

Survivors of Sexual
Exploitation, Trafficking,
and those at risk can look
just like the kids you see
everyday.

For more information or
if you have questions
please contact:

**Genesee County
Safe Harbour Program
Genesee County
Youth Bureau
5130 East Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020
585-344-3960**

If you believe a youth is in
immediate danger, promptly
call 9-1-1. **DO NOT INTERVENE**
or confront individuals you
are suspicious of as this could
endanger you or the victim
involved.

**NATIONAL
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
RESOURCE 24/7 HOTLINE**

1-888-373-7888 or
Text INFO or HELP
to BeFree (233733)

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING
AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN
1-800-843-5678



Genesee County Safe Harbour Program



*The Genesee County
Safe Harbour Program
offers supportive services
to youth who have been
trafficked, exploited or are
at risk.*

What Is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. This crime occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will.

Common Myths about Human Trafficking

Myth: Human trafficking requires an international or state border crossing.

Fact: No movement is required for a situation to be considered “trafficking.”

Myth: Smuggling is a required element of the human trafficking definition.

Fact: Smuggling is not required, but a person who is smuggled may also be a victim of human trafficking.

Myth: Human trafficking victims are always foreign nationals.

Fact: Victims may be U.S. citizens, foreign nationals, or undocumented persons.

Myth: Trafficking victims must be kidnapped and/or restrained physically.

Fact: Trafficking victims may be threatened or manipulated into compliance, but do not necessarily have to be physically restrained or locked up.

Trafficking Indicators

(Not all indicators listed are present in every trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any indicator is not necessarily proof of trafficking).

SEX TRAFFICKING

- ⇒ Youth is under the age of 18 and engaged in commercial sex, regardless of force, fraud, or coercion.
- ⇒ Youth feels they must provide commercial sex in exchange for money, housing or other necessities.
- ⇒ Youth has a history of multiple runaways or AWOLS, or any episodes of child homelessness.
- ⇒ Youth presents with an inexplicable appearance of excessive cash, expensive gifts, clothing, or other costly items.
- ⇒ Is in a controlling relationship or has visible signs of physical abuse such as bruising, scars, or hearing loss.
- ⇒ Has tattoos or markings indicating ownership or control by another individual.
- ⇒ Has a history of untreated sexually transmitted diseases.
- ⇒ Youth frequently stays at or is seen at hotels/motels.
- ⇒ Shows signs of or admits to substance abuse or gang involvement.
- ⇒ Victims include girls, boys and LGBTQ youth and could be anyone – your son, daughter, neighbor, niece or nephew.

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LABOR TRAFFICKING

- ⇒ Youth references employment scams or physical/sexual/psychological abuse by employers.
- ⇒ Youth works unusually long hours or works instead of attending school.
- ⇒ Was required to pay a recruitment fee for their job.
- ⇒ Is not paid, is paid very little or someone takes all or part of the money he/she earned.
- ⇒ Is accompanied by a controlling person or boss; cannot or will not speak on their own behalf.
- ⇒ Presents with bruises, is depressed, fearful or overly submissive.
- ⇒ Is transported to or from work; lives and works in the same place.
- ⇒ Lacks control over personal schedule, money, I.D., travel documents.
- ⇒ Has been threatened with deportation or law enforcement action.
- ⇒ He/she wants to leave his/her job, but can't.