



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

The Office of Criminal Justice Services was [awarded](#) the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Look Beneath the Surface Regional Anti-Trafficking Program grant to build capacity of Ohio's communities to identify and respond to human trafficking.

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund has released a Request for Grant Applications to support prevention programs and community education campaigns in Ohio aimed at eliminating human trafficking and child exploitation. Interested organizations can find more information [here](#).

On October 13, a Columbus man was [sentenced](#) to 180 months in prison for sex trafficking. The man forced women to engage in prostitution through physical force and controlling them with drugs.

Polaris and the Hispanic Communications Network [launched](#) a national campaign to raise awareness of sex trafficking affecting young women and girls from Mexico and other Latin American countries.

The FBI's Operation Cross Country XI [recovered](#) 84 sexually exploited juveniles and arrested 120 traffickers as part of a multi-state human trafficking ring in states including Ohio.

A Dayton strip club has been shut down following an [investigation](#) by the Ohio Investigative Unit. Administrative charges were also issued against two other strip clubs.

TOOLS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NEW RESOURCE: Rescue & Restore Grant Program Impact Report

Through funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Criminal Justice Services implemented a [Rescue & Restore grant program](#) from 2014-2017 to identify foreign national victims of human trafficking. The Impact Report includes an overview of the program, victim data and demographics, lessons learned and plans for sustainability.

Language Access Webinar

The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center has made available a [webinar](#) discussing the role language access plays in providing appropriate and competent services for trafficking victims who are deaf, hard of hearing or those with limited English proficiency.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Protecting Kids from Human Trafficking

November 14, 6:30 p.m. @ Strongsville Middle School Auditorium, 13200 Pearl Rd. Strongsville, OH
The Rotary Club of Strongsville and the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking are hosting a free community forum on protecting youth from human trafficking. Register [here](#).

Freedom A La Cart Volunteer Mentor Training

November 18, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. @ Columbus Metropolitan Library Northside Branch, 1423 N. High St. Columbus, OH

Freedom A La Cart provides supportive services to survivors of human trafficking by pairing volunteer mentors with participants of the [CATCH Court Program](#). Learn more about becoming a mentor [here](#).

What You Need to Know Now: Perspectives on Human Trafficking

November 29, 1 p.m. @ Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Conference Center, 1375 East 9th St. 1 Cleveland Center, Cleveland, OH

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association is hosting a seminar including human trafficking updates from local, state and federal perspectives. 3 CLEs are pending approval. Register [here](#).

Winter Yoga Fundraiser

December 4, 6 – 7:30 p.m. @ Shawnee United Methodist Church, 2600 Zurmehly Rd. Lima, OH

The Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition is hosting a winter yoga fundraiser to support survivors of human trafficking. RSVP [here](#).

Ohio Human Trafficking Awareness Day & Youth Summit

January 11-12, 9 a.m. @ The Ohio Statehouse Atrium

State Representative Teresa Fedor is hosting the 9th Annual Ohio Human Trafficking Awareness Day, which will include an Ohio Youth Trafficking Summit on January 12. For more information contact 614-644-6017 or rep45@ohiohouse.gov.

The Liberator Awards

January 14, 5 – 9 p.m. @ Franciscan Center Theatre, 6832 Convent Blvd. Sylvania, OH

Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution (S.O.A.P.) is hosting the annual Liberator Awards to recognize the work of individuals and groups combating human trafficking in Ohio and Michigan. Cast your votes and purchase tickets [online](#).