

NCTSN External Resources

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month (January 2019)

In support of National Slavery and 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.

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 \(AAP\)](#)

- [AAP Outlines Medical Needs of Child Sex Trafficking Victims](#)
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.

[American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#)

- [Report of the Task Force on Trafficking of Women and Girls \(2014\)](#)
Reviews trafficking in women and children including definitions, nature, prevalence, psychological, physical and social effects.

[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.

For Survivor Service Organizations

[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.

[CAST—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.

[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.

[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.

[Rights 4 Girls](#)

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

[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.

For Child Welfare Professionals

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

- [Child Welfare and Human Trafficking \(2017\)](#)
Provides a broad overview of the crossover between the child welfare field and the work currently being done to prevent and respond to human trafficking of children and youth in the United States.

[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.

[The National Human Trafficking Resource Center at Polaris Project](#)

- [Polaris Project—Comprehensive Human Trafficking Assessment \(2011\)](#)
Contains questions helpful in assessing a client for potential signs that she/he has been a victim of human trafficking.

[US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families \(ACYF\) Guidance to States and Services on Addressing Human Trafficking of Children and Youth in the States United](#)

Presents guidance to states and service programs, based on current research and emerging practices, in order to elevate the issue of human trafficking within child welfare systems and runaway and homeless youth programs.

For Families and Caregivers

[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.

[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.

For 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.

[Institute of Medicine \(IOM\)](#)

- [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](#).

[Institute of Healthcare and Human Trafficking](#)

Operates within the Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. They provide a clearinghouse of existing resources and research for prevention, identification, intervention and treatment; including online and on-site training and education to medical and behavioral health professionals working with adults and children.

For 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.

[The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Child–Sex Trafficking Team](#)

Provides specialized technical assistance, analysis and recovery services on cases involving child sex trafficking.

[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.

For Policy Makers

[Congressional Research Service](#)

- [Trafficking in Persons: US Policy and Issues for Congress \(2017\)](#)
Focuses on international and domestic human trafficking and US policy responses.

[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

[Office of Refugee Settlement \(ORR\)](#)

- [Child Victims of Human Trafficking](#)
Defines human trafficking under US law and outlines the responsibilities of government officials.

For 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.

[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.

For Survivors

[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.

[FAIR Girls](#)

Provides intervention and holistic care to survivors of human trafficking who identify as girls or young women. Through prevention education and policy advocacy, FAIR Girls also works to eradicate human trafficking and create brighter outcomes for survivors.

[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.

[Love 146](#)

Works to end child trafficking and exploitation through survivor care and prevention.

[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.

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[The National Human Trafficking Resource Center at Polaris Project](#)

For Hotline Call 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733)

[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.

[The Wayne Foundation](#)

Provides young women in the United States who have experienced to DMST (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking) with a means of leaving the sex industry for good by providing a safe home environment with rehabilitation services.

Additional Resources

[Department of Health and Human Services Blue Campaign](#)

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

[HEAL Trafficking](#)

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

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[National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center \(NHTTAC\)](#)

Delivers training and technical assistance to inform and enhance the public health response to human trafficking.

[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.

[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.