



Hope for Children and Families News from Onslow County

Welcome to the January edition of our newsletter! Each month you'll find information about One Place programs and services, early care and education, and more.

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for photos and updates about what's happening at One Place.

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Did you know that North Carolina consistently ranks in the top 10 states of reported cases of human trafficking?

At the One Place Child Advocacy Center we support child victims of human trafficking and are committed to spreading awareness and joining the fight to help end human trafficking.

[Click here to read more about human trafficking.](#)

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS...

Exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion

Anyone under the age of 18 involved in a commercial sex act

Sex trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude

A highly profitable crime

Exploitation-based and does not require movement across borders or any type of transportation

THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SEX TRAFFICKING

Victims are manipulated or forced against their will to engage in sex acts for money.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES



SUBURBS



RURAL TOWNS



CITIES

FORCED LABOR

Victims are made to work for little or no pay. Very often, they are forced to manufacture or grow products that we use and consume every day.



DOMESTIC SERVITUDE

Victims are hidden in plain sight, forced to work in homes across the United States as nannies, maids, or domestic help.



IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

NO MATTER AGE, RACE, GENDER IDENTITY, SEX, ETHNICITY, NATIONALITY, IMMIGRATION STATUS, AND SOCIOECONOMIC CLASS



VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING MIGHT BE AFRAID TO COME FORWARD, OR WE MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS, EVEN IF IT IS HAPPENING RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.

RECOGNIZE AND REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- To report suspected trafficking to federal law enforcement, call 1-866-347-2423 or submit a tip online at www.ice.gov/tips
- Get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to 233733 (BEFREE).
- Call 911 or local law enforcement if someone is in immediate danger.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Visit the Blue Campaign website to learn more about the **indicators** of human trafficking: DHS.gov/BlueCampaign.
- Use Blue Campaign **materials** to raise awareness of human trafficking in your community.
- Follow @DHSBlueCampaign on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **Twitter**.

CAC by the Numbers

Here's a snapshot of how we served children and families in the One Place Child Advocacy Center during the last quarter. All of our services help families on their journey to hope and healing.

To learn more about the Child Advocacy Center visit <https://www.oneplaceonslow.org/our-work/child-advocacy-center/>

OCT-DEC BY THE NUMBERS

One Place Child Advocacy Center

57
Forensic interviews conducted

65
Client hours in therapy services

172
Hours spent on victim advocacy services





Rotary Club of Sneads Ferry Presents

One Place in Our Hearts

VALENTINE'S GALA

FRIDAY



6:00 PM

HILTON GARDEN INN
JACKSONVILLE, NC

Join us for a formal evening of live music, dining, and a silent auction, hosted by the Rotary Club of Sneads Ferry. Gala proceeds will support an [endowment for child mental health in Onslow County](#).

The event will feature music from The Moonlighter's Orchestra, passed appetizers, and a plated meal by Lemon & Lime. Keynote speaker [Derek Clark](#) will share a message about childhood trauma and pediatric mental health care.

Tours of the SECU Hope Center building site will be available to guests before the start of the event.

The funding from this endowment will change the lives of children in our community who have been victims of child abuse and neglect and help ensure they can begin to heal. Click the button below to purchase your tickets today.

Questions? Contact Event Chair Phil Work at 901-489-1741.

Gala Tickets

Improving Literacy in Onslow County



Thank you to the members of Mt. Horeb Masonic Lodge #73 for completing some much-needed repairs on several Little Free Libraries throughout the community.

One Place maintains 90 Little Free Libraries in Onslow County to increase access to books for the entire community and improve literacy rates.



Be on the lookout for the new QR codes attached to local Little Free Libraries to help you report needs for the [Little Free Library closest to you!](#)

Blogs

In case you missed the blogs we shared on social media this month, check them out:

- [Cold Weather Activities for Children](#)
- [Human Trafficking](#)
- [Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood](#)
- [Triple P Parenting Program, Explained](#)