

Human Trafficking **is modern day slavery**

Human trafficking is the fastest growing and second largest criminal industry in the world. It is a highly profitable crime that affects hundreds of thousands of people in the United States, including those in our community throughout Westmoreland County. Through fraud, coercion, or force, adults and children are made to work in the commercial sex trade or to provide labor or services.

Human Trafficking **happens here.**

The United States is the third largest country where human trafficking exists. Pennsylvania is one the top states where people are impacted by this violent crime.

Human trafficking is the act of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harbouring or receiving a person through the means of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of exploitation, such as sexual exploitation, slavery and forced labour, among others.

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**For questions about the
Westmoreland Human
Trafficking Task Force or
to schedule a training or
educational program
contact:**

Blackburn Center's
Outreach Specialist
724-837-9540

Website

www.BlackburnCenter.org
[www.Facebook.com/Westmoreland
HumanTraffickingTaskForce/](https://www.Facebook.com/WestmorelandHumanTraffickingTaskForce/)

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Our Mission

The Westmoreland Human Trafficking Taskforce was developed by partners community organizations including Blackburn Center, Children's Bureau, Commissioner's Office, Law Enforcement, hospitals, local universities, religious organizations, and many other community partners and members.

The mission of the Westmoreland County Human Trafficking Task Force is to enhance education, identify victims, and increase awareness to decrease the number of lives impacted by human trafficking.



How we work together to support survivors



The Westmoreland Human Trafficking Taskforce collaborates with local community partners to bring educational programs and awareness to local services that can provide support. Some of our local programs include:

- **Red Sand Project**
 - A community artwork installation created by the community through pouring red sand into pavement cracks to represent survivors who fall through our systems of care and promote better supports.
- **Human Trafficking Awareness Month**
 - During the month of January we hold events throughout Westmoreland County
- **Trainings** to Professionals and Community Partners
- **Education** to Schools and Youth Groups

How can I help?

- Add local hotline numbers that can be found below to your and your family's phones
- Recognize the signs of Human Trafficking and report suspicious situations
- Volunteer and support Anti-Trafficking efforts
- Stay informed and talk about Human Trafficking
- Schedule a training or educational opportunity for your community group, business, or school

There is support

Blackburn Center 24-Hour Hotline

888-832-2272

ChildLine

800-932-0313

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

For more information contact Blackburn Center's Outreach Specialist 724-837-9540 x 171