

# IRC Anti-Trafficking Programs & C.A.U.S.E Task Force

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# IRC Phoenix Anti-Trafficking Program (ALERT)

Assists foreign national victims of human trafficking by providing comprehensive case management in the areas of:

- social
- legal
- psychological/psychiatric and
- health/medical.

ALERT works in partnership with local law enforcement and The Department of Homeland Security in providing safety and security for identified victims.

ALERT served 44 foreign victims of trafficking in FY21.

## **ALERT:** Eligibility

- Must be a Foreign National Victim of Human Trafficking
- Labor and/or Sex Trafficking
- ☐ Any Gender (Male, Female & Transgender)
- ☐ Any Age (Minors and Adults)





#### Tucson Expansion



- □ IRC awarded a new grant from OVC to build capacity to provide services to victims of human trafficking in the Tucson area
- □ IRC Tucson proposed to develop, expand, and strengthen services for domestic and foreign victims of human trafficking
  - Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties
- ☐ Goal: Achieve increased safety, independence, self-sufficiency, and well-being for domestic and foreign victims of all forms of human trafficking
- Project Period: 10/01/2021 to 09/30/2024
  - Still waiting on financial clearance so the project has not started yet



#### Tucson Project Objectives

- 1. Conduct a needs assessment to understand the gaps in services for victims of human trafficking and evaluate agencies' capacity to serve victims;
- 2. Build internal capacity to serve victims of human trafficking;
- 3. Ensure that both internal and external parties who respond to cases have access to trauma informed training;
- 4. Collaborate with and train key stakeholders to develop comprehensive response protocols to ensure that trafficking victims are identified and referred to appropriate services;
- 5. Provide referrals to other essential services and providers for victims of human trafficking;
- 6. Work collaboratively to develop protocols and procedures with key stakeholders and local partners to ensure victims are properly identified and receiving appropriate services;
- 7. Provide comprehensive services to meet the individualized needs of all victims of all forms of human trafficking; and
- 8. Conduct data collection and participate in evaluation activities to ensure the program is meeting stated goals and objectives.



# C.A.U.S.E TASKFORCE Central Arizona United to Stop Exploitation











#### **Core Partners:**

International Rescue Committee
Phoenix Police Department
Phoenix Dream Center
Streetlight USA
ASU Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research (STIR)

Current Project Period: 10/1/2019 – 9/30/2022



#### History of C.A.U.S.E

- ☐ In 2005, the primary applicants for the proposed grant IRC, Phoenix Police Department, and the U.S. Attorney's Office—received initial funding from OVC and the Bureau of Justice Assistance to create the initial anti-trafficking task force for Maricopa County.
- ☐ These partners began the Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking (ALERT) and the task force to highlight and combat human trafficking
- ☐ On April 13, 2017, the IRC received funding from the OVC to begin the CAUSE Task Force



#### Goal & Objectives

Goal: To continue to enhance interagency collaboration and the coordinated community response to victims of human trafficking and provide high-quality services that address the individualized needs of trafficking victims.

- Enhance consistent, experienced, and committed task force partnerships and coordination
- 2. More effectively identify all types of human trafficking
- 3. Deliver a comprehensive array of quality services to victims of all forms of human trafficking
- 4. Improve the community response to human trafficking
- 5. Improve task force operations through data collection and action research



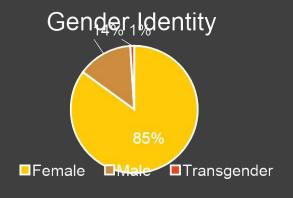
#### Objective 3: Services for Victims

- Intake and Eligibility Assessment
- Intensive Case Management
- Shelter/Housing and Sustenance
- Medical and Dental Care
- Mental Health Treatment
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Interpretation/Translation Services
- System-Based Victim Advocacy
- □ Family Support and Reunification / Childcare

- Document Assistance
- Life Skills Training
- Education Assistance
- Employment Readiness and Assistance
- Transportation Assistance
- Crisis Intervention and 24-hour Response
- Legal Services

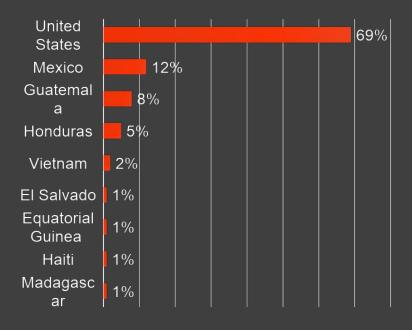


## 114 Clients Served (Oct. 2019 – Present)

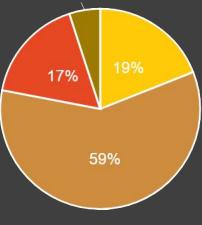




#### **Nationality**











## Training & Community Outreach

(October 2019 – Present)

4,572

Estimated total of service professionals trained by law enforcement and service provider partners

163

Estimated total of Community Outreach/Public Awareness Activities service provider partners have participated in







#### THANK YOU

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