

# September 2025

## **PATH AND YOU**



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## Give for Good - Thursday, September 18th

On Thursday, September 18th, PATH once again participated in its' annual fundraising day, Give For Good. Thanks to the generosity of 30 donors including Maritz, Inc., Sr Jacqueline Aceto and Dr. Theresa Hayden, who generously provided matching donation funds, PATH raised over \$7500.

Thank you to all who gave and supported our small non-profit on this BIG day of giving.

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TAKE THE FREE SESSION LOCATED ON PATH'S WEBSITE.

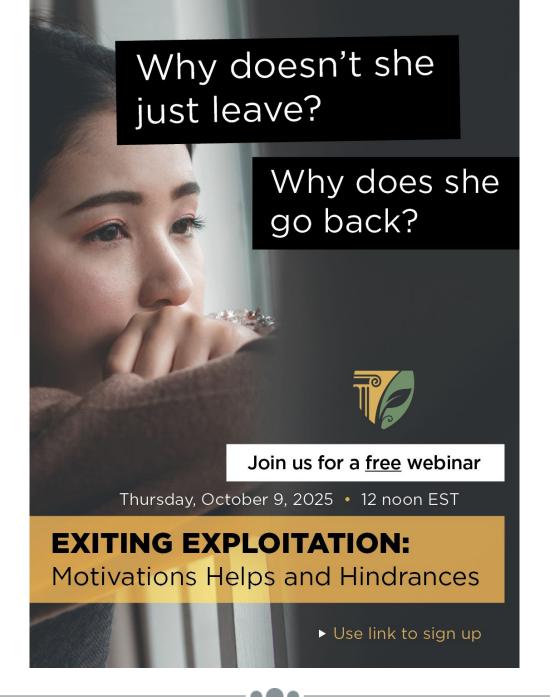
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TEN-4 Day is quickly approaching.

Remember we are all mandated reporters.



The Institute for Survivor Care will be holding a virtual session on Oct. 9 to release the key findings of its' sex trafficking survivor study. Register for this free session by clicking the graphic below.



# **PATH IN THE FIELD**

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#### **HOW NURSES CAN RECOGNIZE**

- Nurses should be aware of warning signs, recognize situations that need investigation, and must be trained on how to interview possible victims. Nurses should watch for general signs that an adult or child is in a trafficking situation.
- Nurses working in urgent care, emergency departments, and public health or the community are more likely to encounter people held in captivity.
- Nursing research supports using trauma-informed care (TIC) to avoid or reduce retraumatization of trafficked individuals who are accessing healthcare.
- Institutions must develop plans to identify and care for people who are abused and trafficked.

PATH Director of Programs, Jaime Thompson, facilitated an education session for students enrolled in Bellarmine University's accelerated BSN (ABSN) program, pursuing career opportunities in nursing. On September 19th, eight students and their instructor learned about the different types of human trafficking, with content focused on indicators and signs for healthcare workers and nurses to know. A discussion and questions and answer period followed the presentation and expanded on the need for raised awareness and gaps in response services needed to help victims and survivors of trafficking.

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#### TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSES

- · Incorporate elements of evidence-based treatment
- Develop awareness of triggering interactions and incorporate opportunities for choice and autonomy
- Rejecting treatment may be a way of communicating distress
- · Increase opportunities for social support
- · Address vicarious traumatization
- · Provide services without companions or minders present.
- Trafficked people may fear disclosing information for safety reasons
- Provide crisis care with little background information and accept that
  patients may not wish or be able to return for follow-up care





PATH was pleased to induct new board members at its' August 9th Annual Meeting. We are excited to introduce you to them in the next few newsletters starting with Jennifer Cox.



Jennifer works at the University of Louisville in the Department of Criminal Justice. Her teaching interests include research methods, quantitative analysis, sex crimes, and youth violence. Jennifer joined the board in Fall 2025 and is looking forward to what she can do to help end the suffering in human trafficking. Jennifer brings many years of teaching experience and connections within the criminal justice system.

We can't thank Jennifer enough for joining our board and look forward to being able to utilize her knowledge and skills.



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