



The Invisible Population Human Trafficking in Our Communities

Course Description: In the United States, human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing organized crime activities and brings in almost \$32 billion a year to the traffickers. Youth are especially susceptible to being trafficked because of their lack of awareness of what human trafficking is. The likelihood of being trafficked increases if that individual is homeless or part of the LGBTQ community.

This course will explore what human trafficking is, who is vulnerable to being trafficked, and why trafficking humans has become such a problem globally. Research shows that education on the topic is fundamental to helping solve the problem, both for those in the education field, but also for students themselves.

Lessons in this course will include discussions about identifying students who may be in a trafficking situation, specific populations who are targeted by traffickers, and how trafficking can affect victims. Participants will analyze best practices for educating students and community members about the effects of human trafficking.

Clock Hour / Continuing Education Units: 5

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the current research and statistics of how trafficking affects this country and the state of Iowa
- Describe how, where, and why trafficking happens
- Identify the needs of students who have been trafficked
- Utilize best practices and effective techniques for talking with students and community members about the issue of human trafficking.

Course Requirements: To receive full credit for the course, participants must complete ALL assignments. Failure to complete all assignments will result in a non-passing grade

Getting Started:

- After registering for the course, you will be sent an email with the website address, password, and course key you need to access your online course, along with login instructions
- Access each assignment through the course home page. All assignments will be submitted through the Canvas platform on each respective assignment page.
- Save a backup copy of all course assignments and completed work.

Course Outline:

Lesson Number	Lesson Description	Clock Hours
1	Introductions and Overview: Take the time to get to know the class layout, read over the Help section, and review any other materials present in the class to get started. Take your time!	0.2 hours
2	What is Human Trafficking? In this lesson, participants will learn the federal definitions (Including laws) of human trafficking, as well as the difference between labor and sex trafficking.	0.6 hours
3	Global and National Statistics: In this lesson, participants will learn about what is happening with human trafficking on both the global and national levels in order to gain a grasp of the widespread nature of the issue.	0.6 hours
4	Why is Trafficking So Prevalent? Participants will learn about how human trafficking perpetuates itself, as well as potential motivations for traffickers to continue to exploit others.	0.6 hours

5	Trafficking and Homeless Youth: Participants will learn about how those experiencing homelessness are especially affect by human trafficking.	0.6 hours
6	Trafficking and the LGBTQ Community: Participants will learn how and why LGBTQ youth are targeted to be trafficked.	0.6 hours
7	Effects of Trafficking on Youth: Participants will learn how being trafficked can affect youth physically, mentally, and emotionally.	0.6 hours
8	How to Identify and Get Help for Trafficked Youth: Participants will learn some of the common signs to watch for in their students. They will also learn why it can be so difficult to identify students experiencing trafficking. Participants will be given resources for getting help for their students.	0.6 hours
9	Prevention Efforts: Participants will learn about the different strategies being employed to prevent and eradicate the practice of human trafficking.	0.6 hours
	TOTAL	5 hours

Student Requirements and Assessment: No outside materials will be required for the completion of this course. Participants will be required to complete a series of electronic quizzes to assess their understanding. Participants can earn up to 40 points total for the course. Each quiz may be taken up to three times, with the highest score recorded in the final grade. All quizzes must be completed in order to earn credit.

Grading Scale:

100-80% (32-40)	Pass
79%-Below (<40 points)	No Pass

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