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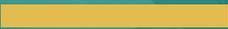
**EDUCATORS
CAN PREVENT AND
END HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

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Educators are uniquely positioned to prevent and end human trafficking. Teachers, administrators, and school staff can identify, report, and help students who are at-risk or may be victims of human trafficking. Whether you are a teacher, staff member, or administrator, you interact with students regularly and are aware of changes that can be warning signs. As an educator, you can make a big difference with simple additions to what you are already doing every day!

The following pages include common questions and answers to help you gain essential knowledge and understand how educators can make a difference. You will find additional resources at the end with direct links to get you started!

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

ARE STUDENTS AT-RISK?

While there is no one face of a human trafficking victim, runaway and homeless youth and foster youth are especially vulnerable. Youth who are facing challenging or unstable family situations can be at risk as well.

Students often seek connection, affirmation, popularity, and acceptance from their friend groups, social media, and events outside of school. These are all ways that traffickers monitor and engage with potential victims, establish trust, and ultimately exploit them.

IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAPPENING IN MY COMMUNITY?

Human trafficking impacts every community, whether rural, urban, or metropolitan. It is happening in industries such as in farming, factories, and transportation. Understanding driving factors for a community can help educators identify risk factors for students. Human trafficking can happen in schools, after-school programs, and to students from all demographics.

HOW DO I TALK WITH STUDENTS?

Even if youth are familiar with the term human trafficking, they may think it only happens overseas, involves kidnapping, or believe they would never be at risk. Educators should know what human trafficking is, the tactics of traffickers, and ways to share with students how it looks in their context. Educating students will help protect them from exploitation.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE CONTINUED

HOW CAN MY SCHOOL RESPOND?

Find out if your school has training for staff and a protocol in place. If there are not existing protocols for when identifications are made, then responses will be delayed, and students will not receive the support and services they need. Everyone who interacts with students must know what procedures to follow if they suspect, identify, or have a student report human trafficking. Also, find out if awareness resources are available for teachers to incorporate into classrooms to educate and equip students with the knowledge they need to keep themselves and their peers safe. Teachers can also explore curriculum to incorporate into the classroom that meets school standards and is engaging for students.

HOW CAN I SHARE INDICATOR MATERIALS WITH COLLEAGUES AND STAFF?

Sharing free indicators cards, posters, and other materials can provide quick references for staff to refer to. Posting the National Human Trafficking Hotline in visible places around campus for students, staff, and visitors can lead to a report or someone seeking help. Displaying and sharing materials for all personnel who interact with students can ensure that everyone has the same foundation.

WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO?

Students can be powerful voices in campus clubs, sports, classrooms, and more. Students can go from being at-risk to advocates in their community while engaging their peers and schools to bring awareness. Looking for ways students can hear from and engage with fellow peers is critical to student engagement.

HOW CAN I EQUIP PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CAREGIVERS?

Students use their phones and devices at school and at home, making them vulnerable to exploitation. Ensuring parents know about the latest apps, settings, and ways youth are communicating with one another is a form of prevention. Equipping parents with the knowledge they need is critical to keeping youth safe.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE CONTINUED

HOW CAN I RECEIVE CURRENT UPDATES ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Following trusted organizations and specific hashtags on social media can help you have the latest information and be inspired with ways you can engage. Staying up-to-date with new resources, facts, cases, and ways others are engaging will help you know trends and changes in the movement. You can also sign up for Google alerts about human trafficking in your community.

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

YOU are uniquely positioned with your students because of your role as an educator. Whether you are a teacher, an administrator, or a staff member, you can leverage the passion, skills, resources, and network you have to influence your school and impact students' lives. Whether through prevention, identification, rescue/exit, restoration, or reform, there are many ways you can practically engage. Explore Engage Together® Toolkits that will show you action items, ideas, and real examples of ways you can enhance what you are already doing, come alongside those already working in the field, or fill a gap.

WHAT'S THE FIRST STEP?

The first step to engaging is getting the knowledge you need. Learn what human trafficking is and how to report it with the free Justice U™ Human Trafficking Awareness Course. Share the course with your administration, colleagues, and student leaders. We believe that the first step to making a difference is to become educated how to recognize and report.

QUICKLINKS

RESOURCES FOR
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- Find out how students are vulnerable and can be at-risk with the Engage Together® Blog [“Is My Student At-Risk?”](#) and learn what can be done to keep them safe.
- Learn the [“5 Risks for Youth Online”](#) and what you can do from the Engage Together® Blog. This article offers practical things you can do with over 10 resources for information.
- Watch [sex trafficking awareness videos](#) from the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign to learn how youth are vulnerable, how youth are recruited in schools, and how students can become entrapped.
- Explore curriculums to incorporate into your classroom from [The A21 Campaign](#), [3 Strands Global](#), [iEmpathize](#), [kNOw More!](#), and the [Prevention Project](#).
- [Netsmartz](#) offers resources specific for kids, youth, and teens to talk to them about dangers online and the activities they engage in. Equip yourself with these teaching resources and share the videos with parents and students.
- Discover [“Is Human Trafficking Happening In My Community?”](#) with this Engage Together® Blog.

RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS CONTINUED

- Learn the industries where human trafficking is taking place with Polaris Project’s report “[The Typology of Modern Slavery](#)”.
- Review the “[How To Talk To Youth About Human Trafficking](#)” toolkit from Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign to learn what human trafficking looks like for students, lifestyle factors that contribute to their vulnerability, and ways to approach the topic.
- The Department of Education has created the [Human Trafficking in America’s Schools](#) guide to help educators understand how human trafficking impacts schools, learn indicators, and develop policies, protocols, and partnerships to address and prevent the exploitation of children.
- Educators must know what to do when they encounter a suspected or confirmed human trafficking or exploitation situation. Find out how schools can respond with the Engage Together® Blog “[Schools and Human Trafficking: Response and Protocols](#).”
- Download free indicator cards, handouts, posters, and more from the [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#), [Blue Campaign](#), and the [Look Beneath the Surface Campaign](#).
- Equip and empower the students in your life with the [AFRJ® Student Council Toolkit](#), a toolkit created for students with actions they can take to become lifelong advocates.
- Students are often an untapped resource. The Engage Together® Blog “[From At-Risk To Advocate: Equipping and Empowering Students](#)” shares how students can go from being at-risk to advocates in their community while engaging their peers and schools to bring awareness.
- Equip parents, guardians, and caregivers with the knowledge they need about online safety with the [Engage Together® and Justice U™ Online Safety Toolkit](#). This toolkit has over 60 resources with information about YouTube, TikTok, photo sharing, and more.

RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS CONTINUED

- Get started by following trusted social media outlets, such as The Blue Campaign [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) & [Twitter](#), Polaris [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#), Shared Hope International [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), & [Instagram](#), and NetSmartz [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), & [Instagram](#).
- Follow social media hashtags: #endhumantrafficking, #humantrafficking
- Sign-up for the [Engage Together® Online Access](#) for toolkits and resources filled with action items, ideas, and practical examples to help you engage and make a difference as an educator.
- The free [Justice U™ Human Trafficking Awareness Course](#) will educate you on what human trafficking is, who is vulnerable, how to report and more. Earn your digital badge and share with your network.



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Engage Together® provides both individuals and organizations the ideas, tools, insights, connections, and resources they need to end and prevent human trafficking in their local community.



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