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



JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH





“Awareness is the greatest agent for change.”

■ Eckhart Tolle



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						<p>1</p> <p>Human trafficking is defined as <i>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.</i></p>
<p>2</p> <p>Update your profile picture to include a blue human trafficking awareness ribbon this month</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Read the 2021 Presidential Proclamation on National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month</p> <p>2022 White House Proclamation on National Human Trafficking Prevention Month</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>https://truckersagainsttrafficking.org/</p>	<p>5</p> <p>MYTH: Traffickers target victims they don't know. TRUTH: <i>Many survivors have been trafficked by romantic partners, including spouses, and by family members, including parents.</i></p> <p>https://www.polarisproject.org</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Studies suggest that up to 90% of runaway youth become involved in the commercial sex industry. Within 48 hours of living on the streets, 1 in 3 teens will be recruited into some form of trafficking. 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 https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/human-trafficking-statistics-by-state</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Human trafficking is not 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 coercion.</p> <p>https://www.TraffickingInstitute.org</p>

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<p>9</p> <p>Who are traffickers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Business owners * Family members * Organized crime * Village chiefs * Agricultural operations * Neighbors * Friends (41%) 	<p>10</p> <p>Human trafficking is an economic crime. Its profits exceed \$150 billion each year. That is more than the annual profits of Exxon, Microsoft, BP, Samsung and Apple - combined.</p> <p>https://www.TraffickingInstitute.org</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: https://www.polarisproject.org</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ohio ranks 6th in the U.S. for human trafficking. WHY?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Demand * Large immigrant population * Drugs (heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine) * Rural w/transient population 	<p>13</p> <p>MYTH: Labor trafficking is only or primarily a problem in developing countries.</p> <p>TRUTH: <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>https://www.polarisproject.org</p>	<p>14</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"> * Bangkok Girl * Big Sky - (Tues. 10pm on ABC) * Tricked * I am Jane Doe * Red Light * Black Gold * Still I Rise * Born Into Brothels * California's Forgotten Children 	<p>15</p> <p>Save and share the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) Hotline #: 888-373-7888</p> <p>Text: 233733</p> <p>National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)</p>
<p>16</p> <p>How COVID-19 effected human trafficking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Government resources were diverted to pandemic response efforts * Food insecurity increased 66% * Employment access decreased 85% * Stigma associated with being a "foreign" carrier * Travel restrictions * School closures * Access to healthcare decreased 73% * Predatory debt * Online recruitment and grooming <p><i>Trafficking in Persons Report, 2021</i></p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Human trafficking significantly impacts a victim's mental health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Depression * Traumatic bonding w/perpetrator * Self-destructive behaviors (eating disorders, suicide, self-harm) * Anxiety disorders * Grief and shame * PTSD * Memory loss  <p>www.icfi.com/transition</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Among the most common industries for labor trafficking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Domestic work * Traveling sales crews * Restaurants & food service * Agriculture & Animal husbandry * Construction * Landscaping * Hotels & hospitality * Commercial cleaning services * Carnivals * Healthcare * Factories & manufacturing <p>https://www.polarisproject.org</p>	<p>19</p> <p>MYTH: It's always or usually a violent crime.</p> <p>TRUTH: <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>https://www.polarisproject.org</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Learn more about human trafficking through fiction/non-fiction works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A Walk Across the Sun * Human Trafficking Around the World: Hidden in Plain Sight * Nobody's Girl * A Girl Raised by Wolves * Sold * The Slave Across the Street * Renting Lacy * Bitter Chocolate * A Promise to Nadia * I Am Not Your Slave: A Memoir * A Boy Named Jorge 	<p>21</p> <p>Traffickers are currently exploiting an estimating 24.9 million victims. Their criminal activity is predominantl y in developing countries, yet occurs everywhere, including the United States – even in rural Ohio.</p> <p>https://www.TraffickingInstitute.org</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Like the WATCH Facebook page and stay updated on what the coalition is doing.</p> 

Sunday 23	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 29
<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, New Hampshire Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force</p>	<p>Among the most common industries for sex trafficking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Escort services * Illicit massage, health, and beauty * Outdoor solicitation * Pornography * Residential brothels * Personal sexual servitude * Arts & entertainment * Remote interactive sexual acts * Mail order brides * Live sex shows <p>https://www.polarisproject.org</p>	<p>MYTH: All human trafficking involves sex.</p> <p>TRUTH: <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>https://www.polarisproject.org</p>	<p>Vulnerability Factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * High unemployment * Poverty * Crime * Discrimination * Corruption * Political conflict * Runaways * Cultural acceptance of HT practice * Prior history of sexual assault (94%) * Communities of vulnerability – LGBTQIA+, undocumented, etc. * Runaways/Homelessness (1 in 5) * Foster care placement (60%) * Substance use (79%) * Child welfare involvement (93.5%) <p><i>U.S. Trafficking in Persons Report, 2021</i></p>	 <p>Human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry, 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 United States, Mexico, and Honduras</p> <p><i>Trafficking in Persons Report, 2021</i></p>	<p>Request a speaker from WATCh to present live or virtually on sex/labor human trafficking at your place of worship, community group, or workplace.</p> <p>Contact Lara Kiefer/ WATCh Coordinator: 330-804-0115</p> 	<p>Top Human Trafficking Victimization Risk Factors:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Substance use * Runaway homeless youth * Recent migration/relocation * Unstable housing * Mental health concern * Criminal record/criminal history * Physical health concern
<p>30</p> <p>Learn about the global state of modern slavery: https://www.freedomunited.org</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>The average entry age into sex trafficking is 12 – 14. NHTRC</p>					