

Anti-Trafficking Program

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a violation of human rights. It is the illegal trade in human beings through abduction or recruitment, by means of force, fraud, coercion or "sale" for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, or debt bondage. Human trafficking is also referred to as modern day slavery. Of the estimated 700,000 to 2 million people trafficked globally each year, thousands are brought to the United States, with New York City as a major destination and transit point. Traffickers often transport victims from their home countries to unfamiliar destinations, leaving them isolated, defenseless and vulnerable. Trafficked persons are often forced, through sexual, physical and psychological violence, to perform work or commercial sex acts under slavery-like conditions.

Established in 2001, Safe Horizon's **Anti-Trafficking Program (ATP)** is one of the largest service providers for survivors of human trafficking in the United States. ATP assists women, men and children who have been compelled to work against their will as domestic servants and in industries such as agriculture, manufacturing, construction, food service, beauty salons, and the commercial sex industry. Since its founding, ATP has assisted over 345 cases within and outside the New York metropolitan area, supporting survivors of human trafficking from over 60 countries.

A unique approach to human trafficking and modern day slavery

Safe Horizon's **Anti-Trafficking Program** maintains a two-tiered approach to fighting the epidemic of modern day slavery. First, we use an intensive case management intervention model that provides necessary social and legal services and referrals for other supports. While recognizing that client services alone will not turn the tide on human trafficking, our Anti-Trafficking Program also offers a range of services including education and technical assistance, training and advocacy to foster systemic change.

A comprehensive model of service delivery

The ATP designs and implements services that are victim centered by providing intensive case management as well as legal advocacy to survivors of trafficking. The program has proven its capability and effectiveness in delivering a continuum of direct services to a large and varied population of trafficked persons:

- Culturally and linguistically sensitive services
- Shelter and housing referrals
- Linkages to other services
- Advocacy through the criminal justice system
- Counseling and support groups
- Assistance with meeting material needs
- Facilitation of access to public benefits
- Legal assistance

The mission of Safe Horizon is to provide support, prevent violence, and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families and communities. For emergency assistance, please call one of our 24-hour hotlines—Domestic Violence: 800-621-HOPE, Crime Victims: 212-577-7777, Rape, Sexual Assault, and Incest: 212-227-3000. For more information about Safe Horizon, please call 212-577-7700.



moving victims of violence from crisis to confidence

National training and technical assistance

The ATP responds to client needs and emerging issues from the field by developing an array of best practice materials.

- Safe Horizon was designated as the national training and technical assistance provider for the U.S. Department of Justice trafficking service provider grantees. Over 1,000 professionals have been trained through this endeavor.
- ATP staff has trained more than 5,000 professionals as a training faculty member of the Family Violence Prevention Fund, Freedom Network Institute on Human Trafficking, and Intergovernmental Institute on Research.
- At the request of the New York State Office for Temporary and Disability Assistance, Safe Horizon trained the state's Response to Human Trafficking Program service providers after the enactment of New York State's Anti-Trafficking Law.

Sharing Best Practices Around the Globe

The Anti-Trafficking Program also focuses on the global aspects of trafficking by working with advocates and law enforcement from around the world.

- Through the U.S. Department of State International Visitors Program, ATP staff has conducted informational exchanges with over 650 dignitaries and officials from other countries. Key visitors include federal level prosecutors, leaders of social service agencies and members of national legislatures.
- In November 2005, Safe Horizon was the North American representative at the Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women consultancy meeting for human trafficking social service providers held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The Anti-Trafficking Program was selected as a civil society organization participating in the Organization of American States meeting of National Authorities on Human Trafficking held in Venezuela, March 2006.

Building Collaborations

Safe Horizon works in partnership with other advocates, law enforcement agencies, and government entities because preventing human trafficking and providing necessary support to victims cannot be done alone. Safe Horizon is a founding member of the **Freedom Network (USA)**, the **Freedom Network Training Institute** and the **New York Anti-Trafficking Network**.

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