



## Cal OES Anti-Human Trafficking Programs

As the State of California's emergency management and homeland security agency, the mission of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is to protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support communities to achieve a more resilient California. Cal OES implements a whole-of-government approach to anti-human trafficking programs by closely coordinating between its victim services grants and its training programs, and by collaborating with law enforcement and other agencies on all levels of government. This approach yields a unified effort designed to serve victim-survivors of human trafficking and to prosecute and support prevention of human trafficking crimes in California.

### Victim Services Grants

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Cal OES' Victim Services Branch allocates approximately \$300 million dollars annually in federal and state funding to 87 programs that support comprehensive and coordinated services for victims of crime, including trafficking victims. In the last year alone, more than 14,000 sex and labor trafficking victims accessed services provided by Cal OES. Victim service providers funded by Cal OES utilize a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach to ensure that a victim's safety and well-being take ultimate priority. Services provided to human trafficking victims include, but are not limited to, transitional housing, legal assistance, counseling, emergency food and clothing, transportation to appointments, assistance with the criminal justice process and referrals to additional resources.

### California Specialized Training Institute

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Cal OES creates and provides training for California's law enforcement, emergency management, and other first responder personnel through the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI). In 2018, CSTI partnered with California's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to develop training products to assist law enforcement in identifying potential signs and victims of human trafficking, and on best practices for investigating and prosecuting these crimes.

### State Threat Assessment System and Law Enforcement Branch

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The State Threat Assessment System (STAS) helps safeguard California by serving as a dynamic security nexus composed of the State Threat Assessment Center, co-located with Cal OES, and five regional fusion centers. The STAS assists in the detection, prevention, investigation and response to human trafficking and trafficking-related crimes. The STAS works in conjunction with the Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch, which liaises with law enforcement throughout the state, to produce threat assessments and best practices that help inform Cal OES' grant priorities and training programs.