



Ensuring that child sex trafficking victims receive quality care and services in the State of Georgia

What Can You Do to Advocate?

A quick guide on advocating for services, supports, and protections for child sex trafficking victims. Here are options of what you can do to make a difference!

1. Learn more!

Request a training or a speaker from Georgia Cares!

- Become educated and informed on the issue of child sex trafficking by requesting a training or speaker from us! Click [here](#).

2. Talk About It!

- Talk to your friends, family, co-workers, and anyone else in your community about the issue of child sex trafficking. Share research and statistics you know.
- Use any opportunity to bring light to this horrific crime- talk about it at your Bible Study, inform parents you know, tell your pastor, discuss it at your civic group. The opportunities for sharing this information with those you come in contact with on a daily basis are endless!
- Share specific pieces of legislation with those in your community, so they can be educated too!

3. Stay Up to Date!

- Want to know what Georgia Cares and our community partners are doing to advocate? Visit our website at www.gacares.org, sign up for our newsletter, and follow us on social media to have access to daily updates!

4. Attend Lobby Day!

- Lobby Day is an annual event hosted by Georgia Cares, StreetGrace, Wellspring Living and youthSpark. The purpose of the event is to spread awareness on this issue and educate volunteers from across the state on how to mobilize their communities to join the fight to end domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST).

5. Track Legislation!

- Track legislation that impacts the issue of child sex trafficking! Get updates on committee assignments and hearings, and track the progress on legislation important to the movement.
- Visit the Georgia General Assembly's website at www.legis.ga.gov.
- Want to know what legislation is up this session? Click [here](#) or attend Lobby Day to find out!

6. Contact Your Legislator!

- Click [here](#) to find out who your State Representative or Senator is.
- Legislators hear from few constituents on most issues. They are interested to know what the people who elect them think. By speaking up, you can make an impact.
- Here is what you could say:

Dear Representative/Senator _____,

My name is _____ and I am one of your constituents. I want to raise awareness of the problem of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) or commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) in Georgia. Each month in Georgia, hundreds of young girls and boys are victimized by sex trafficking and exploitation. From 2009 to 2014, 1,109 exploited/trafficked children were reported to Georgia Cares, and we know that the community is not aware of this issue and that this crime is under-reported. During the 2015 Legislative session, I would like to ask you to support legislation that provides services to these young victims and works to address this issue in our state.

My home address is _____.

My email address is _____.

Thank you for your support in ending DMST/CSEC in Georgia. I believe that with strong, dedicated leadership, we can protect our children.

Sincerely,
YOUR NAME

7. Share Your Knowledge and Passion!

- Pass out information and materials to your legislators, other members of the Assembly, your elected officials and anyone in the community who will listen or is interested! Inspire others to learn more about the issue.
- Click [here](#) to access Georgia Cares materials!

These are quick ways that you can make a difference promoting protections for victims, spreading awareness, and advocating for the issue.