



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 August 1, the U.S. Senate [introduced](#) an [amendment](#) as part of the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act of 2017 to limit the protections of website hosts from liability for content posted by others to address sites such as Backpage.com that have been criticized for facilitating child sex trafficking.

A Parma man was [sentenced](#) to 17 ½ years in prison for repeatedly engaging in commercial sex acts with a 14-year-old girl whose images were posted on Backpage.com by a man who is serving 14 years in prison after pleading guilty to sex trafficking charges.

In collaboration with the Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, the Office of Criminal Justice Services [awarded](#) funding to the University of Cincinnati to assess the extent to which youth and children are exploited in Ohio.

A Lima woman was [sentenced](#) to more than 17 years in prison for her role in a sex trafficking conspiracy which caused girls, ages 14 and 16 years old, to engage in commercial sex acts in Lima and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

A Cincinnati man was [sentenced](#) to 210 months (17 ½ years) in prison for sex trafficking of children and production of child pornography for sexually exploiting a 15-year-old female for financial gain.

Cleveland Brown's head coach Hue Jackson has [launched](#) The Hue Jackson Foundation to Combat Human Trafficking and plans to open a 12-bed facility in partnership with The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland to provide healing and treatment to human trafficking survivors.

TOOLS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

U Visa & Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Webinar

August 8, 1 p.m.

ASISTA Immigration Assistance is hosting an interactive webinar on intermediate and advanced U Visa and VAWA case issues, including inadmissibility complications. [Register here.](#)

Office for Victims of Crime Human Trafficking Webinars

The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center has made webinars available discussing best practices and strategies for meeting the needs of [male](#) and [LGBT](#) victims of human trafficking.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ready! Set! Go! Foundations for Prevention

August 2, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. @ Crime Victim Services, 330 N Elizabeth St. 2nd Floor, Lima, OH

The Ohio Human Trafficking Commission's Demand Reduction Sub-Committee and the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence are offering [free training](#) on primary prevention specifically designed for anti-human trafficking organizations.

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. 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](#).

Become Trauma Informed – Two Day Foundational Training

August 14-15, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ Mount Carmel West, 793 W State St. Columbus, OH

Finding Hope Consulting and the Columbus CARE Coalition are hosting an interactive training on the neuroscience of trauma and the healing power of relationships. Contact Marian Stuckey with questions at 614-645-6248.

End Slavery Cincinnati's Human Trafficking Conference: Call for Presenters

Proposal submission deadline: September 15, 9 a.m.

Conference date: February 2, 2018 @ The American Red Cross, 2111 Dana Ave. Cincinnati, OH

End Slavery Cincinnati is seeking presenters to participate in its annual human trafficking conference to discuss diverse topics impacting survivors and community response efforts. [Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and proposal submission procedures.

Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference

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.

CLE Unites To End Human Trafficking

September 27, 11:30 a.m. @ Windows on the River, 2000 Sycamore St. Cleveland, OH

The Collaborative to End Human Trafficking is hosting a [luncheon](#) featuring guest speakers from the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Northern District, Cleveland Municipal Court and S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution).

Trauma Informed Care and Vulnerable Populations

October 17-18, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ Premier Banquet Complex, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, OH

The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital are hosting a two-day [conference](#) on the impact of trauma on vulnerable populations, including individuals impacted by domestic violence, human trafficking and developmental disabilities.