

### April 2024

## PATH EDUCATION

PATH was privileged to table at the inaugural Adelante Hispanic Achievers Resource Fair on Saturday, April 27 at Bellarmine University. Incoming board chair, Sr Jacqueline Aceto, SCN, met with over 25 families served by Adelante as well as other vendors and was able to answer questions and provide materials on human trafficking in both English and Spanish.

With the help of Adelante provided interpreter, Diego, Sister Jacquie answered questions from several families on resources available to assist people who performed jobs but were not paid appropriately or at all. 311 is an excellent resource to find legal support for these potential labor trafficking situations. It was heartbreaking to hear these stories from local people in our community and, once again, serves as a reminder that trafficking, in all its forms, occurs every day in Louisville.

As a reminder, per the National Institute of Justice abor trafficking in the U.S. tends to be concentrated around certain trades, specifically occupations that are especially risky or require a tremendous amount of physical effort. In 2000, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) defined labor trafficking as: "The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery."[1] Research on U.S. citizen victims of labor trafficking has been scarce. Although studies have mainly focused on undocumented immigrant labor trafficking, the labor trafficking of U.S. citizens certainly occurs, and certain groups are thought to be at higher risk. People of lower socio-economic backgrounds and levels of education, those with cognitive disabilities, youths who have run away, and those who suffer from drug addiction and homelessness are believed to be particularly vulnerable to this type of exploitation.

Adelante is a non-profit organization in Louisville, Kentucky devoted to empowering Latinx youth. It believes that with guidance and support, every student can achieve, whatever that means for them. Its' programs focus on five core pillars and are designed to encourage the holistic development of the Achievers in close partnership with their parents and families. Lastly, the programs and services are provided free of charge to Achievers and their families.

PATH previously presented Human Trafficking 101 at Adelante and was honored to be asked to provide resources for this inaugural event for families serviced by Adelante.

[note 1] United States, "Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000," (Washington, D.C.: U.S. G.P.O., 2000).







#### **Upcoming May Education Events**

On Monday, May 20, current board secretary, Dr. Deb Young and incoming board vice chair, Dr. Theresa Hayden will be presenting to meeting and event planning professionals at Meeting Professional International's World Education Congress. Their session is entitled Myth Busters: Taking Action Against Human Trafficking in Events.

Drs. Young and Hayden will also be presenting on Wednesday, May 22 at the Tri-State Trauma Network's Human Trafficking Training inaugural event. The Network operates in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio,

Its' mission is: To be an active leader and partner in creating a community-wide commitment to the prevention of and recovery from trauma and toxic stress by providing training, education, consultation, and resources, and promoting the practice of trauma-informed care.

Our focus is on offering high-quality training to professionals, building community awareness, serving as a clearinghouse for information and resources, fostering collaboration, and developing trauma-informed and trauma-responsive systems of care.

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