

Human Trafficking Legislation and Policy

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Why Human Trafficking?

- Family History
- Amount and Number of People Affected
- Legal/Policy Solutions

Overview

- What is Human Trafficking?
- Human Trafficking: Numbers and Facts
- Legislation and Policy
 - International
 - United States Legislation
 - North Carolina Legislation
- Solutions
 - A Holistic Approach: **JusticeMatters**

What is Human Trafficking?

- Forced labor that exploits individuals often involving forms of coercion.
- Modern Day Slavery
- Includes
 - Sex Trafficking
 - Forced Labor/Involuntary Servitude
 - Bonded Labor
 - Child Soldiers

Numbers and Facts

- 20.9-27 million people affected by trafficking
- ILO estimates that 68% are held in forced labor, 22% in forced sexual exploitation.
- Women comprise **98%** of those involved in sex trafficking and **55%** of those in forced labor.
- 128 out of 196 countries criminalize all forms of human trafficking

NC: Numbers and Facts

- Known as a Major Hub for trafficking in the United States
- NC is 8th on the Federal Watch List



International Policy and Legislation: Sweden

- 1995 Legislation Reform
- Changes the focus of laws
- “Buying” becomes a crime
- Swedish culture has changed as a result of law
- Room for Improvement: View of Women

United States Legislation

- Trafficking Victims Protection Act
 - Criminalizes Human Trafficking
 - Creates Human Trafficking Taskforce
 - Creates Services/Benefits for Victims
 - Immigration Relief
 - Reauthorizations create more services and protections for victims

US and Legislation

- Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2013
- Violence Against Women Act
 - Immigration Relief
 - Services for victims

NC Legislation

- Codified in the NC General Statutes
- Key Benefits
 - Clear Definitions
 - Real Penalties
 - Provisions for Victims
 - Easy to Understand Classifications

NC Legislation

- Areas for Improvement
 - Intent Required for Crime
 - Stronger penalties for adults involved
 - Increased usage

A Holistic Approach: JusticeMatters

- Provides legal representation to victims
- Pursues civil remedies
- Connects and collaborates with a network of organizations to provide all services:
 - Legal support
 - Counseling/Mental Health
 - Training/Job Development



What can you do?

- Learn
- Educate
- Advocate
- Volunteer with and Support Organizations