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PATH EDUCATION

Are you aware of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)? HSI is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, responsible for investigating transnational crime and threats, specifically those criminal organizations that exploit the global infrastructure through which international trade, travel and finance move. HSI's mission is to investigate, disrupt and dismantle terrorist, transnational and other criminal organizations that threaten or seek to exploit the customs and immigration laws of the United States.

Learn more about HSI here: Homeland Security Investigations

HSI investigates Child Exploitation, Human Trafficking and Human Smuggling. One portion of Child Exploitation is sextortion and HSI is actively involved in fighting this crime.

If you or someone you care about is a sextortion victim, you can help HSI stop the harassment and arrest the criminal while getting the support you need, including <u>removing explicit online images</u> by doing the following:

- Reporting sextortion, before it happens to someone else. One sextortion
 CyberTip helped HSI identify and help 30 victims. If someone threatens to
 share explicit images of you, they're likely also threatening friends or
 others you know.
- Saving all conversations, chats or messages between the predator and the victim.
- Refusing to pay or send more images, which actually makes things worse. HSI's special agents work tirelessly around the world with a victim-centered approach to protect children from exploitation. In fiscal year 2021, HSI arrested 3,776 individuals for perpetrating crimes against children and rescued or identified 1,177 child victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.



PATH YEAR IN REVIEW

What a year it's been. Like most of us do this time of year, we like to look back and reflect on our 2023 journey.

We are thankful for all the lives we have educated, the partnerships we

developed, the media partners who helped spread the word, the generous donors who fund our work, our dedicated board members and you, our committed reader. We hope you have a restful and peaceful New Year!

2023 Highlights:

- During Human Trafficking Awareness Month, PATH was pleased to be a human trafficking subject matter expert for local Louisville media - WAVE3, WFMP Forward Radio 106.5, and Louisville Public Media.
- Educated close to 500 people about human trafficking through partnerships with the University of Louisville Women's Center, Kentucky's Foster Care Youth Empowerment, Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce, West Virginia's Adult Education Association, and Wellcare.
- Increased trafficking awareness in the Latinx community by partnering with Adelante Hispanic Achievers and La Casita Center.
- Began the PATH Education feature in the monthly newsletter.
- Participated in the inaugural Jefferson Juvenile Summit, a collaboration of youth services providers hosted by the Jefferson County Youth Court.
- Began the next phase of strategic planning.
- Participated in Give For Good fundraising event and was featured on the Community Foundation of Louisville's Facebook Live the morning of the event.

PATH IN THE BOARDROOM



The PATH Board has been working on strategic planning over the last six months. Dec. 16th was the latest planning meeting. Exciting things are happening and we appreciate all our Board members and their dedication to PATH and its' mission.

PATH AND YOU



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