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## PATH EDUCATION

In our July newsletter, we introduced you to information about the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA). We are pleased to announce that it was passed out of the House Energy & Commerce Committee on Wednesday Sept 18.

KOSA is the most comprehensive child protection bill currently pending before the U.S. Congress. If passed, it will require all online platforms to design their products in a way that keeps children safe – establishing a duty of care.

KOSA has already passed the Senate so to move through the House Committee puts this comprehensive bill one step closer to becoming law.

“While we still have more work to do on KOSA, we are pleased that we are one step closer to having this legislation signed into law before the end of the 118th Congress,” Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), the co-author of the upper chamber’s version of the bill and KOSA co-author Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) said in a statement following the Sept. 18th markup.

# 2025 **UPCOMING** EVENTS

## SAVE THE DATES

**9 JANUARY**

**16 JANUARY**

**23 JANUARY**

**30 JANUARY**

**DURING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH, PATH WILL PRESENT FOUR VIRTUAL WEBINARS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING TOPICS INCLUDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101.**

**SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON.**

**EACH WEBINAR WILL BE PRESENTED FROM 11:30AM-1:00PM EASTERN.**

## PATH AND YOU

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Thank You, Gracias, Merci, Danke. We couldn't have done it without you! On Thursday, Sept. 12, during Give For Good, PATH raised over \$3000. Give For Good is PATH's major day of fundraising and we are honored you chose to donate some of your hard earned dollars to support our mission. We are working diligently to increase our efforts to provide education about human trafficking, your generous donation will allow us to continue these efforts.

# PATH IN THE BOARDROOM

PATH is honored to have Dr. Patricia Bautista-Cervera as one of our valued board members. We are pleased to celebrate that Dr. Bautista-Cervera is making history as the first Latina chair of the Louisville Metro Board of Health. The below article is from the Louisville Metro Health and Wellness newsletter. Congratulations Dr. Bautista-Cervera!

## **Louisville Metro Board of Health Chair recognized during National Hispanic Heritage Month for making history**

Dr. Patricia Bautista-Cervera is making history as the first Latina chair of the Louisville Metro Board of Health. She was elected as the [Board of Health Chair](#) in July, after serving as vice chair.

“During the pandemic, it became clear that we are all part of a community and that if one of us isn’t okay we all feel the negative effects and that we must work together to stay healthy,” said Dr. Bautista-Cervera. “I am so thrilled to be taking on this new role which represents not just a huge responsibility, but also an enormous opportunity to promote health and disease prevention in the community by working closely with a diverse group of individuals and organizations.”

Dr. Bautista-Cervera began serving on the Board of Health in July 2022 as co-chair of the Immunizations Advocacy Committee. In her previous role, she worked to improve population health and health literacy within the Louisville Metro community. She was also commissioned as a member of the Health Disparity and Equity Technical Advisory Committee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky by Governor Andy Beshear.

Dr. Bautista-Cervera is a passionate advocate for immunizations and health equity. She played a major role in collaborating in the establishment and promotion of culturally informed vaccination clinics and campaigns for the Latinx and other migrant communities.

Since 2019, she has been working with La Casita Center, a unique organization in Kentucky that enhances the well-being of Louisville’s Latinx community through education, empowerment, advocacy and wellness. Her role with the organization, as a Health Empowerment Coordinator, includes health education and disease prevention.

Additionally, she has served as a Community Advisory Board Member of the University of Louisville Superfund Research Center’s Community Engagement Core since 2019. She also serves on the board of the People Against Trafficking Humans Coalition of Kentucky.

Dr. Bautista-Cervera was born in Mexico City, Mexico. She received her medical degree from the National Autonomous University (UNAM) School of Medicine in Mexico and was trained as a pediatrician and trained in pediatric allergy at the National Institute of Pediatrics (INP) in Mexico City. Her journey to Louisville took place in 1994, when she accompanied her husband, a pediatric oncologist, to be trained in bone marrow transplant.

In 2018, Dr. Bautista-Cervera earned a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Health Promotion from the University of Louisville.

“Louisville is my home. As an immigrant, Louisville welcomed my husband and me and has been where we raised our family. I am deeply intertwined with the

people and the community here, and so, when something affects Louisville, I feel it too," said Dr. Bautista-Cervera. "Once, while seeing a patient, I realized that what I love about being a physician is having the opportunity to share the observations I make and my knowledge on how to prevent sickness and how to fight it off if you do get sick. It is an honor to now serve as the chair of the Louisville Metro Board of Health, and I look forward to continuing to work in collaboration with members of my community to keep Louisville healthy."



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