# **THINGS TO KNOW**

- Trafficking happens EVERYWHERE and in all communities.
- Trafficking can happen to ANYONE: adults, children, all genders, races, ethnicities and all income levels.
- Victims will often not ask for help or selfidentify. They are often discovered as opposed to the victim disclosing.
- Traffickers can be ANYONE, including family members. There is no one profile of a trafficker. They are all races, genders, ages, etc.
- Trafficking can happen, even when there appears to be consent.
- Trafficking happens to people who are in a relationship with their trafficker.
- Trafficking does not always involve physical force or restraint.
- Trafficking includes both foreign and domestic victims.
- Victims often are coerced and have no freedom of movement or ability to just leave.



If you have questions or are working with someone you think is a victim of sex trafficking or any form of human trafficking, call:

### THE WOMEN'S CENTER 24/7 HOTLINE: 262-542-3828 888-542-3828

Services are available to anyone even if they do not want to make a police report

# If you believe a child is the victim of human trafficking, call:

#### 211

To be connected to your local Child Protective Services

#### You can also call or text:

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE: 888-373-7888 Text: "info" to 233733

If a situation requires immediate attention, call:

911 OR Local Law Enforcement

If you would like to contact the task force, email:

## WCAHTTF@gmail.com



## BUILDING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS TO PAVE THE ROAD TO HEALING



The mission of the Waukesha County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force is to address human trafficking through a victim-centered, multidisciplinary, collaborative community effort. We are invested in educating communities to:

- Increase awareness of human trafficking
- Decrease demand for commercial sex
- Provide human trafficking survivors with access to treatment and support
- Collaborate with other organizations in the fight against human trafficking
- Equip the anti-trafficking community with tools to effectively fight all forms of human trafficking.



# WHY WAUKESHA COUNTY NEEDS A TASK FORCE

#### Local & Statewide Statistics

- Documented cases of human trafficking in all 72 counties of Wisconsin
- WI Department of Children and Families had 422 allegations across WI 2017-2018
- 50.5 percent of those cases were outside Milwaukee
- Waukesha County Child Protective Services had double the amount of cases from 2018 to 2019

#### Local Agencies Represented on Our Task Force Steering Committee

- Faith Coalition Against Sex Trafficking
- Lad Lake
- Plowshare Fair Trade Marketplace
- School District of Waukesha
- The Women's Center
- Waukesha County Board of Supervisors
- Waukesha County Circuit Court
- Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services
- Waukesha County District Attorney's Office
- Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

# TASK FORCE STRUCTURE

Steering Committee

### WORKGROUPS





Prevention & Awareness

Treatment & Support Justice System

Accomplishments ...

Coordinated with the National Trafficking Hotline to establish The Women's Center as official local resource

- Created screening tool to identify adult victims of sex trafficking
- ★ Trains local professionals across multiple systems
  - Offers targeted outreach and education to hospitality industry
- Develops and maintains regional resource guide in collaboration with other local task forces
- Compiled and updates speakers list for educational and community awareness
- Reviews and promotes an instructional unit about trafficking prevention developed by the Department of Public Instruction

Provides resources to industries that could encounter potential victims