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2019 HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM REPORT





The Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) is not a single agency, but an “emblematic” organizational structure, officially and unofficially, holding multiple agencies and fields together aligned with a common purpose. In order to adequately handle the complex nature of human trafficking crimes and range of victims, a multidisciplinary collaboration was required. In 2004, the first meetings came together with leadership from different organizations to discuss and learn about human trafficking, and ways to address the issue in Orange County. The first meeting was named the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force and has since then evolved in different forms and capacities.

Our mission is to work together using a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach toward the common goal of combating human trafficking in Orange County. It is a collaborative model of law enforcement, victim services, prosecution, government entities, non-profit organizations, community organizations, and volunteers. The purpose of the OCHTTF is to ensure that victims are identified and supported, and perpetrators are held accountable.

The lead agencies include the Anaheim Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Irvine Police Department, Newport Beach Police Department, Santa Ana Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, Orange County District Attorney’s Office, Orange County Probation Department, Orange County Social Services Agency, The Salvation Army, U.S. Attorney’s Office and Waymakers. With over 60 participating organizations helping to increase awareness, close gaps in anti-trafficking efforts, and share in an exchange of services to assist the complex needs of this victim population, it aims to leverage different agency functions and professional expertise.

Since 2004, the OCHTTF has assisted over 1,037 victims of human trafficking from 42 countries, with the majority from the United States. In 2010, the OCHTTF was one of three task forces awarded the U.S. Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance’s first Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking project, and continues to function as such, to address all forms of human trafficking in Orange County.

Victim Report Overview

The sixth release of the OCHTTF’s Human Trafficking Victim Report attempts to project the best estimated data for Orange County, using figures of those identified and assisted by the OCHTTF. Due to the logistics of data collection and the allocation of time within this period, this year’s victim report data was combined and not separated into two individual years as in previous year’s reports. The report is broken down into four main sections and outlines the following:

- I. 2017 & 2018 Victim Demographics
- II. Victim Service Considerations
- III. Law Enforcement & Prosecution
- IV. OCHTTF Timeline
- V. Be the One

I. 2017 & 2018 VICTIM DEMOGRAPHIC

Population		Labor Trafficking	Sex Trafficking	Labor & Sex Trafficking	Unknown	Total
Age	Adult	46	249	6	2	303
	Minor	2	110	0	0	112
Gender	Female	26	355	6	2	389
	Adult	24	249	6	2	281
	Minor	2	106	0	0	108
	Male	22	4	0	0	26
	Adult	22	0	0	0	22
	Minor	0	4	0	0	4
Race/ Ethnicity	Asian	26	28	0	0	54
	Black	4	115	1	0	120
	Hispanic	12	83	5	0	100
	Native American	0	1	0	0	1
	White	2	76	0	0	78
	Other/Unknown	4	56	0	2	62
Total		48	359	6	2	415

Source: Waymakers and The Salvation Army

The total number of human trafficking victims assisted in 2017 and 2018 is 415. Of the total, 17% were foreign nationals and 83% were U.S. nationals. 73% or 302 were new victims identified in either 2017 or 2018. 12% were labor trafficking and 87% were sex trafficking. 27% were minors and 73% were adults.

Waymakers and The Salvation Army's human trafficking victim services program provide equal rights and opportunity for all qualified persons identified as a victim of human trafficking in Orange County, California regardless of race, color, religion, economic status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, age, or disability.



FINDING THEIR VOICES

"I would tell them that there is a group that can help them. I would tell them to not lose hope because they can get out of that situation."

"As a survivor and all of the sacrifice I've been through, I know from the help of this program we will be out of danger. So I can say to people that are stuck in their situation, please do not give up and be strong in faith in God. Plus The Salvation Army will be there any time we need them. Do hope and pray."

"Fight for your life. Don't give people permission to hurt you."

*"Stand up. Speak out.
Seek help. Be strong!"*

"They will offer you something different that helped to have a better future. They sent me to school to get my certification. This means I can look for a better job. I can help my family and other people who need help. It's a cycle of life."

"I'm more confident in myself now. I feel like I'm not hiding in a corner anymore."

"They help you get resources, but they are also there for you and care for you. They give you humanity."

"The program helped with culinary class. Helped me to have a new job and I've met my goal to become a Disneyland cast member." During the time when she was trafficked, the client lived inside a room with a very small window and every night could see the fireworks from Disneyland. Her dream was to one day be free and work at Disneyland.

"They helped me find housing. They helped bring my family back to me. Having a person I could trust was most important. They made me feel special."



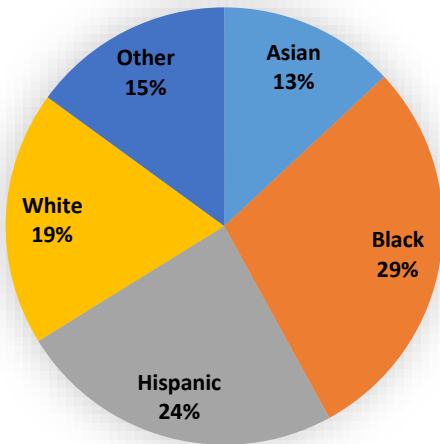
"We seldom know the affect our actions have on others. But in this case, I want to make it clear how your gift has served my son and I. This gift has assisted with rent and utilities for a month. The balancing act of being a survivor, mom, student, sole provider, HT leader and budding business woman is taxing, but a gift such as yours at the right moment makes the burden much less. This allows for more clarity in my school, advocacy, and being a mom. So huge heartfelt thank you for awarding the Rising Above Scholarship."



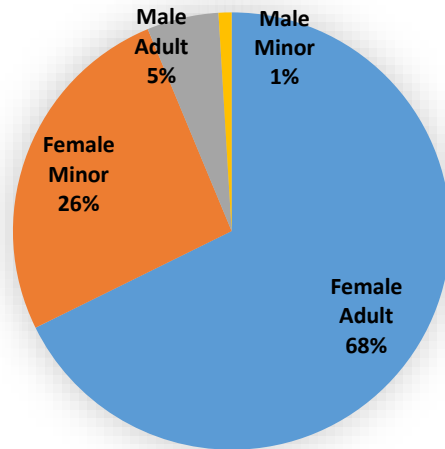
"Due to being able to receive the Rising Above Scholarship, I was able to not only get the supplies and textbooks I needed, but I was able to go into the semester with more focus. Not having to worry about whether or not I was able to get my textbooks for class, I was able to focus on doing well in class. Without this scholarship, I would have spent my semester worrying about being able to afford the things I needed during the semester. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to put those worries aside so I could excel in my studies."

"They helped me uplift my self-esteem."

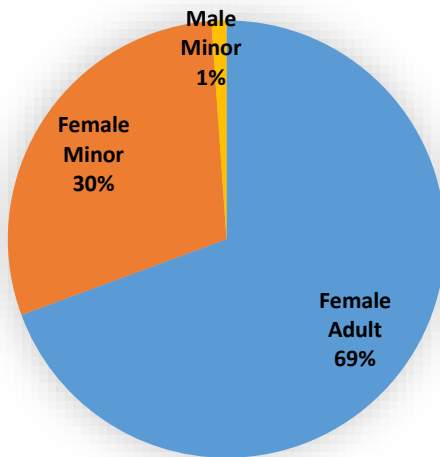
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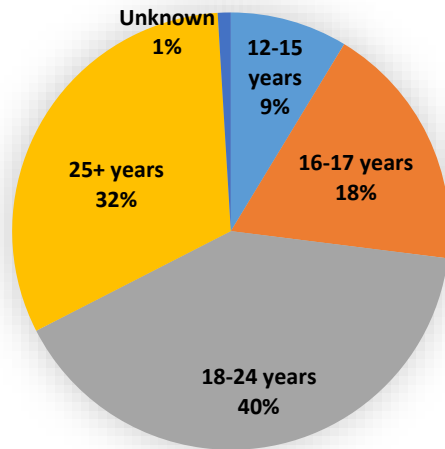
All Victims: Gender & Age



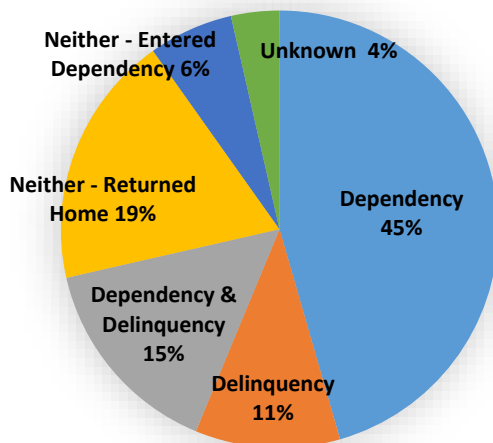
All Victims: Sex Trafficking



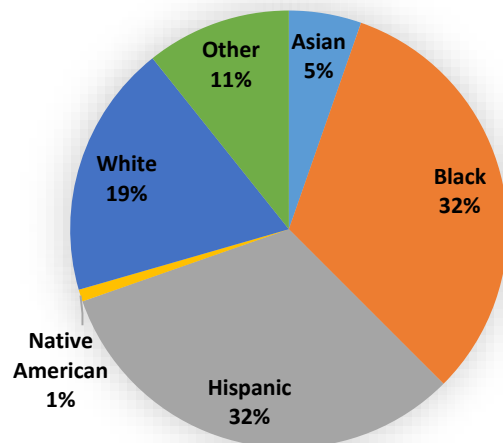
All Victims: Age



Minor Victims: System Status



Minor Victims: Race & Ethnicity



Status of minors and their prior involvement with the child dependency system or juvenile delinquency system before they were identified as a commercial sexually exploited child (CSEC) in Orange County. 100% of minors identified by Task Force Investigators had a child welfare history.

In June 2014, Senate Bill 855 clarified that children who are victims of exploitation will be served by the child welfare system, a system designed to protect and serve abused and neglected youth. It established an optional Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) program, which provided counties with the funds for expenditures related to the costs of implementing a CSEC program, prevention and intervention services, and training related to children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The Orange County Social Services Agency – Children and Family Services (SSA/CFS) was one of the 38 counties in California that opted in to this funding.

As a collaborative member of the OCHTTF, SSA/CFS responds to all calls from Task Force Investigators when a minor is being commercially sexually exploited. Since 2015, SSA/CFS has identified CSEC On-Call Emergency Response Supervisors from Children and Family Services who are directly contacted by the Task Force Sergeant or other law enforcement officer when a possible CSEC victim is located. A child abuse report is then generated through the Child Abuse Registry and a CSEC trained Emergency Response Social Worker responds in the field to conduct an investigation.

CSEC youth who fall under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court have been assigned to a specialized court – GRACE (Generating Resources to Abolish Child Exploitation) Court that is overseen by the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court in order to provide additional resources and meet the unique needs of this population. In 2018, GRACE Court added a therapy dog to sit inside the courtroom to provide additional support.

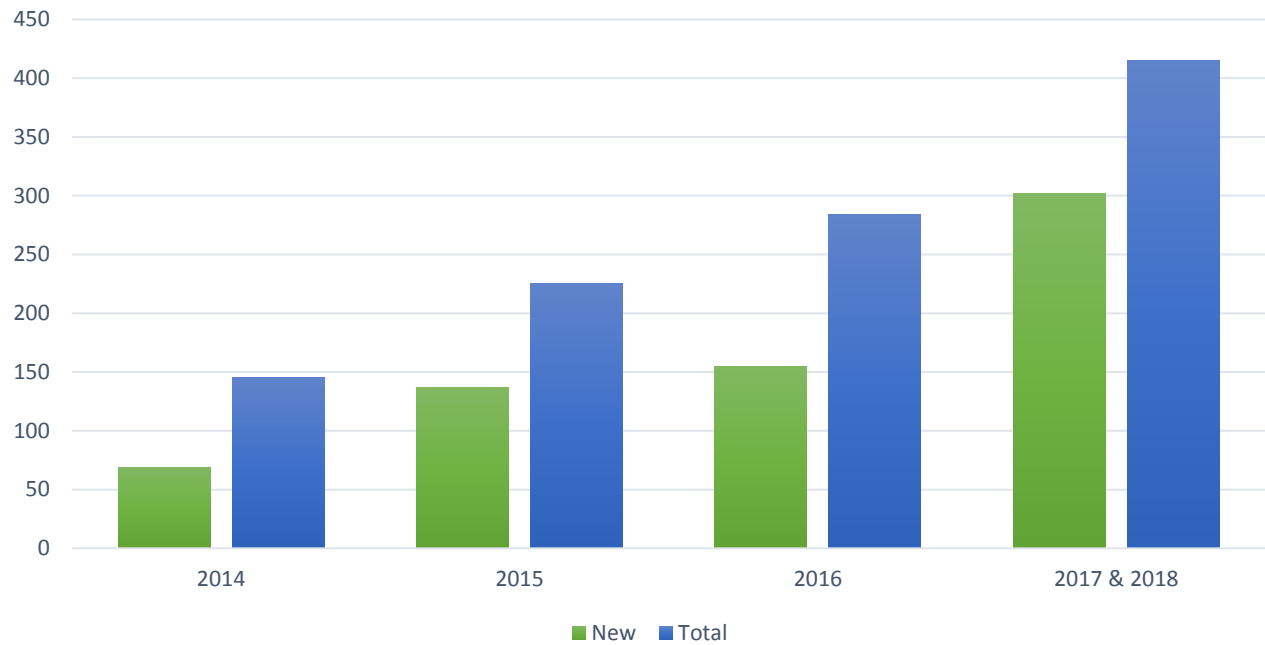
Any child can be a victim of commercial sexual exploitation. However, we also know there are certain vulnerabilities that make a child at higher risk of sexual exploitation. Children who have a history of abuse or neglect, especially sexual abuse, are the most vulnerable and are at greater risk of being exploited. In Orange County in 2017 and 2018, 100% of the children recovered by OCHTTF Investigators had a history of abuse or neglect in their background. Furthermore, in 2017, 29% and in 2018, 33% of those youth were already under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

When a child has a history of experiencing multiple forms of abuse over time at the hands of a close family member or caregiver it may result complex trauma. Complex trauma has long term effects on the brain, child development and increases the vulnerability of a child becoming sexually exploited. Trauma bonding is a strong emotional attachment between an abused person and his or her abuser which is formed as a result of the cycle of violence. When a child has experienced complex trauma and then becomes a victim of sexual exploitation, trauma bonding with an exploiter can happen very fast and can be very difficult to overcome. As service providers it is important to remember these factors as we work to engage sexually exploited children and help them out of their human trafficking situation.

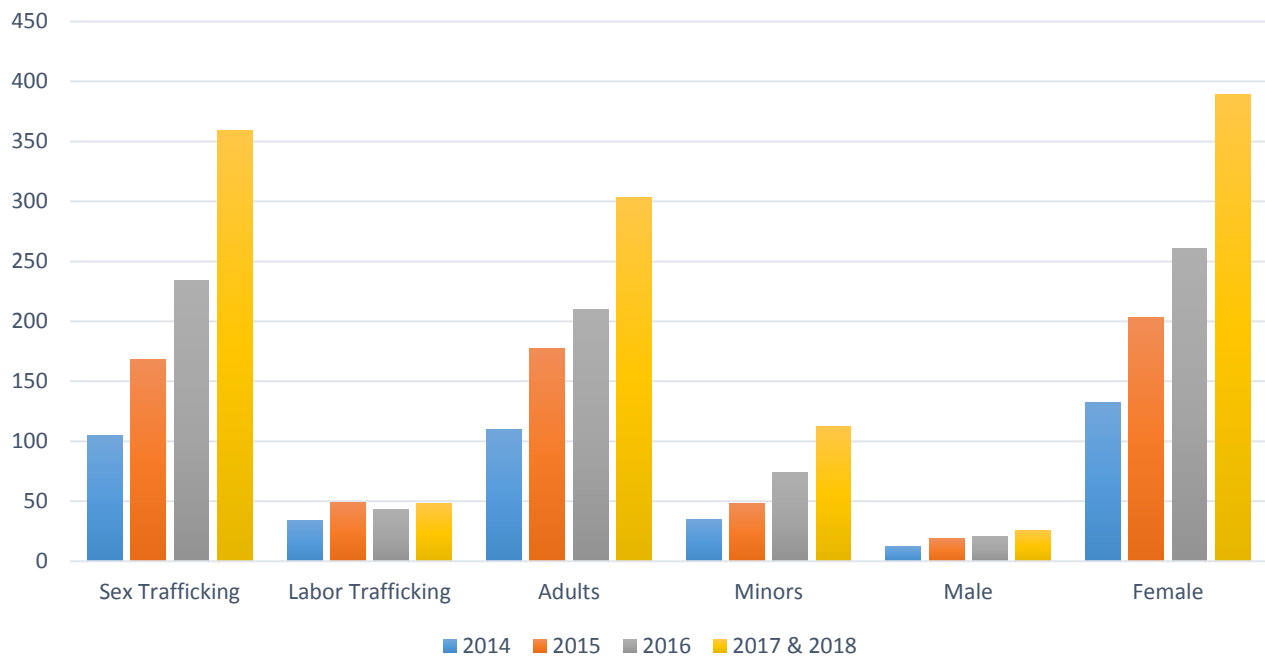
“Their stories are of deprivation and alienation. They have been beaten and branded, sexually assaulted again and again day after day, whose understanding of caring, support and love is as twisted as the minds of the pimp who owns them. These stories result in children whose sense of survival demands that they view everyone with distrust, suspicion and defensiveness. Supporting them means getting past the aggression and anger, not hearing, or at a minimum not being personally offended, by the “F bombs”, and to see the child for who she or he is, a child who has survived unimaginable trauma.”

Former Juvenile Court Presiding Judge Maria Hernandez

Total Victims Assisted 2014-2018

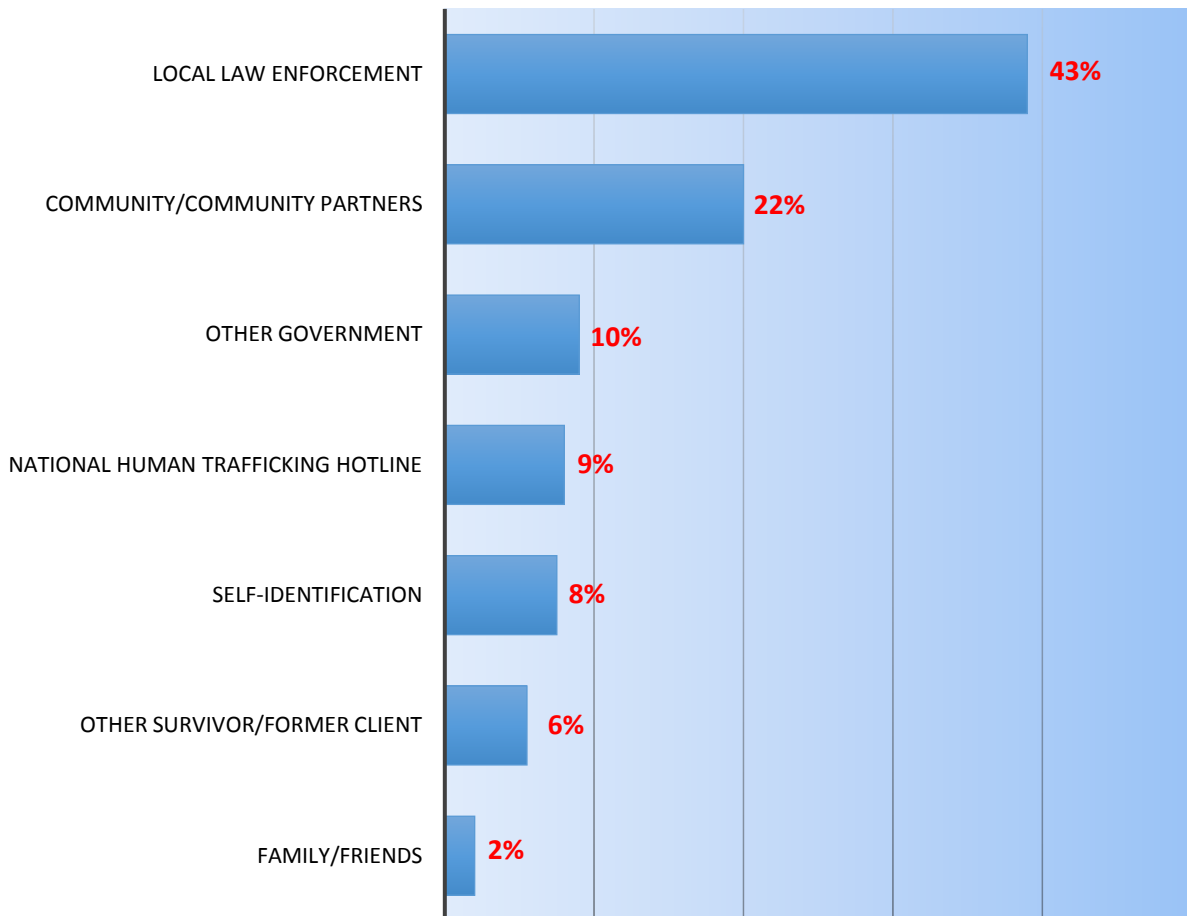


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II. VICTIM SERVICE CONSIDERATIONS

2018 VICTIM SERVICES REFERRAL

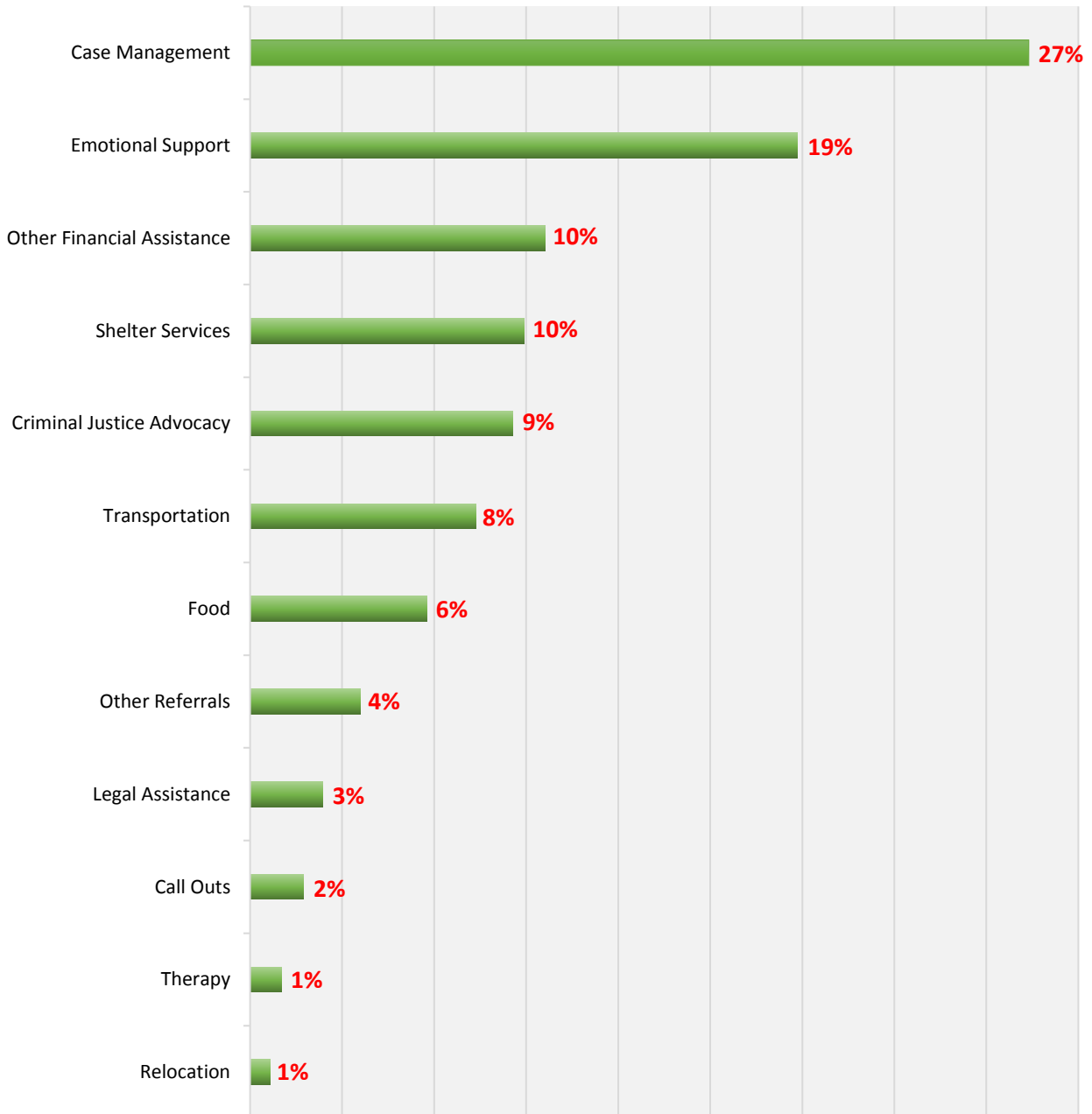


The following chart shows referrals made to Waymakers and The Salvation Army for victim assistance from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 from most to least.

- Total of 182 referrals. Average 17 new victim referrals per month. High month 23. Low month 12.
- #1 referral source generated from 24/7 local law enforcement call-outs, accounting for 30% of all types of referrals or 55 call-outs made in 2018.

Based on working with over 1,000 victims of human trafficking over the years, the low percentage of family and friends making a referral does not come as a surprise. The majority of victims who are foreign-born, do not have family or friends in this country. They often arrive under fraudulent arrangements of employment, in hopes of better opportunities to provide for their family left back in their home country. The majority of victims who are born in the United States, do not have family or friends who are part of a healthy support system. Often they are running from various forms of violence, abuse, or neglect; and traffickers are targeting these vulnerable children, teens, and young adults, knowing that they have no safe people to turn to for help.

Victim Services Provided 2017-2018



The following chart shows the main types of assistance provided to victims of human trafficking and the amount of time spent working with victims ranging from most to least.

“Other Financial Assistance” includes items such as emergency phones, emergency clothes, shipping belongings, and hygiene products.

Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Program was created in 2010 to help support the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force with community awareness and direct victim services. The needs were fairly simple back then, with some donations, a few outreach events, and assisting clients with transportation to a doctor's appointment, translation, and teaching individuals how to use the public transportation system. Those volunteer needs are still important today. However, the Volunteer Program has evolved and grown to meet the needs of the increased number of clients each year, and the program has embraced the numerous community members wanting to help. In 2017 and 2018, there were 150 active volunteers.

Volunteers can sign up for opportunities that cover outreach and education, prevention, and direct victim services, depending on their level of training and the ability to commit to the tasks needed at each level as a Task Force Volunteer. Whether a Tier Level 1 Volunteer or a Tier Level 4 Volunteer, each individual's time and efforts help to fill the larger service gaps needed to support the comprehensive goals of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force. It starts with a victim-centered approach. It takes trauma-informed skills and a high level of understanding to be best equipped to work successfully with this unique victim population - that "success" will not always look like what the volunteer imagined; rather "success" is viewed through the eyes and experience of the client that they are there to help.

What volunteers provide for clients is beyond supporting the efforts of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force. By simply being in the survivor's life, volunteers help clients realize who they can be outside of their trafficker and the trafficking situation. This support helps clients attain longer-term accomplishments in life outside of a victim services program. Depending on any one person for *all* means of basic human survival has often been the survivor's norm; the slavery that they have lived through. Creating opportunities for survivors to be self-reliant and access a wide-range of resources, in a safe setting, is critical to the healing journey.

The steps needed for every person to evolve, in all its complexities: from victim, to survivor, to thriver, to self-advocate - is not an easy one. Not all will make this path. For clients who choose to participate in a victim services program and want to persevere beyond being a victim, with the right support alongside them, it is not an impossible step.

"I have been volunteering with Waymakers and the Task Force for a little over 4 years. In that time I have not only learned a tremendous amount, I have also been given the opportunity to take part in making some positive things happen in people's lives. I started off tabling throughout the community, where I was able to speak with the general public about human trafficking. I was happy to answer questions and break some misconceptions of what human trafficking is and who it affects. I was able to bring awareness and have a conversation with many people who did not know what it was or didn't believe it was going on in their community.

I have also driven clients to many events. Recently we had a mentor mixer. I was responsible for picking up two young ladies and bring them to this event. I could tell they were a little apprehensive and it was a very quiet car ride there. However, when we arrived and the girls saw all the love and energy that went into this night just for them they absolutely lit up. For the rest of the night they were having a wonderful time. They were talking to people they have met before and meeting new people as well. They also specifically said that Waymakers really made them feel like they mattered. Our holiday party was a great time as well. The organizations provided a beautiful day of food, fun and a little shopping centered around the clients. Everyone was having a great time and participating in all the fun things planned. It is an honor to be able to provide and share in the happiness that these events provide to the clients." – **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 4**

VOLUNTEER

PROGRAM

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
AMAZING WORK OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE
DONE IN 2017 & 2018

SELF-ESTEEM & DIGNITY

Beauty Day | Equine Therapy | Self-Defense | Yoga



"When I get the opportunity to interact with clients I truly feel it has been such a privilege. When I deliver groceries I am always greeted warmly by clients and eagerly get asked, "Can I help you?" I love this because I know it's an opportunity to connect and that my face too is familiar, and it warms my heart.

Delivering food, providing rides in the community or attending outings coordinated by case managers has opened a window to a world I would have never known. At these events, I see the faces of perservance, strength and hope. I am very grateful to be a part of this very important program that gives these individuals what they deserve, a chance." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 4**

"It seems that many people are not aware of the human trafficking that takes place around us, even in affluent communities. So I've welcomed the opportunities for outreach and educational purposes to help raise awareness, and I hope that with awareness might come acknowledgement of the problem. For to acknowledge a problem is a necessary first step towards taking action to help eliminate it. And we need many action-takers in our fight to eliminate human trafficking." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 2**

"I see a program very involved in seeking ways to give them a new start, help them have hope for a new, better life and regain their self-esteem and confidence. I commend Waymakers in conjunction with the Task Force and their labor of love and dedication that is so needed in this trying time of need." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 2**

SKILL-BUILDING & FEELING ACCOMPLISHED

Budgeting | Cooking | Job Preparation | Art & Creativity



"It brings me joy to show kindness to those recovering from trauma. In particular, to see a survivor developing relationships again which is a significant step in their journey to wholeness. Their ability to bond and trust is pivotal. I absolutely understand that the person I am driving may not talk to me, but that's fine.

Also, participating in the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force gives me a solid opportunity to show mercy to someone who may have lived a life where little kindness was given. Therefore, my time is well spent. I may play a very small part, but it's absolutely significant.

I also have benefited from the friendships developed among other volunteers. These individuals tend to be high quality people who are rich in mercy. Teaching human trafficking education is a must in order to combat it. My training caused me to recognize a potential trafficker with girls at breakfast in a fast food place. I knew enough to not endanger the girls. I also knew who to call to alert the police that trafficking activity is happening in my city. Without my training, I would have missed all the signs." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 4**

CONNECTION & FEELING LOVED

Mentor Mixer | Birthday Baskets | Baby Showers | Disneyland



"Helping with baby showers for clients has been so rewarding. Being able to show her support helps me feel connected. Each girl had been so appreciative that it warms my soul. It's fun to watch as they try to guess what chocolate candy bar is smeared in a diaper or play BINGO as she opens her gifts. In the end, knowing she will be prepared with the basic necessities for her baby is wonderful." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 4**

COMMUNITY & SENSE OF BELONGING

TAY Support Group | International Support Group |
Welcome Committee & Social Outings | Holidays



"I love doing something as simple as driving clients. The clients are so appreciative of my time and willingness to drive. They thank me many times, which can be a bit embarrassing. Once a client was very quiet riding to the International Support Group and when we got there she was so happy to be able to speak in her own dialect with another client. I'm so grateful to do something as simple as driving to make such a difference in someone's life, even for just one day." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 4**

"Being part of helping to administrate the support group for the Task Force has opened my eyes to an even deeper need that is part of a survivor's life. That need is friendship. The impact that they have on each other's lives during a meeting goes beyond a resource for rent or food, or even what the eye can see. I have witnessed first hand from these ladies how encouragement, realness, and hope from one survivor to another in this group extends into the week and helps them thrive." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 4**

"My favorite moments with the Task Force has been through the Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Support Group. Obviously all work done is crucial to even get to this point for these girls, but I love that with Waymakers they are able to do so much more than just get back on their feet. One of my greatest joys has been seeing the girls from not talking to anyone, to hanging out with each other at events. These small moments are literally life changing and helping our girls dream again, knowing they are not in this alone." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 4**

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Social Media Campaign | Strike Out Slavery |
Walk For Freedom | Clothesline



"As a new volunteer, I learned so much more about human trafficking after volunteering to help with outreach. I find that attending events, communicating with the community, and building relationships with other volunteers have given me a sense of purpose. I've created awareness through social media, participating in walks, and volunteering for my church. However, it's through my volunteer work with the Task Force, that I have personally seen the impact of how one person's efforts for helping survivors make a difference." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 3**

"We utilized social media to spread awareness and encourage members of our community to take action. Our greatest success was our National Human Trafficking Awareness Month campaign, in which we shared the facts and reached over 100,000 people. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we focused on complex trauma and ways to prevent child abuse in order to prevent human trafficking." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 4**

"Volunteering has opened my eyes and heart to the overwhelmingly large population affected by human trafficking. Human trafficking has no age limit, skin color, language barriers and tax bracket. Victims deserve the most help and best chance we can provide. It's an honor to be part of a volunteer group that fights, works hard, educates, and provides for the most basic of human rights: Freedom." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 1**

SURVIVOR GRADUATION



"Hosting the Survivor Graduation was such an honor and privilege. Being able to celebrate each survivor's accomplishments, healing and courage taught me and my team so much. It inspired us all. I know that this graduation event may have been one of the few, maybe only time, in some survivor's life that they were celebrated as the guest of honor. Our volunteers were also so excited to be able to make specialized gift baskets for each and every graduate according to their interests, goals and pastimes." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 4**

"Working with the Task Force has humbled me in ways I cannot express. I have been blessed to witness countless organizations and individuals bring hope and salvation to the victims. Every chance I have to be involved has helped me grow in my faith and as a person. The joy of spending time with the survivors, laughing, and feeling the excitement they now have for a better life - you cannot put a price on that." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 3**

"Being part of the OCHTTF as a community educator has been extremely meaningful. I am committed to the call to help to equip and empower others in the anti-slavery movement because of mentoring of which I have benefitted. Engaging minds, hands and hearts, as well as voices to take action makes a profound difference in our community and the world around us. I am grateful that the OCHTTF has provided the platform, as well as training from leaders in the field, encouragement from like-minded partners, and solid resources. We are stronger when we walk together in the same direction." - **Volunteer, TIER LEVEL 2**

III. LAW ENFORCEMENT & PROSECUTION

Between 2012 and 2018, an estimated total of 504 cases of human trafficking, pimping, and pandering were prosecuted. In 2017 and 2018, 184 felony cases were filed by the Orange County District Attorney's Office's Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT) Unit. There were 169 convictions in 2017 and 2018 combined.

These are some highlighted cases that received convictions in either 2017 or 2018, including an opinion by the Court of Appeal of the State of California confirming the guilty verdict on the felony charge of human trafficking against Johnny Lee Guyton.

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People v. Williams

On January 6, 2015, Delane Williams met 20-year-old Victim 1 in Los Angeles and said he would drive her to a storage unit to pick up her belongings. The defendant instead drove her to areas of Orange County known for human trafficking and prostitution. Williams demanded the victim solicit commercial sex and give him all the money she received from sex purchasers. The victim was reluctant to do so and Williams threatened her to get in the car when a sex purchaser solicited her. The victim fought off the sex purchaser and escaped in the City of Stanton. She immediately called 911 and members of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force responded to the scene, however, Williams had fled the county.

Between February 1, 2016 and May 31, 2016, Williams pimped Victim 2 in Orange County. On May 31, 2016, Task Force Investigators observed Williams picking up Victim 2 in Stanton. When investigators attempted to detain him, he initiated a high-speed pursuit ending with Williams crashing into a tree. Before fleeing on foot, Williams threatened to kill Victim 2 because he believed she had set him up with police. Williams ran through a Garden Grove neighborhood and hid in a garage. The homeowner confronted the defendant with a firearm, and Williams threw cash at the homeowner requesting him not to call the police. He fled from the garage and hid in a nearby backyard, where he was located and arrested. A court issued a protective order prohibiting the defendant from communication with Victim 2. Between June 3, 2016 and June 4, 2016, Williams called a family member from county jail and instructed them to contact Victim 2 in violation of the restraining order.

On February 6, 2017, Williams pled guilty and sentenced to 16 years state prison for pimping, criminal threats, evading while driving recklessly, pandering, resisting and obstructing a police officer, aggravated trespassing, destroying or concealing evidence, violation of a protective order, and sentencing enhancements for prior felony convictions.



People v. Ramos

On the night of December 11, 2015, Raul Ramos contacted a 19-year-old female and solicited her for commercial sex. The defendant entered an Anaheim hotel room with the intent to sexually assault the victim. At the time, Ramos was employed as a security guard in Santa Ana. The defendant showed the victim his security guard badge, told her he was a police officer, and threatened to arrest the victim if she did not have sex with him.

Ramos then forcibly raped the victim and used a GoPro video camera to record the entire incident. Ramos forced the victim to orally copulate him, at which time the victim, who was in a towel, grabbed the defendant's keys and GoPro camera and ran out of the hotel room to a nearby store and reported that she had been raped. The Anaheim Police Department responded to the scene and arrested Ramos outside of the hotel.

On July 25, 2017, Ramos pled guilty and sentenced to 24 years and 8 months in state prison. His charges included forcible rape, rape by threat to arrest, forcible oral copulation, and impersonating a police officer. In 2018, the OCHTTF found the victim's pimp, who had placed her in such a situation. They arrested him independently, for pandering an undercover officer he believed was a juvenile and had arrived in Anaheim to pick up to have her work as a sex worker.

People v. Jackson

From September 2013 to October 2013, Chazz Jackson pimped and pandered 18-year-old Victim 1. He posted sexually explicit advertisements of the victim on websites and took all of the money she received from sex purchasers. Jackson forcibly raped the victim several times. On October 25, 2013, Victim 1 called her mother from a hotel in Anaheim asking for help. The victim's mother immediately called the Anaheim Police Department, who later located Victim 1. Task Force Investigators took over the investigation and soon found Victim 2, who was also pimped by Jackson alongside Victim 1.

On September 8, 2014, Task Force Investigators arrested Jackson. At the time of the arrest, the defendant was trafficking a 17 year old, Victim 3. The victim was also forcibly raped by Jackson during her time with him. Over the course of the investigation, police discovered that in the spring of 2014 Jackson pimped and pandered 19-year-old Victim 4 and 21-year-old Victim 5. While Jackson was in custody in Orange County Jail between 2014 and 2015, he spoke with Victim 3 on the phone and intimidated her in order to dissuade her from testifying in court.

On March 29, 2017, a jury found Jackson guilty of human trafficking, pimping, pandering, rape, attempted criminal threats with intent to terrorize, and attempting to dissuade a victim/witness from testifying, and sentencing enhancements of trafficking a minor with force or fear, multiple victims, and four serious and violent felony convictions for robbery and attempted carjacking in 2007 in Florida. He was sentenced to 99 years to life in state prison.



People v. Gibson

Prior to June 2016, Raymond Gibson met 15-year-old Victim 1 and began trafficking the victim in areas of Orange County known for prostitution and human trafficking. Gibson forced the victim to engage in commercial sex acts with sex purchasers and kept the money the victim received. Prior to May 2016, and while also trafficking Victim 1, Gibson pandered Victim 2 to engage in commercial sex acts for his benefit in Orange County.

On May 30, 2016, Victim 1 attempted to flee from an Orange County motel room. Gibson found Victim 1, forcibly raped the victim, and forced her to orally copulate him. Gibson choked Victim 1 during the course of the sexual assault. On June 11, 2016, Victim 1 was contacted by law enforcement in San Bernardino County and reported the crime. On June 15, 2016, Gibson was contacted and arrested while pimping Victim 2 in a motel room in Orange County.

On October 12, 2017, a jury found Gibson guilty of forcible oral copulation, forcible rape, lewd acts upon a child, human trafficking, pimping and pandering of a minor, and assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury. He was sentenced to 34 years to life in state prison.

People v. Spurlock

Prior to April 2014, Ronald Spurlock recruited several victims to engage in commercial sex in Orange County and posted sexually explicit advertisements of several of the victims on websites known for soliciting prostitution. The defendant kept the money the victims received from the sex purchasers. In April 2014, Newport Beach Police Department began investigating Spurlock for an unrelated matter. Investigators conducted surveillance of the defendant and Victim 1, at a high-rise condo complex near John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana. On several occasions, the officers observed Victim 1 and two additional victims at a hotel in Costa Mesa known for prostitution. The rooms were often registered under the name of Victim 1.

Between April and June 2014, Newport Beach Police Detectives discovered several sexually explicit advertisements online of Victim 1 and Victim 2 soliciting commercial sex. It was apparent Spurlock was doing very well financially based on his residence and the high-end vehicles he and the victims were driving. Newport Beach Police Department contacted the Task Force and conducted multiple joint undercover operations resulting in contact with several sex purchasers. On July 17, 2014, Newport Beach Police Department located and arrested Spurlock at his residence. Task Force Investigators contacted Victim 1 and Victim 3 at the hotel in Santa Ana and determined they were pimped by Spurlock. Additionally they located two firearms, and over \$14,000 in cash in Spurlock's apartment. Spurlock beat Victim 1 and Victim 7 on several occasions and pimped and pandered several other victims. Spurlock made several calls from Orange County Jail in order to dissuade Victim 1 from testifying against him.

On March 8, 2017, a jury found Spurlock guilty of human trafficking, pimping, pandering and conspiring to dissuade a witness. He also pled guilty on February 27, 2017 to one felony count of possession of a firearm by a felon. He was sentenced to 21 years and 4 months in state prison.

People v. Guyton

On December 2014, Johnny Lee Guyton used social media to contact the Victim in South Dakota, to recruit her to work for him as a sex worker. He did so by sending her pictures of mansions and luxury vehicles and telling her the lives of her and her child would improve if she worked for him. The victim agreed and met Guyton at his home in Nevada where he initially trafficked her and later brought her to Orange County. Between December 2014 and April 2015, Guyton forced the victim to engage in commercial sex seven days a week, only permitting the victim to see her child depending whether she met the \$1,000 daily quota he set. During that time of victimization, Guyton received between \$30,000 and \$50,000 by exploiting the victim.

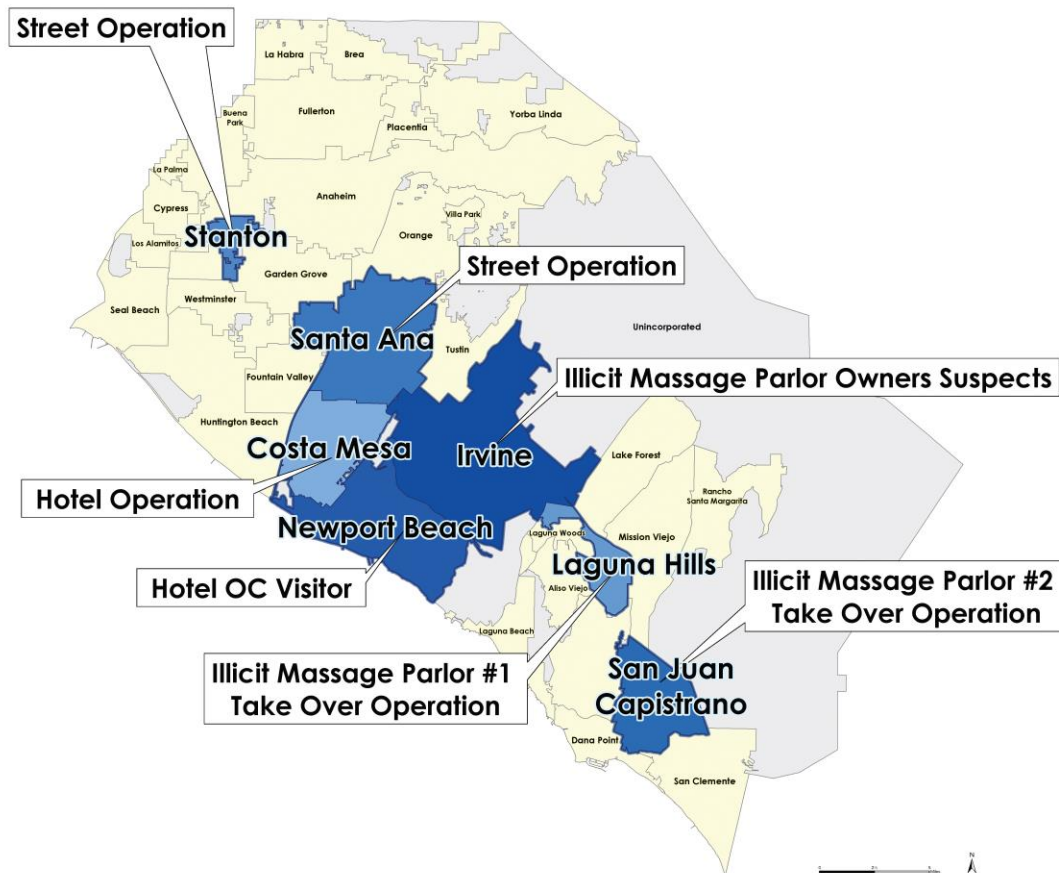
Guyton deprived the victim of her liberty by making false promises and threatening to keep her child from her if she did not meet the quota he set. In April 2015, the victim, desperate to flee her situation, called her father in Minnesota and told him she wanted to leave, but did not know where Guyton kept her son. The victim did not want law enforcement involved. The father contacted the Task Force and informed them of his daughter's plight. He did not know the whereabouts of his daughter, but believed she might be in Orange County. Task Force Investigators responded and at some point located the victim. She did not know where Guyton had her son, and even with officers present, she was afraid to call Guyton to find out about her son. Investigators continued into the early morning hours and located and arrested Guyton who had the victim's son.

On May 17, 2016, a jury found Guyton guilty of human trafficking and sentenced him to 14 years in state prison. In June 2016, Guyton appealed his human trafficking conviction, stating he was the child's babysitter while his girlfriend worked as a sex worker, he did not deprive her of her liberty as she could have "walked away anytime."

February 14, 2018, the California Appellate Court issued an opinion affirming Guyton's conviction for human trafficking, citing that "various restrictions defendant placed on the victim, including isolating her, constantly monitoring her, requiring her to stay in contact with him by phone, checking her phone, requiring her to work so much she was exhausted, falsely promising he had purchased a car for her, kept the child away from her unless she made enough money, and depriving her of the financial means to live." The court asserted these circumstances, "rendered the victim totally reliant on defendant" and concluded there was substantial evidence of a "sustained restriction of liberty accomplished through force, fear, fraud, deceit, duress and menace... Something far more serious and sinister than a pimp deriving support or maintenance from the prostitute's earnings was occurring here. Under the circumstances disclosed in this record, we find there is substantial evidence to support the jury's verdict that the defendant committed human trafficking."

Addressing Demand

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In July 2018, in efforts to address the demand side that is causing the human trafficking problem, countywide sex purchaser sting operations were conducted by the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force and partnering police agencies.

Great efforts and successes have been made in bringing perpetrators to justice and recovering victims. However, in the process we have learned that approximately 80% of the victims and traffickers come to Orange County from across the state and nation. These numbers show Orange County's demand side of the human trafficking problem. This is due in part to Orange County's tourist attractions, sports venues, beach cities and affluent population. Traffickers bring their victims expecting to have an abundance of customers and higher profits.

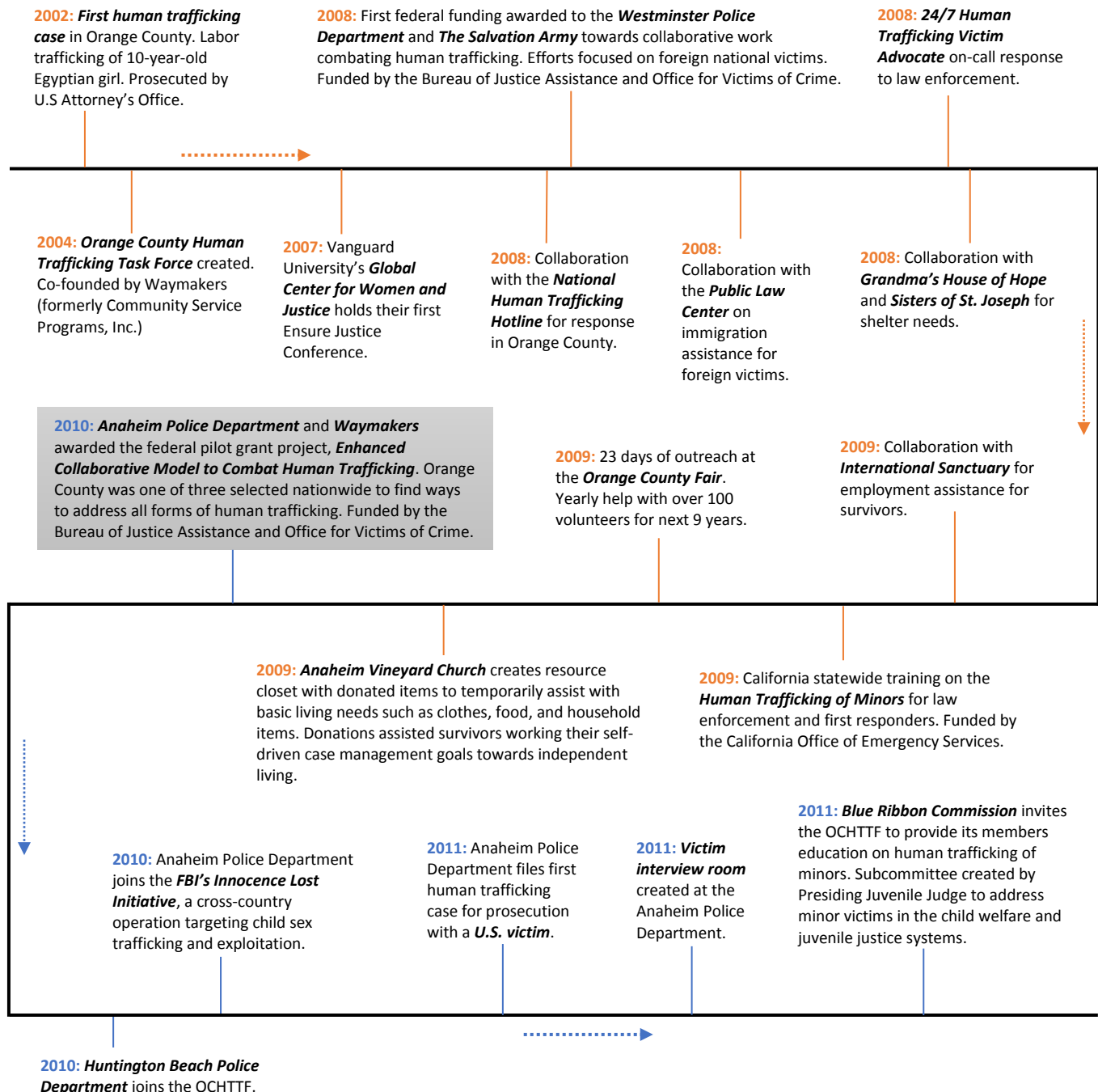
In response, the OCHTTF worked with the faith-based community to develop a three-pronged approach to address the demand side of the problem. The awareness-education campaign is being presented to men's groups across the county.

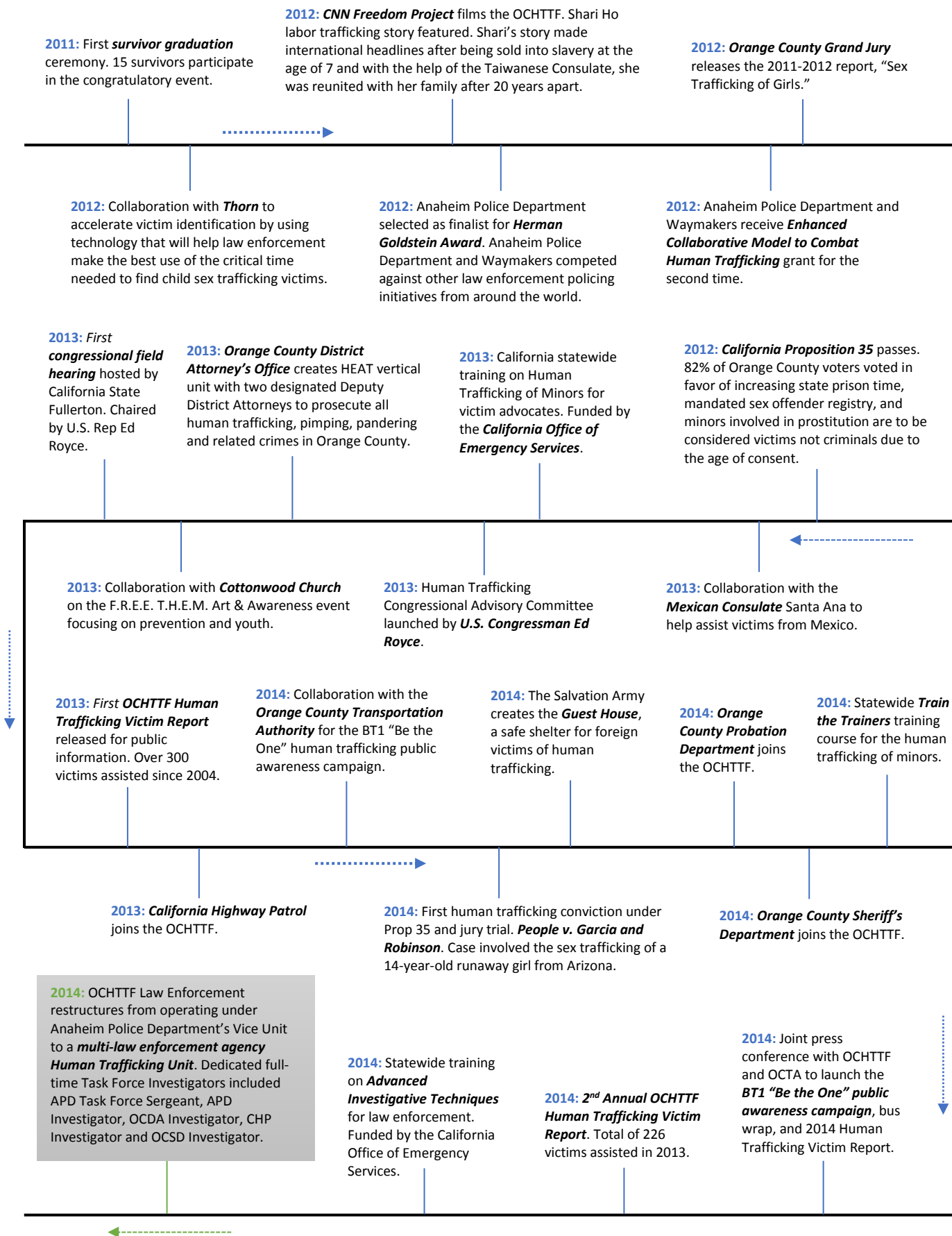
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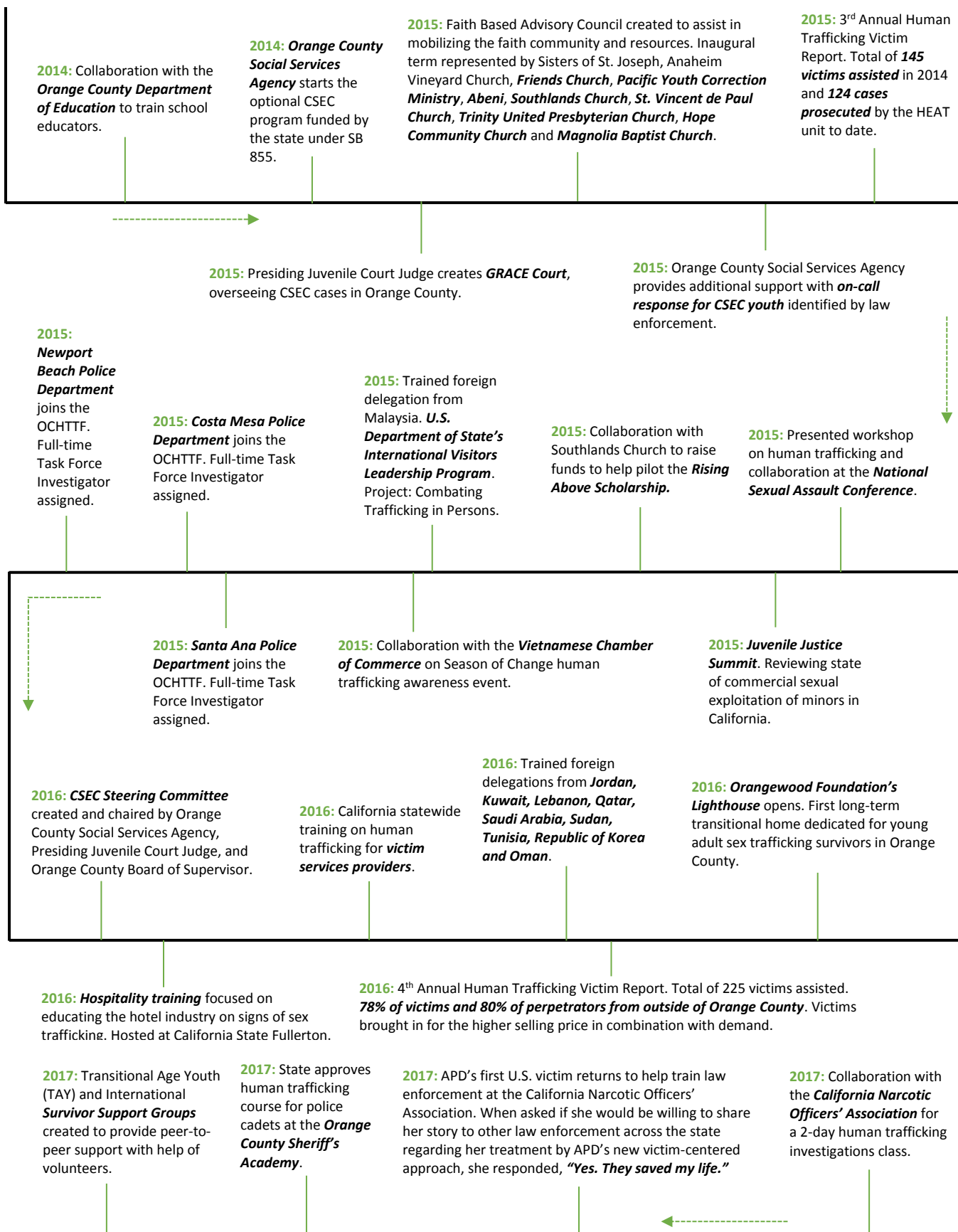
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- Enforcement
- Publicity Campaign

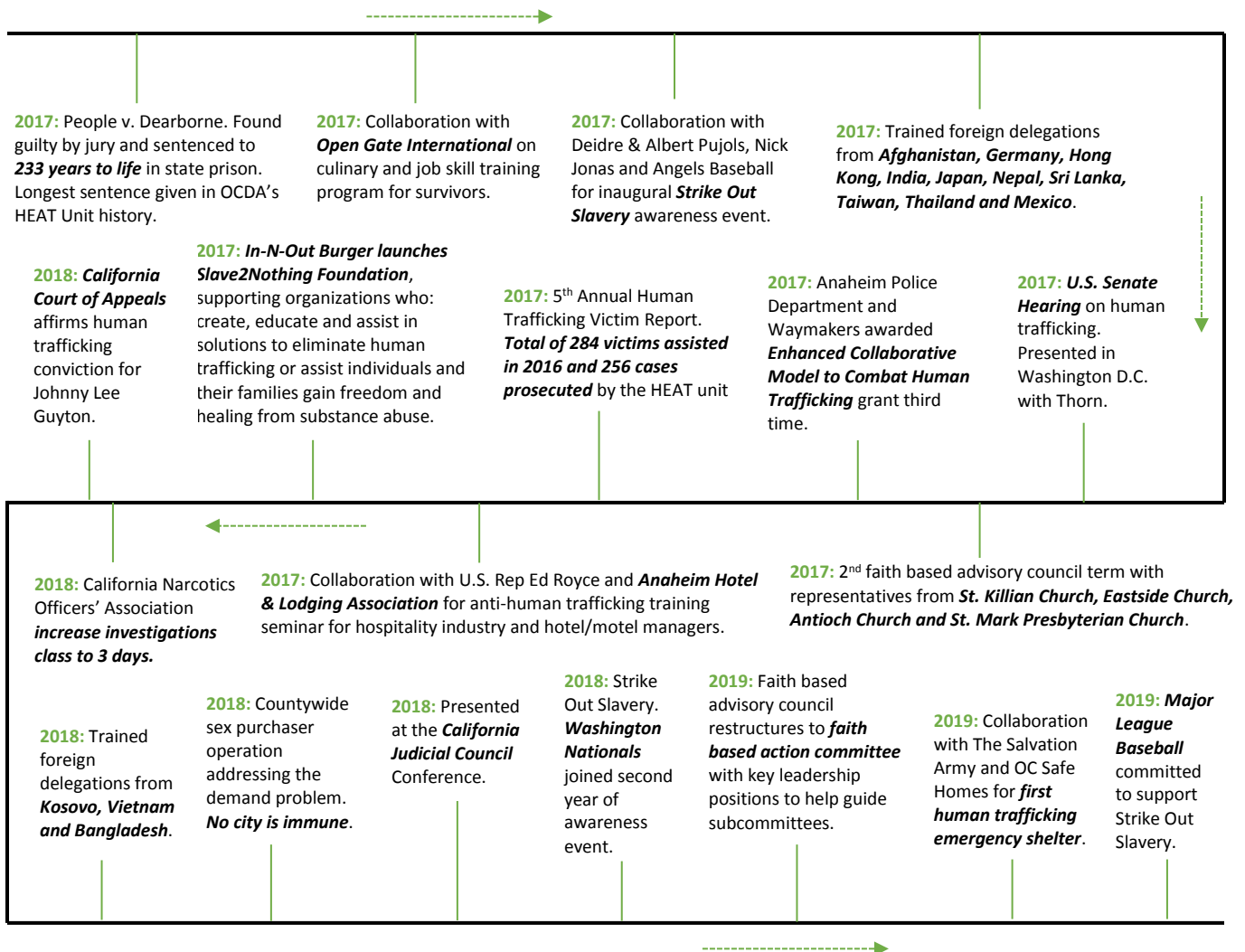
IV. OCHTTF TIMELINE

The following timeline highlights the significant milestones and markers in the anti-trafficking efforts in Orange County initiated by the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) and collaborative partners. This is not an exhaustive list of all of the work put into combating human trafficking in Orange County for the past **15 years**, including foundational work needed to prevent and protect future victims.









Room where victims were interviewed at the Anaheim Police Department.

2010-2011



2011-2017

One of the first changes made by law enforcement in their transition to the victim-centered approach was the need to have an interview room better suited for victims. This room was made possible through the Volunteer Program and donated items. The intent was to produce quality cases on human trafficking versus just quantity of numbers of prostitution arrests.



2017-Present

The creative partnership with Let's Share allowed the victim interview room to be transformed by applying a survivor-informed approach. Helping to create a safer environment for victims, who traditionally were treated like criminals was key. The hope was to create a soothing space where victims, who typically are hyper-vigilant, suspicious and watchful, can lower their instinctual need to be alert and relax. The room has been so successful that some of the victims even fall asleep before and after their law enforcement interviews!

IV. BE THE ONE

In 2014, the Orange County Transportation Authority joined efforts in spreading awareness about human trafficking by creating the BE THE ONE (BT1) public awareness campaign. The campaign had different stages through the years. The original campaign helped raise awareness by reaching out to human trafficking victims. As collaboration continued, the second campaign focused on the commercial sexual exploitation of children. The most recent highlighted a community coming together to send the message: Not in Orange County.





Thank you to all of our collaborative partners in the community in 2017 and 2018. Whether it was one-time assistance or ongoing efforts to support our mission to help survivors of human trafficking take one step closer to reaching their self-actualization and to take back their life, it made a difference.

211 Orange County
 I-5 Freedom Network
 A Place of Our Own Hair & Art Salon
 A21 Campaign
 Anaheim Free Methodist Church
 Anaheim National Inn
 Anaheim Vineyard Church
 Angels Joy
 Antioch Church Fullerton
 Art & Creativity for Healing
 Bikes Against Child Abuse
 Boys & Girls Club Garden Grove
 Brave Grace Equine Therapy
 California Narcotics Officers Association
 Calvary Chapel East Anaheim
 Calvary Chapel Huntington Beach
 Casa de la Familia
 Casa Youth Shelter
 CA Sen. Patricia Bate's Office
 CA Sen. Ling Ling Chang's Office
 Certified Therapy Dog Team
 Cottonwood Church
 Crittenton Services for Children & Families
 Eastside Church Anaheim
 FashUnited
 Flipped Doughnuts
 Freedom Ride Project
 Friends Church Yorba Linda
 Global Center for Women & Justice
 Gracie Barra Anaheim
 Grandma's House of Hope
 Great Wolf Lodge Garden Grove
 Hope Community Church Westminster
 Human Options
 In-N-Out Slave2Nothing Foundation
 International Sanctuary
 Irvine United Congregational Church
 Junior League of Orange County
 Klein & Klein
 Laguna Niguel Mayor Elaine Gennawey
 Laura's House
 Legal Aid Orange County
 Let's Share

Magnolia Baptist Church
 Mexican Consulate Santa Ana
 Multicultural Mental Health Services
 National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
 Open Gate International
 Orange County Bar Association
 Orange County Department of Education
 Orange County Diocese
 Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center
 Orange County Interfaith Network
 Orange County Juvenile Court
 Orange County Rescue Mission
 Orange County Safe Homes
 Orange County Transportation Authority
 Orangewood Foundation
 Pals for Health
 Public Law Center
 Redeeming Love
 Renewable Farms Riverbed Anaheim
 Richfield Community Church
 Santa Ana Public Library
 Seneca Family of Agencies
 Sisters of St. Joseph Orange
 Skateboard Moms & Sisters of Shred
 Southlands Church Brea
 St. Anne Church Seal Beach
 St. Irenaeus Church Cypress
 St. Killian Church Mission Viejo
 St. Mark Presbyterian Church Newport Beach
 St. Martin de Porres Yorba Linda
 St. Vincent de Paul Huntington Beach
 Stand Up for Kids
 Strike Out Slavery
 The Hair Lounge
 Thorn
 U.S. Department of Labor Wage & Hour
 U.S. Rep. Ed Royce's Office
 Unbound
 University United Methodist Church Irvine
 Women Helping Women
 Women's Transitional Living Center
 Yoga Center Costa Mesa
 Yves Restaurant & Wine Bar