



Human Trafficking: Can You See Me?

A Note from the Director



January 2020 - January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is a global crisis that is affecting men, women, and children around the world. Although human traffickers target both adults and minors, youth are particularly vulnerable as an estimated [40.3 million human trafficking victims](#) exist worldwide, and more than 1 in 4 of these are children. Young people are often lured into trafficking or exploitation by predators pretending to be romantically interested in

them. Healthy relationship education can assist youth in recognizing the early warning signs of unhealthy relationship behaviors.

[Can You See Me?](#) is an international campaign intended to help people identify and respond to human trafficking. The video series presents different scenarios of trafficked individuals including domestic servitude, labor, sex and child exploitation. The premise of the campaign is that these trafficked individuals are often hiding in plain sight if we know what to watch for. For example, there have been several recent stories of Uber drivers who have reported suspicious passenger activity which turned out to be related to human trafficking.

Additionally, the [Blue Campaign](#) is a national public awareness campaign, designed to educate the public, law enforcement and other industry partners to recognize the [indicators](#) of human trafficking, and how to appropriately respond to possible cases. In addition to responding to the immediate needs, providers should consider healthy relationship education a key component of recovery.

I hope you'll familiarize yourself with these campaigns as well as, the healthy relationship education resources available on our website. The more we know about trafficking and what to watch for, the more likely we are to be able to intervene on behalf of our most vulnerable populations.

Best regards,

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Tips of the Month

Do you need resources that help you or your family toward recovery? The tips below are for individual, couples and families so that they feel supported on the journey toward recovery.

- **Learn the facts about peer to peer sex trafficking.** Use these [infographics](#) provided by the Family and Youth Services Bureau to learn about sex trafficking among youth peer groups. The infographics are available for both youth and adult populations in English and Spanish.
- **Get involved- there are 15 ways to do so.** The State Department tip sheet titled, [15 Ways You Can Help Fight Human Trafficking](#), provides a detailed list of recommendations for joining the fight against human trafficking.

Get help or report abuse. Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline ((Toll-free 1-888-373-7888 (24/7) or text HELP to 233733 (BEFREE)) for information, help, or to report potential trafficking crimes. You can also call National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)-Toll-free 1-800-THE-LOST (843-5678)-or visit <http://www.cybertipline.org> to report missing or exploited minors.

Featured Resources

The Resource Center's **Virtual Library** has collected more than 3,000 materials in a variety of formats including fact sheets, research-to-practice briefs, brochures, pamphlets, training resources, program reports or evaluations, and research materials.

At Risk for Sex Trafficking: Youth Who Run Away From Foster Care

This snapshot examines what States and counties can learn from data in their child welfare case management systems and reported in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). The snapshot can prompt conversations about youth who run away from State custody, how data can be used to learn more about this high-risk population, and how this knowledge can inform interventions. (Author abstract)

Combating Trafficking: Native Youth Toolkit on Human Trafficking

The purpose of this toolkit is to raise awareness and prevent trafficking of Native youth by educating them on what human trafficking is, available resources, safety tips, and ways to get involved in their communities. This resource considers the unique cultural aspects of this issue for Native youth, tying in the fact that trafficking is outside of Native traditions, and encourages youth to speak with tribal Elders in their community. (Author abstract)

Collaborating with Youth-Serving Agencies to Respond to and Prevent Sex Trafficking of Youth

Effectively meeting the requirements of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act will require strong collaboration and cross-system coordination between child welfare and other youth-serving agencies. This document provides State and local child welfare agencies with information on partnering with other agencies to address sex trafficking. Ultimately, coordination and collaboration can advance effective

identification, reporting, and services for youth who are victims or are at risk of becoming victims. Collaboration may take many forms ranging from brief consultation to the development of coordinated protocols and formation of a cross-sector collaboration or coalition. (Author abstract)

Events

The Resource Center's **Events Calendar** offers a listing of Resource Center events and other national, regional, and community-wide events that might be of interest. Upcoming events include:

Kentucky Integration Institute

January 22, Lexington, KY

During the Institutes, participants are introduced to The Resource Center's Levels of Integration concept to visualize integration efforts at different points on an integration continuum: 1) Basic Engagement; 2) Partnerships; and, 3) Full Integration.

Happy Wife, Happy Life! Is Marriage Really That Simple?

February 5, Online

Relationships can be quite complicated, and happiness is a relative term. Research shows that a healthy relationship can have positive effects on a couple's social, emotional, physical, and economic well being. Healthy communication and conflict management skills can go a long way in reducing the natural stressors that come with family relationships. Join the National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families for this free webinar highlighting National Marriage Week USA (Feb.7-14) and free web-based resources to support you and the families you serve in strengthening your relationships.

Feedback and Technical Assistance

To learn more about the Resource Center, visit us at www.healthymarriageandfamilies.org.

The National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families supports human service providers as they integrate healthy marriage and relationship education skills into service delivery systems as part of a comprehensive, culturally appropriate, family-centered approach designed to promote self-sufficiency.

If you have suggestions or wish to speak with a Resource Center staff member, please **contact us** and we will be happy to assist you. To learn more about free training and technical assistance available to

human service agencies, visit our [Training and Technical Assistance page](#).

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