

Summary

Since 2007, more than 473 calls from Idaho have been made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. According to the Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition this does not reflect an accurate number of victims in Idaho who are suspected and/or identified as victims of sex trafficking. Just under 8,000 students in Idaho were homeless during the 2017-2018 school year, and with a concerning number of 2,714 children in Idaho served in foster care in 2017, one in six are at risk of becoming a victim of sex trafficking, according to the national statistics. Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition has identified a need to implement a statewide assessment tool to accurately identify victims in order to provide appropriate services. The FBI estimates over 100,000 children in the U.S. are victims of sex trafficking and the Center on Missing and Exploited Children estimates one in seven endangered runaways were likely victims in 2017. Once in the hands of a sex trafficker, a child is coerced, forced, or manipulated into performing sex acts for money. These children are often subjected to mental and physical abuse, and face social isolation, lack of care, and severe health concerns. Because of these circumstances, extracting or rescuing children from their sex traffickers is extremely difficult and sex trafficked children face numerous hurdles to getting and staying out of sex trafficking and returning to a normal and optimistic life.

Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that designed its mission statement around the blatant need for a grassroots effort to bring Idaho's communities together and agree to end sex trafficking in Idaho. Efforts include community outreach, educational trainings, partnerships, direct referral for services, safe housing and community based mental health services for anyone at risk, suspected, or identified as a victim of sex trafficking. Services and supports are designed to meet the individual needs and critical for restoration, healing, and independence for each victim. With the support of the board of directors, coalition volunteers, and community partners, Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition is confident that this grassroots effort to address the statewide needs through identified assessments and evaluations, as well as a streamlined protocol for rehabilitative services and supports to remove the punitive process for victims of sex trafficking.

Solace House Outpatient clinic, estimated to open in March 2019, will be a Medicaid provider with three clinicians on staff and will provide services to include, but not limited to, individual and group counseling, case management, EMDR, crisis intervention, family support training and counseling, and trauma therapy.

Opening in Spring 2019, Solace House will be a safe and secure shelter for children and youth who are identified as victims of child sex trafficking. The safe house will operate 24/7 and give access to comprehensive mental health services through Solace House Outpatient clinic, estimated to open in March 2019. Minor victims of sex trafficking who qualify for Solace House will access an array of services including comprehensive mental health care, medical and dental care, life and trauma coaching, education, and extracurricular activities for up to 10 girls, ages 11-17. Solace House is a program that allows victims to stay up to two years, and with the assistance of a case manager, there will be transition services to the community, home with their family, or to another identified appropriate placement. Children, youth, and their families will continue to access services offered at Solace House Outpatient clinic after they transition out of Solace House.

Introduction

Organization: Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition, Inc.

Mission

Our mission is to work alongside community members in providing awareness, education, services, and safe housing for victims of human trafficking.

Vision

Our vision is to create a safe environment where individuals can receive appropriate services and when necessary, safe housing, in order to work on healing, restoration, recovery, and independence.

Values

We at Idaho Anti-trafficking Coalition, Inc. believes in the following core values:

- All individuals have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- All individuals should have access to needed services that achieve optimal outcomes.
- All individuals should be empowered to exercise informed consent.

About Us

Organization incorporated March 2018

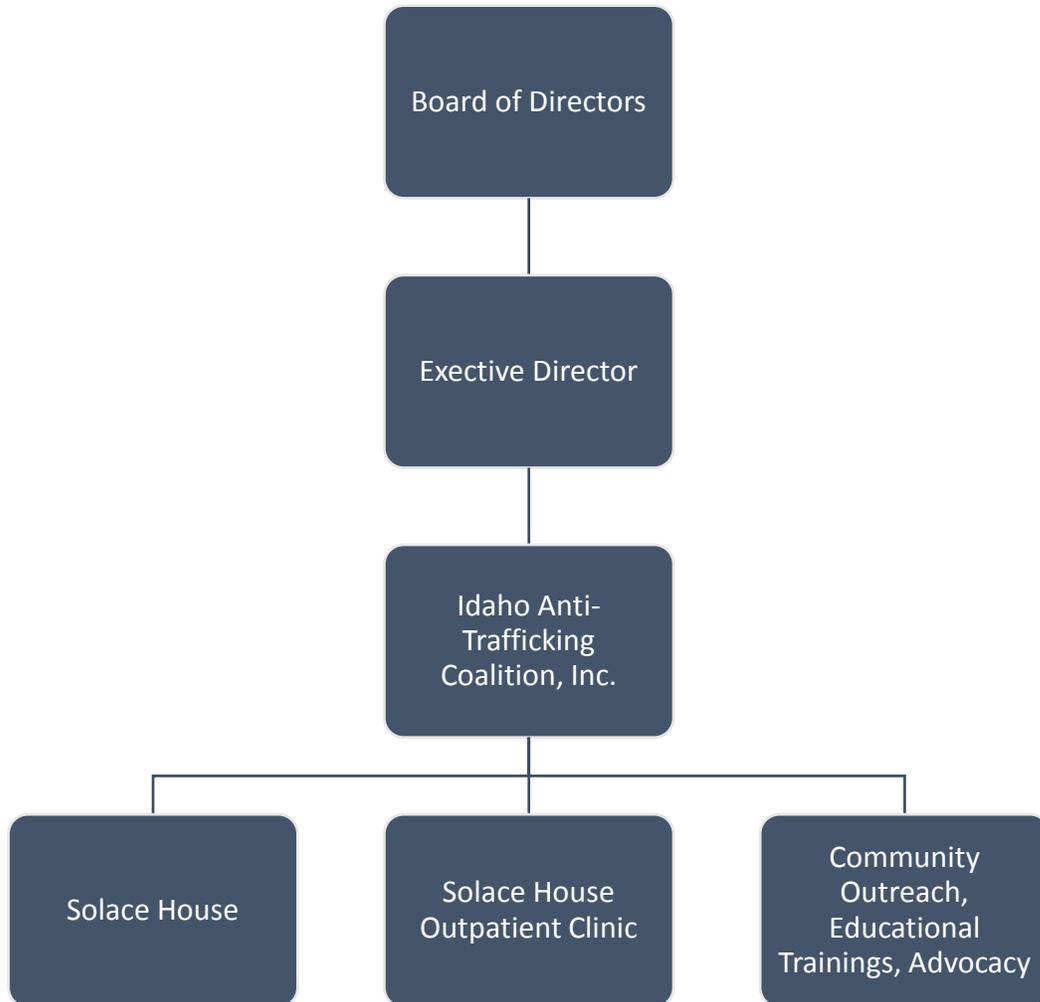
Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition is a newly formed program that was established by local concerned citizens based on the needs of addressing the growing numbers of sexually exploited trafficked children. Advocate, bring awareness, education and provide safety to these abused children.

The organization currently has 86 active volunteers and over 30 community partners with an estimated 230 statewide interested citizens who want to put an end to sex trafficking in Idaho.

Location

Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition, Inc. is located in an office space donated by CDI, Inc. in Garden City. Solace House was purchased in 2018 and is currently under construction to meet all residential care listening and safety requirements. House funded from private donors and Housing and Urban Development Grant. Solace House Outpatient services will be located in an office space donated by Vineyard Boise in Garden City.

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<http://www.missingkids.com/home>

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