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# Human Trafficking

In October 2020, Volunteers of America Delaware Valley (VOADV) partnered with the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) to create and implement the Atlantic City Human Trafficking Pilot. The pilot allowed VOADV to utilize their services-based mindset of immediate, direct services paired with law enforcement-guided outreach efforts to best aid survivors of human trafficking. Additional components of the pilot provided VOADV the opportunity to host youth education and awareness events to prevent future victimization.

VOADV continued to expand programming, growing human trafficking survivor services throughout Atlantic County, while also expanding the services footprint through the Navigator Program. Utilizing an appropriation through the New Jersey Department of Human Services, VOADV placed Human Trafficking Specialists throughout South Jersey to ensure survivors have care delivered with the dignity and immediacy they deserve no matter where they are.

The continued support of VOADV Law Enforcement partners and community stakeholders has allowed the initiatives to continue expansion over the past five years. Last year provided the opportunity for the launch of the VOADV Human Trafficking Awareness and Education Campaign. The program is a partnership with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and local law enforcement, through a federal appropriation facilitated by Congressman Donald Norcross. VOADV and its partners focused efforts on our youth, educating them about the dangers of human trafficking, its early signs, and what to do if you suspect someone you know is being trafficked.

In 2025, through the expansion of the Navigator Program, VOADV was proud to expand human trafficking survivor services throughout Southern New Jersey. Additional Human Trafficking Specialists are working side by side during operations with our law enforcement partners and working tirelessly to ensure the best of care for those we serve. As New Jersey prepares for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, we continue to work alongside our law enforcement partners to develop the resources necessary for an anticipated increase in the need for human trafficking survivor services.

