



# Practice Points

## Resources Available for Human Trafficking Cases

The purpose of this Practice Point is to advise staff of resources available for use when working with cases that involve human trafficking. The [Polaris Project](#) is the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, NHTRC. They maintain a national, toll-free hotline (1-888-3737-888), available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

The NHTRC hotline information may be utilized by staff and shared with our collaborative partners to accomplish any of the following:

- To report potential situations of human trafficking
- To make referrals to other agencies and supportive services which connect survivors of human trafficking with services
- To obtain resources and information from a human trafficking specialist or on-line library
- To obtain training and technical assistance on local to state levels

The following is a listing of state level resource agencies accessible on NHTRC's website specific to Missouri:

- **International Institute of St. Louis**  
St. Louis, MO  
Main: 314-773-9090 Ext. 143

24 hr. Hotline – St. Louis Area: 314-369-2305

24 hr. Hotline – Southeast, MO: 573-680-1650

- **Veronica's Voice**

Kansas City, MO

Main/24hr: 816-483-7101

24hr Hotline: 816-728-0004

[safecenter@veronicasvoice.org](mailto:safecenter@veronicasvoice.org) or <http://www.veronicasvoice.org/>

- **Hope House**

<http://www.hopehouse.net/>

- **Jewish Vocational Service**

<http://www.jvskc.org/>

- **Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition**

Columbia, MO 573-884-3757

<http://stophumantraffickingmo.com>

- **Catholic Charities Refugee Services**

<http://www.cfsstl.org/>

- **YWCA - St. Louis Regional Sexual Assault Center**

<http://www.ywca.org/>

- **Covenant House**

<http://www.covenanthousemo.org/>

Staff are encouraged to access these resources and others maintained by the NHTRC and/or Polaris Project, as needed, when addressing cases that involve human trafficking.

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