Cast’s Youth Program recognizes the specialized needs of survivors of human trafficking, who are minor and transition age youth (TAY 18-24). Our Youth Program provides comprehensive case management and advocacy that is care-centered and care-intensive. We offer monthly wellness group activities, geared towards empowerment, positive experiences, and education, as well as individualized assistance in navigating government systems, such as DCFS and Probation. We work hand-in-hand with community partners to support youth with job skills development, direct work experience and mentorship.

**LEGAL SERVICES**

Cast’s lawyers can help you:

- Deal with someone who may be threatening you
- Report a crime
- Assist with applying for victim compensation funds
- Get rid of your outstanding warrants
- Seal your juvenile record once you turn 18

**EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS**

Cast’s Empowerment Programs can assist you in reaching your life goals. Cast will work with you to make sure your needs are met including:

- Government Benefits
- Safety Plan
- Housing and Food
- Transportation
- Medical Services
- Counseling
- Skills and Mentoring
- Education

**SURVIVOR STORIES**

**Andres** is a survivor of labor trafficking and an immigrant from Guatemala. Andres’ uncle misled him with false promises of immigrating to the U.S. to continue his path to higher education. Instead, Andres was forced to work in construction, working more than eight hours a day or more and sometimes with no pay. Andres’ uncle controlled where he worked and lived. Cast helped Andres access educational resources.

**Keri** was a teenager and met a man she believed loved her. This man, whom she considered her boyfriend, quickly became violent and forced Keri into the commercial sex industry. Cast supported Keri by providing her free legal aid and social services. Today, Keri is back at home with her family and in school.