

Cleveland Municipal Court



THRIVE

(Human Trafficking Specialized Docket)

**Total
Holistic
Recovery
Inspiring
Victim
Empowerment**



MISSION & FOCUS

THRIVE is a complex trauma-informed specialized docket dedicated to individuals who have survived human trafficking and commercial exploitation. Our mission is to recognize that while trauma changes people, it does not define them. We provide a restorative justice environment focused on safety, healing, and self-determination.

THE SYMBOLS OF THRIVE

Our program is anchored by two powerful symbols:

- **The Sankofa Bird:** Teaches us that we must look back to our past to understand it, learn from it, and safely reclaim the dignity and identity that was lost.
- **The Phoenix Rising:** Represents renewal and the strength to rise from devastation, emerging as something new and resilient.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. **Identification:** Individuals identified as victims of human trafficking or coerced exploitation.
2. **Legal Status:** Past conviction defendants on a fallible offense who have a history of surviving human trafficking.
3. **Willingness:** Ready to engage in a comprehensive non-linear clinical process focused on accountability and recovery.

The Honorable Judge Sydney Strickland Saffold, Presiding Judge

Reclaiming Your Voice, Restoring Your Future

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- **Complex Trauma-Informed Recovery:** Individualized client support and comprehensive evidence-based wraparound clinical services.
- **Safe Housing:** Access to recovery housing through community partnerships, prioritizing family-centered facilities that allow mothers and children to remain together.
- **Restorative Justice:** A collaborative team of advocates, clinicians, community stakeholders, and community agencies working toward participant's healing while simultaneously preparing for long-term goals of post-participation futures unencumbered by past trauma and/or consequences of justice system involvement.

BEYOND THE CASE

Healing isn't a straight line. **THRIVE** is a three-phase program designed to provide the time and safety necessary for true transformation. We do not just process cases; we support survivors as they "go back and get" their identity and dignity.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Referral: Referrals can be made by Defense Counsel, the Prosecutor, or any municipal court in Cuyahoga County.

Partnerships: Developed in collaboration with community agencies, law enforcement, legislators, community stakeholders, Case Western Reserve University, and the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking.

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Empowering survivors to thrive."*