

# January







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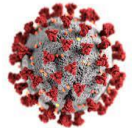








JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

*“Awareness is the greatest agent for change.”*

■ Eckhart Tolle



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Human trafficking is defined as <b>the exploitation of human beings through force, fraud, or coercion, for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor wherein a third party makes a profit.</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Update your profile picture to include a <b>blue</b> human trafficking awareness ribbon this month</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Read the 2023 Presidential Proclamation on National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month</p> <p><a href="https://truckersagainsttrafficking.org/">2023 Presidential Human Trafficking Proclamation</a></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Visit the Truckers Against Trafficking website and like them on social media outlets to learn about their good works to combat sex trafficking.</p> <p><a href="https://truckersagainsttrafficking.org/">https://truckersagainsttrafficking.org/</a></p> 	<p>5</p> <p><b>MYTH:</b> Traffickers target victims they don't know. <b>TRUTH:</b> <i>Many survivors have been trafficked by romantic partners, including spouses, and by family members, including parents.</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.polarisproject.org">https://www.polarisproject.org</a></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Studies suggest that up to <b>90% of runaway youth</b> become involved in the commercial sex industry. <b>Within 36 hours</b> of living on the streets, <b>1 in 3 teens</b> will be recruited into some form of trafficking.</p> <p>NHTRC</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>In 2020, there were 450 cases of human trafficking in Ohio alone. Stay current with Ohio's statistics at <a href="https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/human-trafficking-statistics-by-state">https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/human-trafficking-statistics-by-state</a></p>
<p>8</p> <p>Human trafficking is <b>NOT</b> about movement. No borders need to be crossed for traffickers to commit their crime. A victim may be trafficked from their own home. The essence of trafficking is <b>coercion.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.TraffickingInstitute.org">https://www.TraffickingInstitute.org</a></p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Who are traffickers?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Business owners</li> <li>* Family members</li> <li>* Organized crime</li> <li>* Village chiefs</li> <li>* Agricultural operations</li> <li>* Neighbors</li> <li>* Friends (41%)</li> </ul> 	<p>10</p> <p>Human trafficking is an economic crime. Its <b>profits exceed \$150 billion each year.</b> That is more than the annual profits of Exxon, Microsoft, BP, Samsung and Apple - combined.</p> <p><a href="https://www.TraffickingInstitute.org">https://www.TraffickingInstitute.org</a></p>	<p>11</p> <p>A survey found that 91% of survivor respondents had a criminal record which resulted from being trafficked. A criminal record, even an arrest without a conviction, often leads to doors being slammed shut. It's time to put laws in place that allow trafficking survivors to have their records cleared and move on with their lives.</p> <p>Learn more: <a href="https://www.polarisproject.org">https://www.polarisproject.org</a></p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ohio ranks <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> in the U.S. for human sex trafficking. <b>WHY?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Demand</li> <li>* Large immigrant population</li> <li>* Drugs (heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine)</li> <li>- 5 interstate highways</li> <li>* Rural w/transient population</li> </ul> 	<p>13</p> <p><b>MYTH:</b> Labor trafficking is only or primarily a problem in developing countries. <b>TRUTH:</b> <i>Labor trafficking occurs in the United States and in other developed countries but is reported at lower rates than sex trafficking.</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.polarisproject.org">https://www.polarisproject.org</a></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Like the WATCH Facebook page and stay updated on what the Wayne, Holmes &amp; Ashland Anti-Trafficking Coalition is doing.</p> 

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<p>15</p> <p>Save and share the <b>National Human Trafficking Resource Center</b> (NHTRC) Hotline #: <b>888-373-7888</b> Text: <b>233733</b></p> <p></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Human trafficking significantly impacts a victim's mental health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Depression</li> <li>*Traumatic bonding w/perpetrator</li> <li>* Self-destructive behaviors (eating disorders, suicide, self-harm)</li> <li>* Anxiety disorders</li> <li>* Grief and shame</li> <li>* PTSD</li> <li>*Memory loss</li> </ul> <p></p> <p><a href="http://www.acf.hhs.gov">www.acf.hhs.gov</a></p>	<p>17</p> <p>Learn more about human trafficking through fiction/non-fiction works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <i>A Walk Across the Sun</i></li> <li>* <i>Human Trafficking Around the World: Hidden in Plain Sight</i></li> <li>* <i>Nobody's Girl</i></li> <li>* <i>A Girl Raised by Wolves</i></li> <li>* <i>Sold</i></li> <li>* <i>The Slave Across the Street</i></li> <li>* <i>Renting Lacy</i></li> <li>* <i>Bitter Chocolate</i></li> <li>* <i>A Promise to Nadia</i></li> <li>* <i>I Am Not Your Slave: A Memoir</i></li> <li>* <i>A Boy Named Jorge</i></li> </ul>	<p>18</p> <p><b>How COVID-19 effected human trafficking:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Government resources were diverted to pandemic response efforts</li> <li>*Food insecurity increased 66%</li> <li>*Employment access decreased 85%</li> <li>*Stigma associated with being a "foreign" carrier</li> <li>*Travel restrictions</li> <li>*School closures</li> <li>*Access to healthcare decreased 73%</li> <li>*Predatory debt</li> <li>*Online recruitment and grooming</li> </ul> <p><i>Trafficking in Persons Report, 2021</i></p> <p></p>	<p>19</p> <p></p> <p>At Wayne County Public Library - Wooster Community Room 6p-8p</p> <p><b>Gaining Perspective</b></p> <p><i>What you need to know about human trafficking from a survivor and community response</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>Plan a movie or tv night with human trafficking as the topic and have a discussion after viewing.</p> <p>Suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <i>Bangkok Girl</i></li> <li>* <i>Tricked</i></li> <li>* <i>I am Jane Doe</i></li> <li>* <i>Red Light</i></li> <li>* <i>Black Gold</i></li> <li>* <i>Still I Rise</i></li> <li>* <i>Born Into Brothels</i></li> <li>* <i>California's Forgotten Children</i></li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <p><b>MYTH:</b> It's always or usually a violent crime.</p> <p><b>TRUTH:</b> <i>In reality, most traffickers use psychological means such as, tricking, defrauding, manipulating or threatening victims into providing commercial sex or exploitative labor.</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.polarisproject.org">https://www.polarisproject.org</a></p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>MYTH:</b> All human trafficking involves sex.</p> <p><b>TRUTH:</b> <i>Worldwide, experts believe there are more situations of labor trafficking than of sex trafficking, but there is much wider awareness of sex trafficking in the U.S. than of labor trafficking.</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.polarisproject.org">https://www.polarisproject.org</a></p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Top Human Trafficking Victimization Risk Factors:</b></p> <p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Substance use</li> <li>*Runaway homeless youth</li> <li>*Recent migration/relocation</li> <li>*Unstable housing</li> <li>*Mental health concern</li> <li>*Criminal record/criminal history</li> <li>*Physical health concern</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <p>Anyone can be a victim</p> <p><i>"When people are struggling with their finances, struggling with poverty, loss of work, childhood trauma and abuse, homeless or a young person who's not safe at home and ends up on the streets or couch surfing, all those things can lead to you being exploited by a trafficker—and those people are in every town."</i></p> <p>Rebecca Ayling - Project Director, <i>New Hampshire Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Vulnerability Factors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* High unemployment</li> <li>* Poverty</li> <li>* Crime</li> <li>* Discrimination</li> <li>* Corruption</li> <li>* Political conflict</li> <li>* Runaways</li> <li>* Cultural acceptance of HT practice</li> <li>* Prior history of sexual assault (94%)</li> <li>* Communities of vulnerability – LGBTQIA+, undocumented, etc.</li> <li>*Runaways/Homelessness (1 in 5)</li> <li>*Foster care placement (60%)</li> <li>*Substance use (79%)</li> <li>*Child welfare involvement (93.5%)</li> </ul> <p><i>U.S. Trafficking in Persons Report, 2021</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p></p> <p>Human trafficking is a <b>\$150 billion industry</b>, after drugs (\$360 billion) and guns (\$375 billion).</p> <p>Victims originate from almost every region of the world; the top three countries of origin of federally identified victims in FY 2017 were the <b>United States, Mexico, and Honduras</b></p> <p><i>Trafficking in Persons Report, 2021</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Among the most common industries for <b>sex trafficking:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Escort services</li> <li>* Illicit massage, health, and beauty</li> <li>* Pornography</li> <li>* Residential brothels</li> <li>* Remote interactive sexual acts</li> </ul> <p>Among the most common industries for <b>labor trafficking:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Domestic work</li> <li>* Traveling sales crews</li> <li>* Restaurants &amp; food service</li> <li>* Hotels &amp; hospitality</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.polarisproject.org">https://www.polarisproject.org</a></p>	<p>28</p> <p>Traffickers are currently exploiting an estimating <b>24.9 million victims</b>. Their criminal activity is predominantly in developing countries, yet occurs everywhere, including the United States – even in rural Ohio.</p> <p><a href="https://www.traffickinginstitute.org">https://www.traffickinginstitute.org</a></p> <p></p>
<p>29</p> <p>Learn about the global state of modern slavery: <a href="https://www.free.domunited.org">https://www.free.domunited.org</a></p> <p></p>	<p>30</p> <p>The average entry age into sex trafficking is <b>12 – 14</b>.</p> <p>NHTRC</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Request a speaker to present live or virtually on sex/labor human trafficking at your place of worship, community group, or workplace. Contact Lara Kiefer/WATCH Coordinator: 330-804-0115</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>			

