US Government Response to Human Trafficking

President’s Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking:

Cabinet-level entity created by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) to coordinate federal efforts to combat trafficking in persons. The Task Force is chaired by the Secretary of State.

U.S. Agency for International Development

- Funds international programs that prevent trafficking, protect and assist victims, and support prosecutions through training for police and criminal justice personnel.
  - Counter-Trafficking in Persons Field Guide (February 2012)

U.S. Department of Justice

- Investigates cases of trafficking and prosecutes traffickers
  - Civil Rights Division, Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit
  - Criminal Division, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section
  - Office for Victims of Crime
    - Matrix of OVC-Funded Grantee Programs To Help Victims of Trafficking
    - Resources for International Victims
  - Bureau of Justice Assistance
  - Federal Bureau of Investigation
  - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)
  - National Institute of Justice

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- Investigates cases of trafficking, victim identification, adjudicates continued presence status, awards T visas
  - The Blue Campaign, Resource Catalog
  - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ICE4 “Continued Presence”
  - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
    - U Visa Law Enforcement Certification Resource Guide
    - Immigration Relief for Victims of Human Trafficking and Other Crimes

U.S. Department of Labor

- Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking
- Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products
- Women’s Bureau

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- Services and benefits for victims of trafficking:
  - Administration for Children and Families (ACF)-wide Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery Initiative
  - Services Available to Victims of Human Trafficking: A Resource Guide for Social Service Providers
  - Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services to Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States
  - Office of Refugee & Resettlement (ORR); The Anti-Trafficking in Persons (ATIP) program
  - Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Campaign
  - Family & Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) - Runaway and Homeless Youth Program
  - National Human Trafficking Resource Center
  - Polaris Project
  - National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733)

U.S. Department of State

- Coordinates international anti-trafficking programs and efforts, publishes the annual Trafficking in Persons Report
  - President’s Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking
  - Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
  - Human Rights and Bureau
  - Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
  - Bureau of Diplomatic Security
  - Office of Global Women’s Issues

U.S. Department of Labor

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EEOC: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

- Enforces federal anti-discrimination laws and provides civil remedies for victims of human trafficking

The Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Program Office ensures that the Services, Combatant Commands, and Defense Agencies have the necessary tools to prevent trafficking.