

Legal Services for Human Trafficking Survivors

Who Can We Help?

Connecticut Legal Services (CLS) provides free civil legal help to human trafficking survivors.

Any adult or child living in Connecticut who has experienced sex or labor trafficking may be eligible for legal help, including undocumented immigrants and survivors of both domestic and international trafficking.

We believe victims. Service providers should refer survivors for services if you suspect they have been trafficked. There is no need for a police report or a conviction.

How Can We Help?

We provide services for both survivors and their families with a range of legal issues, even if the issue is not directly caused by trafficking. We can help in many areas, including the following:

- **Family Law:** Restraining orders, divorces, child custody, child support, or emancipation.
- **Public Benefits:** Eligibility for food stamps, medical care, childcare, supplemental income for disabilities, or other state or federal benefits.
- **Employment and wages:** Wages that have been withheld from the trafficking survivor.
- **Housing:** Evictions, unsafe living conditions, disputes with their landlord, or public or subsidized housing.
- **Children and Education:** School expulsion and special education services.
- **Immigration:** Lawful residency, including through U-Visas, T-Visas, or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.
- **Victims' Compensation and Victims' Rights:** Compensation to cover losses, injuries and expenses caused by the trafficking. Survivors convicted of prostitution may be eligible to have their conviction vacated.
- **Referrals:** Find other organizations that can help survivors with other problems not already being addressed.

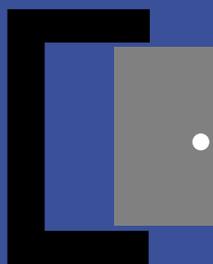
How to Get Help

To refer a client, contact:

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What are the Legal Rights of Human Trafficking Survivors as Witnesses and Victims in Criminal Prosecutions?

For survivors who decide to participate in their trafficker's prosecution, CLS can advocate for their rights:

- To be treated with fairness and respect in the criminal justice process;
- To be reasonably protected from the accused;
- To have their name, address, or other personally identifying information not made public in the courtroom;
- To make a statement to the court in person or in writing about how they were affected;
- To agree or disagree with any plea agreement;
- To be notified about the progress and outcome of the case, including the arrest, conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused;
- To ask the court for a criminal protective order against the offender.

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All services are free and confidential.

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