



A brief overview of current news and updates on Ohio's anti-trafficking movement. If you do not wish to receive future updates, please reply to this [email](#) with a request to unsubscribe.



NEWS

On May 3, two Lima men were [convicted](#) by a federal jury of human trafficking charges for their role in a conspiracy in which two girls, then 14 and 16 years old, were forced into commercial sex acts in Lima and Fort Wayne, IN.

On April 26, two Toledo men were [indicted](#) on federal charges including sex trafficking of minors and production of child pornography. One of the men named in the indictment facilitated a victim being sexually exploited by several other men, according to court documents.

In January 2017, an Ohio man was [convicted](#) in federal court of one count of sex trafficking of a minor and other related charges for his involvement in the transportation of minors and adults from Ohio to Missouri to engage in commercial sex acts. On April 20, he was sentenced to 300 months in prison.

On April 4, the Erie County Prosecutor's Office [hosted](#) a roundtable discussion on human trafficking as part of a series of stakeholder meetings held in conjunction with Governor John Kasich's State of the State address.

TOOLS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Human Trafficking Bench Card for Juvenile Courts

The Supreme Court of Ohio developed a [resource](#) for Ohio's juvenile courts on human trafficking, Ohio laws and guidance on implementing a safe harbor response.

The Typology of Modern Slavery: Defining Sex and Labor Trafficking in the United States

[Polaris](#) released a [report](#) detailing 25 types of modern slavery based on an analysis of more than 32,000 cases of human trafficking documented between 2007 and 2016 through the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

March for Freedom Columbus

May 7, 2 p.m. @ Columbus City Hall, 90 W Broad St. Columbus, OH

March for Freedom Columbus is hosting its 3rd annual march to raise awareness of human trafficking. Find additional details and register [here](#).

S.O.A.P. up Delaware (OH)

May 20, 9:30 a.m. @ Shawnee Hills Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 47 Hall St. Powell, OH

The Salvation Army of Central Ohio, Delaware County Against Human Trafficking Coalition and the S.O.A.P. Project (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) are hosting a hotel outreach event. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Freedom A La Cart Volunteer Mentor Training

May 20, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. @ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff Rd. Columbus, OH

[Freedom A La Cart](#) is providing a training for those interested in serving as a mentor to participants of the 2-year [CATCH Court program](#). Learn more about the mentor program [here](#).

Frontline To Freedom – Labor Trafficking

June 8, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ RiverTree Christian Church, 7373 Portage St. NW, Massillon, OH

The Children's Network of Stark County, Stark County Juvenile Human Trafficking Task Force, Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers and the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services are hosting a [labor trafficking training](#). CEUs, CMEs and CLEs are available.

SOAP for Hope Youth Film Festival

Submissions due: May 8, 8 p.m.

Festival: June 17, 11 a.m. @ The Gateway Theater, 1550 N High St. Columbus, OH

Youth ages 10 to 24 years old from around the state are invited to create and submit a video, film or PSA examining the topics of labor or sex trafficking in the U.S. Selected entries will be shown at the free [SOAP for Hope Youth Film Festival](#).