

Name: Ventura County Coalition Against Human Trafficking (“VC-CAHT”)

Mission: To combat human trafficking in Ventura County by partnering to prevent, prosecute, properly identify victims, and provide victim services.

Vision: To end human trafficking in Ventura County.

Structure: The Coalition is a member driven network with two levels of membership. Its cause and work are directly and indirectly supported by many individuals and organizations in Ventura County.

The Core Team is a closed work group comprised of key law enforcement, social service, and nonprofit groups which directly interact with victims. Core Team Agencies must make an annual commitment to the work group, which meets monthly. Its functions include:

- Establish close communication between members to share critical information and improve response time and services for victims.
- Create a practical and consistent chain of response and resources when victims are identified.
- Collaborate on victim services for current cases.
- Guide Coalition by facilitating meetings, distributing data to members, and training members.
- Be in contact with other task forces and individuals outside of Ventura County.

Members are individuals and agencies serving populations especially vulnerable to human trafficking. Members must fill out an application and be endorsed by the Core Team. Activities include:

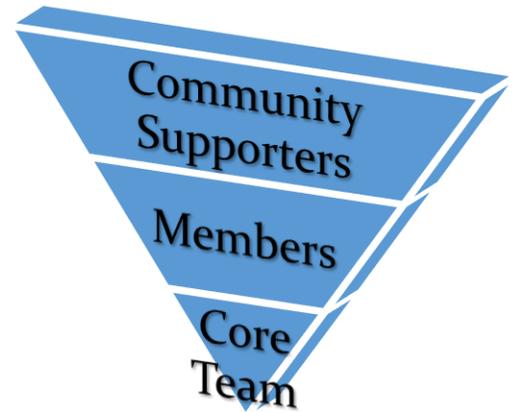
- Increase prevention through general awareness and by partnering with existing programs which target intimate partner violence, sexual assault, unfair labor practices, and other forms of injustice linked to human trafficking.
- Properly identify victims by training their staff, volunteers, and clients.
- Provide victim services by refining their existing services to better serve human trafficking victims.

Members gather every other month in an open meeting. Only members may share at meetings. Initial meetings will focus heavily on human trafficking trainings and sharing relevant services. After the initial start-up period, **subcommittees** will form on the subjects of prevention, prosecution, properly identifying victims, and providing victim services. Only endorsed members may serve on subcommittees.

Community supporters are individuals and organizations who support the work of the Coalition but are not directly involved with fulfilling the Coalition’s mission.

First Year Goals:

- **Launch in January 2015.**
- Establish the Core Team and invite Members.
- Identify an informal protocol for responding to victims in Ventura County.
- Train members in victim identification.
- Contact leaders from neighboring task-forces to talk about future collaboration.



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