

# Human Trafficking:

*A hidden crisis for youth in Orange County*



**Human trafficking is nothing less than a form of modern day slavery.**

Its victims are forced, coerced, defrauded and exploited for sexual purposes, compelled to live in domestic servitude or perform sweatshop or migrant labor.

## How to Recognize a Child Victim

Exploited youth may exhibit the following "red flags":

- ▶ History of multiple runaways or homelessness
- ▶ Do not attend school or are frequently absent
- ▶ Unexplained change in lifestyle or appearance
- ▶ In a controlling relationship
- ▶ Appear ashamed, humiliated, anxious, submissive or disoriented
- ▶ Often hungry and appear malnourished, fatigued or exhausted
- ▶ Work unusually long hours and often live at a workplace
- ▶ Have visible signs of physical or sexual abuse

## How to Report Human Trafficking

If you or someone you know has been impacted by human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline:

**1-888-373-7888**

The Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in more than 200 languages.

For additional information, local resources, services and support, please visit:

**[OrangeCountyGov.com/SafeHarbor](https://www.OrangeCountyGov.com/SafeHarbor)**