



FEBRUARY 2022

HUMAN
TRAFFICKING 
Awareness Conference
University of Louisville

The University of Louisville Women's Center in partnership with People Against Trafficking Humans Coalition of Kentucky hosted the 12th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Conference on Thursday, February 24th virtually. Speakers included Heather Wagers and Catherine York of the KY Attorney General's Office of Trafficking & Abuse Prevention & Prosecution, Det. Regina Lunce of the KY State Police Drug Enforcement Special Investigation West, Human Trafficking West Division, and Michelle Frank and Kendra Garey of Refuge For Women. The conference was moderated by PATH Board Member, Jamieca Jones and PATH Community Presenter, Kayla Thomas.

There was so much great information shared. Below are just a few of the highlights:

- National Human Trafficking Hotline: 3,134 contacts in Kentucky since 2007.
- In 2019, Kentucky ranked 9th in the country for new criminal human trafficking cases at the federal court level. 75% of these were sex trafficking cases. Source: Trafficking Institute's 2019 Federal Human Trafficking Report.
- In the 2020 Report, 100% of the defendants were sentenced to a term of imprisonment.
 - 208 months was the average prison sentence.
 - Defendants were both labor and sex traffickers (50% each).
 - Federal judges in Kentucky ordered 50% of convicted defendants to pay restitution in 2020.
- Did you know there is a Kentucky Statute which requires a State Police Human Trafficking Unit and mandatory training courses for law enforcement students and certified peace officers? This has helped coordination with POLARIS.
 - In November 2017 Kentucky State Police became the HUB for the National Human Trafficking Hotline (Polaris) in Kentucky.
 - All complaints that come from the Hotline will be called into Kentucky State Police Headquarters radio at Post 12 (Frankfort, Kentucky).
 - Polaris will follow up the complaint with an email to headquarters radio as well as all persons listed on the Kentucky Distribution List.
 - The Dispatcher will determine the location of the complaint and contact the appropriate Post.
 - Fayette and Jefferson County complaints will be sent to their dispatch center.
 - Headquarters Radio record the complaint.

- 1-888-373-7888 National Human Trafficking Hotline
- help@humantraffickinghotline.org
- www.humantraffickinghotline.org

If you missed attending this year, make sure it is on your radar to attend in 2023!

PATH IN THE FIELD

Our community presenter, Kayla Thomas, is out and about delivering vital education on human trafficking. Visit [PATH's website to schedule your training today!](#)

Active Alliance Presentation for Silver Creek High School

All youth are inherently vulnerable to exploitation. Our Active Alliance human trafficking prevention program helps high school students learn early identification of vulnerabilities and exploitation, learn the signs of healthy relationships, and identify red flags of human trafficking. PATH presented this essential program to Silver Creek High School on Feb. 7-8. This program is vital because students need to receive sensitive, and age-appropriate education on human trafficking prevention.

Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce Human Trafficking 101

The Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon for members on Feb. 10 where PATH had the opportunity to speak on human trafficking 101. This presentation reached a group of business leaders who can carry out new goals to improve the community and its' response to human trafficking.



Marshall University Family Violence Master's in Social Work Presentation

This presentation, on February 15 for Marshall University, equipped social work graduate students with knowledge on the intersectionality between family violence and human trafficking. This session outlined how taken together, family members can be involved in the initial stages of human trafficking cases and around two-thirds of child trafficking cases.

Whitel Hall Elementary School Educate the Educator Session

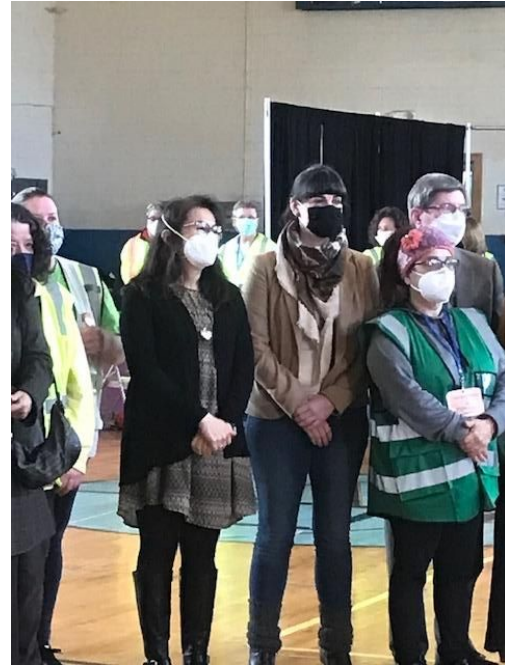
Teachers, administrators, counselors, and other school officials are essential components in the prevention of human trafficking. On February 21, Madison County Whitel Elementary School teachers were educated on how to spot signs of human trafficking and recognize potential victims in the classroom. These teachers walked away with knowledge on human trafficking, risk factors of students, and resources to report potential exploitative situations.

PATH IN THE BOARDROOM

PATH has FANTASTIC board members! Not only do they give their time, talent and treasure to PATH but they share it with our local community as well.



Sister Jacqueline Aceto, LPN, volunteers with Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness at its COVID vaccination sites. The photo above is Sr. Jacqueie administering a COVID vaccination at Americana Community Center.



Dr. Patricia Bautista-Cervera, third from left in the white mask, works for La Casita Center. La Casita Center was recognized with a proclamation from Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer for its' work on educating about COVID vaccinations and hosting COVID vaccination events for its' clients.

PATH AND YOU

SAVE THE DATES

We can't do our work without your fantastic support. Please save the following dates for special fundraising events and mark your calendar to support PATH. 100% of funds raised goes toward providing human trafficking education.

May 10 - Kentucky Gives Day

September 15 - Give for Good

November 29 - Giving Tuesday

**Be The Key Lapel Pin Fundraiser by
Ms. Sam Gibson**

The lapel pin is available for \$10 through

First Lady Sam Gibson's pin



"Be the Key"

*Raising awareness about
human trafficking*

October, 2022. Email

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