

# HTCPB

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION OF THE PALM BEACHES

January- December 2025

HTCPB serves as the unifying force in Palm Beach County for human trafficking awareness and prevention through education, community collaboration, and survivor empowerment.

# 12,081

INDIVIDUALS EDUCATED  
JANUARY -DECEMBER 2025

### 2025 PREVENTION IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

#### [kNOw MORE] Prevention Program:

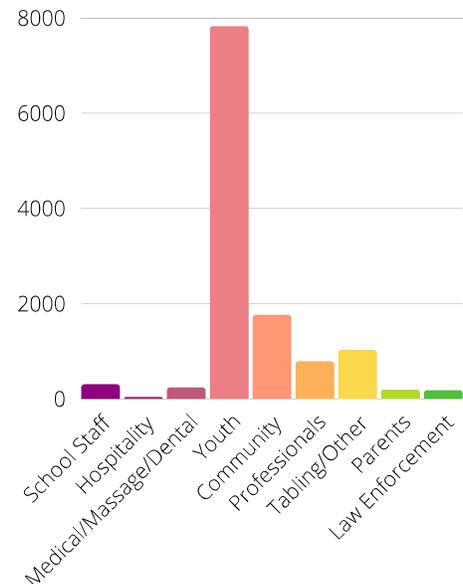
- Successfully completed the Children's Services Council Great Ideas Initiative Grant and the Mary Durstine McArtor Reynolds Memorial Giving Fund Grant, expanding school-based prevention education.
- Prioritized delivery to Title I middle and high schools, ensuring the highest-risk students received prevention training.
- Launched the [kNOw MORE] Resource Library for parents and families, offering accessible, evidence-informed tools.
- Partnered with Palm Beach Dramaworks' Live to Tell production, providing trafficking education to 2,375 students across 9 public schools.
- Continued collaboration with the School District of Palm Beach County to train school police officers, behavioral health professionals, guidance counselors, and Safe Schools staff.
- Presented workshops for parents and youth-serving professionals at the Turn on the Light Conference.
- Hosted a countywide back-to-school safety series with the Child Rescue Coalition and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.
- Participated in an awareness event for medical professionals in partnership with Florida Atlantic University.

### MEASURABLE YOUTH IMPACT:

- **Knowledge of risk factors:** The percentage of students who reported knowing what puts them at risk for trafficking **tripled**.
- **Trusted adults:** Students identifying at least one trusted adult they could turn to increased by **60%**.
- **Reporting trafficking:** Students who knew how to report trafficking also **tripled**.

*Evidence-based prevention programs strengthen student knowledge, expand safety networks, and build the confidence needed to ask for help.*

### WHO WE EDUCATED IN 2025



#### PREVENTION LEADS TO ACTION:

**FOLLOWING AN HTCPB TRAINING, SCHOOL PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT AT RISK OF LABOR TRAFFICKING. STAFF IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED DCF TO ENSURE THE STUDENT'S SAFETY— DEMONSTRATING HOW TRAFFICKING AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS CAN PREVENT HARM AND PROTECT VULNERABLE YOUTH.**

#### Youth reflections on 'Now I Know' presentations

"Stay safe, especially online. Traffickers might use lies to persuade you."

"Human/ sex trafficking doesn't only happen due to physical force by strangers - but through time and trust."

"This affects every community."

"You're never alone and there are resources to help."

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## 2025 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED:

### Community Collaboration:

- Recognized by Commissioner Flores in honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month.
- Expanded partnerships to include three international leaders in prevention: the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Child Rescue Coalition, and HEAL Trafficking.
- Grew our Speaker's Bureau through collaboration with the Center for Family Services.
- Participated in bi-monthly coaching through the Small Business Development Center to strengthen organizational capacity.

### Survivor Support Fund:

- Funded essential car repairs that enabled a Survivor to secure employment.
- Provided critical necessities—including clothing, toiletries, and duffle bags—to support survivor stability and dignity.
- Ensured the Palm Beach County Human Trafficking Task Force remained stocked with needed items for Survivor assistance.



## A YEAR OF CELEBRATION, GROWTH, AND NEW POSSIBILITIES

As HTCPB celebrates its 20th anniversary, we are honored to reflect on two decades of prevention, partnership, and impact in Palm Beach County. This milestone will be marked at our An Afternoon for Freedom luncheon on February 4, 2026, where we will honor the progress made and the collective work still ahead. In the year ahead, we will continue to strengthen prevention education through our growing [kNOw MORE] Resource Library, which is designed to empower families. Together, we look forward to a year of reflection, renewal, and renewed commitment to protecting every child in Palm Beach County.

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### [kNOw MORE] Resource Center

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