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PATH EDUCATION

Federal and State efforts to protect children online

In the May, July and September issues of this newsletter, we provided updates on the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA). KOSA is the first federal legislation in over 25 years which attempts to protect children while they are online. KOSA passed the Senate but is still awaiting a vote in the House. This federal law would hold accountable big internet and tech companies by requiring them to "take reasonable measures in the design and operation of products or services used by minors to prevent and mitigate certain harms that may arise from that use".

Here in Kentucky, during the last legislative session in January and February, 2024, PATH partnered with The United Nations Association - Kentucky Division in attempting to get a sextortion law passed. Senate Bill 181 Sponsored by Senator Julie Raque Adams, SB181 sought to establish the crime of sexual extortion as a felony; include sexual extortion in the definition of "sex crime"; require superintendents of local school districts to notify students in grades 4 and above and parents and guardians of all students of the crime of sexual extortion; require local school boards to display posters in schools with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims; and require postsecondary institutions to display posters with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims in residence halls, classroom buildings, and student centers.

SB181 did not get out of committee last session but we are dedicated to working with United Nations Association - Kentucky Division to get this bill renewed and through our state legislature when the new session starts at the beginning of 2025. It is imperative we protect our children's online presence and usage. Watch this newsletter for more information and possible calls to action once the session begins.

2025 UPCOMING EVENT

SAVE THE DATE – REGISTER NOW

9 JANUARY – 11:00 AM–12:30 PM EDT

**Human Trafficking 101
presented by Dr. Debra Young, EdD,
EdS, MSSW, PATH Board Member**

JOIN US AS PATH PRESENTS HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101, THE FIRST IN A FOUR PART WEBINAR SERIES, DURING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH, JANUARY 2025.

REGISTER TODAY!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, PATH is pleased to present four low cost, virtual webinars during Human Trafficking Awareness Month, January 2025. The first event will take place on Thursday, January 9 from 11am-12:30pm EDT and will be an excellent overview to Human Trafficking 101.

Presented by PATH Board Member Dr. Debra Young, participants:

- Will be able to identify the types of human trafficking
- Will recognize the impact human trafficking has on the family dynamic
- Will identify prevention and intervention methods used when working/living with survivors of human trafficking
- Will develop a working knowledge of human trafficking and the importance of prevention

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*Continuing education credits pending in Kentucky and West Virginia for social workers and in Kentucky for nurses

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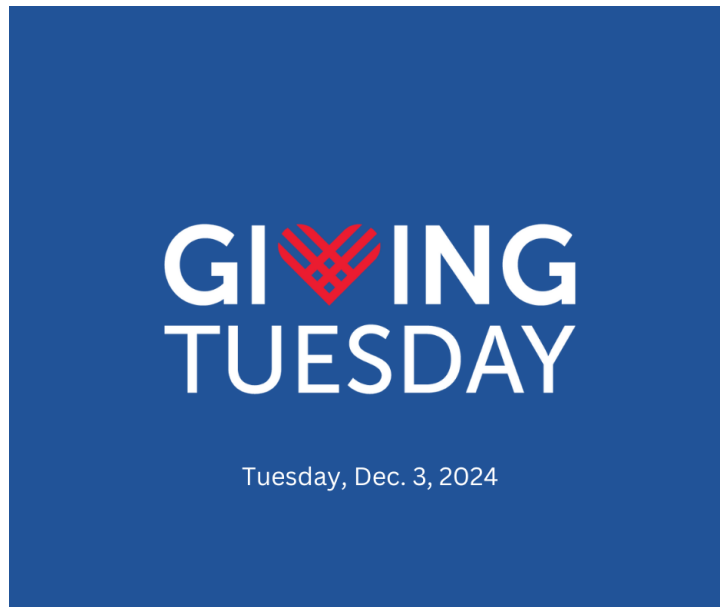
On November 20th, PATH Vice Chair, Dr. Theresa Hayden, participated in the Mercy Academy Senior Capstone Community Day.

Melissa Smith, Mercy's Director of Service, commented "We are so grateful for your partnership and sharing your expertise with our students. The positive impact you have on our community is incredible, and we thank you for allowing our students to learn from you."

Back in 2021, PATH worked in conjunction with a group of Mercy Seniors on a yearlong Compassion Capstone project. The project was a human trafficking presentation that the seniors could give to their fellow students so that all became more educated about trafficking.

PATH appreciates the opportunity to continue our educational work with Mercy Academy.

PATH AND YOU



Tuesday, Dec. 3 is designated as a global day of giving. The first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, known as Giving Tuesday, was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good.

Many non-profits, PATH included, rely on donations on Giving Tuesday from like minded individuals who support its' cause. If you need a year end gift or just want to support, it doesn't matter how much you give, just THAT you give.

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