# DEEP-DIVE DIRECTORY & OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

This Directory is a supplemental resource to Engage Together® Project reports for South Florida.

It includes a list of all organizations who provided additional details about their missions, websites, primary service areas, key community contact, and ways community members can help meet needs.

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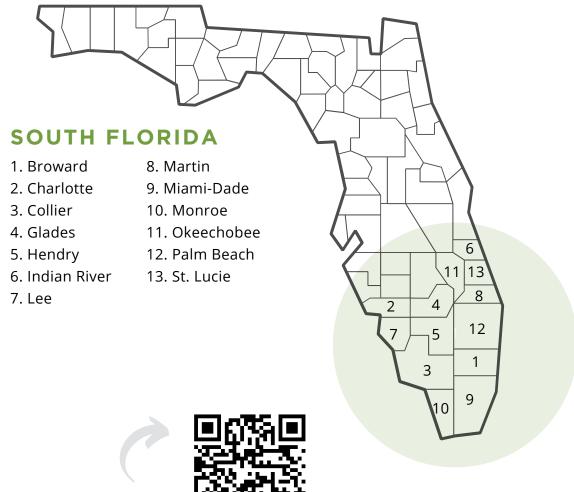






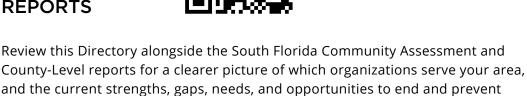
This Directory is supplemental to the Engage Together project reports for 13 counties across South Florida, and is based on open-source and shared data gathered in 2024-2025.

This Directory is arranged alphabetically and includes all 24 organizations working across SFL who shared additional details on their work to directly address human trafficking and/or support at-risk populations, and opportunities the community can help.



# SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS

human trafficking in your local community.



# **ACT**

#### https://actabuse.com/

**Mission:** AC/Abuse counseling & Treatment, Inc. Provides safe and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties since 1978. ACT provides 24-hour hotline, safety planning, emergency shelter, information and referrals, group counseling, child assessments, children's program, community education, etc.

**Program Areas:** Prevention

Counties Served: Lee, Hendry, Glades

# **Community Contact:**

Julie Bankston (239) 939-2553 I jbankston@actabuse.com

# **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs: The resources we need to succeed in our mission is for organizations, individuals, and community groups to be open to invite us in to share our information with them, do Presentations or table events.
- Service Needs: Toiletries, clothing and furniture for the individuals to stay in the shelter during their transition.
- Financial Needs: The organization is a non-profit organization so it's always in need of funding to help in various missions.

# **BROWARD HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION**

#### https://www.bhtc.us/

**Mission:** The Broward Human Trafficking Coalition in a non profit. We serve as a clearinghouse and a educational organization with the goal to raise awareness and educate about the crime of human trafficking. We also serve as a networking organization bringing together and vetting community based organizations who serve those affected by the crime of human trafficking.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification, Reforms

Counties Served: Broward

# **Community Contact:**

Jumorrow Poitier

(954) 892-0587 l info@bhtc.us

- Tangible Needs: No one on BHTC's board of directors takes a salary. All of our work is voluntary. We survive on sponsorships and donations. We need financial support to continue our work and outreach.
- Service Needs: Workshops, Trainings, Community Outreach Events
- Financial Needs: financial assistance needed to support and host workshops, trainings and community outreach events.

#### **BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

#### www.sheriff.org

**Mission:** The mission of the Juvenile Assessment team is to prevent future delinquent behavior of at risk youth served. Our goal is to provide comprehensive assessment and referral services to decrease risk and increase protective factors toward making a positive change and creating hope.

**Program Areas:** Identification

#### **Community Contact:**

Sarah Cummings

(954) 562-0003 I sarah\_gillespiecummings@sheriff.org

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs: Broward currently lacks Safe Harbor shelter or drop in center
- Service Needs: Safe Harbor shelter, Drop in Center

#### CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES OF PALM BEACH FLORIDA

#### https://ctrfam.org

**Mission:** The mission of Center for Family Services of Palm Beach County Inc. is to strengthen individuals and families through behavioral health services and education.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification, Exit, Restoration

Counties Served: Palm Beach

# **Community Contact:**

Jamie Richartz

(561) 616-1222 I jrichartz@ctrfam.org

- Tangible Needs: Toiletries, financial support for housing and other needs, clothing, laptops, and school supplies.
- Service Needs: Transportation, employment support, legal support
- Financial Needs: Program support for program services; Rental Assistance for families; financial assistance for other bills for clients.

#### CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

https://www.northmiamifl.gov/

**Mission:** The mission of the city of North Miami is to enhance the quality of life, environment, and safety for citizens, businesses, customers, visitors and employees in an atmosphere of courtesy, integrity, quality and fiscally responsible service.

Program Areas: Prevention, Exit, Restoration

Counties Served: Within the City of North Miami only.

#### **Community Contact:**

Gianfranco Patuzzo

(786) 303-0983 I gpatuzzo@northmiamifl.gov

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs: Food, Clothing, Storage space
- Service Needs: Transportation, Renovation
- Financial Needs: Funding for case management, Funding for housing navigation, Funding for rental assistance

# FAMILIES FIRST OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

https://familiesfirstpbc.org

Mission: Empowering families of all histories and challenges to grow strong in every way.

**Program Areas:** Prevention, Exit **Counties Served:** Palm Beach

# **Community Contact:**

Elsira Bravo

(561) 386-6347 l ebravo@familiesfirstpbc.org

- Tangible Needs:
  - 1. Diapers
  - 2. Baby clothing (Onesies with pants, light jackets, universal toddler baby and infant clothing)
  - 3. Food (including formula and baby food)
- Service Needs:
  - 1. Transportation
  - 2. Childcare
  - 3. Renovation
- Financial Needs:
  - 1. \$10,000 for rental assistance to prevent loss of housing for clients
  - 2. \$20,000 for program support of Kinship program in rural areas of Palm Beach County
  - 3. \$12,500 for internal database to support agency program development

#### **FLITE CENTER**

#### https://flitecenter.org

**Mission:** Our mission at Flite Center is to ensure no child travels the road alone. We cater to aged out foster care youth who are and or have lived experience of human trafficking. Our purpose is to provide them with guidance and assistance with transitioning into independent living.

**Program Areas:** Prevention, Identification, Exit, Restoration, Reforms

Counties Served: Broward, Orlando, Palm Beach

#### **Community Contact:**

Daphney Michel (954) 497-5316 I daphney@flitecenter.org

- Tangible Needs: Clothing, Furniture, Gift cards to provide to our youths
- Service Needs: Lyft rides for transportation for our youth
- Financial Needs: Rental assistance, Wellness and medical supplies

#### FLORIDA ALLIANCE TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

https://www.floridaallianceendht.com/

**Mission:** The Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking is a nonprofit organization created by the Florida Legislature to provide funding, support and assistance to the statewide effort to end human trafficking.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification, Reforms

**Counties Served:** The Florida Alliance training course is available virtually to the public. The organization also provides industry-specific trainings and presentations by request.

#### **Community Contact:**

Erin Collins

(850) 570-1492 I erin@floridaallianceendht.com

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

Financial Needs: Financial support from foundation/philanthropic organizations.

#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

https://fdcweb.fdc.myflorida.com

**Mission:** Community Corrections promotes public safety by providing effective supervision of offenders in the community, holding offenders accountable and connecting offenders to services in order to reduce victimization and the reoccurrence of crime.

Program Areas: Reforms

#### **Community Contact:**

Alicia Reid

(954) 786-5466 I alicia.reid@fdc.myflorida.com

#### FORT PIERCE WOMAN'S CLUB

https://fpwclub.org

**Mission:** The Fort Pierce Woman's Club is dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. We are an action driven club utilizing our diversity, making our community a better place for all.

**Program Areas:** Prevention

Counties Served: St. Lucie County

#### **Community Contact:**

Kris Bellerose

(603) 491-8203 | k\_mbellerose3@outlook.com

# **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs:
  - 1. Fundraisers that raise money for local Human Trafficking- Our club will help be a part of the fundraisers.
  - 2. We need program materials that we can use to help raise awareness of human trafficking in our community.
  - 3. Connect us to other civic organizations that we can help partner with to do fundraisers or awareness programs.
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#### FROM THE GROUND UP MINISTRIES. INC

https://www.groundupministries.org/

**Mission:** Ground Up Ministries provides faith-based support and care for the redemption and restoration of teenage girls.

**Program Areas:** Prevention

**Counties Served:** Our safe house is located in Lee County but receive girls from all counties around Florida.

#### **Community Contact:**

Lexie Gerent

(239) 898-9024 I lexie.gerent@groundupministries.org

- Service Needs: Lawn care, pool maintenance.
- Financial Needs: We are wanting to raise funds for a new safe house and looking for \$800k to make that happen.

# **FUN TIME EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY**

https://funtimeacademy.org/

**Mission:** Our mission is to provide affordable, high-quality early learning for underserved children from working families, preparing them for success in kindergarten and beyond.

**Program Areas:** Restoration

**Counties Served:** 

#### **Community Contact:**

Melissa Oien (239) 228-7363 | moien@funtimeacademy.org

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs:
  - 1. Items such as books (especially early literacy-focused), art supplies, manipulatives (blocks, puzzles, counting tools), and educational games to enhance learning experiences in the classrooms.
  - 2. Support for updating or maintaining outdoor spaces, including playground structures, shade coverings, tricycles, and other recreational equipment that promote physical development and safe outdoor play.
  - 3. Essential items which directly benefit the low-income families Fun Time serves, alleviating financial stress and supporting their children's well-being.
- Service Needs:
  - 1. Regular upkeep of outdoor spaces, including gardening, lawn care, and maintaining playground safety, to create a safe and welcoming environment for children.
  - Community members or organizations with expertise in early childhood education, leadership, or mental health providing training sessions to enhance teacher and staff skills.
  - 3. Volunteers to assist in classrooms by reading with children, helping with activities, or supporting teachers during the day, directly enriching the learning experience and allowing for greater individual attention for each child.

#### Financial Needs:

- 1. The Early Literacy Initiative, providing curriculum, books, training, and resources to enhance literacy programs for children.
- 2. Playground and kitchen upgrades, ensuring safe and engaging outdoor spaces and access to nutritious food for children.
- 3. Scholarships, helping low-income families access affordable, high-quality early childhood education.

These contributions would directly impact the quality of education, safety, and accessibility for the children and families served by Fun Time Academy.

#### **GRACE PLACE SCHOOL**

https://graceplaceschool.org/

**Mission:** Mission Statement

Grace Place School desires to see South Florida's adolescents free from sex trafficking and other destructive lifestyles by creatively empowering at-risk youth to reach their God given potential.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification

Counties Served: Pompano Beach, FL, Broward

#### **Community Contact:**

Judit Sohr

(754) 423-1512 l judit@graceplaceschool.org

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs: School Supplies, New Laptops, Gift Cards for transportation
- Service Needs: Transportation to and from school, Donation solicitation, Fundraising efforts
- Financial Needs: 17,500 covers the cost of ONE student for the academic year plus six weeks of summer intensive job readiness/business development classes.

#### **HOSANNA4YOUTH**

https://hosanna4youth.org/

**Mission:** To make a positive impact within the lives of families affected by childhood sexual trauma. Hosanna4Youth provides education, advocacy, resources, and support services. Through our programs, we focus on mental health, physical wellness, and personal development to cultivate the culture from suffering in silence into healing!

**Program Areas:** Prevention

**Counties Served:** Broward County

#### **Community Contact:**

Angine Moss

(954) 300-1370 I hosanna4youth@gmail.com

- Tangible Needs: We really are in need of gift cards of \$50-100.00 to give to our survivors to purchase essentials items needed at the time of service.
- Service Needs:
  - 1. We are in need of exterior renovation to our building; it was hit during a traffic accident shattering our front door and damaging our wall.

- 2. We really could use a seasoned grant writer to help us secure funding.
- 3. We need an accountant and/or CPA specializing working with small nonprofits.
- Financial Needs:
  - 1. We are need \$15,000 of financial support to remodel the exterior of our building for safety purposes.
  - 2. We need are in need of \$2,500 for promotional items retractable banner, table cloths, brochures, business cards, flyers etc...
  - 3. We need \$5000 for program support for 2025.

# **JACK & JILL CENTER**

#### https://jackandjillcenter.org/

**Mission:** The Mission of Jack & Jill Center is to strengthen children and families through innovative education, supportive programming, and community engagement. Our Vision is for every child and family to reach their full potential.

**Program Areas:** Prevention

Counties Served: All of our services are available in Broward County.

# **Community Contact:**

Jeanette Johnson

(954) 463-8772 I abinford@jackandjillcenter.org

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs: Affordable housing
- Food
- Service Needs: Transportation
- Financial Needs: Funding for our program
- Funding for emergency assistance (rent, utilities, gas cards)

#### LOVE INC OF BROWARD

#### https://www.browardloveinc.org

**Mission:** Love In The Name of Christ (INC) of Broward is part of a national movement to transform communities. Our affiliate unites and mobilizes churches, nonprofits, businesses, and individuals to work together to "love on" community members in need. Through our Connect Center, we are a warm line that serves teens to adults by offering faith-based life coaching that helps the mind and heart while motivating individuals to develop into Christ-centered transformation. We will not ever proselytize, but simply give words of encouragement and guidance to a more peaceful way of living.

**Program Areas:** Prevention

**Counties Served:** Broward County

# **Community Contact:**

Sherese James

(954) 727-3231 I info@browardloveinc.org

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

Tangible Needs: Laptops

Service Needs: N/A

• Financial Needs: \$20,000 for program support

#### MY NAME MY VOICE

https://mynamemyvoice.org/

Mission: We exist to live free out loud.

Our vision is to be a part of creative prevention and continuum of care strategies in order to interrupt the generational flow of trafficking and abuse. We recognize that prevention is key and work to raise awareness and bring education to all so that more people are working together to protect children. We recognize that the continuum of care is a journey and walk that path alongside other organizations who are in the fight against trafficking by providing consultation and education to further each organization's reach to benefit survivors.

For survivors, by survivors.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification, Exit, Restoration, Reforms

**Counties Served:** Education is available anywhere in the world.

#### **Community Contact:**

Marianne Thomas

(239) 823-7472 I marianne@mynamemyvoice.org

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

Tangible Needs: toiletries, backpacks, clothing/shoes

• Financial Needs: \$12,000 for program support

# **NURSES UNITED AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING (NUAHT)**

#### www.nuagt.org

**Mission:** Nurses United Against Human Trafficking (NUAHT) is a professional association that is committed to eradicating human trafficking by raising awareness, providing education and resources, and participating in advocacy efforts, all for the hope of emboldening and

empowering healthcare professional, by establishing best practices and standards of care for this vulnerable and invisible population.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification, Reforms

**Counties Served:** These trainings are provided in various formats. NUAHT offers asynchronous modules housed on a learning management system located at www.nursesunitedagainsthumantrafficking.org with learners located across the globe. These trainings are also offered remote.

#### **Community Contact:**

Francine Bono-Neri (341) 226-8248 I info@nuaht.org

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs: Mass dissemination/marketing, funding, recognition that currently available 1- & 2-hour trainings are not sufficient nor acceptable.
- Financial Needs: NUAHT is an S-corp and therefore, a for-profit organization. NUAHT did not want to compete for funds with the numerous non-profit orgs that are doing tremendous work in this space. Unfortunately, we are facing an uphill battle at every turn. We are going against the grain in advocating for a deeper and more comprehensive training to properly educate on HT/Anti-trafficking efforts. My wish is to provide this education at no-charge in order to disseminate this content at a grand scale. Additionally, there are significant opportunities to conduct research at a scale never seen before, but funding is required for this, too. The financial burden is heavy and therefore substantial monies are needed. To quantify an exact amount is difficult and therefore cannot be truly articulated.

#### ONE MORE CHILD

#### https://onemorechild.org

**Mission:** One More Child's Anti-Trafficking Mobile Team provides victim-centered and survivor-led services to commercially sexually exploited and trafficked children and young adults, age 10-28. Services are provided by outreach teams that include Survivor-Mentors, Clinicians and Regional Advocates to provide immediate and ongoing care management. In, addition, education, training and awareness presentations are also available to the community.

**Program Areas:** Prevention, Identification, Exit, Restoration **Counties Served:** Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte, Glades

#### **Community Contact:**

Sheryl Nea (239) 994-1483 | sheryl.nea@onemorechild.org

 Tangible Needs: Hygiene products, Gifts for clients, Gift cards to purchase items for clients

# **REFLECTIVE SPACES MINISTRY, CORP**

https://www.reflectivespacesministry.com/

**Mission:** Our mission is to provide reflective spaces for transformational healing and total restoration in a faith-filled environment for survivors of human trafficking, sexual violence, domestic violence, and childhood adversity to thrive.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification, Exit, Restoration, Reforms

**Counties Served:** We connect with people all over the Nation and the world. We offer spiritual support, guidance, and necessary community referrals to anyone who seeks us out, and if appropriate, we offer a retreat on the ranch.

#### **Community Contact:**

Tammy Toney-Butler (239) 404-7703 I info@reflectivespacesministry.com

#### **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs: Gas cards, resource books for spiritual nourishment, feed for animals.
- Service Needs: Landscaping, renovation, horticulture.
- Financial Needs: We need a new computer. We need to renovate the old barn. We need money to purchase resource books for our healing ministry.

# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

https://swflhumantrafficking.org/

**Mission:** The SWFL Coalition Against Human Trafficking is an ever-growing network of agencies and organizations dedicated to preventing and combatting human trafficking.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification, Exit, Restoration, Reforms

Counties Served: Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee

#### **Community Contact:**

Janet Ortenzo

(239) 247-1631 | Janet@swfl-humantrafficking.org

- Tangible Needs: Safe housing for victims of human trafficking, Clothing, furnishings for survivors
- Service Needs: Safe housing could also apply here, Health care for uninsured or underinsured victims/survivors of trafficking
- Financial Needs: \$5,000/month for program support, \$1,000/month for assistance with utility payments, \$500/month for assistance with car repair payments (transportation to work, school, job interviews, appointments, etc.)

# THE WOMEN'S FUND-MIAMI-DADE

https://womensfundmiami.org/

**Mission:** To create a Miami-Dade where power and possibility is not limited by gender. We have 4 Pillars: Freedom From Violence, Leadership, Health and Wellbeing, Economic Mobility, and 4 Programs: Data and Research, Convenings/Impact Collaboratives, Grantee Partnerships, and Public Awareness campaigns, including the official Stope Sex Trafficking Campaign for the SuperBowl Host Committee and State Attorney's office.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification, Reforms

**Counties Served:** Miami-Dade County

#### **Community Contact:**

Marya Meyer

(305) 725-1625 I marya@womensfundmiami.org

- Tangible Needs:
  - 1. Funding to access gendered data from law enforcement agencies for our gender equity dashboard and to upgrade the platform.
  - 2. Funding on public awareness campaigns.
  - 3. Funding for special convening and advocacy trainings, especially on reducing demand.
- Service Needs: Tech platform support.
- Financial Needs: Support for data and research, public awareness outdoors and virtual campaigns, advocacy.

#### THRIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SUPPORT

https://thrivementalhealthandrecovery.com

**Mission:** Our mission is to provide compassionate and evidence-based outpatient community mental health and substance abuse support counseling services to children, youth, adults, families and first responders that are seeking assistance with mental health and addiction-related issues. We here at Thrive are passionate and committed to promoting long-term recovery and wellness through personalized care and ongoing support.

Program Areas: Prevention, Identification, Exit, Restoration, Reforms

Counties Served: Broward

#### **Community Contact:**

Angela German

(954) 900-2948 I Info@rhrivementalhealthandrecovery.com

# **Opportunities to Help:**

- Tangible Needs: The agency needs funding in order to provide free counseling services
- Service Needs: Therapist, Peer support
- Financial Needs: 160k to cover the cost for counseling and program expenses.

# VITA NOVA, INC

#### https://www.vitanovainc.org

**Mission:** Vita Nova is a safe bridge to independence for former foster care, LGBTQ and other homeless youth through supportive housing, education, employment and life skills training. As the voice of homeless young adults, Vita Nova is working to eliminate homelessness for youth ages 18 to 25 years old in Palm Beach County.

**Program Areas:** Prevention

**Counties Served:** Our programs are located in West Palm Beach, FL with scattered housing sites throughout Palm Beach County

#### **Community Contact:**

Robbriannia Johnson (561) 725-2348 | Rjohnson@vitanovainc.org

- Tangible Needs: Hygiene kits, Food pantry items
- Service Needs: Mental health groups (Yoga, journaling), Nutrition courses, Financial literacy
- Financial Needs: Bus passes, Uber/Lyft gift cards

# ENGAGE TOGETHER®

Engage Together® Project exists to strengthen community response to end and prevent human trafficking. Learn more at <a href="mailto:engagetogether.com">engagetogether.com</a>.

To access and download this report and all supplemental reports and resources for this Project, go to <a href="mailto:engagetogether.com/sfl">engagetogether.com/sfl</a>.

