



SEX TRAFFICKING

Sex trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which individuals perform commercial sex through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Minors under the age of 18 engaging in commercial sex are considered to be victims of human trafficking, regardless of the use of force, fraud, or coercion.

Sex traffickers frequently target victims and then use violence, threats, lies, false promises, debt bondage, or other forms of control and manipulation to keep victims involved in the sex industry for their own profit.

Sex trafficking exists within diverse and unique sets of venues and businesses including fake massage businesses, escort services, residential brothels, in public on city streets and in truck stops, strip clubs, hostess clubs, hotels and motels, and elsewhere.

People may be vulnerable to trafficking if they:

- Have an unstable living situation
- Have previously experienced other forms of violence such as sexual abuse or domestic violence
- Have run away or are involved in the juvenile justice or child welfare system
- Are undocumented immigrants
- Are facing poverty or economic need
- Have a caregiver or family member who has a substance use issue
- Are addicted to drugs or alcohol.

If you suspect someone is being trafficked, always report suspicious behavior and/or illegal activity to law enforcement. Never attempt to rescue a victim, confront a suspected trafficker directly, or alert a victim to any suspicions. It is up to law enforcement to investigate suspected cases of human trafficking.

Call 1-888-373-7888 to report a tip, connect with anti-trafficking services in your area, or request training and technical assistance, general information, or specific anti-trafficking resources.

“We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.”

J.K. Rowling

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February
12 Office closed
13 CASA noon networking - Zoom
17 Office closed
March
13 CASA noon networking - Zoom

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- CASA Volunteers
- Fundraising
- Mailings

If you would like to help, please contact our office at 217-223-2272.

Our agency could not continue its mission of advocating for children without your help. You can help by:

- Monetary Donation
- ANC Foundation Donation
- Office Supply Donation

CAN WE TALK?

If you are a member of a church, business, or service organization and would like more information about our agency and its mission of protecting the children in our community, we would be happy to schedule a time to speak with you. Please call the office to set up a time.

STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome our new employee, Kelsy Roig. Kelsy is the new CASA Coordinator Assistant for our Pike County CASA program based in Pittsfield. Kelsy started on January 6th. Welcome to the team Kelsy!

With new funding from National Children's Alliance, we were able to hire a forensic interviewer for our Children's Advocacy Center program in our Eastern region. Amber Range accepted the position. Amber is currently the CASA Coordinator in Morgan County. Amber will continue in her role as the CASA Coordinator until a new CASA Coordinator is hired in Morgan County.

CASA ACCELERATED TRAINING

There are children in the court system waiting for a CASA volunteer, someone who will speak on their behalf and to be in their corner. There is a desperate need for CASA volunteers in Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler, and Scott Counties. Currently 244 children do not have a CASA volunteer. An accelerated training for CASA volunteers is scheduled for Friday, February 21st, and Saturday, February 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Training will be held at the agency's administrative office located at 1420 Harrison Street, in Quincy. Court observation and swearing in of new volunteers will be scheduled at a time to be determined in each local county courthouse.

CASA volunteers are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge to speak up for abused or neglected children in court. CASA volunteers work alongside attorneys and case workers from case inception to its completion. No special experience is required. If you would like to register for this training or have any questions, please call the office at 217-223-2272. Additional information is also available on our website.

BE A PART OF OUR FUNDRAISING DINNER COMMITTEE

We are looking for a few people to join our fundraising dinner committee. This committee works together on the agency's biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual dinner. This year's dinner is set for Friday, October 17, 2025.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call the office at 217-223-2272 and ask to speak to Diane. The committee will begin meeting in May or June.



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