San Diego Regional Interfaith Collaborative  
**BRIEF EXCERPT- HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE**  
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Note: A copy of this handout (with active internet links), and a copy of the full 17 page PDF and other resources, is on the SDRIC Website: [https://sandiegointerfaith.org/page-024/](https://sandiegointerfaith.org/page-024/)

Sections in the PDF: Overview, Strategies For Combatting, United States Profile, Human Trafficking In San Diego County, San Diego Efforts, House of Worship Efforts, Religious Expressions About Slavery, Taking Action, Resources.

**OVERVIEW**

Definition: Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, is the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain. It is a form of modern-day slavery.

Types of Human Trafficking: Sex Trafficking, Child Sex Trafficking, Forced Labor, Bonded Labor or Debt Bondage, Domestic Servitude, Forced Child Labor, Unlawful Recruitment and Use of Child Soldiers

Conventions and Protocols: Trafficking in persons has been outlawed: Globally by three UN conventions known as the Palermo Protocols and in the US by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and other legislation.

General Statistics: 27 million people are trafficked each year worldwide, with approximately 18,000 victims in the U.S. Human trafficking is one of the most profitable criminal enterprises with estimates of profit worldwide of $32 billion, and 9.5 billion annually in the U.S.

Human Trafficking In San Diego County. San Diego was identified by the FBI as one of the top 13 high intensity child prostitution areas.

A groundbreaking study, "Measuring the Nature and Extent of Gang Involvement in Sex Trafficking in San Diego," focused on one of the most understudied aspects of human trafficking in the United States: the role of gangs in sex trafficking. The three-year study was co-authored by Principal Investigator Dr. Ami Carpenter of USD with Dr. Jamie Gates, Director of Point Loma Nazarene University’s Center for Justice and Reconciliation. The study centered on San Diego’s gangs, of which there are more than 100, that have had some involvement in human trafficking of adults and children.

- San Diego’s 2nd largest underground economy with $810 million estimated revenue
- 3,417 - 8,108 victims/survivors per year, of whom 1,766 came into contact with law enforcement
- 16 yrs average age of entry into child commercial sexual exploitation
- Domestic trafficking accounts for the majority of commercial sexual exploitation (80%) in SD County
- Significant commercial sexual exploitation recruitment happens on middle and high school campuses.

See Full Human Trafficking Study Report (PDF)

**TAKING ACTION** (See many other ways in the full PDF)

1. Pray individually and with others.
2. Become aware and educate yourself as to the facts and myths, warning signs and red flags of human trafficking.
3. Use a toolkit to identify ways your congregation can be involved.
4. Work with your local clergy association to educate about this topic. Groups that have had recent programs include the Escondido Clergy Association and the San Dieguito Interfaith Ministerial Association. Other associations are the Poway Interfaith Team (POINT), Inter-Religious Council, Interfaith Council of La Mesa, Santee Clergy Assn. and the San Diego County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. If no association exists in your area, create one.
5. Attend networking groups like CAT, Unity Coalition, North County Collaborative and the community sub-group of the County Advisory Council.
6. Talk to houses of worship that have active programs to get ideas for your congregation.
7. Use the resource section of the full PDF to identify groups you want to support/get involved with.
8. Provide assistance to direct service providers such as:
   - Alabaster Jar, www.alabasterjarproject.org
   - STARS - San Diego Youth Services (619) 521-2250 Ext. 3804
   - Generate Hope For more information, contact Generate Hope at (619) 818-4026
   - CSA San Diego, http://c4sa.org/

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Alabaster Jar, www.alabasterjarproject.org
Bilateral Corridor Safety Coalition, http://www.bsccoalition.org
Center for Justice & Reconciliation at PLNU
PLNU's CJR has developed curriculum for 7-12th grades in partnership with SDUSD; Sponsors Churches Against Trafficking and maintains the www.abolishhumantrafficking.com website
CSA’s Human Trafficking Program, http://c4sa.org/
Churches Against Trafficking, www.ChurchesAgainstTrafficking.com
Mosques Against Trafficking, https://www.facebook.com/MosquesAgainstTrafficking/
North San Diego County Human Trafficking Collaborative meeting calendar
San Diego Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force Info: Matt Blumenthal, Sergeant, matthew.blumenthal@sdsheriff.org, 760-271-6149
San Diego County Human Trafficking Advisory Council For info on the Community sub-committee meeting times: Ginger Shaw ginger.shaw@yahoo.com
Unity Coalition A local San Diego networking and information meeting. For meeting info: info@bsccoalinfo.org

SELEcTED HOUSE OF WORSHIP EFFORTS
- All Peoples Church (Human Trafficking Ministry)
- East Lake Community Church (Supports Maria Ugartes BSCC initiatives in South County)
- Journey Church in La Mesa
  - Supports local school curriculum on HT as well as overseas weekend Poster Postings where groups of church members go into bars, hotels and massage parlors and ask to post the mandatory poster required by the county with the HT Hotline and Red flags
  - Produced videos in coordination with PLNU Center for Justice and Reconciliation.
- Mission Church of the Nazarene (hosts all the CAT meetings and many members involved)
- Newbreak Church in Ocean Beach (helped to start GRACE house in North County)
- New Paradise Baptist Church (gives vast amounts of resources to shelters through CAT's resource drives)
- Rancho Vista Church (gives vast amounts of resources to shelters through CAT's resource drives)
- Resolved Church (Human Trafficking Ministry)
- San Diego First Church of the Nazarene (gives vast amounts of resources to shelters through CAT's resource drives via an angel-tree type program for local shelters)
- The Flood Church (gives vast amounts of resources to shelters through CAT's resource drives)
- The Rock Church (Multiple Human Trafficking Ministries)

SELEcTED RESOURCES
- Stop Trafficking newsletter from (USCSAHT)