



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

[Jennifer Kempton](#), founder of Survivor's Ink, passed away on May 18. Jennifer empowered human trafficking survivors by covering or removing branding tattoos inflicted upon them by their traffickers. She is remembered for her leadership and advocacy on behalf of victims of exploitation.

In the June *Atlantic Monthly*, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist [Alex Tizon](#) tells the story of Eudocia Tomas Pulido, who traveled from her home in the Philippines to the United States to care for Alex and his family for 56 years while suffering maltreatment and no compensation, in his article [My Family's Slave](#).

Beginning this month, all Ohio public children services agency caseworkers are required to complete [human trafficking training](#), including those hired before 2013.

On May 17, the Ohio Senate [passed](#) Senate Bill 4 which would expand the list of crimes that can be expunged from the records of survivors of human trafficking for crimes committed as a result of their exploitation.

On May 26, the Ohio Attorney General [announced](#) the formation of the Cuyahoga County Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, which will investigate incidents of human trafficking primarily in Cuyahoga County.

On April 27, members of the U.S. House of Representatives [introduced](#) the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017. This bill reauthorizes the [Trafficking Victims Protection Act](#) which expires in 2017 and includes funding for both domestic and international anti-trafficking programs.

The [End Banking for Human Traffickers Act of 2017](#) was introduced in the U.S. Senate to aid financial institutions in identifying and reporting instances of human trafficking.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FY 17 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

The [Office of Criminal Justice Services](#) has released a [Request for Proposals](#) to fund culturally specific community-based victim service programs.

FY 17 Mentoring for Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Domestic Sex Trafficking Program and Training & Technical Assistance

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention has released a [grant opportunity](#) to enhance the capacity of applicant organizations to respond to the needs of child victims of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic sex trafficking.

TOOLS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NEW RESOURCE: Translated Human Trafficking Outreach Cards

Through a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Rescue & Restore grant partnership, partners of the Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force developed outreach cards in 13 languages. Request cards through the [Outreach Toolkit on Identifying and Serving Foreign Nationals](#).

Action Guide to Address Opioid Abuse

The Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team released an [Action Guide](#) containing tools and contacts that can be used to improve a community's response to opioid abuse.

Public Children Services Association of Ohio 2017 Factbook

The Public Children Services Association of Ohio released their 2017 [Factbook](#) which includes county-by-county data and details the opportunities and challenges facing Ohio's children and families.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

See & Say: How to Spot the Signs of Human Trafficking

June 10, 1 p.m. @ National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, 50 E Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH
The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, in partnership with [End Slavery Cincinnati](#), is providing a [free human trafficking training program](#) on identifying red flag indicators of trafficking.

Golden Opportunity

June 15, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. @ 20 North Gallery, 18 N Saint Clair St. Toledo, OH
[Advocating Opportunity](#) is hosting a fundraiser event featuring an evening of live music, hors d'oeuvres and updates on the organization's new initiatives. Purchase tickets [here](#).

Multidisciplinary Team Response to High Risk Victims of Child Sex Trafficking

June 15-16, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. @ Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH
The Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers is offering a [free, two-day training](#) on high risk victims of child sex trafficking for service providers and multidisciplinary team professionals facilitated by Fox Valley Technical College.

Over the Edge: Rappel for a Cause

June 15-16 @ PNC Plaza, 155 E Broad St. Columbus, OH
[Gracehaven](#) is hosting a fundraiser to combat child sex trafficking in Ohio. The first 150 fundraisers to raise \$1,000 will earn a spot to rappel down the PNC Plaza in downtown Columbus. Visit the [event page](#) to get involved.

SOAP for Hope Youth Film 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 were 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](#).

Paint & Partake

June 19, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. @ Gillig Winery, 1720 Northridge Rd. Findlay, OH
The Northwest Ohio Rescue & Restore Coalition is hosting a night of wine, art and painting to benefit survivors of human trafficking in the Northwest Ohio area. Learn more about the event [here](#).

Building Cultural Competence for Effective Response to Human Trafficking

July 28, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ Mount Carmel West MSB Auditorium, 793 West State St. Columbus, OH
The Salvation Army, Mount Carmel Crime and Trauma Assistance Program and the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition are hosting a [training](#) to increase Central Ohio's capacity to identify and serve under-identified victims of human trafficking. CEUs are available.