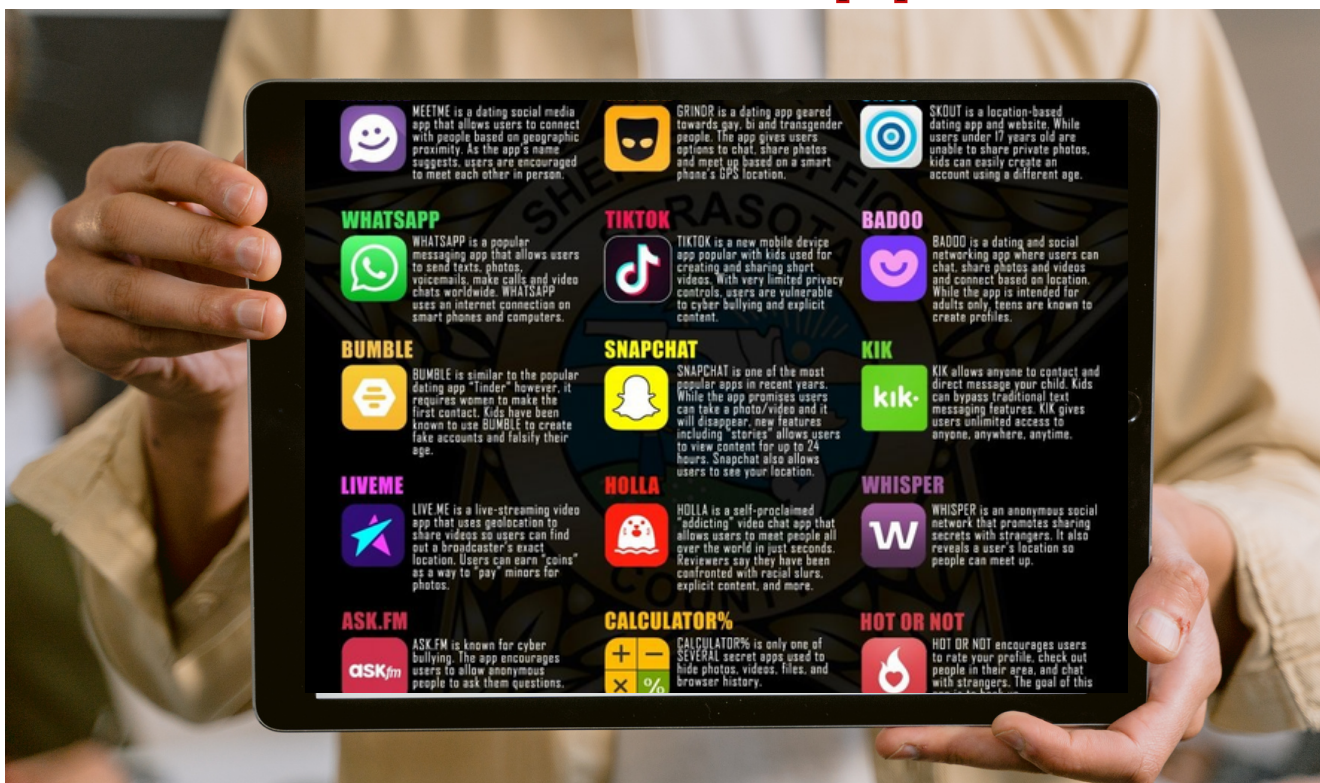
MSAHT strives to bring a change by building an alliance of Mississippians united in their goal to put an end to human trafficking. MSAHT works through education, forming alliances, conducting research, implementing public policies, intervening when necessary, and providing aftercare services.

Mississippi has the greatest number of "per capita" human trafficking victims in the United States with 6.38 victims per 100,000 residents.



MSAHT was formed in 2018 with the objective of promoting collaboration among law enforcement, victim service providers, state agencies, schools, medical professionals, community members, and other groups in battling human trafficking, becoming the first organization in the state to do so. Our mission is to enhance knowledge around prevention, safeguard victims, and identify improvements that can be made to the system.

Parents Need to Know About These 15 Apps

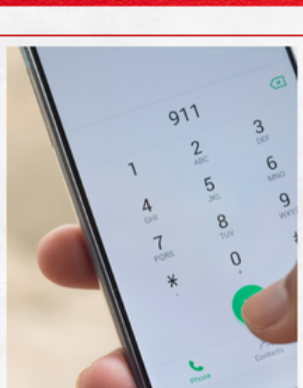


Human Trafficking Who's Most at Risk

Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons or modern-day slavery, is a crime that involves compelling or coercing a person to provide labor or services, or to engage in commercial sex acts. The coercion can be subtle or overt, physical or psychological, and may involve the use of violence, threats, lies, or debt bondage. The exploitation of a minor for commercial sex is human trafficking, regardless of whether any form of force, fraud, or coercion was used. Human trafficking does not require travel or transportation of the victim across local, state, or international borders.

Victims of human trafficking can be young children, teenagers, men, and women. They can be U.S. citizens or foreign nationals, and they can be found in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

In addition to prostitution or sex entertainment, human trafficking also occurs in domestic servitude, restaurant work, janitorial work, sweatshop factory work, and migrant agricultural work.

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| <p>IDENTIFICATION. <i>Learn how to identify the indicators of human trafficking and assist victims.</i></p> | <p>PREVENTION. <i>Become a mentor to a young person or someone in need. Traffickers often target people who are going through a difficult time or who lack strong support systems.</i></p> | <p>INTERVENTION. <i>If you believe someone may be a victim of human trafficking, call the 24-hour National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or report to law enforcement by calling 911.</i></p> | <p>RECOVERY. <i>Mentor someone in recovery; provide jobs, internships, skills training, and other opportunities to survivors.</i></p> |

MSAHT will combat human trafficking by focusing on these four areas:

1. Developing and implementing a plan for effective communication and collaboration among service providers, law enforcement, and other partners.
2. Supporting victim service providers and filling gaps in services.
3. Assisting in prevention efforts by raising awareness, providing educational opportunities, and adopting preventative measures.
4. Providing training, support, and collaboration with law enforcement.

3 TYPES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Sex



Domestic



Labor

Human trafficking is tied with arms trafficking as the world's second-largest criminal industry. It is also the fastest growing.



Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing criminal industries in the world, and Mississippi is no exception. Human trafficking has become a major problem in central Mississippi due to the intersection of I-55 and I-20. However, traffickers do not just operate along the interstates and in big cities; the state's many rural areas provide ample hiding places for them.

Human slavery takes many forms. Traffickers entice vulnerable teens to their operations, move victims over interstates and highways, hide victims in rural areas, and use hotels as bases. Those in need of work or seeking a new start are exploited by labor traffickers. Drug-addicted parents sell their children. The illicit business of sex trafficking is promoted by gangs because, unlike drugs, people can be sold multiple times a day.

Mississippi presently has only one facility to house adult victims and one facility for victims under 18. A number of groups are working to raise awareness throughout the state. Although many organizations and agencies are doing what they can to help victims, they often lack needed resources. Several task forces are working to arrest and prosecute traffickers and buyers. They have realized it is essential to work together when serving victims and enforcing the law against human trafficking.

FACTS

- In 2021, 233 reports of human trafficking were reported to the National Human Trafficking hotline from Mississippi.
- Of those 233 cases, 316 victims were identified.
- 74% of the incidents that were reported involved people who were under the age of 18.
- 81% of these juveniles were girls.

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Since 2000, traffickers have recruited **55%** of sex trafficking victims online, usually through social media platforms, web-based messaging apps, online chat rooms, dating apps, classified advertisements, or job boards.*

Defendants used the internet as their primary method of soliciting buyers in **85%** of the new cases filed.*

NO MORE NO MORE

Your assistance is required in the ongoing fight against human trafficking.

Donate. Educate. Mentor.



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MSAHT aims to prevent instances of human trafficking and provide resources to those who have been victimized.

Prevention

MSAHT understands the importance of community education and engagement in stopping human trafficking and sexual exploitation before it takes place. We are creating an environment that makes it harder for criminals to exploit, manipulate, and coerce those most vulnerable by educating them on the risk factors.

Intervention

Advocates, NGOs, government, law enforcement, and frontline workers must work together to help survivors escape trafficking and prosecute traffickers.

Through community partners, faith-based organizations, healthcare providers, state and local civic organizations, and non-profits, MSAHT trains frontline workers to recognize signs of human trafficking, including hospital staff, transportation authorities, casino workers, truckers, and law enforcement.

Recovery

In the aftermath of human trafficking, emotional scars are left behind. MSAHT is dedicated to providing support, guidance, and resources to human trafficking survivors. We assist survivors in finding the right aftercare placement as well as job placement assistance when they are moving towards a life with a job, family, and friends.



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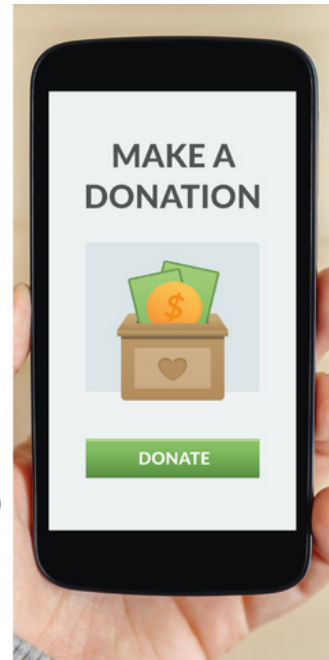
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Stakeholders advise and support MSAHT to ensure outcomes that meet the needs of victims, law enforcement, and victim service organizations. Their commitment to supporting human trafficking victims is vital to MSAHT's mission.

Community partners provide invaluable support in helping us achieve our goals of developing education programs, referral programs, and assistance to human trafficking victims specific to their hometowns and regions.

Mentors help create pathways to safe employment and economic stability for survivors, which prevents future incidents of trafficking and empowers survivors to rewrite the narratives for future generations.

Sponsors play a vital role in MSAHT's ability to promote awareness through hosting events, providing education, forging partnerships, and offering aftercare services to victims.

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