



The REACH Center

**R**eferrals **E**ducation **A**dvocacy **C**ounseling **H**otline

The REACH Center supports victims of crime and abuse in many ways by providing resources, counseling, advocacy, therapy, outreach, crime victim compensation assistance, a 24/7 hotline, and specialized training.

### Counseling & Therapy:

Specially trained counselors and licensed therapists are able to offer individual, family, and group based services.

### Advocacy:

Advocates are available to meet with survivors to provide guidance, emotional support, and coordination of services.

### Specialized Training:

Presentations are available to the community to provide information and resources on human trafficking and the exploitation of children.

## The REACH Center

Columbia County: 518.828.5556

Greene County: 518.943.4482

## The Child Advocacy Center of Columbia-Greene Counties

Columbia County: 518.697.3320

Greene County: 518.622.9034

## National Human Trafficking

### 24/7 Hotline:

1.888.373.7888

Or text:

INFO or HELP to  
BEFREE (233733)

# Human Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation



For help and support:  
24/7 HOTLINE  
(518) 567.5127 / (518) 265.4553



COLUMBIA COUNTY, NY

*A look into the past, while reaching toward the future!*



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## General Red Flags of Youth Trafficking

*Not all red flags are listed, and not all red flags are present in every trafficking situation. The presence or absence of any red flags does not determine or not determine proof of trafficking.*

- Leaves home frequently for significant amounts of time
- Shows signs of mental, physical, or sexual abuse
- Has frequent untreated injuries
- Has had multiple STIs and/or abortions
- Lacks control over schedule and/or money
- Has large amounts of money and is reluctant to explain source of income
- Has increased sense of fear and paranoia
- Exhibits distrust in authority
- Unwilling to disclose whereabouts or information related to parents or caregiver
- Has restricted communication
- Appears to be scared of consequences to a degree greater than situation warrants
- Appears rushed, anxious, and/or fearful to be back somewhere by a specific time
- Has few or no personal possessions
- Avoids eye contact
- Has suspicious tattoos or burn marks (branding)

## Elements of Youth Trafficking

### The Act

- Recruits
- Transports
- Provides

### The Means

- Force
- Fraud
- Coercion

### The Purpose

- Commercial Sex acts
- Labor Services

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## Vulnerabilities to Youth Trafficking

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- Lack of personal safety (i.e. homeless, insufficient caregiver, etc.)
- Child is isolated
- Child is emotionally distressed
- Child struggles with substance abuse
- Child has a mental illness
- Child has a learning disability or is developmentally delayed
- Child has a history of abuse
- Child has a lack of social support
- Parent(s) or caregiver(s) has a mental illness
- Parent(s) or caregiver(s) has learning disability or is developmentally delayed
- Family dysfunction
- Child has access to the internet and is unsupervised
- Children who run away frequently or is away from home for a significant amount of time