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PATH EDUCATION

It's Back to School time. Be careful what you post online about the students in your care.

With many students heading back to school in the next few days and weeks, it's important to remember to not overshare details online. Watch this quick video (less than 2 minutes) to get some tips on what can be shared and what shouldn't be.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ye8BJ4OVKDQ>

Let's Meet One Bridge to Hope

You will read more about PATH's work with One Bridge to Hope in our PATH in the Field section but we wanted to let everyone know a little more about this organization in our education section.

The One Bridge to Hope (OBTH) is a transformative new program designed to serve adolescent females referred by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice. Operating as an Alternatives to Detention program, OBTH offers a compassionate and structured environment where young women can find safety, stability, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Referrals to OBTH are made through the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and can be initiated by DJJ caseworkers, juvenile court judges, or probation officers. Judges may refer adolescent females to OBTH as an alternative to detention, recognizing that the structured, therapeutic, and supportive environment provided at OBTH better meets the needs of certain youth than a traditional detention setting.

Once a referral is made, the youth's case is reviewed for eligibility and fit within the program. Upon acceptance, the young person is welcomed into OBTH's care, where a comprehensive intake process begins. An individualized plan is created to guide her healing.

Located on the peaceful and historic campus of the former St. Catharine College in Springfield, Kentucky, OBTH can house up to 20 girls in a dormitory-

style setting. Here, each resident will receive 24/7 care, including food, clothing, shelter, and the consistent support of trained staff dedicated to their healing and personal growth.

But OBTH is more than a place to stay—it's a place to grow. The program is built around a holistic model that addresses the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of each girl. Residents will participate in individualized mental health services, educational support, spiritual development activities, and life-skills training designed to prepare them for successful independent living. Whether it's learning to cook, manage finances, set goals, or cope with trauma, OBTH is committed to equipping each young woman with the tools she needs to build a brighter future.



It's Summer and the Growing is Good for PATH

As we bask in the warm July sun knowing that summer is more than halfway over, it's always a good time to reflect on what has been accomplished up to this point. PATH has seen significant growth over the last year and we are on a path (no pun intended) to continue that growth for the rest of 2025 and into 2026. Here's a few of our recent accomplishments:

- Named one of two official educators/trainers for the Kentucky Businesses Against Trafficking Initiative formed by the Kentucky Secretary of State.
- Partnered with UNA Kentucky and other organizations to get Senate Bill 73 - the Sextortion bill passed into law during the 2025 legislative session.
- Launched a Human Trafficking 101 FREE education module on our website. [Link to session.](#)
- Hosted 4 virtual seminars during January, 2025 Human Trafficking Awareness Month and conducted 5 in person trainings.
- Became an official partner of the Face It Movement to end child abuse.
- Hired a Director of Programs and Program Coordinator in a flexible capacity so that we can increase our in person and on-line educational offerings and initiatives.
- Welcomed 3 new board members in late 2024 and will welcome 3 more new board members at our annual meeting in August, 2025.

We hope the summer has been a season of growth for you as well. We look forward to continuing ahead this fall.

PATH IN THE FIELD



PATH Director of Programs, Jaime Thompson, facilitated an in person education and training session for 10 people serving young people in therapeutic residential care in Springfield, Kentucky on July 23, 2025. One Bridge to Hope (OBTH) serves adolescent females referred by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice and functions as an *Alternatives to Detention* program. The group of direct care professionals participated in a Human Trafficking 101 session. learning about indicators of human trafficking and types of human trafficking, followed by a discussion and learning session on the impact of trauma on children and youth, specifically trauma resulting from sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

PATH thanks OBTH for letting us share our knowledge with its direct care professionals.

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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