

# Welcome

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# It's Not the Movie *Taken*: What human trafficking really looks like.

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No child dreams of  
growing up and  
becoming a victim  
of sex trafficking.





# And yet...

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- From 2011 to 2017 there were 6000+ cases of children with investigated allegations of human trafficking; 91% were for sex trafficking, 83% were likely female.
- Since 2016, in our local community there have been 157 victims of sex trafficking referred to the Policy Center.
- Identification of victims ages 11-24 are increasing across our state.



# And yet...From Nov.2018 to Oct.2019

County	Number of cases Investigated	Verified Cases
Baker	2	1
Clay	9	4
Duval	111	28
Nassau	9	3
St. Johns	5	2



# What is sex trafficking?

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- Sex trafficking: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion (if under 18 force, fraud, and coercion does not have to occur).
- Victims of sex trafficking are protected by the Safe Harbor Act: sex trafficking = sexual abuse.
- Florida ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in human trafficking nationwide.

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# Open Doors Outreach Network

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- Helps individuals ages 10-24
- 24/7 access
- Mobile Team
- St. John's, Nassau, Clay, Baker and Duval Counties
- Access Line: **904.412.8923**
- Working to improve care, collaboration and collective community impact
- Team includes:
  - Clinicians
  - Survivor-Mentors
  - Regional Advocates

# Thank You

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