



# ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Established in 2004, the mission of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) is to work together using a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach toward the common goal of combating human trafficking in Orange County. It is an enhanced collaborative model of law enforcement, victim services, prosecution, government entities, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and volunteers. With the support of the community and faith-based action committee, the purpose of the OCHTTF is to address the areas of protection, prosecution, and prevention in partnership with key stakeholders.

The lead agencies include the Anaheim Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Costa Mesa Police Department, the Irvine Police Department, the Newport Beach Police Department, the Santa Ana Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, the Orange County District Attorney's Office, the Orange County Probation Department, Orange County Social Services Agency, The Salvation Army, the U.S. Attorney's Office and Waymakers. With over 60 participating organizations in Orange County helping to increase education and training, close gaps in anti-trafficking efforts, and share in an exchange of services to assist the complex needs of this victim population, the purpose of the multidisciplinary collaboration is to leverage different agency functions and professional expertise.

Since 2004, the OCHTTF has assisted over 900 victims of human trafficking from 36 countries, with the majority from the United States. In 2010, the OCHTTF was one of three task forces awarded the DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance's first grant project, the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking, and continues to function as such to address all forms of human trafficking in Orange County.

