



CAST

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking

Our Mission

The Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) aims to assist persons trafficked for the purpose of forced labor and slavery-like practices and to work toward ending all instances of such human rights violations.

Our Work

CAST champions a comprehensive, survivor-centered approach to ending modern-day slavery. Our attorneys and social workers empower victims of domestic and international trafficking to become survivors who can advocate for others. CAST is the only organization in the United States that offers services all along the continuum of a survivor's journey.

24-hour Hotline: A call to CAST's human trafficking hotline [(888) 539-2373 or (888) KEY-FRE(EDOM)] is a first step towards freedom. Experienced emergency response teams field incoming calls on breaking cases 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Legal Services: CAST's legal team and network of pro bono attorneys provide holistic legal representation to survivors of human trafficking, including criminal victim-witness advocacy; obtaining lawful status in the United States; family law matters; and pursuing civil claims against their traffickers.

Social Services: What most people consider "everyday life," can be overwhelming to a trafficking survivor. Culturally-sensitive case managers go the extra mile as they help survivors obtain food, housing, transportation, medical services, education and life-skills training.

Shelter: Trauma-informed staff operates the first shelter in the nation dedicated to serving survivors of human trafficking. This safe and welcoming home gives survivors the space they need to rebuild their lives.

Survivor Leadership Program: CAST's leadership program connects survivors from all over the country with the purpose of influencing legislation, raising awareness, and preventing others from falling prey to traffickers. The leadership program is an important network for support, education and advocacy.

Public Policy: CAST's policy initiatives center around survivor experiences and highlight survivor advocacy. CAST not only introduces anti-trafficking legislation, but also works hard to ensure policy implementation. Successful state and federal initiatives include: mandatory posting of human trafficking hotlines; transparency in business supply chains; and regulations that allow survivors to visit their home countries.

Training: CAST survivors and staff have educated over 35,000 people around the world in best practices in identifying, protecting and working with victims of human trafficking. As a recognized expert on human trafficking, CAST provides vital training to law enforcement agencies, social service providers, law firms, corporations, and faith-based organizations.

Our Story

CAST was founded in 1998 as a direct response to the El Monte sweatshop case in which seventy-two Thai immigrants were kept for seven years in slavery and debt bondage. Under the leadership of founder Dr. Kathryn McMahan, CAST became the first organization in the U.S. dedicated exclusively to survivors of trafficking. Today, CAST is a recognized leader in the anti-trafficking movement and has served survivors from over 58 countries.

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