

External Resources

Human Trafficking Awareness Month (January 2021)

In support of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network offers the resources listed below to help educate child welfare professionals, families/caregivers, healthcare providers, justice system professionals, policy makers, school personnel, and survivors on the signs of trafficking and services for human trafficking survivors.

If you or someone you know is the victim of human trafficking, please contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline – 1-888-373-7888 or go to <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/chat>

Featured Strategic Partner Resources

The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children

- [The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children \(2016\)](#)
Outlines the risk factors for CSEC and outlines the physical and emotional effects of CSEC.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

- [Child Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Health Care Needs of Victims \(2015\)](#)
Issues recommendations for health care providers to help and protect children who have become victims of child sex trafficking, as well as those at risk.

Love 146

Offers a series of factsheets for multiple audiences educating about different aspects of child sex trafficking, including, gender disparities, sexual violence, and cross-over system involved youth.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

- [National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking](#)
Offers training programs for judges that address the serious issue of child sex trafficking in the United States and provides judges with a highly interactive educational opportunity to expand their knowledge of trafficking risk factors, victim identification, effective intervention strategies, cultural considerations, and much more.

National Center for Youth Law

- [CSE Research to Action Brief Translating Research to Policy and Practice to Support Youth Impacted by Commercial Sexual Exploitation \(CSE\) \(2020\)](#)
Offers a detailed action plan, based on research and the collaborative, which describes specific, actionable practices and policies aimed at creating safe and stable housing for youth in Los Angeles County impacted by CSE.

Rights4Girls

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sex trafficking, including, gender disparities, sexual violence, and cross-over system involved youth.

Child Welfare Professionals

Center for the Human Rights of Children

- [Building Child Welfare Response to Child Trafficking](#) (2011)
Provides policies, protocols, and forms for incorporating child trafficking identification and response mechanisms into state and private child welfare systems, using Illinois as a case study.

Child Welfare Information Gateway

- [Human Trafficking and Child Welfare: A Guide for Child Welfare Agencies](#) (2017)
Explores how child welfare agencies can support children who are victims of human trafficking, as well as children who are at greater risk for future victimization. It provides background information about the issue, including its scope and relevant Federal legislation and initiatives, and strategies that agencies can implement to address the trafficking of children. State and local policy and program examples also are provided.

Family and Youth Services Bureau

- [Most at Risk: Population-Based Approaches for Helping Trafficking Victims](#)
Explores youth populations who are most prone to trafficking and what youth and family workers can do to help them recover from that trauma.

National Center for Youth Law

- [The Intersection of the Child Welfare System with the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children](#) (2014)
Explores the intersection between child sex trafficking/exploitation and the child welfare/foster care system.

National Network for Youth

- [Responding to Youth Homelessness: A Key Strategy for Preventing Human Trafficking](#) (2018)
Using this research, policymakers, service providers, and advocates can and must bring about change to meet the basic needs of young people to prevent and address homelessness and trafficking.

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center at Polaris Project

- [Comprehensive Human Trafficking Assessment](#)
Contains questions helpful in assessing a client for potential signs that she/he has been a victim of human trafficking.
- [Polaris Project Medical Assessment Tool](#)
Provides lists of medical signs to look for when assessing potential human trafficking victims.

Shared Hope International

- [National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking](#)
Synthesizes 10 field assessments conducted in targeted locations in the United States, providing a comprehensive understanding of child sex trafficking across America. The report

addresses the proper identification of children, treatment and care, and criminalization of buyers.

US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Office in Trafficking Persons

- [*Examining the Link, Foster Care Runaway Episodes and Human Trafficking* \(2020\)](#)
Discusses the number of youths who run from foster care, factors that place youth at risk of running from care, and the evidence around running from care and sex trafficking victimization. Where applicable, they also review the evidence around running from care and labor trafficking. Also, includes a discussion of promising efforts to reduce risks for running away.

Families and Caregivers

Ark of Hope for Children

Provides advocacy and services for survivors of child sex trafficking and their families, including live web-based chats, rehabilitation-focused facilities for trafficking survivors, and training for providers.

Children of the Street

- [*Parent Toolkit*](#)
Educates parents on the issue of sexual exploitation and human trafficking, enabling them to recognize warning signs, safeguard their children against exploitation, and equip them with strategies and tools for managing this issue should it happen to their child.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

- [*Child Sex Trafficking in America: A Guide for Parents and Guardians* \(2014\)](#)
Provides parents and guardians with information on what child trafficking is and how to keep their children safe.
- [*Netsmartz: Online Safety for Kids and Families*](#)
Provides age-appropriate videos and activities to help teach children be safer online with the goal of helping children to become more aware of potential online risks and empowering them to help prevent victimization by making safer choices on and offline.

Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research, Arizona State University

- [*Teen Sex Trafficking*](#)
Describes the complex issue of teen sex trafficking to help parents and caregivers recognize the warning signs and know how to seek help.

The Rebecca Project for Human Rights (RPHR)

- [*Rebecca Project Sacred Daughters Girls Initiative*](#)
Is a national juvenile justice and advocacy program for girls and young women commercially trafficked and/or caught in the net of the criminal justice system due to trafficking.

Women's Justice Center

- [*A Guide for Mothers, Grandmothers & Others for Helping a Girl Caught in Prostitution of Sex Trafficking*](#)
Provides tip on recognizing signs of trafficking and tips for responding to and supporting victims of human trafficking.

Healthcare Providers

[American Medical Woman's Association \(AMWA\)](#)

- [Position Paper on the Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in the United States \(2014\)](#)
Provides information and recommendations for physicians and other healthcare providers who may be in a unique position to identify and care for these victims.

[Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking \(ATEST\)](#)

Works to end modern-day slavery and human trafficking in the United States and around the world. Members advocate for lasting solutions to labor and sex trafficking, hold perpetrators accountable, ensure justice for victims, and empower survivors with tools for recovery.

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[CAASE—Chicago Alliance against Sexual Exploitation](#)

Addresses the culture, institutions, and individuals that perpetrate, profit from, or support sexual exploitation. Their work includes prevention, policy reform, community engagement, and legal services. They have developed toolkits and resources for nonprofits, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, feminist groups, and other communities and individuals.

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

- [Definitions of Human Trafficking \(2016\)](#)
Presents State criminal laws that define human trafficking, including involuntary servitude, forced labor and services, and sex trafficking of minors. Federal definitions of human trafficking and the inclusion of trafficking in civil child abuse definitions also are discussed. Summaries of laws for all States and U.S. territories are included.

[Children of the Night](#)

Provides a home for child prostitutes throughout the United States and is ready and able—through the Children of the Night 24-hour hotline—to rescue these children 24 hours a day.

[Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking](#)

Assists persons trafficked for the purpose of forced labor and slavery-related practices and to work toward ending all instances of such violations of human rights.

[Courtney's House](#)

Searches for children who are being forced into prostitution on the streets, in brothels, in strip clubs, private homes, and hotels and brings rescued children into a safe environment. Courtney's House trains community officials and creates awareness of sex trafficking in neighborhoods across the US.

[Covenant House](#)

Helps homeless kids escape the streets and provides loving care and vital services to homeless, abandoned, abused, trafficked, and exploited youth. Their programs provide youth with a holistic approach to leaving the streets and achieving independence.

[Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign](#)

Combats human trafficking through enhanced public awareness, training, victim assistance, and law enforcement investigations.

[ECPAT USA](#)

Works to protect children who are sexually exploited by Americans abroad, children trafficked to the US from other countries, and American children trafficked and exploited within the US.

[GEMS](#)

Serves girls and young women in New York state who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking by provides young women with empathetic, consistent support, and viable opportunities for positive change.

[HEAL Trafficking – Health, Education, Advocacy, Linkage](#)

Offers many resources for all providers, including their Trafficking and Hope for Justice’s Protocol Toolkit which is designed to help professionals working in health care settings develop a protocol to respond to potential victims of human trafficking who present to their facility.,

[International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children](#)

- [The Healthcare Response to Human Trafficking](#)
Presents a 5-hour course designed for busy health care professionals and provides a practical approach to recognizing and appropriately responding to suspected trafficking and exploitation. It begins with a general overview of labor and sex trafficking and exploitation and is followed by a description of the trauma-informed, rights-based approach to patient/client care. Course information is supplemented with interactive exercises, group discussions and case examples, focusing attention on typically under-recognized and under-served populations, including boys/men and persons identifying LGBTQ+).

[National Academy of Medicine](#)

- [Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States: A Guide for Providers of Victim and Support Services \(2013\)](#)
Provides guidance for those caring for victims of CSEC, taken entirely from the original report, Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States.

[MISSEY: Motivating, Inspiring, Supporting, and Serving Sexually Exploited Youth](#)

Provides comprehensive services to commercially sexually exploited youth in a safe environment and works for systemic and community change to prevent such exploitation through public awareness, education, and policy development.

[National Center for Missing and Exploited Children \(NCMEC\)](#)

Serves as the nation's clearinghouse on issues related to missing and sexually exploited children and provides services, resources, and technical assistance to child victims of abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them.

[Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons](#)

Leads the United States' global engagement in the fight against human trafficking, partnering with foreign governments and civil society to develop and implement effective strategies for confronting modern slavery.

[Rights 4 Girls](#)

Works to ensure that all victims of trafficking can receive the same support systems and opportunities to heal.

[Support to End Exploitation Now \(SEEN\)](#)

Collaborates with more than 35 public and private agencies who believe that only genuine collaboration can yield positive outcomes for exploited youth.

[Shared Hope International](#)

Strives to prevent the conditions that foster sex trafficking, restore victims of sex slavery, and bring justice to vulnerable women and children and envisions a world passionately opposed to sex trafficking and a committed community restoring survivors to lives of purpose, value, and choice one life at a time.

[U.S. Department of Justice](#)

- [Evaluation of Services for Minors Exposed to Trafficking \(2015\)](#)
Describes young people served by the programs, their service needs, services delivered by the programs, the experiences of young people and staff with the programs, and programs' efforts to strengthen community response to trafficked youth.

Justice System Professionals

[Center for Court Innovation](#)

- [Identifying and Responding to Sex Trafficking: A Guide for the Courts](#)
Provides judges and court staff with concrete steps to enhance their ability to respond effectively and sensitively to sex trafficking cases.

[The Child Trafficking Resource Project](#)

Seeks to address the disparity between the identification of child trafficking and its actual prevalence by providing resources and training on how to identify and serve trafficked minors.

- [The Child Trafficking Resource Project: Criminal Law](#)
- [The Child Trafficking Resource Project: Civil Litigation](#)
- [The Child Trafficking Resource Project: Immigration](#)
- [The Child Trafficking Resource Project: Legal Service Providers](#)

Human Trafficking and the State Courts Collaborative

- *A Guide to Human Trafficking for State Courts*
Supports the efforts of courts not only in their traditional role of independent adjudicators, but also in their role as justice system and community leaders.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

- *Missing Children, State Care, and Child Sex Trafficking: Engaging the Judiciary in Building a Collaborative Response* (2015)
Educates judges about steps to be taken to assist in the location and recovery efforts for children missing from care by ensuring the legal guardians, social workers, and child advocates within child serving agencies are aware of and engage assistance from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children on behalf of these endangered missing children.

The US Department of Justice Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit

Works closely with Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) and law enforcement agencies to streamline fast-moving trafficking investigations, ensure consistent application of trafficking statutes, and identify multijurisdictional trafficking networks.

US Laws on Trafficking in Persons

Provides the tools to combat trafficking in persons both worldwide and domestically.

Policy Makers

Congressional Research Service

- *Domestic Human Trafficking Legislation in the 114th Congress* (2015)
Discusses trafficking in persons issues that have received legislative action or are of significant interest in the 114th Congress.
- *Sex Trafficking of Children in the United States: Overview and Issues for Congress* (2015)
Provides an overview of current laws and issues regarding the sex trafficking of children and discusses the federal response to the problem, including services for child victims, funding resources, and data.
- *Trafficking in Persons: US Policy and Issues for Congress* (2013)
Focuses on international and domestic human trafficking and US policy responses.

HEAL Trafficking

Works to combat human trafficking and serves as a centralized resource on health for the broader anti-trafficking community. HEALS aim is to bring a public health perspective to multi-system approaches to human trafficking at the local, state, federal, and international levels.

Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

Leads the United States' global engagement against human trafficking, an umbrella term used to describe the activities involved when someone obtains or holds a person in compelled service.

School Personnel

National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments

- [Human Trafficking in American Schools \(2015\)](#)
Helps school officials understand how human trafficking impacts schools, recognize the indicators of possible child trafficking, and develop policies, protocols, and partnerships to address and prevent the exploitation of children.

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- [Teen Sex Trafficking: A Training Tool for School Educators and Administrators](#)
Describes the complex issue of teen sex trafficking to educators and administrators recognize the warning signs and know how to seek help.

U.S. Department of Education

- [Human Trafficking of Children in the United States: A Fact Sheet for Schools](#)
Informs schools about human trafficking, how it can affect schools, potential signs, how to help, and additional resources.

Survivors

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FAIR Girls

Provides emergency response services and compassionate individualized care to both domestic and foreign-born trafficked girls ages 11 to 21 at each of their program locations.

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[TurnAround, Inc.](#)

Empowers survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation with the support and services necessary to achieve healing and self-sufficiency