

2017



HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM REPORT

ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

The victim-centered approach is the emphasis on the needs and concerns of a victim to ensure the compassionate and sensitive delivery of services in a non-judgemental manner. A victim-centered approach also seeks to minimize retraumatization associated with the criminal justice process by providing the support of victim advocates and service providers, empowering survivors as engaged participants in the aftercare process, and providing survivors an opportunity to play a role in seeing their traffickers brought to justice. (Office for Victims of Crime)

The application of the victim-centered approach presents differently, depending on the agency carrying it out and the primary job function of that agency. The agencies and their job function vary greatly, however each organization has an important role in addressing the crime of human trafficking as a part of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF). It is this collaborative nature of the OCHTTF that is our strength, by placing us in the most well-informed position to best assist victims from a state of crisis to a survivor state.

Victim Services – Victim Advocates are professionals who use trauma-informed care to assist victims in determining the best available options in the aftermath of a crime, whether or not the victim goes through the criminal justice system. Advocacy may include: serve as a support person when victims go through the criminal justice process, inform victims of case status, connect victims to community resources, provide assistance without attributing blame, and to respect and protect the victim’s rights.

OCHTTF Application: Collaborate with community and governmental partners who can help provide resources and appropriate care for victims. Provide on-going case management as needed. Respond to 24/7 law enforcement call-outs when victims are identified in order to provide immediate emotional support and emergency resources, as well as be the conduit through which many of the victim’s questions regarding the justice system are answered.

Law Enforcement – Law Enforcement investigations begin with the premise that this population of victims, who were traditionally not viewed as victims of a crime, are in fact, in large part, working under some sort of control or threat. Investigators now approach each potential victim with a victim-centered approach, and in doing so have learned that cooperation by victims have dramatically increased. This has resulted in more thorough investigations, thereby increasing the apprehension rate of the perpetrators. The role of law enforcement is not to be an Advocate, but in partnership with victim services, utilize Advocates to help leverage and alleviate any stress and trauma resulting from the crime or on-going investigation.

OCHTTF Application: Create a victim interview room at the Anaheim Police Department using feedback from survivors. Partner with victim services and social services to respond 24/7 for advocacy and resource assistance. Work alongside the Orange County District Attorney’s Office’s vertical prosecution unit, Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT), to move forward with filing cases for prosecution.

Prosecution – Prosecutors represent the People against a person charged with violating the laws of the United States, or those of a given state. Working alongside law enforcement in making a decision to file a case for prosecution, their primary task is in public safety. However, the victim-centered approach takes into consideration the well-being and needs of the victim when participating in the criminal justice system process.

OCHTTF Application: Keep the continuity of cases filed by law enforcement with the same Deputy District Attorney from the case's beginning to end. Work with the same Advocate (whenever possible) to provide emotional support and assistance for the victim during the duration of the criminal justice system process.

Social Services – County Social Services Agencies are now required by the State to coordinate all CSEC (Commerical Sexual Exploitation of Children) efforts within their respective county. Child welfare recognizes CSEC as a child welfare matter and Social Workers are to provide case management to CSEC youth who are embeded with the child welfare system as appropriate.

OCHTTF Application: Emergency Response (ER) Social Workers are called out 24/7 by law enforcement when CSEC victims are identified and located. The ER Social Worker is part of the multi-disciplinary team, which includes law enforcement and advocates, to determine the best course of action for the minor victim. The social worker helps confirm identity of the minor, history within the child welfare system, and assess safety of placement options.

Victim Report Overview

The fifth annual 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. The report is broken down into four main sections and outlines the following:

- I. 2016 Victim Demographics
- II. Victim Service Considerations
- III. Law Enforcement & Prosecution
- IV. Community Support

I. 2016 VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS

The total number of human trafficking victims assisted in 2016 is **284**.

| | Population | Labor Trafficking | Sex Trafficking | Labor & Sex Trafficking | Unknown | Total |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| Gender | Female | 27 | 227 | 7 | 0 | 261 |
| | Male | 16 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| | Transgender | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Age | Adult | 43 | 160 | 7 | 0 | 210 |
| | Minor | 0 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 74 |
| Nationality | Foreign | 38 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 58 |
| | <i>Adult</i> | 38 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 57 |
| | <i>Minor</i> | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | U.S. | 5 | 220 | 1 | 0 | 226 |
| | <i>Adult</i> | 5 | 147 | 1 | 0 | 153 |
| | <i>Minor</i> | 0 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 73 |
| Total | | 43 | 234 | 7 | 0 | 284 |

Source: Wayfinders (formerly Community Service Programs) and The Salvation Army

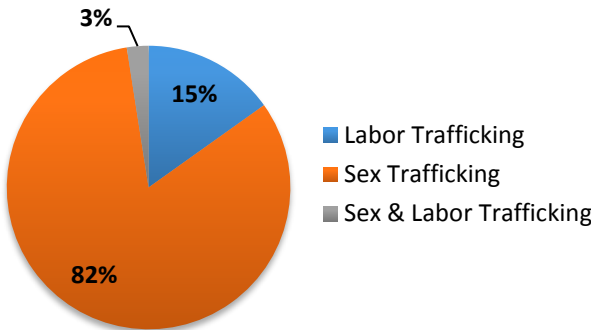
The total number of **new** human trafficking victims assisted in 2016 is **155** or 55% of the overall total.

| | Population | Labor Trafficking | Sex Trafficking | Labor & Sex Trafficking | Unknown | Total |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| Gender | Female | 5 | 140 | 2 | 0 | 147 |
| | Male | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | Transgender | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Age | Adult | 8 | 98 | 2 | 0 | 108 |
| | Minor | 0 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 47 |
| Nationality | Foreign | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| | <i>Adult</i> | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| | <i>Minor</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | U.S. | 1 | 143 | 0 | 0 | 144 |
| | <i>Adult</i> | 1 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 97 |
| | <i>Minor</i> | 0 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 47 |
| Total | | 8 | 145 | 2 | 0 | 155 |

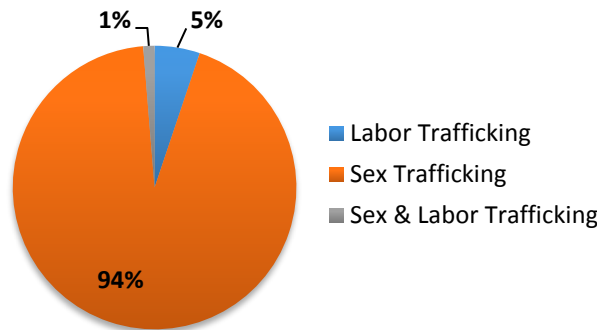
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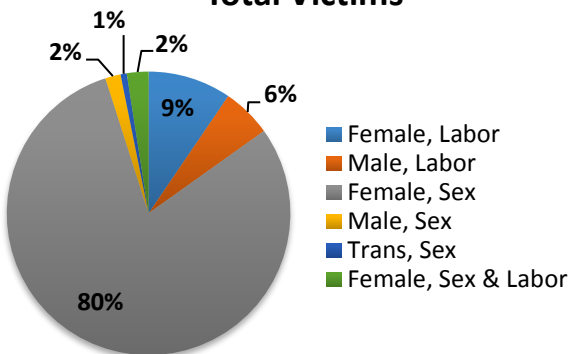
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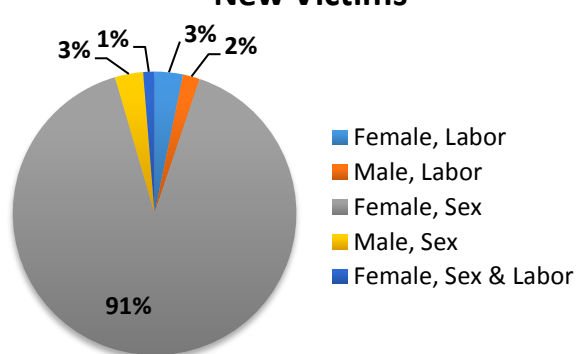
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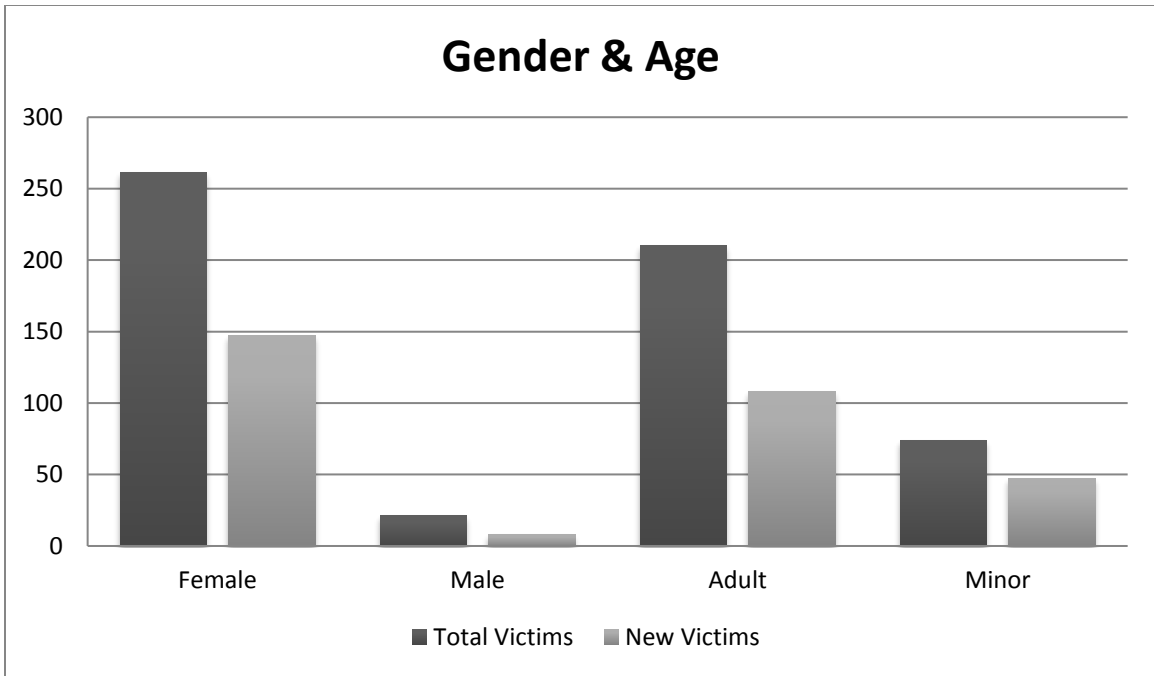


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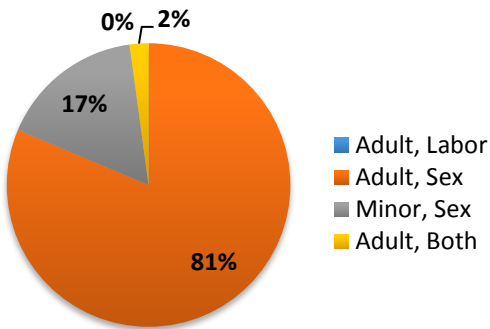
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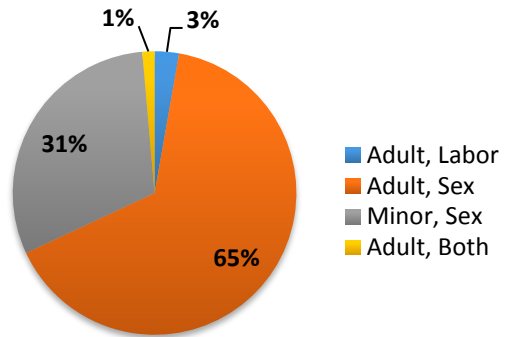


Total 2016: 92% female, 7% male; 74% adult, 26% minor. New 2016: 95% female, 5% male; 70% adult, 30% minor

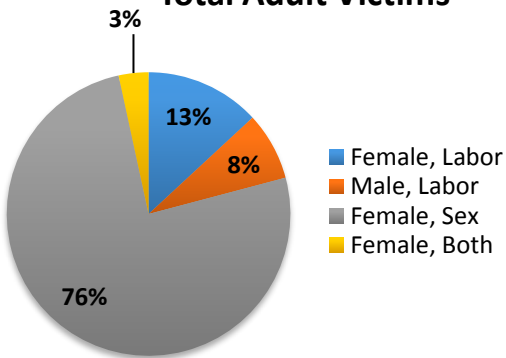
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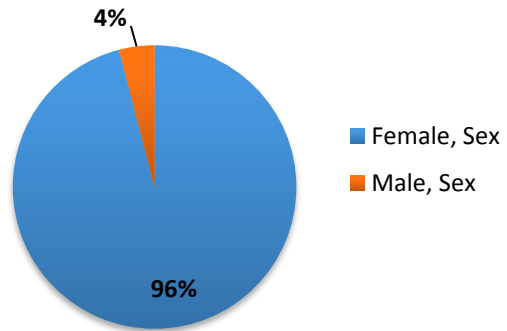
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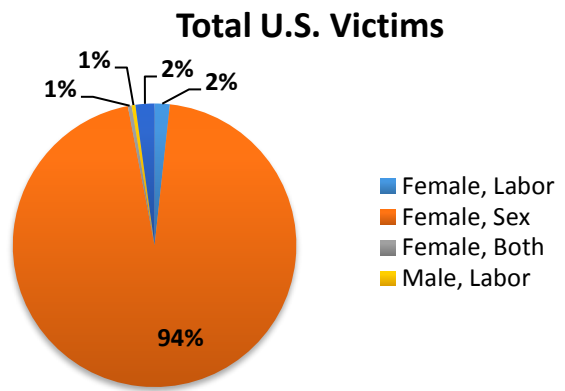
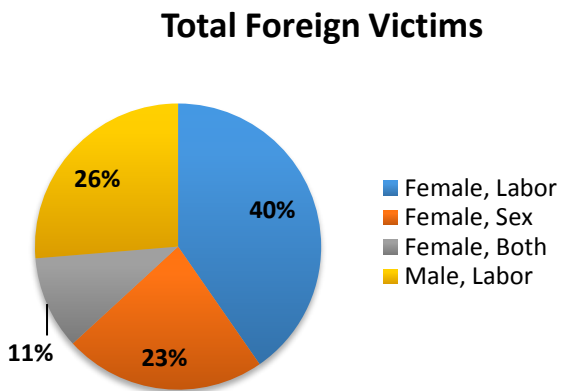
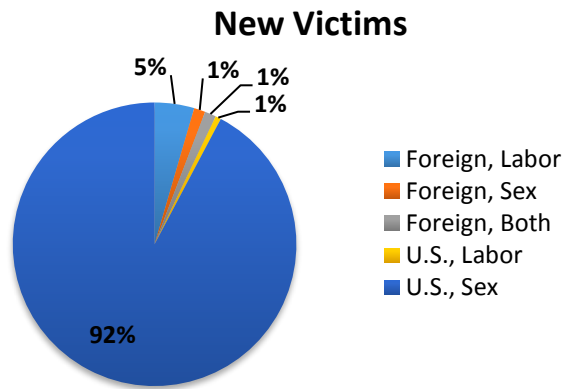
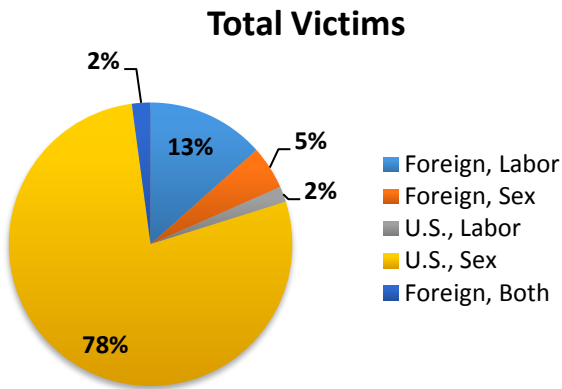
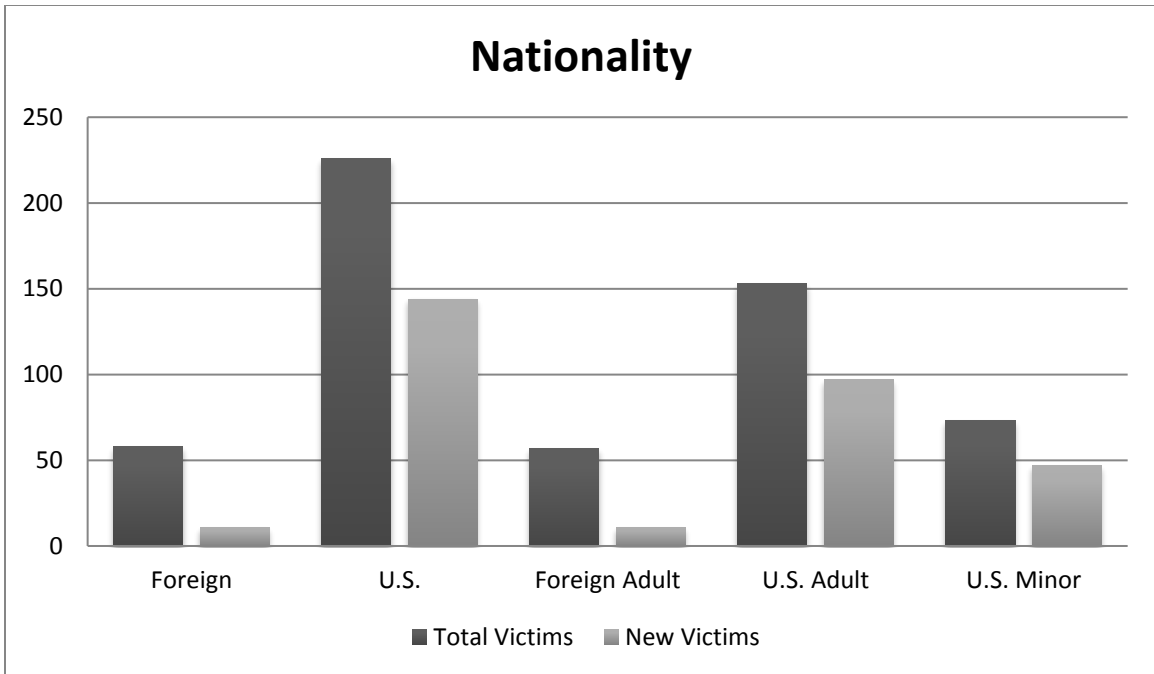


Total Adult Victims



Total Minor Victims

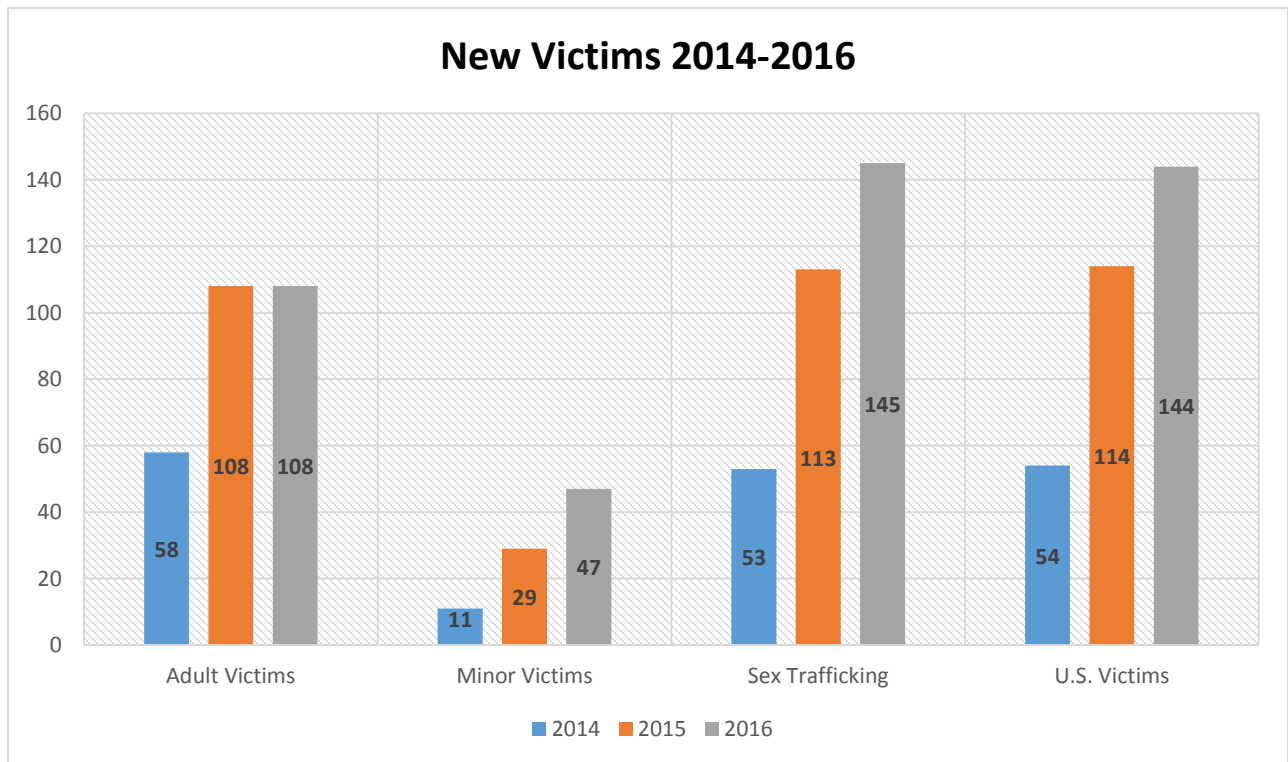




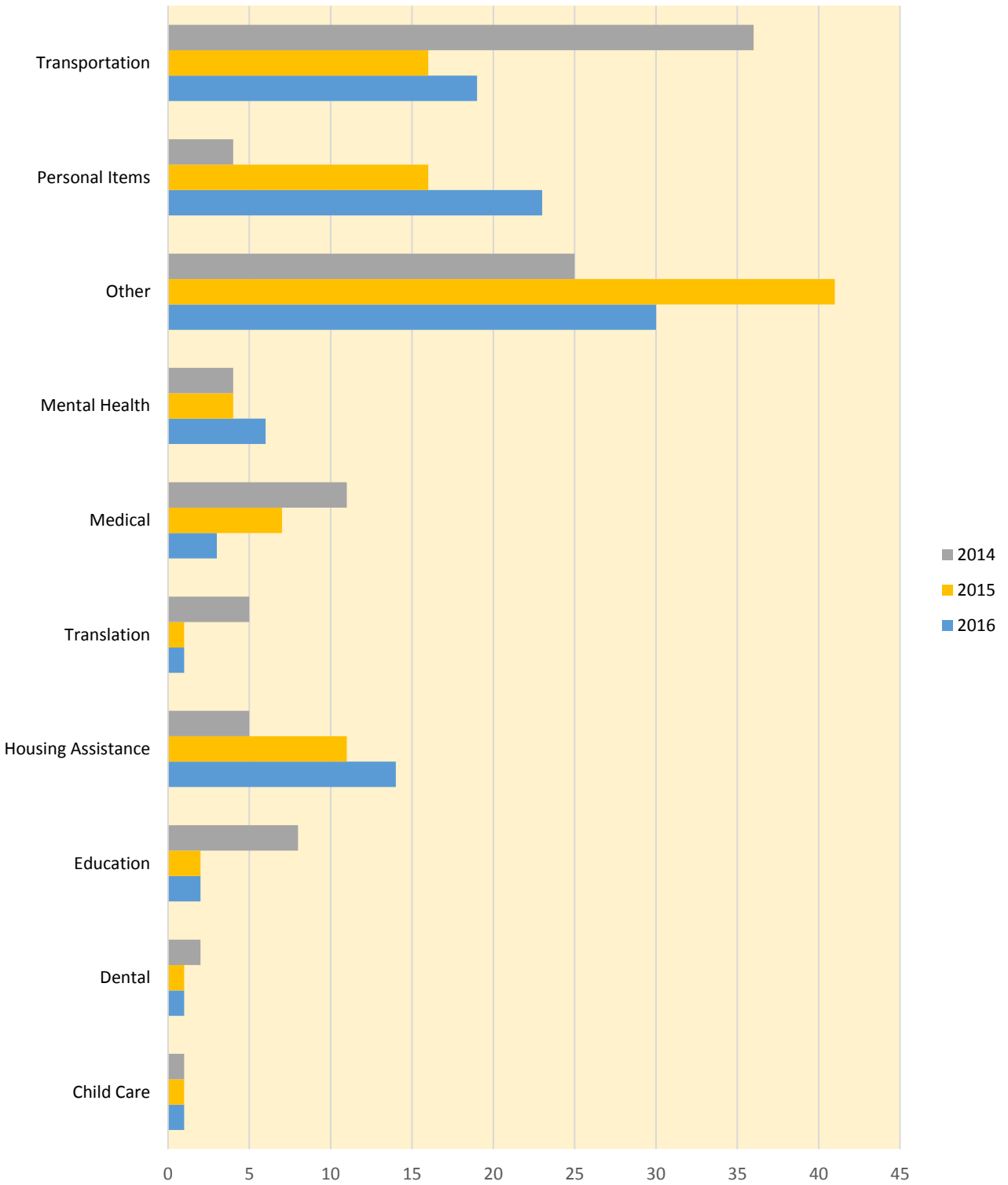
II. VICTIM SERVICE CONSIDERATIONS

The following charts reflect victim assistance trends from 2014 to 2016. In this three-year period, some of the findings are:

- Significant yearly increase in the identification of new U.S. sex trafficking victims.
- Majority of new victim referrals generated by law enforcement for victim assistance and resources. Increase of referrals also came from juvenile hall, social services, and community.
- Pro-active work in identifying minor victims resulted in 4x more minor victims in 2016.
- For Frequency of Victim Services chart, transportation assistance decreased, while personal items and housing assistance increased in three years. This is due to the possibility that with time, training, awareness and the availability of appropriate and accessible victim services, victims are more receptive to accepting help and staying for any length of time until they are ready to leave.
- For Duration of Victim Services chart, the most time spent in assisting human trafficking victims is ongoing case management, followed by emotional support and criminal justice system advocacy. Since 2014, criminal justice advocacy surpassed social service advocacy and legal/immigration assistance.

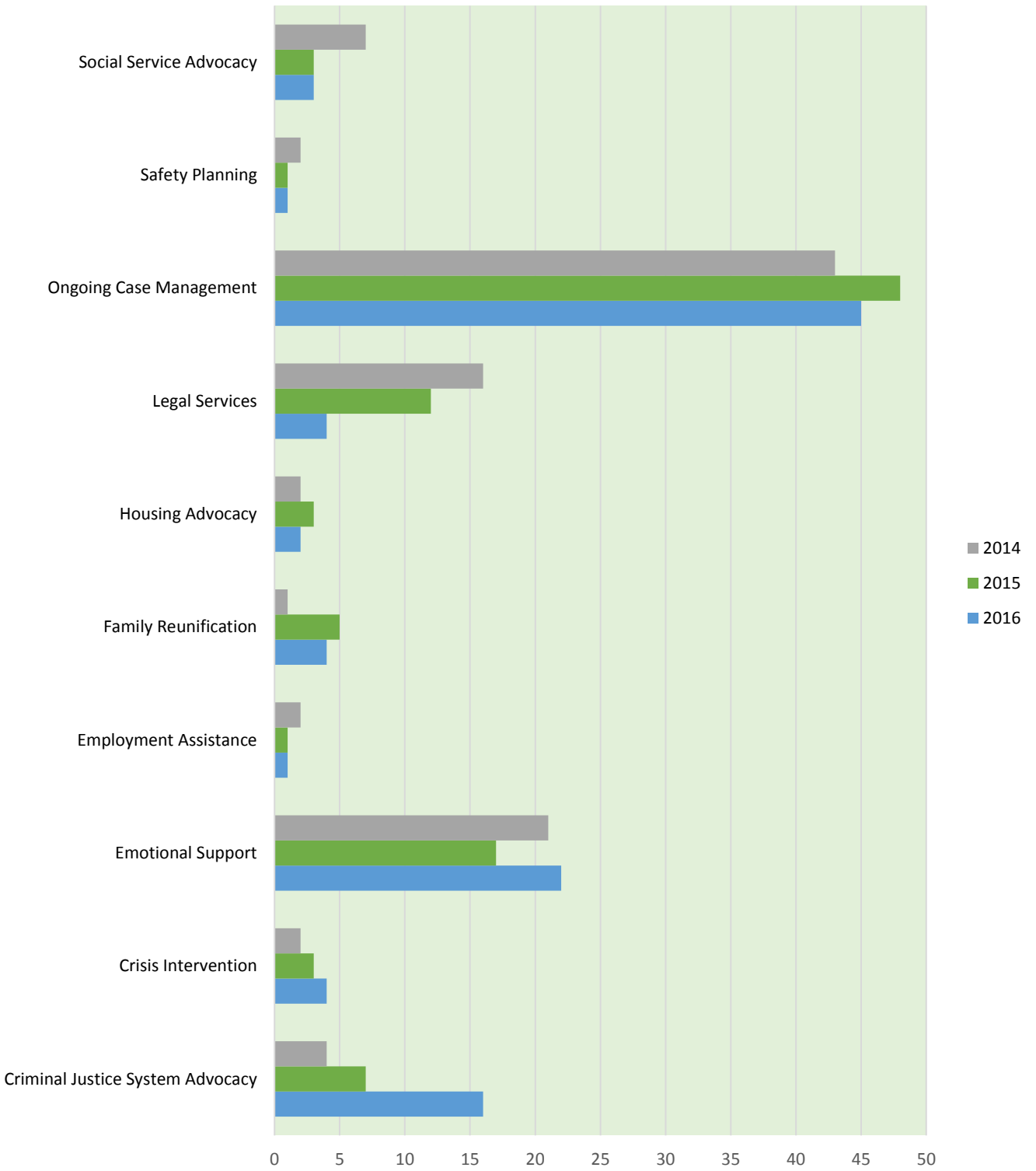


Frequency of Victim Services



The **Frequency of Victim Services** chart reflects the number of times each service was provided for victims in 2014, 2015 and 2016. The **Other** category includes: client skill-building workshops, events and social activities.

Duration of Victim Services



*The **Duration of Victim Services** chart reflects the length of time spent providing each service for victims in 2014, 2015, and 2016.*

III. LAW ENFORCEMENT & PROSECUTION

Between 2012 and 2016, a total of 256 cases of human trafficking, pimping, and pandering were prosecuted. In 2016, approximately 67 felony cases were filed to the Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT) Unit. There were approximately 69 convictions in 2016. Of the 69 convictions, about 32 of those convictions were from cases filed in 2016, and 37 were from cases filed in prior years.

People v. Guizar

In February 2016, 36-year-old Ariel Cuellar Guizar from San Jose met the 15-year-old victim in Los Angeles County, and trafficked her to areas known for prostitution and human trafficking in Orange County. Throughout the month, the defendant also pimped four additional women and trafficked two with one being a 17-year-old girl. Guizar introduced the 15-year-old victim to four other girls whom Guizar called “escorts.” Guizar rented motel rooms for the victims to use to engage in prostitution. Between February 8, 2016 and February 13, 2016, at a motel, Guizar raped and sodomized the 15-year-old while in possession of a gun. He then proceeded to take photos of the victim and posted them on prostitution ads. The minor victim then met with sex purchasers and was forced to give all of her money to Guizar.

On February 10, 2016, family members of the 15-year-old victim contacted their local police department to report their concerns about the victim. Members of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) began investigating the case, and with the assistance of the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force and FBI Innocence Lost Task Force, located the victim in the city of Bellflower. Further investigation resulted in information about the additional victims in this case. On February 11, 2016, OCHTTF Investigators located, and subsequently arrested, the defendant at a hotel in Anaheim. At the time of the arrest, Guizar had additional young adult victims working for him.

On July 18, 2017 Guizar pled guilty to felony charges of pimping, pandering, human trafficking, forcible rape, sodomy of a minor, furnishing a controlled substance to a minor, and possession of a firearm by a felon. He was sentenced to 31 years in state prison and mandatory lifetime sex offender registration. Additional federal charges are pending for Guizar on separate violations.

Victim Advocate: Through this criminal court case I was able to provide one of the victims with emotional support during her ups and downs. As her advocate, I helped her celebrate her birthday, get her driver’s license, and when she needed emergency referrals was able to help her with housing and clothes. In this case, victim services and law enforcement were able to help her brainstorm different ways to help her get through the emotional aspect of the trauma and addiction. Even after the case, the victim continues to reach out for emotional support and resources no matter what county she is in.

People v. Jones

Between January 2013 and December 2016, 37-year-old Tyrone Jones from Los Angeles trafficked the victim in areas of Orange County and Los Angeles County known for prostitution. Jones assaulted the victim multiple times, including attacking her with a screwdriver. On December 21, 2016, a police officer from the Irvine Police Department made a routine traffic stop and during that encounter, the officer was suspicious that there may be a victim of human trafficking in a motel room. The officer contacted the

OCHTTF for assistance, which led the officer to go to the motel room and make contact with the victim. The victim had bruising and visible bite marks on her body. Upon further investigation, investigators learned the victim had been committing acts of prostitution at Jones' direction for over the past 6 years. All of the proceeds went to Jones. During the 6 years, Jones would regularly assault the victim to make her stay with him. When the defendant was arrested, he had possession of the victim's baby so that she would continue to work for him. The OCHTTF took over the investigation and also filed the charges from a separate county when Jones stabbed the victim with a screwdriver when she tried to leave him.

On May 2, 2017, Jones pled guilty to felony counts of human trafficking, pimping, pandering and assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to 10 years and four months in state prison and mandatory lifetime sex offender registration.

People v. Calhoun

In May 2016, 31-year-old John Wayne Calhoun from San Bernardino, met a 13-year-old victim and coerced her to engage in prostitution for his benefit. When Calhoun first met the victim he spent the whole day getting to know her and built a "relationship." Once he gained her trust, Calhoun drove the victim up and down the state, forcing her to engage in commercial sex and took all of the money. At approximately 3:00 a.m. on June 2, 2016, the victim was located by the Santa Ana Police Department walking the streets appearing to be soliciting for prostitution. When the Santa Ana Police Department found the victim, she had a black eye, multiple bruises, and a scar on her arm, all caused by Calhoun. Upon further investigation, officers with the Santa Ana Police Department located and immediately arrested the trafficker that same night. During the investigation, they discovered evidence that Calhoun instructed the victim on who she could talk to and what to say, when to work, how much to charge, and what sex acts she was allowed to engage in.

On August 14, 2017, Calhoun was found guilty by a jury on felony counts of: lewd acts on a child under 14, human trafficking of a minor, pimping and pandering of a minor, oral copulation of a child under 14, and unlawful sexual intercourse. In addition, there were sentencing enhancements of human trafficking by force or fear and a prior 2012 felony conviction for corporal injury upon a spouse or cohabitant in San Bernardino County.

Calhoun was sentenced to 23 years to life in state prison and mandatory lifetime sex offender registration.

Victim Advocate: The victim was amazing on the stand. With two pre-trials and a jury trial it took a lot out of her as a 14-year-old girl. I saw a lot of courage from sitting on the stand for six days, having to re-live the trauma and testify against a man who she honestly thought she cared for. I have to say, every time she testified it was like a piece of her mind opened up to the reality of the situation she was in. The victim broke down on the stand several times, but always came back with a stronger attitude and willingness to push forward even if the questions seemed to be repetitive to her. During the first pre-trial she was on the stand for four days. During the second pretrial she was on the stand for seven days, and for the jury trial she was on the stand for six days. Personally, I sat with her for the second pretrial and jury trial; and that was physically, emotionally and psychologically draining for me. I can't imagine a 13/14 year-old having to do that three times, let alone doing it all alone without having any support system with her. I needed emotional support after that.

During the jury trial testimony, it was very important for the victim to have not only the emotional support, but also a familiar face to look at during the questioning. It was like she was talking to me, but someone else was asking her the questions. It was important to be able to help distract her during the breaks so she was not constantly thinking about trial. Making her laugh and joking with her about life to help her feel some type of normalcy during the process was just what she needed. Sometimes she would just come in for a hug and not say a word when it got really bad. That was all the support she needed. Sometimes we didn't need words. All she needed was a warm body that was going to provide her with support that she felt she could count on and validate her frustrations.

People v. Dearborne

Prior to July 4, 2015, 38-year-old Beau James Dearborne from Santa Ana, befriended the victim who was homeless. The defendant convinced the victim to watch a fireworks show with him for the Fourth of July. When the show was over, Dearborne refused to let the victim leave. The defendant forced the victim to orally copulate him, raped her, and took her to an area of Santa Ana known for human trafficking and prostitution. In the early morning hours of July 5, 2015, Dearborne arranged for a sex purchaser to receive oral copulation and have intercourse with the victim against her will in exchange for money which he kept for himself. Afterwards, Dearborne brought the victim back to his car and fell asleep. The victim was able to make her escape and called 911. The Santa Ana Police Department arrested Dearborne at the scene. A second victim was later identified in the investigation, whom Dearborne pandered and pimped in Orange County between January 14, 2015 and May 15, 2015. At the time of the crime, Dearborne was a parolee and on GPS monitoring. The defendant also admitted to a prior serious and violent felony strike conviction for rape of an unconscious person in 2010 in Orange County.

On November 16, 2016, Dearborne was found guilty by jury on felony counts of: forcible rape in concert with force or fear, oral copulation in concert with force and fear, pimping, pandering, human trafficking, kidnapping to commit rape, and second degree robbery.

At Dearborne's sentencing on March 16, 2017, the victim wrote a powerful victim impact statement to the court detailing the effect of the heinous crimes that she bravely reported.

"I've been thinking what I want to say. How I want to say it. And every time I have something, it's just not right. Now I think I have something, but I know I will never be satisfied with the answer. My question is Why? Why me? Why ruin my life? Why torture me? The pain and trauma I had to feel I don't want to put onto somebody else, but why did it have to be me?"

I was happy. I was fine. Yeah my relationship sucked, but I was working on leaving him. Can you answer me that Mr. Dearborne? Can you answer me why you decided to take an innocent girl, manipulate her, rape her, and sell her body without permission? Cause that's what you did to me and the sick part is you were ok with it. You are a mentally unstable person. And I hope that whatever punishment the judge sees fit for you, you get professional help as well. You turn yourself around for the better. I don't wish you any harm, although I'm sure others do. I don't wish any harm on your family either. I just wish for you and your family to come to terms with what you are and the fact that you need help.

I'm sorry things had to be the way they are for me. I wish back then I was stronger. You know how the hairs on the back of your neck stand up when you're scared? Well I'm sure you've never felt that, but the moment I got into your car I felt that. But I didn't want to die. I fought you the best way that I could. I thank God every day for giving me the strength that night. I'm sure I'll never get answers and I'm sure I'll never find complete closure. But that's ok. Knowing you will be locked up for a long time is quite enough for me. I'm sorry I just rambled here, but there's a lot I want to say but I feel this is enough."

Dearborne was sentenced to 233 years to life in state prison.

After the sentencing, the Victim Advocate followed up with the victim and stated that the victim expressed her relief. She was very happy. It had been nearly two years and it was finally over. At the time of the sentencing, the victim was living in another state and trying to move on with her life while taking care of her newborn baby. A photo was sent to her Victim Advocate of her sleeping with her baby.



"This defendant exploited and abused a vulnerable victim to support his greed with absolute lack of humanity," stated District Attorney Tony Rackauckas. "This face of evil should never be able to breathe fresh air outside of prison and we hope it sends a message to anyone who intends to engage in human trafficking in Orange County. I also want to commend the bravery of the victim, who risked her life not only to escape, but bravely testified during trial and confronted the despicable defendant. We hope that anyone who is victimized in this manner will know that not only will we prosecute these defedants to the fullest extent of the law, but we will help them escape the life."

One of the lead investigators on the case told probation the following in a report, "In 24 years of police service, this is one of the top three most vicious, callous and cruel criminals I have ever encountered." He further stated that the defendant was "well-practiced, disciplined, and knowing exactly how to target vulnerable and disenfranchised victims." He further described the defendant as frigently cold, and a person of such cruel and monstrous behavior be subjected to the longest period in custody.

IV. COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Orange County community has helped support the anti-human trafficking work and the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force in various capacities that have included: increasing educational awareness and training, filling in gaps in victim service needs, and opening up opportunities for survivors to be self-sufficient with the goal of helping them to feel confident in their own self-determination without the assistance of victim services. These are some of the remarkable “out of the box” examples of the community coming together in collaboration with the OCHTTF to help build something that has more of a lasting impact for victims, survivors, and the community they are a part of.

Victim Interview Room

The victim interview room was first put together in 2012 at the Anaheim Police Department with the help of volunteer donations in order to create an environment for victims where they may feel safer to interact with law enforcement and victim advocates. In 2016, non-profit organization Let’s Share helped sponsor a renovation project to update the room using feedback from survivors on how to improve the room for other victims. The young survivors also wanted to use the opportunity to share their own stories and words of encouragement for other victims and survivors who come through this room. One of the letters shared by a 16-year-old survivor said, *“To be real with you, I tried to kill myself many times. I felt so alone when I was locked up. Sometimes I would just put on a smile, but even that was killing me slowly. I was so used to being on the streets, but even on the streets I felt alone, because I was. Leaving something is the hardest thing to do, but when you finally do leave, it feels so good. This is my story.”*



Survivor Graduation

Starting in 2012, the OCHTTF wanted to help celebrate with survivors as they left our care. Every other year, we formally graduated clients or those who have reached significant milestones in their journey from victim to survivor. In 2016, the graduation ceremony and dinner was truly a collaborative effort with the OCHTTF. The event location and decorations were sponsored by Friends Church in Yorba Linda, the catering was sponsored by Yves Restaurant & Wine Bar, the personalized gift baskets for the 26 graduates were sponsored by Eastside Church in Anaheim, and the Congressional Seal Graduation Certificates were sponsored by U.S. Rep Ed Royce's Office. This event brings together past, present and future graduates in one room, as well as inviting all of the significant support people who have been a part of the victims's case including their family, friends, advocate, volunteer, law enforcement, judge, prosecutor, and social worker - hoping to show encouragement and support, as now survivors, to move forward in their life.



Rising Above Scholarship

In 2015 and 2016, Southlands Church in Brea held the “Free OC” benefit, to help support the OCHTTF in creating scholarship opportunities for survivors who wished to pursue their dreams of furthering their educational and career goals. Southlands helped raise approximately \$25,000 in seed money to get the Rising Above Scholarship fund started. The scholarship was designed to be flexible and accessible to all human trafficking survivors any time of the year. Human trafficking victims are trafficked and exploited for labor purposes, whether it was towards commercial sex labor or other forms of labor. Returning back to school are not always feasible options for many who never completed primary or secondary school, and still have to find a way to survive and financially support themselves even after the crime. For those who can take advantage of the opportunity, since the scholarship started we have had five award recipients – two went towards trade schools and three towards colleges.

One of the letters of recommendations made on behalf of an American sex trafficking survivor on her first time pursuit of college came from the detective who worked her case said in part, *“She is a success story that is no longer make excuses, not protecting her abuser...She has made a valid effort to change her life, not by talk, but by doing. She is the type of person that we, as that community that she has rejoined, should be helping out. We need to keep our words, our commitments to treat people (such as this survivor), with the respect that she has earned by choosing to do the right thing. We need to offer her the chance to take the next step to better herself, to obtain goals only dreamt about in the past. We need to “Rise Above” any previously believed perceptions of who she was, instead we need to focus on what she can become.... When I speak to her these days, she is no longer the victim I helped almost two years ago, but a person to share stories with, challenges, jokes and losses. I hope that at the end of the road, where her goals lay, there awaits the ability to share a, “Congratulations, you did it.”*

