

2019 Rural Human Trafficking Summit

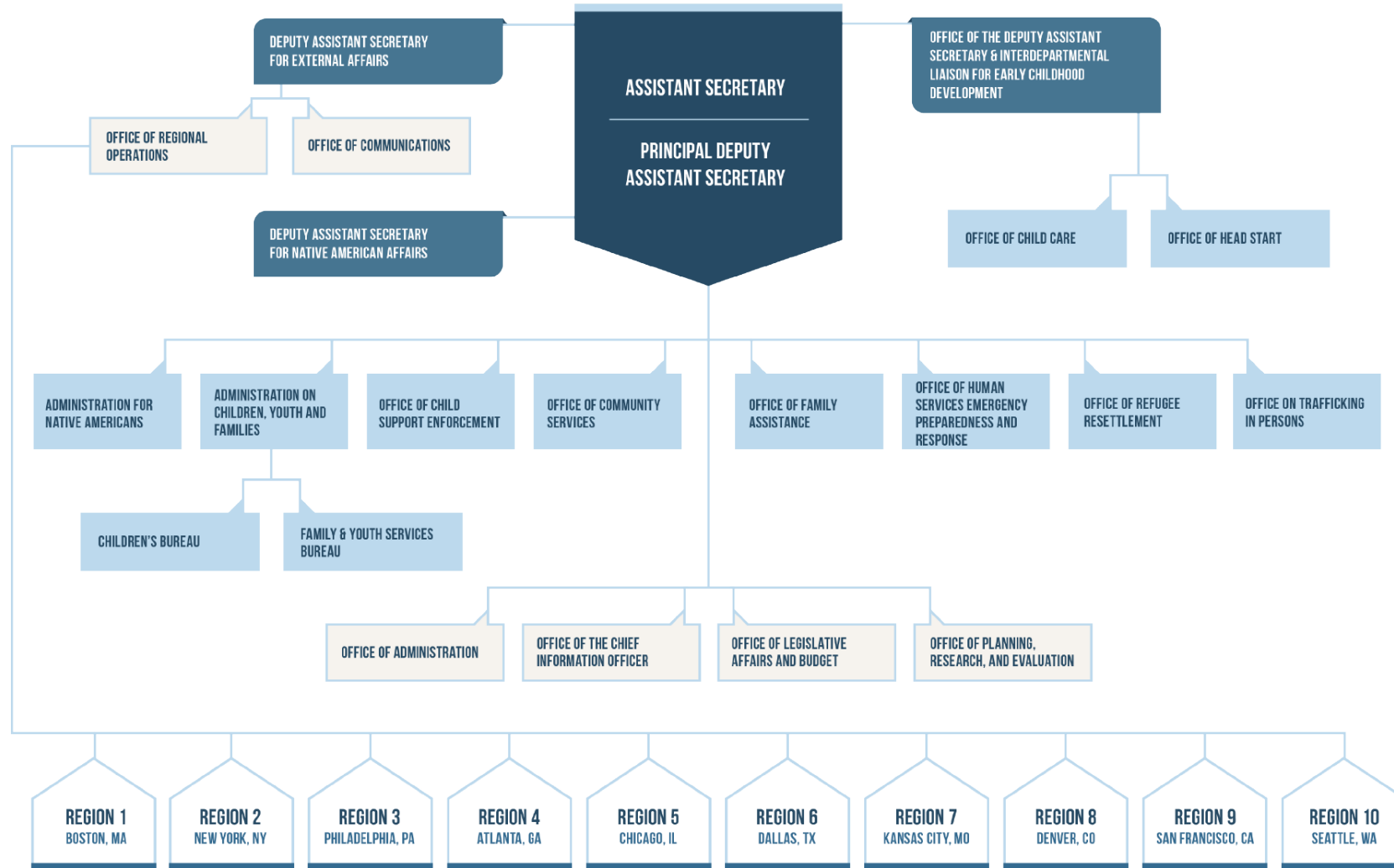
The Hidden Crime of Human Trafficking in Rural Communities and the Health care System and Community Response

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Who We Are:

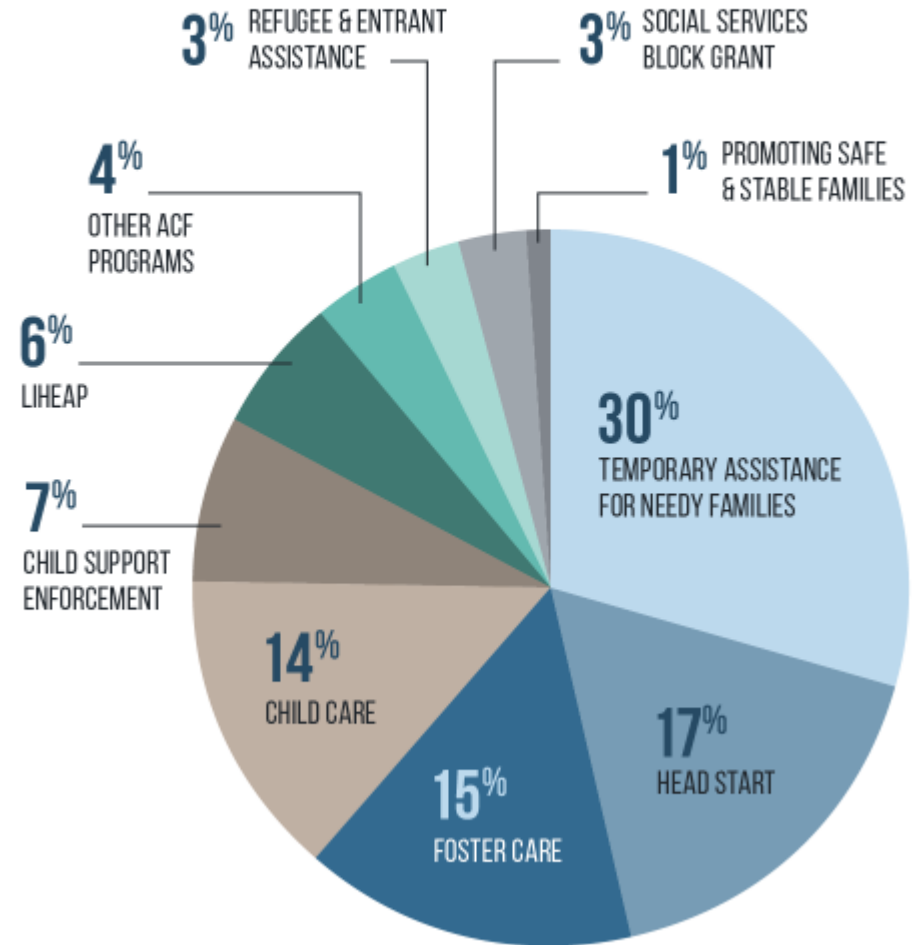


ACF FY 2019 BUDGET

What We Administer:

ACF administers more than 60 programs with a budget of more than \$53 billion, making it the second largest agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

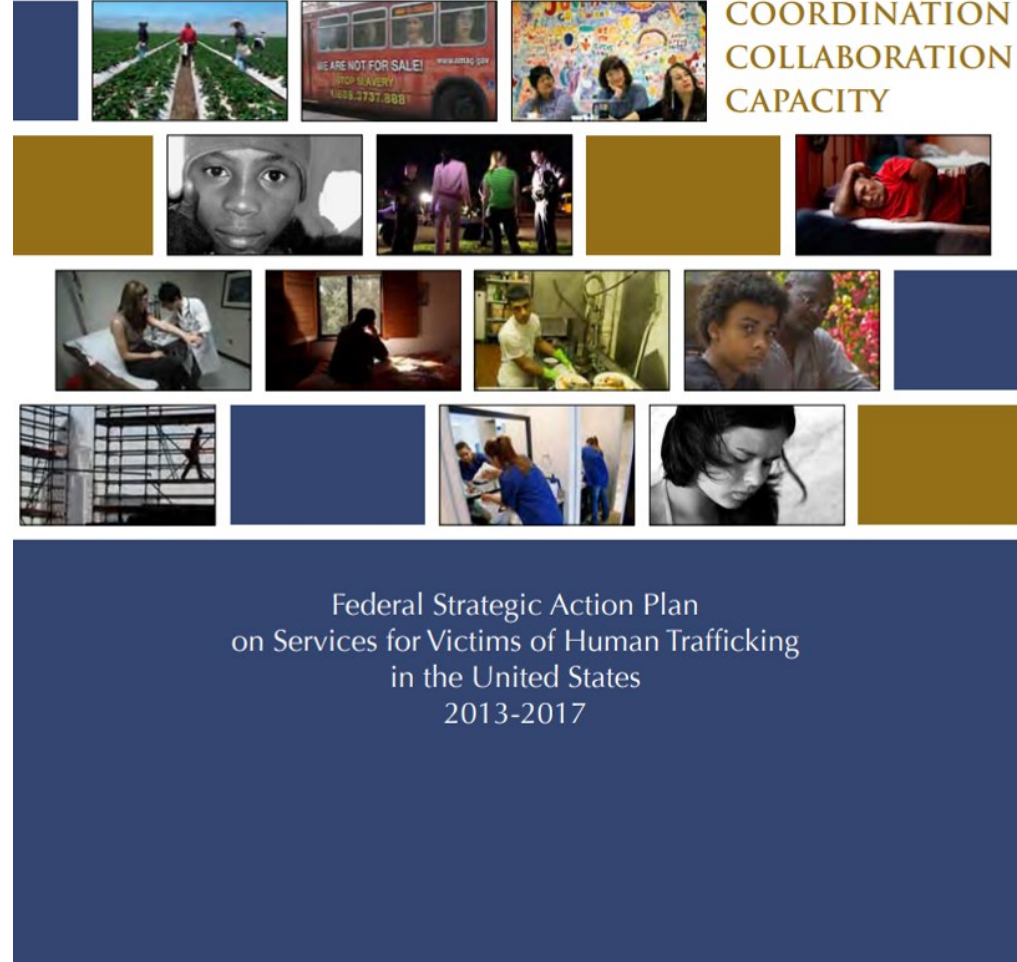
Partnering with states and communities, ACF funding provides critical assistance to vulnerable populations and helps families achieve prosperity and independence. ACF-funded programs find safe and supportive families for abused children, help parents find jobs, support individuals with developmental disabilities, and work with troubled teens to leave the streets and find a path toward hope and opportunity.



Addressing and Combatting Human Trafficking:

The Departments of Justice (DOJ), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Homeland Security (DHS) co-chaired the development of the **Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services to Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States**. The five-year plan was released in 2014 and sought to:

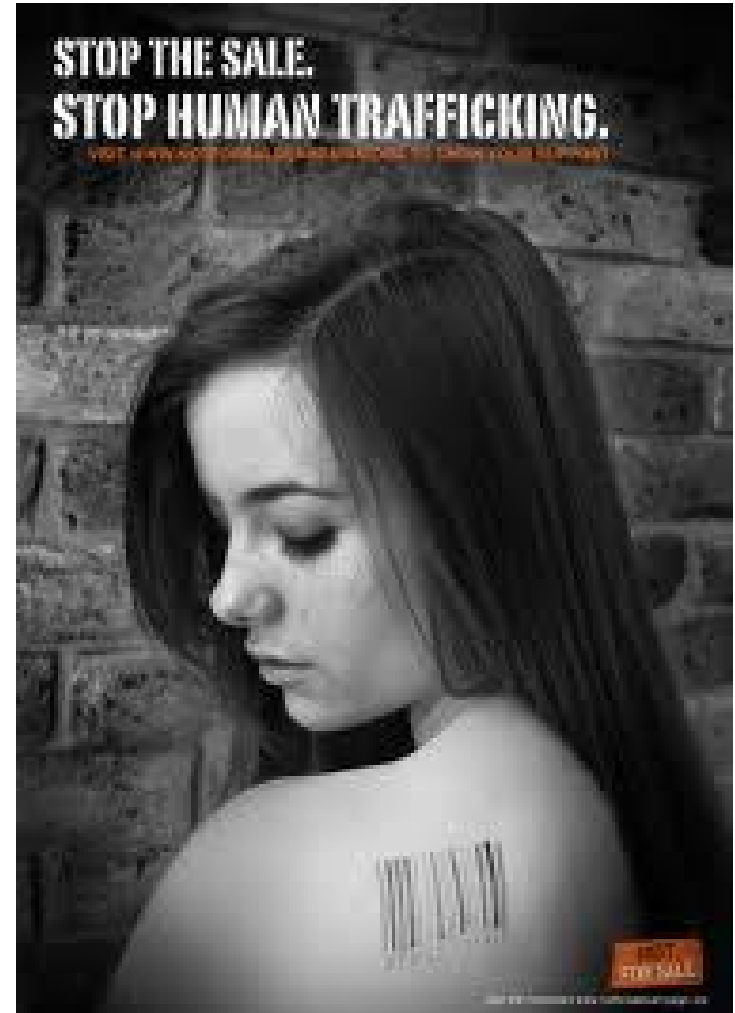
- Align efforts by promoting strategic and coordinated services for victims at the federal, regional, state, territorial, tribal and local levels
- Improve understanding by expanding and coordinating human trafficking-related research, data, and evaluation to support evidence-based victim services
- Expand access to services by providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to increase victim identification and expand availability of services
- Improve outcomes by promoting effective, culturally-appropriate, trauma-informed services that improve the short- and long-term health, safety, and well-being of victims.



On the Regional Level:

In 2014,

- Partnered with the City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health Disease Control in handing out educational materials to all students (over 3,000) who participated in the STD Screening Program.
- Partnered with Drexel University and local non-profits to train 30 PDPH staff on recognizing human trafficking signs.



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On the Regional Level:

In 2015, over 200 health professionals throughout Region 3 states were provided training on human trafficking:

- 60 participants in the District of Columbia
- 40 participants in Maryland
- 30 participants in Virginia
- 70 participants in Delaware
- 25 participants in West Virginia



On Public Transportation Resources and Services:

[Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative](#)

On March 29, 2019 FTA published 2 NOFOs, each with \$2 million in competitive grant funding:

[Crime Prevention and Public Safety Awareness](#) supports the development and facilitation of effective public safety awareness campaigns

[Innovations in Transit Public Safety](#) supports research for solutions to address public safety in transit systems

[Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking \(TLAHT\) Initiative](#)

Comprised of transportation and travel industry stakeholders working jointly to maximize their collective impact in combating human trafficking. Currently 200+ organizations from across the transportation industry.



Child Welfare Approach to Responding to Human Trafficking

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) - *A Legislative History!*

One of the key pieces of federal legislation that addresses child abuse and neglect, CAPTA, was recently amended to emphasize human trafficking, substance use disorder and child abuse implications.

Essentially Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-22, 5/29/2015) requires states, as of May 2017, to have provisions in place to identify and assess all reports of known or suspected child victims of sex trafficking and to train workers about identifying, assessing, and providing services for those children.



Child Welfare Approach to Responding to Human Trafficking

Developing Infrastructure and Multisystem Approaches

The risk of human trafficking is higher for children and youth in foster care, and the child welfare field has increased its efforts to develop an effective response. With funding from the Children's Bureau, grantees across the nation have been developing programs to address human trafficking that leverage available resources and form partnerships in local communities as exemplified in the next slide.



Examples of lessons learned briefs from grantees and communities:

*[Human Trafficking: Coordinating Resources](#)

This website brings together specialized resources that Grantees are using to develop service capacity in their communities; establish awareness, build multidisciplinary teams, and disseminate appropriate information with victims, communities, agencies and partners.

*[Human Trafficking: Working with Faith Based Groups](#)

Learn about partnerships grantees formed with faith-based organizations and the benefits and challenges they encountered. Using real-life examples, see how child welfare agencies identify service gaps, find community resources that can help, and build successful partnerships.

*[Human Trafficking: Developing Housing Options](#)

Securing safe and appropriate housing for victims of human trafficking is a challenge in many areas. Find out how agencies identified appropriate housing options, took advantage of the resources they had—such as existing foster parents—to fill gaps, and supported the providers that work in this area.



Potential Red Flags for Children:

- * Is under 18 years old and performs commercial sex acts
- * Excessively monitored/controlled by parents, a supposed guardian or older partner/“sponsor”
- * Detached or (suddenly) isolated from majority of family members and friends
- * Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story; contradictory personal information
- * Has excessive security measures at his/her home or work with endless traffic of men
- * Obvious change in dress, jewelry, hair or nails without explainable source of income
- * Shows signs of physical or sexual abuse or mental, e.g. malnourishment, depressed...
- * Suffers from substance misuse; psychological disorders, physiological sicknesses
- * Carries multiple hotel key cards, lots of money, sharp objects
- * Older boyfriend; Tattoo with a alien name; or reluctance to explain



COMMON SITUATIONS OF CHILD TRAFFICKING

- * Strip clubs, exotic dancing, pornography
- * Public Transportations – trains; buses; planes; etc.
- * Online ads, chat services and porn sites
 - * Escort or dating services
- * Domestic labor (housecleaning, childcare, elderly care)
 - * Restaurants or bars
 - * The streets; Begging;
- * Factories, sweatshops, or agricultural work
- * Businesses such as hotel/motels, massage parlors, nail salons
 - * Hospitals; Health Centers or Clinics

**In the United States, if you ever suspect trafficking,
Call the National Trafficking Hotline at
1.888.3737.888
ADD THIS NUMBER TO YOUR CELL**



ACF Office of Trafficking in Persons (OTIP):

In its commitment to prevent human trafficking and ensure that victims of all forms of human trafficking have access to the services they need, ACF formally established the Office of Trafficking in Persons in 2016.

Training:

- National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center
- SOAR to Health and Wellness Training
- Look Beneath the Surface Regional Anti-Trafficking Program

Partnerships:

- Look Beneath the Surface Campaign
- Federal Interagency Task Force
- National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the U.S.



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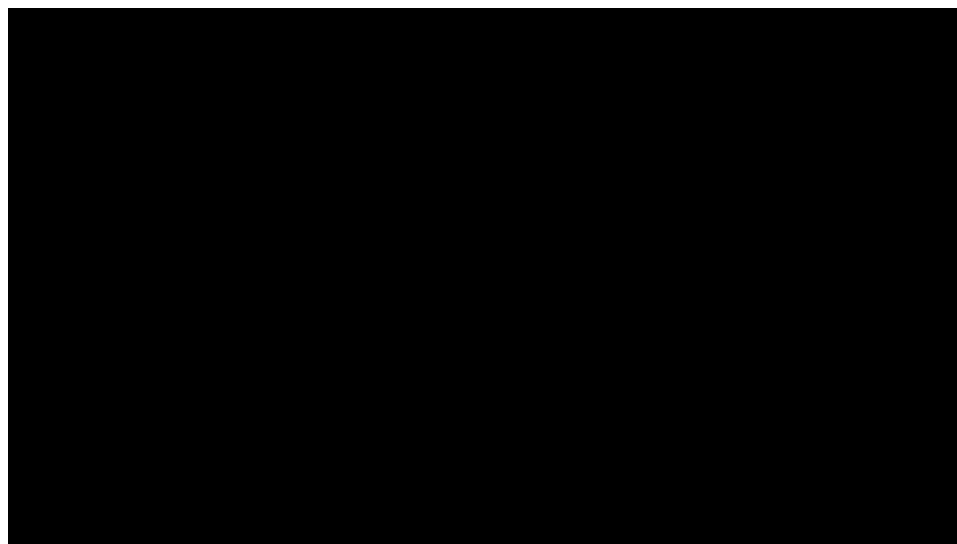
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LISTENING, AND THAT WE CARE.**



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