

## Did You Know?

- \* In 2016, 1 out of 6 runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely sex trafficking victims.
- \* Accordingly to the U.S. Department of Justice the average age of the children being groomed and sold for sex is 12-14.
- \* 63% of sex trafficking victims are sold online
- \* Sex trafficking is in Rock County

## Awareness Speakers

Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force offers speakers to provide awareness and information about sex trafficking. If you are interested in arranging a speaker for an event contact Tammy DeGarmo at [ed@project1649.org](mailto:ed@project1649.org)

## Community Contributions are Critical

If you or someone you know is interested in contributing to Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force's mission, please contact us today. All financial gifts play extremely valuable roles in helping us fight and prevent sex trafficking in our local communities. No gift is too small in helping us do our work. Contact Cecilia Dever at [cdever@community-action.org](mailto:cdever@community-action.org) or 608-313-1300.

## Dedicated to People & Communities

Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force is committed to advocate for the victims of sex trafficking and those who are exploited. RCAHTTF promotes collaborations between communities and systems to identify, serve, and protect victims of youth trafficking. Our local agencies and systems are enhancing efforts to strengthen and maintain a network to adequately identify those at risk, raise public awareness, provide current training, and review and organize community data.

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### Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force



## National Human Trafficking Hotline

If you or someone you know is a victim of sex trafficking, call now.

1-888-373-7888  
Interpreters Available

Text "Help" or "Info" to BeFree (233733)

[www.HumanTraffickingHotline.org](http://www.HumanTraffickingHotline.org)

[www.BeFreeWisconsin.com](http://www.BeFreeWisconsin.com)

To report suspected sex trafficking of a child or sexual exploitation of a child, please contact Rock County Human Services at 608-757-5401 or 608-757-2244.

# Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force



The Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force's mission is to develop and maintain a community network that serves to educate, prevent, and respond to youth who have been or are at risk of being trafficked.

# What is the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (RCAHTTF)

## Local Members of the Task Force

Local agencies and strong leaders are working diligently to help our communities in Rock County recognize human trafficking and are collaborating efforts to stop it, providing advocacy for the victims impacted.

### Agencies Include:

School Districts  
Law Enforcement agencies  
Health Care Systems  
Homeless Shelters  
Community and Legal Advocates  
Rock County Human Services  
Victim Advocate Agencies

## What is Sex Trafficking?

**Sex Trafficking** is the trade of humans, most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others.

Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to compel adults and children to engage in commercial sex against their will.

Under the U.S. Federal law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex acts is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.

**Sex Trafficking of a Child** involves another person benefitting from forcing, defrauding, or coercing a child into a commercial sex act with another person. (s.948.051 Wis.Stat.)

**Sexual Exploitation of a Child** involves forcing, defrauding, or coercing a child to engage in a sexually explicit way for the purposes of recording, displaying, and/or distributing the recording (s.948.05 Wis.Stat.)



## Cycle of Trafficking



This wheel was adapted from the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project's Duluth Model Power and Control Wheel, available at [www.theduluthmodel.org](http://www.theduluthmodel.org)  
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## Red Flags

- Chronic Runaway
- Excessive amount of cash
- Carries multiple hotel keys
- Signs of branding (tattoos, jewelry)
- Restricted or scripted communication
- Lying about age/false identification and/or inconsistencies
- Appear scared or nervous, may not make eye contact
- Lack of knowledge about where they are and why
- Signs of psychological trauma and abuse: anxiety, depression, thoughts of suicide, panic attacks, or lack of emotion
- Typically has someone with them at all times. This may be seem controlling.

## Sex Trafficking Recruiters

- Are usually men, but can be women that pretend to be your friend
- Tell a girl she's beautiful, she's an adult (even if she is 13 years old) and that her parents do not understand her
- Buy the young person gifts, and make promises to take care of her
- Sometimes "fish" for the young people on social media
- Are very patient. They can groom a young person for months before taking him/her
- Frequently target vulnerable young people (poor, abused, neglected, or just lonely)
- Will say anything to a young people interested
- Will use drugs to control the young people
- Can be grooming many youth at once

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING RANKS**  
**SECOND**  
**TO DRUG SMUGGLING**  
**IN ORGANIZED CRIME ACTIVITIES**