

JANUARY IS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is the exploitation of a person for the purpose of labor, services, or commercial sex.

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"Preventing human trafficking cannot be accomplished alone; rather, we must build partnerships across all sectors of society to improve the lives of those we serve. When we #Partner2Prevent, we can enhance our efforts to keep everyone safe from human trafficking."

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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If you or someone you know is being forced, tricked, or pressured to work or have sex in exchange for something of value (food, shelter, money), **help is available.**

**Call 1-888-3737-888 or
Text 'HELP' to 233733**

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The average age in southeastern Massachusetts for a child to be exploited is 13 years old, and children as young as 7 have been victims of exploitation.

Source: 10 Things You Need to Know about Trafficking. Plymouth County CAC, Bristol County CAC, and Children's Cove, 2021.

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The Plymouth County District Attorney's Office
Children's Advocacy Center received over
140 referrals in 2022 for suspected
sexual exploitation of children.

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Since the Plymouth County CSEC Protocol started in 2017, the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office Children's Advocacy Center has received over 530 referrals for concerns of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

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Trafficking can involve force, but victims can also be trafficked through threats, coercion, or deception. Victims can be controlled through substance addiction, isolation from friends and family, or manipulation.

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The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is child abuse -- it is never the fault of the child.

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