



Prevention and Protection: Taking Action to Combat Human Trafficking

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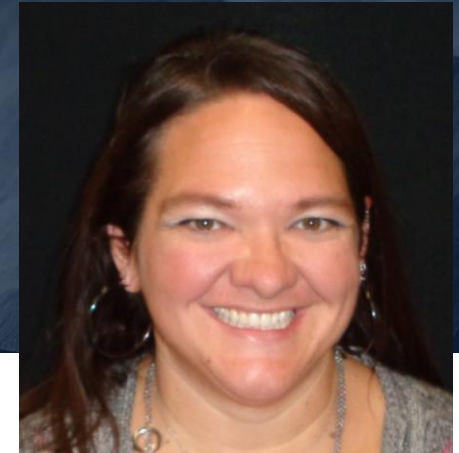
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What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a crime that involves the exploitation of someone for the purpose of forced labor or commercial sex through the use of force, fraud or coercion. Children cannot consent to commercial sex acts; therefore, any commercial sex act involving a minor is, by definition, human trafficking.

Human Trafficking Statistics

“Human trafficking transcends demographic categories. Its survivors span the spectrum of race, class, and geography. However, some populations are at greater risk for trafficking than others, and runaway and homeless youth are among the most vulnerable.”

– U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, “The Overlap of Human Trafficking and Runaway and Homeless Youth”



In 2018, over half (51.6%) of the criminal human trafficking cases active in the U.S. were sex trafficking cases involving only children.



The average age someone enters the sex trade in the U.S. is 12 to 14 years old.

ICJ and Human Trafficking

Last year, State ICJ Offices facilitated the return of 770 runaways to their home states.

In those cases, human trafficking was:

- Confirmed in 14 cases
- Suspected in 23 cases

Given the close connection between runaways and human trafficking, many believe those numbers are much higher.



State ICJ Offices & Human Trafficking



Human trafficking is a key issue for State ICJ Offices because of the close connection between human trafficking and runaways.

How is your State ICJ Office involved in anti-trafficking work?

The Intersection of ICJ and Human Trafficking



There is growing recognition that the human trafficking of children is an issue in the U.S. But there is much work still to be done to effectively combat this crime and provide appropriate services and support to victims.

What barriers arise when human trafficking and ICJ intersect?

ICJ Human Trafficking Resources and Materials

The Commission has worked to address trafficking in many different ways including:

Key Concepts
in Human
Trafficking

ICJ Returns, Human
Trafficking, and
Federal Authorities
White Paper

Responding to Human
Trafficking Victims
with ICJ Best Practice

ICJ Human
Trafficking
Matrices





Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice Recommendations

- Provide training on types of trafficking and use of human trafficking indicator in UNITY.
- UNITY Enhancements:
 - Expand use of human trafficking data collection (Make mandatory in return cases, and make available in other cases).
 - Expand gender selections to include non-binary option(s).
- Consider ICJ Rule amendment to promote equitable practices.

ICJ and Anti-Trafficking Work



Please share your responses to the following question in the feedback survey conducted after the Annual Business Meeting ends.

What could the Commission do to better support states in anti-trafficking work?