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PATH EDUCATION

Senate Bill 73 Sextortion Bill Went Into Effect on June 27, 2025

Senate Bill (SB) 73, a comprehensive measure aimed at combating sexual extortion and protecting Kentucky's most vulnerable residents went into effect across the Commonwealth on Friday, June 27.

SB 73 makes sexual extortion a felony offense when the perpetrator possesses compromising material and threatens to use it against a victim. If no material exists but threats are still made, the offense is classified as a misdemeanor.

The legislation also provides tougher penalties in cases where the perpetrator has a prior sexual offense conviction, the perpetrator holds a position of authority or trust over the victim, a deadly weapon is used or threatened, and the victim is a minor, suffers serious injury, or attempts suicide as a result of the crime.

Additionally, the bill requires Kentucky schools and colleges to create education and awareness initiatives to help prevent sexual extortion.

SB73 was sponsored by Senator Julie Raque Adams and Sen. Adams was on hand at the Kentucky Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force meeting held in Frankfort on Friday, June 27 to discuss the legislation.

PATH has worked with the Sextortion Coalition since 2023 to see this day come, and joined others at the Task Force meeting to celebrate and plan for implementation. Jaime Thompson, MSSW and PATH Director of Programs (shown below) was a speaker, and joined other members from KYA, UNAKY, and Frankfort Police to discuss sextortion and actions all people can take to stop and respond to this fast growing crime.

[June 27th Media Coverage featuring PATH](#)



PATH Launches Human Trafficking 101 Virtual Education

PATH announced, in May's newsletter, the launch of *Human Trafficking 101 Education Sessions* offered in several formats to increase the reach of our efforts to realize our vision of an informed community united in its resolve to end human trafficking. PATH is offering a **free recorded education module** accessible via our website and encourages our supporters to participate and share this opportunity with others. The 40 minute recorded session provides a high level overview of definitions, forms of human trafficking, key players, laws, prevention and response and a call to action to join us in our efforts to increase awareness and knowledge about this crime in our commonwealth. We welcome and invite all audiences to complete the HT 101 Education Session Module available on PATH's website.

[Link to session here](#)

PATH is also offering virtual or live sessions featuring the Human Trafficking 101 content, along with additional discussion and learning tailored to the requests of the audience. For example, the discussions and learning can expand on a specific vulnerable population or a form of human trafficking such as trafficking for forced criminality.

Please connect with us via our Contact Us button below or on our website to request a live 60-90 minute session with your group or community.

[Contact us to schedule an education session](#)



SYCAMORE FARM announces 2nd location at the Freedom Luncheon

On June 7th Sycamore Farm's hosted its' *2025 Freedom Lunch* organized by Cindy Crawford, Executive Director. Sycamore Farm is a non-profit dedicated to helping women heal from sex trafficking and is opening another space for survivors in Kentucky in 2025. Sycamore Farm was highlighted in the May 2023 issue of this

PATH IN THE FIELD

PATH had the pleasure to facilitate education and awareness connected to combating human trafficking and to collaborate with other advocates in the anti-trafficking community during June 2025. Jaime Thompson, MSSW and Director of Programs, provided an in-person HT 101 education session in Erlanger, KY on June 5th for The Kenton County Democratic Woman's Club with 15 attendees. Participants lived in Northern Kentucky and a follow-up discussion on potential indicators of labor and sex trafficking of young people yielded increased knowledge of signs and actions to take to report.



PATH Participates in the Youth Empowerment Conference for 3rd year.

PATH was honored to participate in the Youth Empowerment Conference for foster youth and their caregivers held in Bowling Green, June 10-11. PATH Vice Chair, Dr. Theresa Hayden and former board member, Mariela Ramirez represented PATH during the tabling event.

On June 25th, Jaime Thompson, far right in photo below, was a panelist and mentor for the young people at the Home of the Innocents event titled "Not in My Backyard: Stop Human Trafficking". These young people received a grant from Metro United Way to host this Education Forum, with safe haven bags distributed to the community to give to survivors of human trafficking as their call to action after this event concluded. Theresa Hayden, PATH Vice Chair hosted a table at the event alongside other anti-trafficking organizations.



PATH AND YOU



Save the Date! PATH will once again be participating in Give For Good Louisville to be held on **September 18, 2025**. This is PATH's major fundraising day and we appreciate all those who support us. Watch this newsletter and our Facebook page for more information in the coming months.



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