



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 June 19, Ohio Governor John Kasich [announced](#) that the Ohio Investigative Unit, the undercover agents who investigate liquor, tobacco and food stamp violations, has formed Regional Human Trafficking Interdiction Working Groups to assist youth and adults who may be victims of human trafficking by connecting potential victims with services and strengthening partnerships to support a comprehensive state response.

A federal grand jury [charged](#) two Cincinnati brothers with conspiracy to sex traffic children and sex trafficking of children. The victim allegedly ran away from her foster home and was living with a relative whose boyfriend forced her to engage in commercial sex acts.

A Summit County Juvenile Court program aimed at helping minor victims of human trafficking [received](#) its state certification from the Supreme Court of Ohio. The [Safe Harbor](#) program, called [Restore Court](#), seeks to empower exploited youth by providing wrap-around services and holistic help.

Three adults from Lima were [sentenced](#) to prison for their roles in a sex trafficking conspiracy involving a 14-year-old girl who was forced to engage in commercial sex acts in Ohio and Indiana.

Two Cincinnati men were [charged](#) by a federal grand jury with conspiracy to sex traffic children and conspiracy to produce child pornography for allegedly conspiring to coerce the minor victim to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of creating child pornography.

TOOLS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NEW RESOURCE: 2016 Human Trafficking Data from State Sources

The Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force released a new [data report](#) of human trafficking cases as reported by state sources in 2016, as well as an [updated chart](#) of cases from 2014-2016.

2017 Trafficking in Persons Report

The U.S. Department of State released the [2017 Trafficking in Persons Report](#) which provides an updated, global look at the nature and scope of human trafficking and the broad range of government actions to confront and eliminate it.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Human Trafficking 101 Workshop

July 14, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. @ John McIntire Library, 220 N 5th St. Zanesville, OH

The Mid-East Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition (MERRC) is hosting a [free Human Trafficking 101 training](#) where participants will learn about the nature and scope of trafficking.

Partners Against Trafficking of Humans – Stark (PATHS) Yearly Fundraiser

July 26, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. @ Arcadia Grille, 321 Court Ave. NW, Canton, OH

Partners Against Trafficking of Humans – Stark (PATHS) is hosting its [annual fundraiser](#) to support the coalition's education and prevention efforts to combat human trafficking.

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.

She Has A Name Anti-Human Trafficking Training

August 2, 9 & 16, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. @ Columbus College of Art and Design, 60 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, OH

She Has A Name is hosting a three week community education program designed to address human trafficking education and awareness. Sign up [online](#).

Darkness to Light: Summer Yoga in the Park

August 7, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. @ Faurot Park, South Cole St. at Lakewood Ave. Lima, OH

The Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition is hosting an evening of yoga to raise funds to support the coalition's community response to human trafficking. Register [here](#).

Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference

Present - *Deadline to submit a presentation proposal: July 15*

Attend - *September 21-22 @ The University of Toledo, 2801 W Bancroft St. Toledo, OH*

The University of Toledo is hosting its Annual International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference for researchers, service providers, advocates and community members to learn, connect and collaborate to combat human trafficking. [Click here](#) to register or submit a presentation proposal.