External Resources
Human Trafficking Awareness Month (January 2020)

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.

Featured Strategic Partner Resources

The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
  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)
  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.

Child Welfare Professionals

Center for the Human Rights of Children
- *Building Child Welfare Response to Child Trafficking*
  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
  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
  Explores the intersection between child sex trafficking/exploitation and the child welfare/foster care system.

National Network for Youth
  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
- *Polaris Project Medical Assessment Tool*
  Provides lists of medical signs to look for when assessing potential human trafficking victims.

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.

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
- *Guidance to States and Services on Addressing Human Trafficking of Children and Youth in the States United* (2013)
  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.
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.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
  Provides parents and guardians with information on what child trafficking is and how to keep their children safe.

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.
- Rebecca Project List of Family Centered Programs

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)
  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.
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 Health and Human Services 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.

National Academy of Medicine

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.
MISSSEY: 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
  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.
  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.
  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

Office of Refugee Settlement (ORR)
- **Child Victims of Human Trafficking**
  Defines human trafficking under US law and outlines the responsibilities of government officials.

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.

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

Safe House of Hope (SHO Hope)
Designed for all former and current sex trafficking victims, clients come from many backgrounds and all identify themselves as being formerly or currently “in the life” (prostitution). SHO Hope provides the opportunity to join an accepting community where clients are valued and nurtured.

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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.

The Wayne Foundation
Provides young women in the United States who have fallen victim 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.