

January is observed as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, dedicated to educating the public about human trafficking and how to prevent it. Maryland is ranked as having one of the highest rates of human trafficking in the country. This act of modern-day slavery involves labor or commercial sex acts against a person's will and often goes unreported or unrecognized.

For All Seasons Behavioral Health & Rape Crisis Center is part of the Maryland Regional Navigator Program which serves survivors of human trafficking on the Mid-Shore of Maryland. The program works with trafficking experts across the state, delivering awareness, education, resources to the community, outreach, and safe and confidential support to trafficking survivors and their families.

For All Seasons also offers free Mandated Reporter Training, where, according to the organization, you will learn "how to identify potential trafficking victims and key behavioral, physical, and environmental indicators, the legal obligations for mandated reporters in Maryland, step-by-step guidance on how to document and report suspected cases, and how to provide trauma-informed support and collaborate with Regional Navigators, law enforcement, and other agencies."

Visit <u>For All Season's website</u> for more information. For crisis support, contact For All Seasons' 24-Hour Hotlines: English 410.820.5600, Spanish 410.829.6143, or text in English or Spanish 410.829.6143. The National Human Trafficking Hotline is 1-888-373-7888. Text HELP to 233733.