

# Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month

## April, 2019



**The Clothesline Project:** A collection of t-shirts designed by survivors of violence against women. Visit the collection at Take Back the Night (4/12/18, see details below). Call the North Coast Rape Crisis Team if you would like to make a t-shirt for the project. 707-443-2737

**Displays:** Portions of the Clothesline Project and other materials will be displayed in libraries, at HSU, the Booklegger, Moonrise Herbs, and other locations around the community during the month of April.



**National Victims' Rights Week:** This year's National Victims' Rights Week is April 7-13th. The theme is 'honoring our past, creating hope for our future' and it aims to make crime victim services more inclusive, accessible, and trauma-informed. For more information, contact Humboldt County Victim Witness by calling (707) 445-7417.



### Proclamations and Presentations:

- 2nd** Presentation to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, Courthouse, 9am.
- 2nd** Board of Supervisors Proclaim Child Abuse Awareness Month, Courthouse, 9am.
- 2nd** Eureka City Council Proclaims Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Eureka City Hall, 6pm.
- 3rd** Arcata City Council Proclaims Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Arcata City Hall, 6pm.



**6th Arts Alive:** Enjoy art and music while learning about local service organizations at the Gazebo in Old Town, Eureka. Find out how you can help end sexualized violence and check out the resources that community agencies have to offer. Part of the Clothesline Project will be on display around the Gazebo. Tabling begins at 6pm.



**8th - Workshops and events leading up to Take Back the Night:** A series of workshops and events will be held at HSU throughout the week of April 8th. For more information, call HSU Womxn's Resource Center at 707-826-4216 or North Coast Rape Crisis Team at 707-443-2737.



**12th Take Back the Night:** Rally, speakers, performances, survivor speak out, and march through Arcata and HSU's campus. Tabling and activities on the HSU Quad from 12:30-5:00pm, main event begins at 6:00pm in the Great Hall at HSU (above College Creek Marketplace).



**24th Jeans for Justice Day:** Wear jeans to show your support for survivors and to end the myths about sexualized violence. Look for "Jeans for Justice" stickers and info at displays throughout the county, or contact the North Coast Rape Crisis Team at 707-443-2737.



**26th Queer Prom:** The RAVEN Project is hosting Queer Prom. There will be a photo booth, food, beverages, a raffle, and music! This is a free event for anyone between 10-21 years old. At Eureka Woman's Club from 6:00-9:00pm. Contact the RAVEN Project at 707-443-7099 with any questions.

## Facts

- Since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Hotline, operated by Polaris, has received reports of 22,191 sex trafficking cases inside the United States.
- In 2016, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children estimated that 1 in 6 endangered runaways reported to them were likely sex trafficking victims.
- Globally, the International Labor Organization estimates that there are 4.5 million people trapped in forced sexual exploitation globally.
- In a 2014 report, the Urban Institute estimated that the underground sex economy ranged from \$39.9 million in Denver, Colorado, to \$290 million in Atlanta, Georgia.



## Resources

### North Coast Rape Crisis Team

[www.ncrct.org](http://www.ncrct.org)

Del Norte: (707) 465-2851

Humboldt: (707) 445-2881

[www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org)

(888) 373-7888

[www.itsgameover.org](http://www.itsgameover.org)

[www.rebeccabender.org](http://www.rebeccabender.org)

[www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)

[www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org)

### Supporting Survivors

1. **Believe**—the survivor has entrusted you with their story, believe what they tell you.
2. **Listen**—if you can hear the survivors story, listen to them. If it's too hard to listen...
3. **Offer Resources**—there are many agencies in our community that exist to help survivors, like the North Coast Rape Crisis Team.
4. **Respect Their Choices**—all control and options were taken away from the survivor during the assault, allow them to make their own choices even if you don't agree with them.

The information in the brochure was taken from the Human Trafficking Resource Center, 2017

# Sex Trafficking



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*"Imagine a world without violence"*

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TTY (M-F 8:30-5:00): (707) 443-2738

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## What is Sex Trafficking

Sex trafficking is a form of modern slavery that exists throughout the United States and globally.

Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to compel adults and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will. Under U.S. federal law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.

The situations that sex trafficking victims face vary dramatically. Many victims become romantically involved with someone who then forces or manipulates them into prostitution. Others are lured in with false promises of a job, such as modeling or dancing. Some are forced to sell sex by their parents or other family members. They may be involved in a trafficking situation for a few days or weeks, or may remain in the same trafficking situation for years.

Victims of sex trafficking can be U.S. citizens, foreign nationals, women, men, children, and LGBTQ individuals. Vulnerable populations are frequently targeted by traffickers, including homeless and youth on the streets, as well as victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, war, or social discrimination.

Sex trafficking occurs in a range of venues including fake massage businesses, via online ads or escort services, in residential brothels, on the street or at truck stops, or at hotels and motels.

## Myths/Misconceptions

- Myth:** *Trafficked persons can only be foreign nationals or are only immigrants from other countries.*
- Reality:** **The federal definition of human trafficking includes both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals.**
- Myth:** *There must be elements of physical restraint, physical force, or physical bondage when identifying a human trafficking situation.*
- Reality:** **Trafficking does not require physical restraint, bodily harm, or physical force. Psychological means of control, such as threats, fraud, or abuse of the legal process, are sufficient elements of the crime.**
- Myth:** *Victims of human trafficking will immediately ask for help or assistance and will self-identify as a victim of a crime.*
- Reality:** **Victims of human trafficking often do not immediately seek help or self-identify as victims of a crime due to a variety of factors, including lack of trust, self-blame, or specific instructions by the traffickers regarding how to behave when talking to law enforcement or social services.**
- Myth:** *Human trafficking only occurs in illegal underground industries.*
- Reality:** **Trafficking can occur in legal and legitimate business settings as well as underground markets.**
- Myth:** *If the trafficked person consented to be in their initial situation or was informed about what type of labor they would be doing or that commercial sex would be involved, then it cannot be human trafficking or against their will because they "knew better."*
- Reality:** **Initial consent to commercial sex or a labor setting prior to acts of force, fraud, or coercion (or if the victim is a minor in a sex trafficking situation) is not relevant to the crime, nor is payment.**



**It's never too late to reach out for support**

**24 hr. Hotlines**

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Humboldt: (707) 445-2881

Visit us on the web: [www.ncrct.org](http://www.ncrct.org)

# Prevention Education Services

## School and community-based outreach and education programs

Programs are available on a wide variety of subjects that focus on awareness and prevention, understanding the laws, supporting survivors, and learning about resources.

Child Abuse Prevention Project (CAPP) is designed for children from preschool through 6th grade. It is a prevention program that empowers children to recognize and deal effectively with potentially dangerous situations. Parent and teacher workshops are available.

Sexual Harassment and Bullying Prevention in School and Workplace

Sexual Assault Prevention

Relationship Violence Prevention

Women and Girl's Self Defense follows a women's empowerment model of self defense that focuses on awareness, assertiveness, verbal, and physical self defense skills

Sex Trafficking/Exploitation Prevention

Child Abuse/Mandated Reporting and other trainings for professionals

Call our business office to schedule a class. If you do not see what you're looking for, call to tailor a specific class to meet your needs.

## Facts

- Sexual assault can happen to anyone at anytime, anywhere regardless of gender, age, race, class, sexual orientation, ability / disability...
- Locally, perpetrators use alcohol or other drugs as a weapon in 85% of sexual assaults against teens.
- A person with a disability is two times more likely to be sexually assaulted than the general population.
- 1 in 3 women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime.
- Sexual violence is often a part of hate crimes aimed at people who are perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex...
- Locally, 85%-90% of sexual assaults are committed by someone the survivor knows.
- 1 in 3 female and 1 in 6 male children will experience sexual violence before the age of 18.
- The primary motive for sexual assault is power, domination, and control.
- 80%-90% of violent crimes against women are committed by someone of the same racial background as the survivor. Native American women are the only people more likely to be assaulted by someone of a different race.
- No one deserves to be sexually assaulted no matter who they are, where they are, or what they are doing!



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**Del Norte County**  
24-hr Line Hotline  
**(707) 465-2851**

Collect Calls Accepted  
TTY Line: **(707) 465-2031\***  
Business Line (707) 465-6961\*

\*(Available M-F 8:30-5:00)  
P.O. Box 1082  
Crescent City, CA 95531

**Humboldt County**  
24-hr Line Hotline  
**(707) 445-2881**

Collect Calls Accepted  
TTY Line: **(707) 443-2738\***  
Business Line (707) 443-2737\*

\*(Available M-F 8:30-5:00)  
P.O. Box 1011  
Eureka, CA 95502

# North Coast Rape Crisis Team

Serving all of  
Del Norte and  
Humboldt Counties

**Imagine a world  
without violence!**

**HOTLINES**  
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## Intervention and Advocacy Services

Free, confidential, and immediate supportive services for people of all ages and genders who are survivors of sexual assault/abuse.

- 24-hr hotlines (collect calls accepted)
- Support and information for families and friends of survivors
- Information on medical and legal procedures survivors may encounter
- Accompaniment to law enforcement interviews, medical appointments, court proceedings, etc. related to an assault
- Advocacy on behalf of survivors with law enforcement, medical providers, court personnel, etc. (advocacy is helping someone understand and assert their rights)
- Individual counseling
- Support groups for adult survivors of sexual assault/abuse
- Information and referral to community and Tribal resources; i.e. therapy, medical, social services, etc.

### CALM

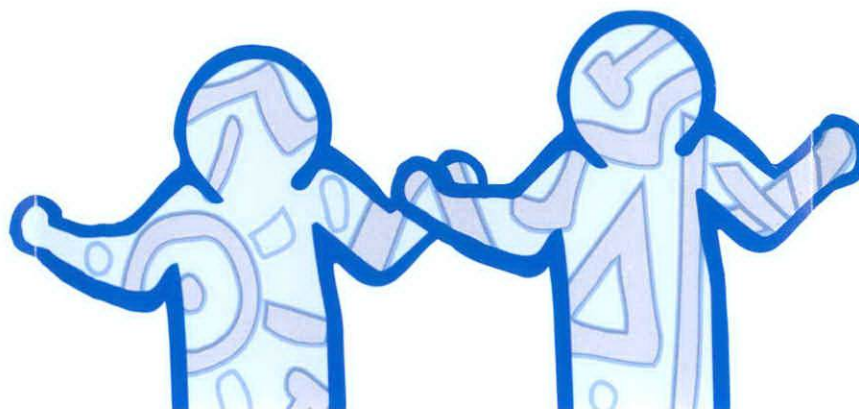
**Children and Adults Learning to Mend** is a program of the North Coast Rape Crisis Team that provides the above services specifically for child survivors and their families.

## If you are sexually assaulted



it could be important and helpful to consider:

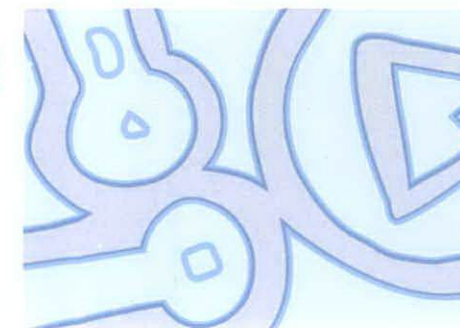
- getting to a safe place.
- contacting a friend or loved one – someone you trust.
- contacting the North Coast Rape Crisis Team (NCRCT) for believing and non-judgmental support and information.
- allowing NCRCT to provide information regarding reporting and being supported regardless of your decision about reporting.
- hearing from NCRCT about your medical options including: obtaining care for risks of pregnancy, exposure to STDs and /or injury; obtaining an exam to collect medical evidence whether or not you wish to report.
- keeping in mind all medical providers are required to report child abuse, sexual assault, or domestic violence – NCRCT can provide options should this become a barrier.
- that you are not to blame for what happened – this is not something you asked for – it's not fair – it's not your fault.
- remembering you don't have to be alone in this – support is a phone call away – no matter what, it's never too late to call – we are here to support you.



## If someone you know is sexually assaulted:

- let them know that you care.
- be willing to listen, without giving advice or telling them what to do.
- believe what they tell you.
- reassure them that they are not to blame and did nothing wrong.
- don't pressure them for details and let them decide whether they want to tell anyone else – respect their privacy.
- remember they may or may not want to be touched – ask first and respect their wishes.
- do not pressure the survivor to report; reporting is an individual decision; choosing not to report does not mean the assault didn't happen.
- offer choices but allow the survivor to make the decisions that feel right for them.
- remember your feelings are important and you deserve support as well – consider calling us to talk to a counselor.

**Sexual assault: any sexual act attempted or committed without freewill and knowing consent**



# SUPPORT

If you believe you have been exploited or trafficked, **IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT AND YOU DESERVE SUPPORT.**

The North Coast Rape Crisis Team is here to...

- LISTEN
- BELIEVE
- SUPPORT YOUR CHOICES
- OFFER OPTIONS

We offer free and **CONFIDENTIAL** services:

- 24-hr hotline (707) 445-2881
- Counseling
- Support Groups
- Advocacy
- Information
- Resources

We also provide trainings, prevention education, and community outreach programs.

# RESOURCES

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Del Norte (707) 465-2851

Business Offices:

Humboldt (707) 443-2737

Del Norte (707) 465-6961

Website: [www.ncrct.org](http://www.ncrct.org)



California Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking: [www.castla.org](http://www.castla.org)

RAINN: (800) 656-4673

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services:  
(866) 668-6543

Humboldt Victim Witness: (707) 445-7417

Humboldt Mental Health (707) 445-7715

Del Norte Victim Witness: (707) 464-7273

Harrington House (Del Norte Domestic Violence): (707) 465-3013

Del Norte Mental Health: (707) 464-7224

**SEXUAL  
EXPLOITATION**  
in the  
**Trim and Grow Scene**

It's not the weed, it's the  
**EXPLOITERS!**



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# WEED vs EXPLOITATION

Whatever you may feel or believe about our local industry, whether you are for or against legalization, **we believe everyone working in the trim and grow scene deserves safe working environments and to be treated with basic human dignity.**

Just as **some** growers exploit and destroy our land, **some** engage in labor and sexual exploitation.

This often happens during harvesting in isolated locations, in-town grow houses, and while trimming.

# WHAT IS TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery. It involves controlling a person through force, fraud, or coercion to exploit the victim for forced labor, sexual exploitation, or both. Human trafficking strips victims of their freedom and violates every person's basic human rights. **It is also a crime.**

The California Legislature defines human trafficking as "all acts involved in the recruitment, abduction, transport, harboring, transfer, sale or receipt of persons, within national or across international borders, through force, coercion, fraud or deception, to place persons in situations of slavery or slavery-like conditions, forced labor or services, such as forced prostitution or sexual services, domestic servitude, bonded sweatshop labor, or other debt bondage."

**Anytime someone under the age of 18 is being exploited, with or without force or coercion, they are considered TRAFFICKED PEOPLE and are victims of crime.**

**Even if someone enters into an agreement voluntarily, if exploitation occurs they could be considered trafficked and have rights and protections.**

# WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- Online job listing looking specifically for "young, pretty girls only"
- Extreme isolation and/or no way to leave, especially if you don't know and trust co-workers and bosses
- Offers to "trade" sex for food, money, a place to sleep, etc...
- Being asked to trim naked or wearing only underwear or bathing suits
- Transporting products with demands of "trading sex for..."
- Being told you cannot leave
- Being told money will come later with offers to "help you out" if you're willing to "please"