

# Human Trafficking



Human trafficking has had a devastating impact on many children, youth and families in Durham Region, including some served by Durham Children's Aid Society. As such, we provide support for those affected in collaboration with our community partners. We provide resources and protection services for affected children, youth and families, and we support advocacy efforts to combat human trafficking.

## What is Human Trafficking?

"Human trafficking" refers to the recruiting, transporting, transferring, harbouring or receiving of an individual for the purpose of sexual labour or exploitation.

This is done by means of deception, fraud, coercion, abuse of power, payment to others in control of the individual, threats of force, use of force, or abduction.

Please ask for help if you or a friend are involved with someone who exhibits any of the following characteristics:

- Promises things that seem too good to be true
- Buys expensive gifts or likes to flash their money
- Creates distance between you and your family or friends
- Suggests that they know how to help you make a lot of money
- Encourages you to engage in illegal activities to achieve your goals or dreams
- Introduces you to sex, sexting, porn or strip clubs
- Has money, but are vague about how they obtained it
- Gets pushy or demanding about sex
- Wants to take suggestive photos, encourages you to model or dance for money
- Makes you feel responsible to pay him/her back, help him/her financially
- Becomes abusive (verbally, physically, psychologically)

**If you are concerned for your own safety or that of a friend, please contact Durham CAS at 905-433-1551 or Durham Regional Police Service.**

**If you are in immediate danger, call 911.**

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## CARE Team

The Children at Risk of Exploitation (CARE) Team is comprised of staff from Durham Children's Aid Society, Durham Regional Police Service, Victim Services of Durham Region, and Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services. This is a specialized, multidisciplinary intervention team formed to proactively identify, investigate, locate and engage children and youth who are at a high risk of, or are victims of, sex trafficking, with the goal of protecting our community.

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**Child & Family Services**



"The longer you stay the less hope you have. I have been in this lifestyle since I was 13, and it has been a pretty rough road. Two months ago I was jobless, homeless, everything-less. I didn't have any hope or any kind of goals for myself. I didn't care.

I was comfortable with the lifestyle I was living, but I started thinking I was tired. I told myself, I am better than this; I don't want this lifestyle forever.

I reached out for help and it was the best thing I ever did. I'm finally free."  
- Laura, 17

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## Resources

### Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS)

(Human Trafficking Division)  
905-579-1520 ext. 4888

### Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services

844-523-2237

### Victim Services of Durham Region

victimservicesdurham.ca  
905-579-1520 ext. 3400

### Safety Network Durham

safetynetworkdurham.ca  
877-723-3905

### Durham Region Family Services

Internet Child Exploitation Counselling  
906-666-6240

### Strides Toronto

stridestoronto.ca  
416-438-3697

### Durham Rape Crisis Centre

drcc.ca  
905-668-9200

### John Howard Society

johnhoward.on.ca/durham  
905-579-8482

### Durham Community Health Centre | DCHC

durhamchc.ca  
877-227-3217

### Durham Region Ontario Works

Intake - 905-666-6239 | TF - 888-721-0622 ext. 7395

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## Vision

Families receive the support and resources needed to thrive in their cultures and communities.

## Mission

Durham Children's Aid Society works collaboratively with families, community members and service providers to overcome barriers to safe and healthy development of children and youth.

## Anti-oppressive practice directional statement

We will actively work to recognize, challenge and dismantle systemic oppression and inequity against racialized and historically marginalized populations, including the unique circumstances and needs of Black, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQ communities, individuals with varying visible and invisible abilities, and those facing the hardships of poverty.