

An aerial photograph of the Austin skyline, featuring several prominent skyscrapers and a dense urban landscape. The image is used as a background for the report cover.

THE CENTRAL TEXAS COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Combating Human Trafficking in Central Texas

Austin's response to one of the most urgent human rights violations we face today.

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OUR MISSION

To work collaboratively to increase public awareness and identification of human trafficking cases while providing comprehensive medical and social services for victims and survivors of trafficking.



History

2000

The Trafficking Victim's Protection Act (TVPA)

2003

Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking formed in response to first trafficking case

2015

Coalition adopts a new "Slave-Free City" operating structure and strategic plan

2016

Human Trafficking by the Numbers published

2003

Texas becomes one of the first two states to pass a human trafficking statute, creating Penal Code §20A

2010

Allies Against Slavery formed to help engage civil society and community

2015

Austin passes "Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative"

Definitions

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), first passed in 2000, defines human trafficking as:

Sex trafficking:

- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person **for a commercial sex act**, in which the act is induced by **force, fraud or coercion**, or in which the person induced to perform such an act **has not attained 18 years of age**.

Labor Trafficking:

- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting 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.

Definitions: The **AMP** Framework



***Minors induced to perform a commercial sex act are considered victims of sex trafficking, regardless of consent or the use of force, fraud or coercion.**

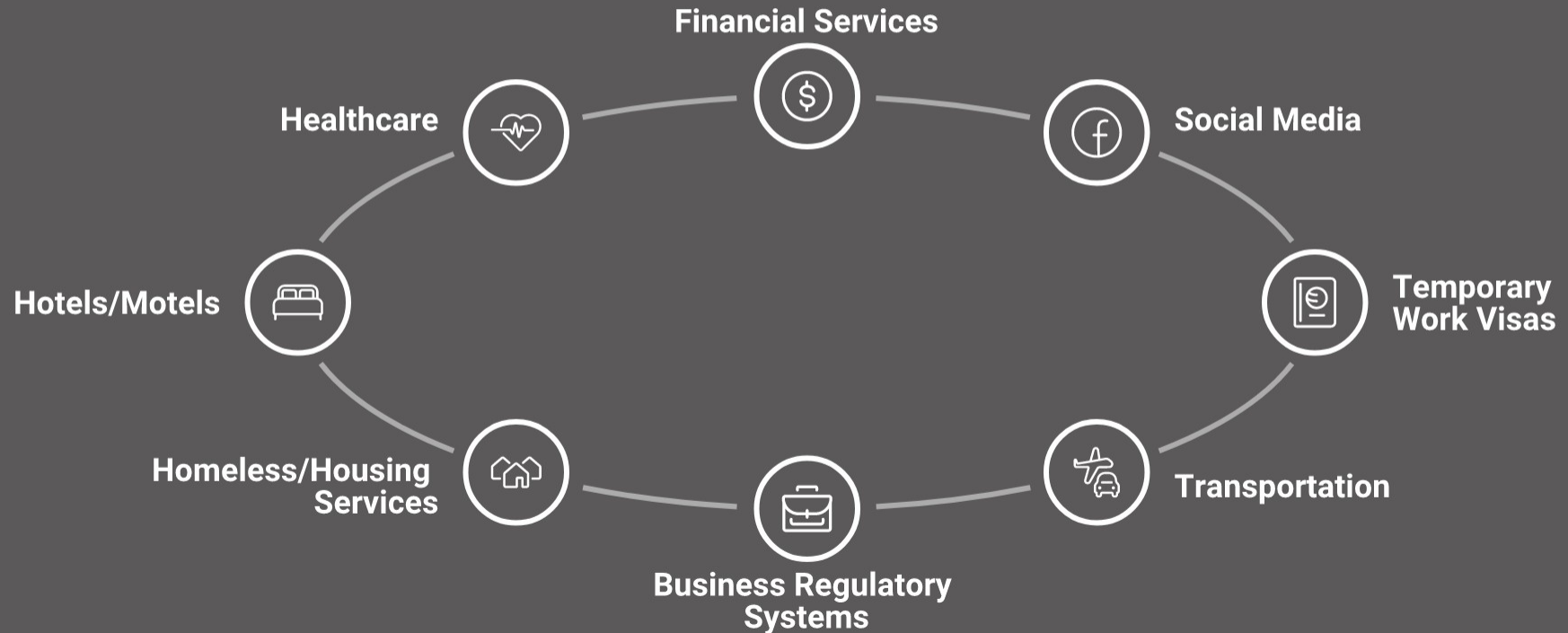
The Dynamics of Exploitation

Understanding the business of human trafficking.



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Understanding where slavery intersects with other sectors.



Scope of the Problem

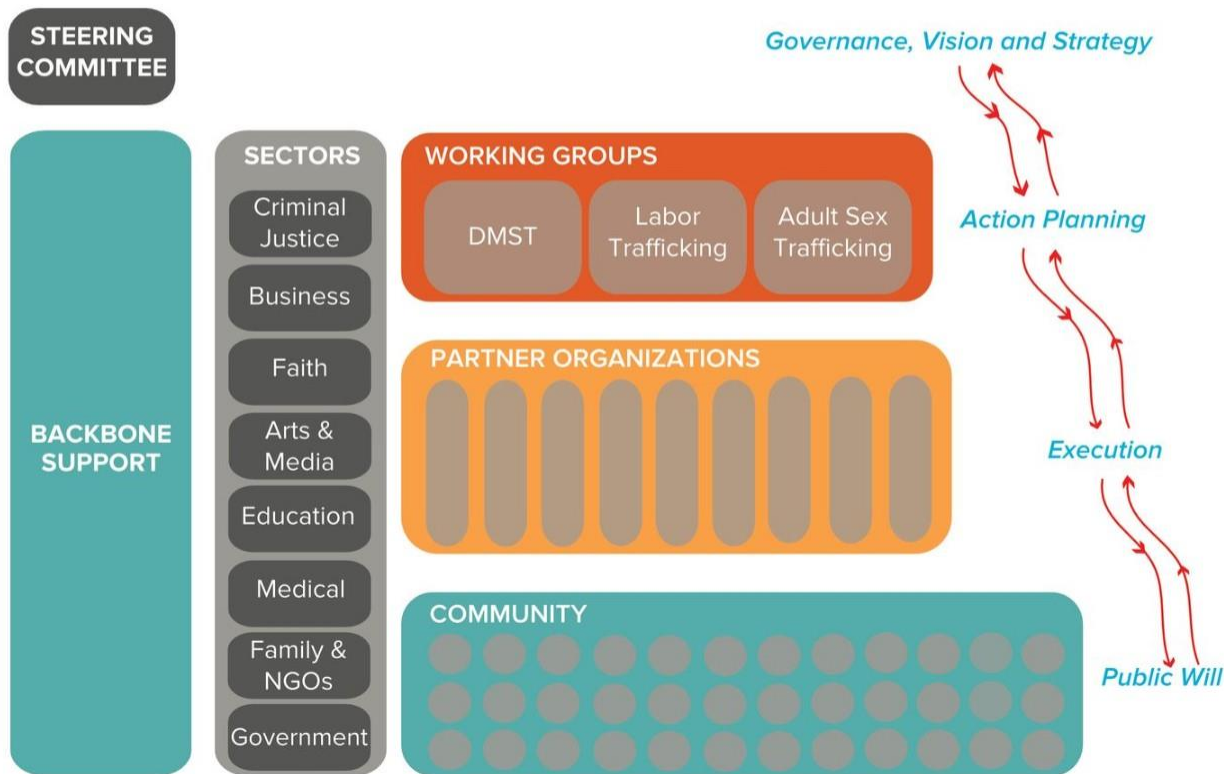
- ***Human Trafficking by the Numbers: The Initial Benchmark of Prevalence & Economic Impact for Texas***
 - Conducted 2014-2016 with the University of Texas School of Social Work, Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, and the Bureau of Business Research
- **Phase II: “To the Public, Nothing Was Wrong With Me”**



Coalition Structure

Organized for collective impact with the goal of making Austin a slave-free city.

- **Steering Committee**
- **Working Groups**
- **General Body**
- **Partners**
 - Organizations
 - Community



Notable Solutions

The Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking has been leading innovation to combat trafficking.



Victim Identification Software

Allies Against Slavery built and manages an innovative victim identification software platform called Lighthouse.



Trafficking & Vice Unit

This unit, within APD's Organized Crime Division, investigates HT cases.



SAFE CARES

SAFE runs this specialized program for survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.



STEP

Refugee Services of Texas runs this Survivors of Trafficking Empowerment Program.



Statewide Research

The University of Texas now has a body of trafficking research built upon the first statewide prevalence study.



Comprehensive Continua of Care

Enhanced models of connected care for victims and survivors.

Engaging the City

In 2015, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution 20151015-033 with over 2,000 signatures.

Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative:

- The city recognizes trafficking as a human rights violation & freedom as a fundamental right
- The City Manager appoints a liaison to the Coalition
- Trains all city employees
- Addresses trafficking related to all City tourism initiatives and City-sponsored events.



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Core Partners: (www.centraltexascoalition.org)

- Allies Against Slavery
- American Gateways
- Asian Family Support Services of Austin
- Austin Police Department
- CASA of Travis Co.
- Casa Marianella
- Center for Child Protection
- DFPS
- Equal Justice Center
- Lifeworks
- Magdalene House ATX
- Office of the Attorney General - HTTOC
- SAFE Alliance
- TABC
- US Attorney's Office
- US Dept. of Labor
- UT School of Social Work, IDVSA
- Refugee Services of Texas
- TAASA
- TDLR
- The Refuge
- TRLA

Not a complete list of members.



**Let's end human
trafficking in
Austin, together.**

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