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The complete version of The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 can be found on-line at: <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/2003/>



The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000

"As the 21st century begins, the degrading institution of slavery continues throughout the world."

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## Florida Freedom Partnership's Comprehensive Program for Victims of Severe Forms of Human Trafficking

The Florida Freedom Partnership offers the following services to victims of severe forms of human trafficking:

- + Case management
- + Legal assistance
- + Safe and appropriate housing
- + Medical care
- + Clinical intervention by counselors experienced in relieving trauma
- + Employment services

"One of the founding documents of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, recognizes the inherent dignity and worth of all people. It states that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. The right to be free from slavery and involuntary servitude is among those unalienable rights."

— VTVPA



## What is Human Trafficking?

Trafficking in humans is modern-day slavery and a crime under U.S. federal law. The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (VTVPA), which became public law on October 28, 2000, defines severe forms of trafficking in persons as:

- + Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- + The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

The law states that sex trafficking means:

- + The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.

## The Objectives of

### The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000



- + To prevent trafficking by increasing economic opportunities in countries of origin to potential victims of trafficking and by raising awareness about trafficking in those countries.
- + To protect and assist victims of severe forms of human trafficking by providing federal and state benefits and services.
- + To prosecute traffickers through increased law enforcement and stiffer penalties.

## Legal Remedies Available for Victims of Severe Forms of Human Trafficking



- + T Visa
- + Residence Waivers
- + U Visa
- + Asylum/Gender Asylum
- + VAWA self-petition
- + Special Immigrant Juvenile Application for Minors

## Facts About Human Trafficking



- + Tens of thousands of individuals are trafficked into the United States annually.
- + Up to 4 million people are trafficked nationally and internationally every year.
- + Every ten minutes, one person is trafficked into the United States.
- + In the world, there is a victim of trafficking every sixty seconds.
- + Victims of a severe form of human trafficking can be from any country in the world; they can even be American citizens.
- + Victims of a severe form of human trafficking have been enslaved in both rural and urban areas of the United States.
- + Human trafficking will most likely surpass drug dealing and arms trading to be the largest criminal activity by 2010, as it generates \$7 to \$9 billion per year.
- + Examples of situations in which victims of severe forms of human trafficking might be found: prison-like factories, agriculture, domestic servitude, and the sex industry.