



# Louisiana Care Coordination:

*A Statewide Model for Crisis Recovery and Long-Term Support of Minor Victims of Trafficking*

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# Outline of Presentation

- Overview of the Louisiana Child and Youth Trafficking Collaborative
- Understanding the Scope of Human Trafficking in Louisiana
- Care Coordination Model
- Case Study
- Get Involved



# Louisiana Child and Youth Trafficking Collaborative (LCYTC)

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The **Louisiana Child and Youth Trafficking Collaborative (LCYTC) Accessibility Initiative** is a multi-year project to improve outcomes of child and youth victims of human trafficking. The project is administered by the **Louisiana Governor's Office** in collaboration with the **Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers**.

The vision for the LCYTC Accessibility Initiative (AI) is to ensure that all children in Louisiana, regardless of their location or identity, have access to a comprehensive continuum of care.



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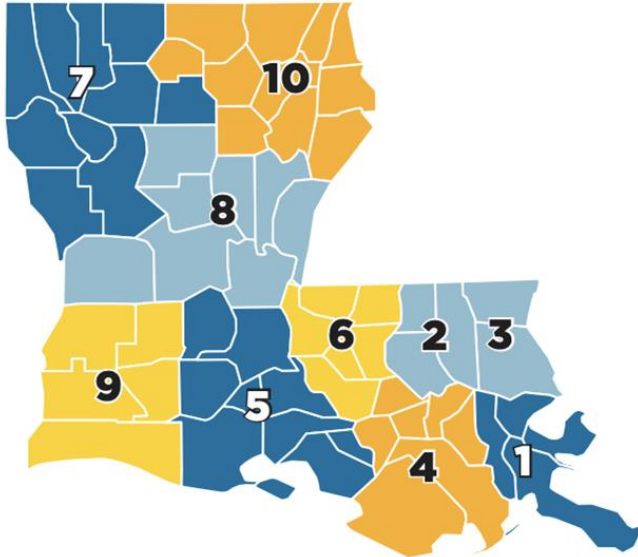
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# Regional Care Coordinators

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To find your region's coordinator, visit  
<https://www.lacacs.org/lcytc>.



- 1- **Orleans:** New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center
- 2- **Covington I:** Child Advocacy Services
- 3- **Covington II:** Hope House Children's Advocacy Center
- 4- **Thibodaux:** Terrebonne Children's Advocacy Center
- 5- **Lafayette:** Hearts of Hope
- 6- **Baton Rouge:** Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center
- 7- **Shreveport:** Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center
- 8- **Alexandria:** Children's Advocacy Network
- 9- **Lake Charles:** Family and Youth Counseling Agency
- 10- **Monroe:** Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Louisiana.



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# About Children's Advocacy Centers

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Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) protect and care for victims of child abuse, neglect, human trafficking, and children who witness violent crimes.



- Children's Advocacy Centers coordinate the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse cases by **utilizing multidisciplinary teams of professionals**.
- Services offered by CACs statewide: Multidisciplinary teams, Forensic interviews conducted in an objective, non-duplicative manner, Medical evaluation and treatment\*, Therapeutic intervention\*, Victim support/advocacy, Case review and tracking.
- To find your local Children's Advocacy Center, visit <https://www.lacacs.org/>.



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# Understanding the Scope of Human Trafficking in Louisiana

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# Human Trafficking Defined:

Human trafficking is **the crime of using force, fraud, or coercion to induce another person into commercial sex acts or labor services against their will;** or to induce a person under the age of 21 into commercial sex acts.\*

Two major types of trafficking:

- Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 21 years of age (LA RS 14:46.2 and RS 14: 46.3).
- Labor trafficking in which a person is induced to perform labor or services through force, fraud, or coercion. (RS 14:46.2)

\*Under Louisiana law, any person under the age of 21 that is engaged in commercial sexual activity is considered a victim of crime.



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# Statewide Data Collection

## Louisiana Human Trafficking Data Report 2022



992 Total Served  
592 (65%) Confirmed  
309 (30%) Suspected  
44 (4%) Unknown



**GENDER**  
871 (88%) Female  
96 (10%) Male  
9 (1%) Transgender  
4 (4%) Non-Binary  
12 (1%) Unknown



**AGE**  
693 (70%) 17 & under  
296 (30%) 18 & over  
3 (<1%) Unknown



**RACE**  
524 (53%) African American  
389 (39%) White  
30 (3%) Multi-Racial  
9 (.9%) American Indian  
or Alaska Native  
2 (.2%) Asian  
18 (2%) Other  
20 (2%) Unknown



**ETHNICITY**  
843 (85%) Not Hispanic or  
Latino  
88 (9%) Hispanic or Latino  
61 (6%) Unknown



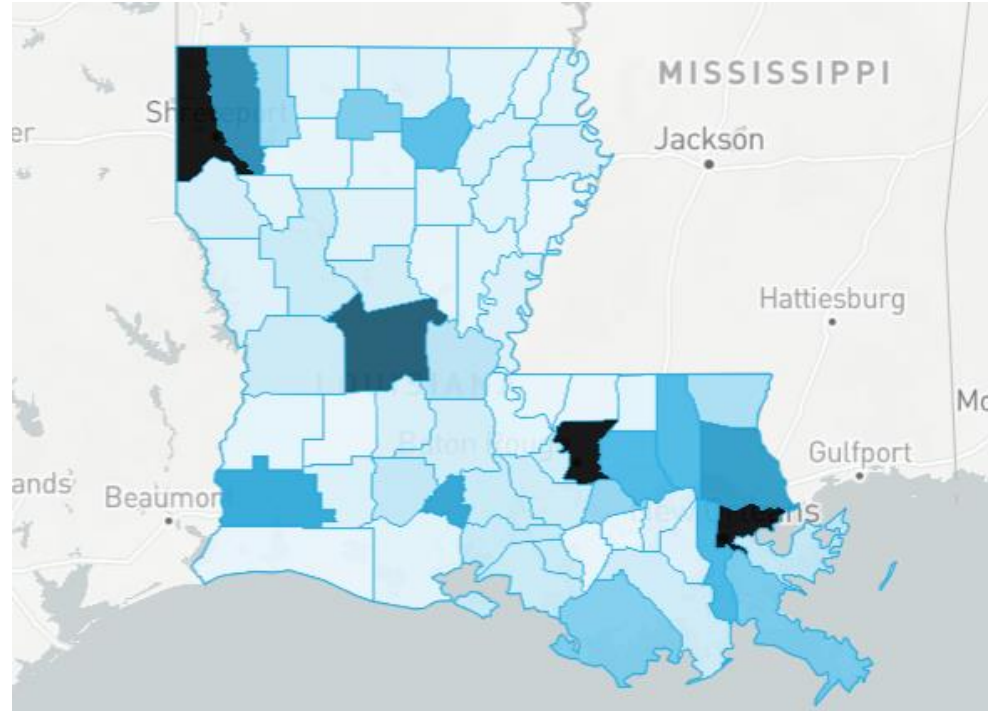
**TYPES OF TRAFFICKING**  
779 (79%) Sex Trafficking  
41 (4%) Sex & Labor  
23 (2%) Labor Trafficking  
149 (15%) Unknown

# Trafficking by Region

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Between 2017-2022, the majority of trafficking incidents were concentrated in the large urban areas, led by New Orleans, Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and Alexandria.

Many rural parishes also recorded incidences of human trafficking.



# Care Coordination Model for Child and Youth Trafficking Victims

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# A Care Coordination Model

## What is LCYTC Care Coordination?

### Advisory Team

**Airplane level**  
*Addressing system-wide issues and opportunities*

A collaborative, multi-disciplinary team of field experts that meets regularly to address systemic issues and opportunities in their community's anti-trafficking response.

*Sample topics of meetings include:*

- Outreach and awareness
- Systemic challenges facing survivors
- Training
- Improving collaborative practices
- Writing protocols
- Conflict resolution
- Ongoing education for providers
- System mapping and identifying new partners

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### Case Coordination

**On the ground level**  
*Addressing the specific needs of individual victims*

A collaborative, multi-disciplinary team meeting to assess and respond to the needs of specific trafficking victims through the case review process. Case coordination processes are based on the level of urgency affiliated with the client's case.

*Sample topics at case reviews include:*

- Social service needs
- Investigative interview
- Interpersonal support/mentoring
- Safety planning
- Mental health and general health care

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<h4>Emergency Response</h4> <p><i>A multidisciplinary review of a specific case that occurs within 72 hours of referral to address immediate needs of a victim and provide urgent interventions.</i></p>	<h4>Ongoing Case Review</h4> <p><i>A multidisciplinary team meeting that occurs regularly to assess one or more cases for service needs, investigative updates, and referral opportunities.</i></p>
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Care Coordination is facilitated by established Children's Advocacy Centers, and at a minimum provides to confirmed and suspected victims:

- **Emergency** multidisciplinary coordination and service planning to address immediate needs of the victim following identification and investigative needs.
- **Ongoing** multidisciplinary coordination and service planning to address the long-term service needs of the victim, and investigative needs.
- **Advisory** meetings to address the continuous improvement of care coordination processes.

# Care Coordination Teams

Team Members may include:

- Care Coordinator
- Law Enforcement
- DCFS
- District Attorney's Office
- Service Providers
- Juvenile Justice
- Medical Providers
- Survivor Consultants
- Advocate (in 2023)



# Reporting and Referrals

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- **Act 662 Requirements:** As of January 1, 2023, DCFS will receive all calls of child sex trafficking. To report a case of suspected sex trafficking, call the DCFS child abuse/neglect hotline at **855-452-5437**, then select **option #4**. The hotline is toll-free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. DCFS reports cases of confirmed or suspected trafficking to Louisiana State Police and to Care Coordination services.
- **Referrals to Care Coordination:** Contact your local CAC, Regional Care Coordinator, or email [carecoordination@lacacs.org](mailto:carecoordination@lacacs.org).

Learn more about Act 662 and reporting to DCFS at  
[www.dcfs.la.gov/page/juvenile-sex-trafficking](http://www.dcfs.la.gov/page/juvenile-sex-trafficking)



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# Your Region's CCT

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## Care Coordination Team Members

- Care Coordinator



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# Your CCT Protocols

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# Your CCT Advisory Team and Members

A collaborative, multi-disciplinary team of field experts that meets regularly to address systemic issues and opportunities in our community's anti-trafficking response.

- Outreach and awareness
- Systemic challenges facing survivors
- Training and ongoing education
- Writing protocols
- Conflict resolution
- System mapping and identifying new partners

## Advisory Team Members

- Care Coordinator



# Care Coordination Case Study

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# Case Study: Referral

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# Case Study: Emergency Response

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A case review for a specific case within 72 hours to 7 days of victim identification and referral - depending on the needs and urgency of the case.



# Case Study: Ongoing Care Coordination

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Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs): Regular meetings that occur on a set schedule monthly that can respond to one or more individual cases to identify the client's service needs and issues related to their case.



# Case Study: Outcome

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## Case Study: [You Decide]

Fill in or rearrange any other slides with additional info, depending on the nature of the case. Be sure to make it narrative and follow the flow of the case. Other topics you could cover:

- Prosecution
- Case Review
- Forensic Interview
- Recovery of Child, etc



# Get Involved

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- Join a Care Coordination Team
- Request additional training
- Screen for child trafficking
- Contact us:

