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PATH EDUCATION

Kentucky Secretary of State, Michael Adams, announces Kentucky Businesses Against Trafficking (KBAT)

At a press conference on Jan. 23, 2025, Kentucky Secretary of State, Michael Adams, announced a statewide initiative to raise awareness of trafficking and provide businesses with the resources needed to identify and report trafficking.

“Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery, and we must do all we can to put an end to it in Kentucky,” Adams said in a release. “As Kentucky’s Chief Business Official, I am happy to partner with our business community to raise awareness of how to spot and report trafficking.”

This new program will provide training materials and videos to participating businesses in the hopes of raising awareness of human trafficking and giving employers and employees the tools to report trafficking.

PATH is honored to be one of the educational providers for businesses. PATH Board Vice Chair, Dr. Theresa Hayden and PATH consultant, Jaime Thompson attended the press conference along with representatives from Refuge for Women, another educational partner in the KBAT program.

If you own or know of a business who would like to participate in this free program, please use the sign up form below to join as soon as possible.

[Secretary of State KBAT site](#)

[Business Sign Up Form](#)

[WBKO article](#)

[WHAS11 Louisville video](#)



SEXTORTION BILL TO BE RENEWED THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Hopefully you remember that last legislative session (2024), PATH was working with the UNA-USA KY Division to get legislation introduced that would protect Kentucky's children in terms of sextortion. Sextortion is one of the fastest growing internet crimes and Kentucky would be one of a handful of states, should it pass, with this kind of legislation.

A press event will be held the first week of February to discuss the bills filed this legislative session (2025). Watch your local news to be informed.

Watch this newsletter and the [PATH facebook page](#) for further information on the bill's progress. We may need you to call or write your legislators so that we can get this bill through committee and onto the governor's desk for signature before the session ends.

PATH IN THE FIELD



2025 EVENTS

9 JANUARY – HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101
Presented by Dr. Deb Young, EdD, EdS, MSSW

16 JANUARY – RECOGNIZING GROOMING
Presented by Dr. Deb Young, EdD, EdS, MSSW

23 JANUARY – 21ST CENTURY FAMILY DYNAMICS
Presented by Tiffany Johnson

30 JANUARY – TRAUMA INFORMED CAREGIVING
Presented by Dr. Dr. Kaylee Archey, DSW, LICSW

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Through the generosity of a grant from the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, PATH was able to present 4 low cost virtual webinars geared toward social workers, nurses and foster families each Thursday during January. Over 100 attendees registered and CE credits were offered for nurses and social workers.

A huge thanks to PATH board member, Dr. Debra Young, Tiffany Johnson, and Dr. Kaylee Archey for sharing their time and expertise with us during Human Trafficking Awareness month.

Our hope is to be able to offer more of these sessions throughout the year so watch for more information throughout the coming months.

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