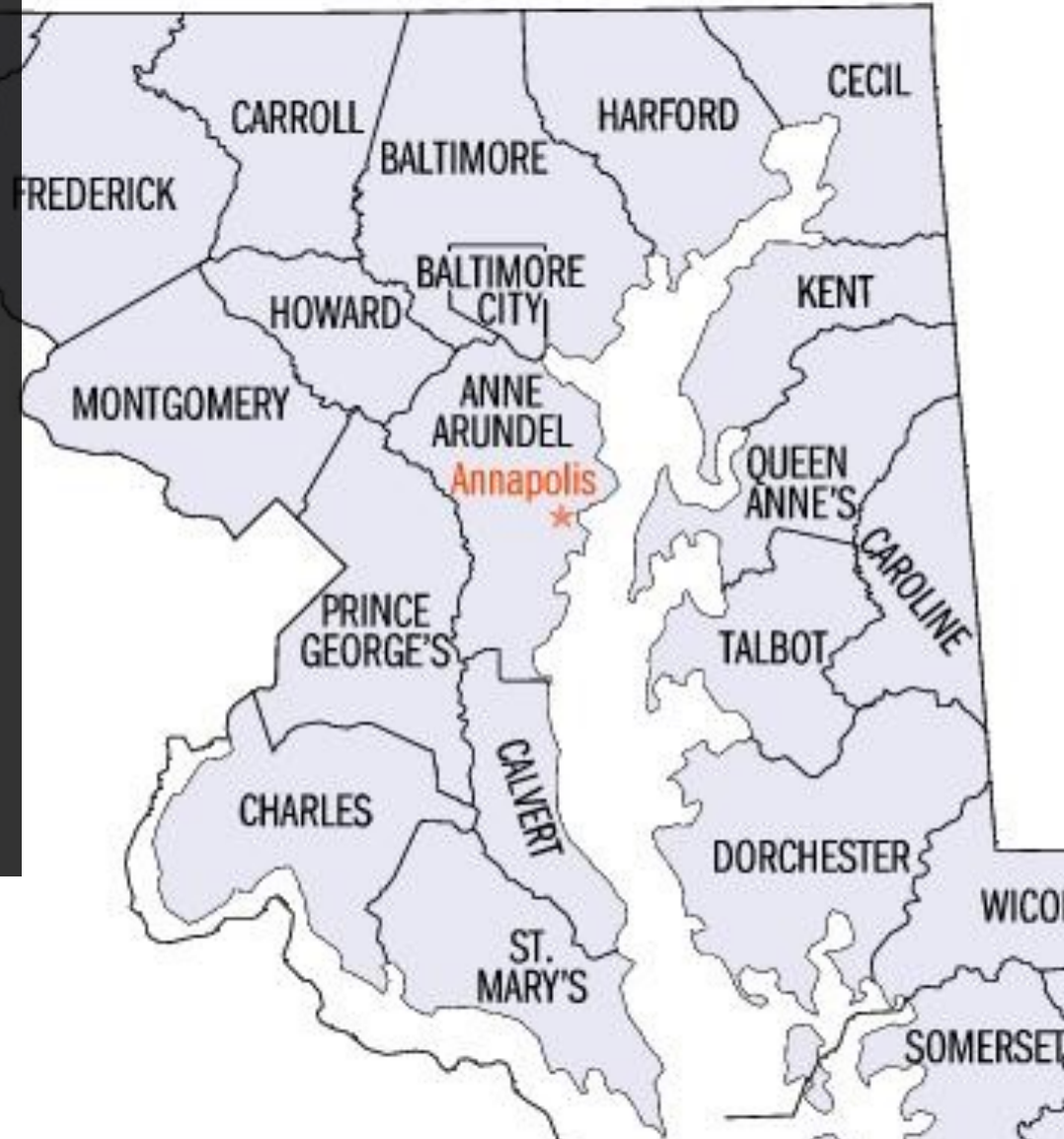


# Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force



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The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) is the state's primary anti-trafficking organization working to combat trafficking through prevention, protection of victims, prosecution of trafficking and partnerships.



## About the Task Force

- The task force was formed in 2007 by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Attorney General of Maryland, and the State's Attorney for Baltimore City to serve as the lead investigative, prosecutorial, and victim services coordinating body for anti-human trafficking activity in Maryland.
- We are a multidisciplinary team of agencies and organizations committed to a victim-centered approach in the fight against human trafficking in Maryland. Our record of success in identifying and serving a range of labor and sex trafficking victims is irrespective of gender, nationality, sexual orientation, or age.
- Maryland is at the forefront of victim response using forward-looking efforts of investigators, prosecutors, concerned citizens, advocates, and legislators in anti-trafficking efforts to protect human dignity and public safety.
- The task force builds upon existing collaborations among victim service providers to increase the identification of victims and provide a more comprehensive, specialized, and coordinated response to victims' complex long-term needs.
- Multiple state agencies participate in the MHTTF as a force-multiplier in the fight to raise awareness at the local level to expose traffickers, and developing polices to respond to victims in a united front across state systems.
- MHTTF trains law enforcement and prosecutors to ensure that traffickers are held accountable for their heinous offenses.
- Through increasing public awareness, coordinating state policies/protocols, and implementing best practices for investigations, prosecution, victim identification, and victim service response, our message is clear:

*In Maryland, victims will be recovered and traffickers will be held accountable for their crimes.*

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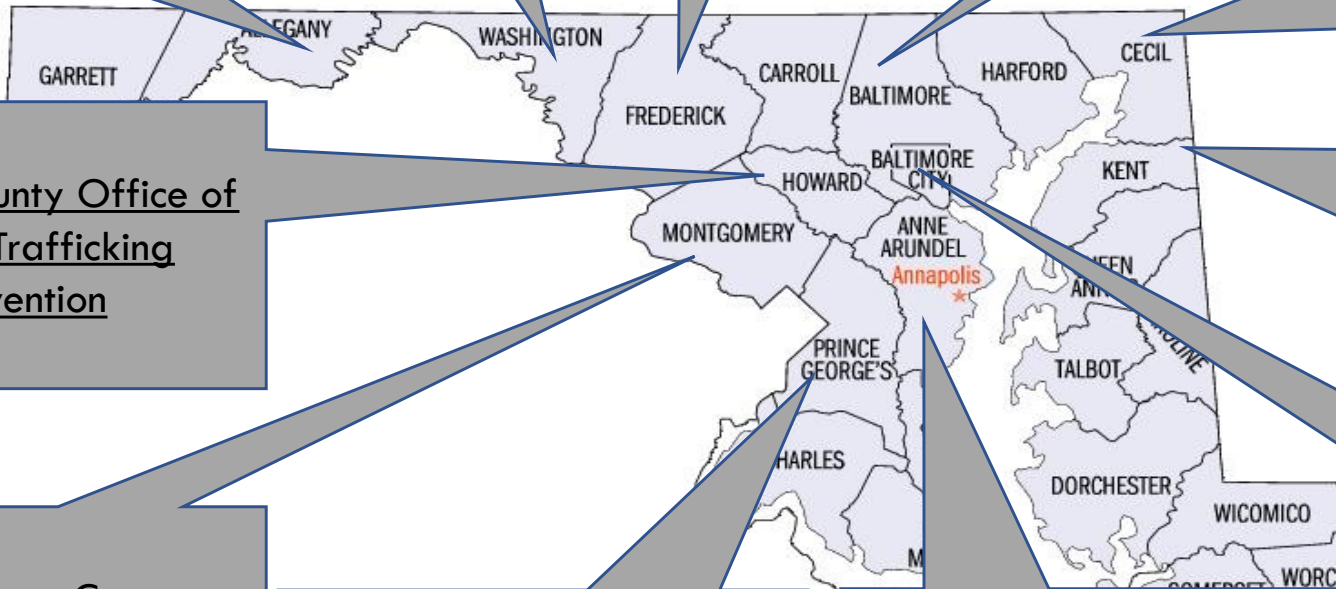
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