

THE HAWAII IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER

PROVIDES FREE LEGAL
SERVICES TO HUMAN
TRAFFICKING VICTIMS



HAWAII COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING (HCAHT)

Formerly known as the
Hawaii Anti-Trafficking Task
Force, HATTF was
established in 2005 and
consists of law enforcement
agencies, victim service
providers, and other
partners working together
to battle Human Trafficking



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What is Human Trafficking?



Human Trafficking is
modern-day slavery.

Traffickers target many
types of people into
entering the United States
because of false promises of
good jobs and better lives.

When people arrive to the
United States, they are
often forced to work under
inhumane conditions,
abused, and not paid as
promised.



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T Non-immigrant Status or T Visa

The T Visa provides immigration protection to victims of severe forms of Human Trafficking who have reported their cases to law enforcement.

To Qualify For a T Visa, The Person Must:

- ❖ Be a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons, involving force, fraud, or coercion;
- ❖ Be physically present in the United States because of the trafficking;
- ❖ Comply with reasonable requests for assistance in the investigation or prosecution (or be under the age of 18), and;
- ❖ Will suffer extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm if removed from the United States.

T Visa Application Process

- ❖ Application For T Non-immigrant Status, Application(s) for eligible Family Members, Declaration of the Victim, and any Supporting Documentation
- ❖ No Fee to File Application
- ❖ May submit Fee Waiver Request for other applications related to case
- ❖ May be submitted with or without certification from a law enforcement agency

T Visa Benefits

- ❖ Eligible For Work Authorization
- ❖ May Be Eligible For Public Benefits To Assist With Financial Independence
- ❖ T status is Valid For 4 Years
- ❖ After 3 years or completion of Law Enforcement Agency Investigation, may be eligible to apply for permanent residence (“Green Card” Status)
- ❖ May be able to Provide Certain Family Members Legal Status in the U.S., and possibly, “green card” status at a later time
- ❖ May be able to Waive Certain Immigration Violations which would otherwise Prevent the Granting of Nonimmigrant Statuses and “Green Card” Status