

CERTIFICATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

THE PROBLEM

80% of trafficking victims end up re-victimized without receiving effective services.

- There is a **no transparency** or **standards** around programs.
- Most lack **trafficking specific programming**.

THE NEED

Survivors need service providers who are certified to serve human trafficking victims with **effective programming**.

- Create **consistency of care** for trafficking survivors.
- Programs need clear **guidelines** and **programmatic training**.
- Quality programming to **prevent re-victimization**.

THE SOLUTION

Certification elevates programs providing **ethical, safe, therapeutic**, well resourced, and sustainable residential programs to survivors.

- National standards that provide **clearly defined programming** for serving human trafficking survivors.
- Organizational oversight to determine **effectiveness, transparency, and sustainability** of programs.

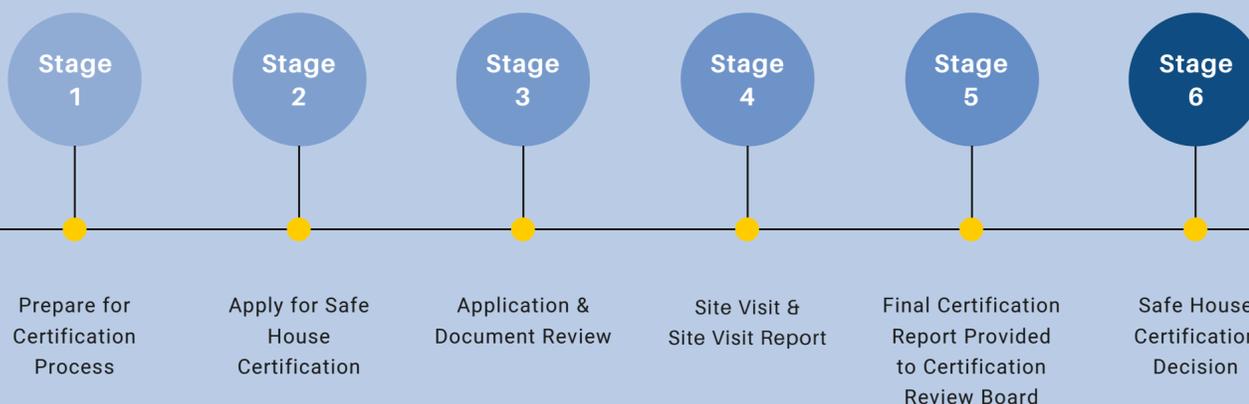
HOW IS A PROGRAM EVALUATED?

Safe House Project collaborated with industry experts, including survivor leaders, restorative care partners, mental health professionals, and agencies to establish a methodology of best practices to evaluate aftercare programs serving human trafficking survivors.

Safe House Certification is a pathway to improved operations and enhanced effectiveness of residential aftercare programs. Over time, these best practices will turn into standard practices for organizations.

- 01 Organizational Structure & Compliance
- 02 Residential Program & Services
- 03 Governance & Executive Leadership
- 04 Financial Management
- 05 Specialized Services (if applicable)

CERTIFICATION PROCESS



Safe House Certification went live in August 2021. Eligible organizations are now able to apply for certification.

The full process of evaluation takes approximately 2-3 months to complete, pending the prompt scheduling of the Site Visit.

ENDORCEMENTS



Establishing standards of care is of critical importance to ensuring that survivors of trafficking receive only the best services that are designed and delivered to meet their individualized needs. Safe House Project Certification fills a gap in the field and helps to secure the rights of victims of crime as they go through the healing process."

- Bill Woolf, former Acting Director, Office for Victims of Crime US Department of Justice

"Even in "the life" there are standards (unethical immoral and illegal). It is time to implement a housing standard of care for survivors of human trafficking. This is vital to hold service providers accountable and prevent further exploitation."

- DR. MARLENE CARSON, U.S. SURVIVOR ADVISORY COUNCIL ON TRAFFICKING & FOUNDER OF THE SWITCH

