

Human Trafficking: What You Should Know and How the GSA Can Help

To request help, call the Iowa Victim Service Call Center
1-800-770-1650
or text 'IOWAHELP' to 20121

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-800-373-7888
or text 'INFO' to BeFREE (233733)

What is Human Trafficking?

Sex Trafficking

Minors (under 18) induced to perform sexually explicit acts; or adults (over 18) induced to perform sexually explicit acts through force, fraud, or coercion

Labor Trafficking:

Minors and adults induced to perform labor or services through force, fraud, or coercion

Common signs of human trafficking in the individual in question:

- They are fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement
- They avoid eye contact
- They lack health care
- They appear malnourished
- They show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement
- They are not in control of their own money, no financial records, or bank account
- They are not in control of their own identification documents (ID or passport)



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- They are not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)
- They have claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where they are staying/address
- They lack knowledge of whereabouts and/or do not know what city they are in
- They have a lost sense of time
- They have numerous inconsistencies in their story

***This list is not exhaustive and represents only a selection of possible indicators. Also, the red flags in this list may not be present in all trafficking cases and are not cumulative. Learn more at www.humantraffickinghotline.org.**

How can the GSA help?

As a GSA, you play a special role as a key partner for anti-trafficking efforts. Creating spaces in your school for fellow students to feel safe and affirmed in their identity help create environments where youth can access inclusive and competent services and help.

- Visit local shelters and community organizations and find out how you can help support their efforts to work with individuals who are exiting trafficking scenarios
- Educate your school community on the signs of human trafficking, how to stay safe, and promoting the human trafficking hotline. This could include posters, a school assembly, or a booth at a sporting event or during lunch. Get creative! There is no wrong way to spread the word to keep your peers safe.
- Organize a presentation and speak at your local chamber meetings. Get the word out about how local business and community groups can combat human trafficking in your hometown.

**For more information, contact the
Iowa Attorney General's Office, Crime Victim Assistance Division**



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