



January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

In 2007, the United States Senate designated January 11th as *National Human Trafficking Awareness Day* to raise awareness of modern day slavery and human trafficking. Beginning in 2010, the month of January has been designated as *Human Trafficking Awareness Month* by Presidential Proclamation. In honor of this, Project AWARE Ohio has developed an information brief entitled: *Human Trafficking: What Schools Need to Know*. Please refer to the attached information brief that outlines what school professionals need to know about human trafficking in order to recognize the signs and take steps in order to keep their students and families safe from harm.

Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Resources

- **National Human Trafficking Hotline** is a national anti-trafficking hotline serving victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community in the United States. It was created for individuals to get help, report a tip, and/or request services. You can contact the hotline by phoning **1-888-373-7888** or emailing help@humantraffickinghotline.org.
- **National Human Trafficking Resource Center's Webinar for Educators** equips education professionals with trafficking indicators, provides recommendations for how to respond to trafficking cases, discusses risk factors that make students susceptible to exploitation, and identifies promising practices for prevention. The webinar can be accessed at <https://polarisproject.adobeconnect.com/p7zidyrfeti/>.
- **The National Human Trafficking Resource Center** has developed a trafficking assessment tool for educators to identify and assist potential child victims of trafficking, including both labor and sex trafficking indicators. This tool can be accessed at <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/sites/default/files/Educator%20Assessment%20Tool.pdf>.
- **Teaching Tolerance** (Southern Poverty Law Center) has a webpage devoted to 'teaching tips' for educating young people about human trafficking: <http://www.tolerance.org/toolkit/human-trafficking>.
- **Born2fly International, Inc.** has a community-based awareness campaign that educates at-risk children (and their parents) about the dangers of human trafficking: <https://born2fly.org/The-Born2Fly-Project.html>.
- **Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives** has a 2016 *Human Trafficking Education Curriculum* that aims to reduce the vulnerability of children to the crime of human trafficking through a combination of classroom curricula, educator training and the coordination of community resources: <http://www.fdfi.org/human-trafficking-education-curriculum.html>.
- **Abolishing Injustice in the 21st Century (A21)** has a *Bodies Are Not Commodities* curriculum: <http://www.a21.org/content/bodies-are-not-commodities-curriculum/gn4oz>.
- **Human Trafficking Prevention Education Guidance for Implementation of Youth Programs** (prepared by the Education Subcommittee of Ohio's Human Trafficking Commission): <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Publications-for-Law-Enforcement/Human->

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