

## **IDEAS FOR INCREASING AWARENESS & ACTION**

### **EDUCATION & AWARENESS IDEAS**

Learn and share the facts about child trafficking:

- Learn how child trafficking looks in your community.
- Learn who the most vulnerable are in your community.
- Attend training to understand how to respond to trafficking in your community.

Educate your congregation on how to identify, prevent and respond to trafficking.

- Host awareness events.
- Host an education session such as a panel or workshop
- Distribute educational materials
- Dedicate a religious service to encourage your congregants to learn more about child trafficking
- Host a meditation or prayer vigil in honor of trafficking victims

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- Write (and encourage congregants) blogs, articles or newsletters to reach congregants and the community at-large.
- Use appropriate hashtags (e.g., #Endtrafficking #bluecampaign, etc.) to amplify the importance of this issue in your community.

Show solidarity with survivors

- Incorporate National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month (January) into services/ events.
- Incorporate National Human Trafficking Day (January 11th) into services/ events.
- Conduct a service during international awareness day or world day against trafficking in persons.
- Meditation service
- Shabbat dinners
- Iftar meals
- Social justice events

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### **PREVENTION IDEAS**

- Create programs that serve marginalized and vulnerable individuals within your congregation and community.
- Pay attention to the physical, emotional, and environmental cues that may be red flags or indicators of human trafficking.
- Advocate for legislation to advance anti-trafficking efforts both locally and globally.

### **REPORTING IDEAS**

Place the National Human Trafficking Hotline number in strategic locations throughout your place of worship.

- For example: Bathrooms, back of chairs in the sanctuary, common areas, spaces where kids/youth hangout within the place of workshop.
- Provide hotline postcard as part of your community resources and include it in service programs or bulletins.

Child sex trafficking is a form of child sexual abuse and is a mandated report to Child Protective Services.

- Make sure your congregants have the information necessary to report a potential trafficking situation.

### **NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE**

- CALL: 1-888-373-7888
- TEXT: "BE FREE" (233733)
- LIVE CHAT: [humantraffickinghotline.org](https://humantraffickinghotline.org)

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### **WELCOME & REFER IDEAS**

Create a welcoming environment for trafficking survivors. For many survivors, having a strong faith-community is a source of social, emotional and spiritual support.

Apply the 3Cs:

- Be Compassionate.
- Be Cautious.
- Make the Call.

Explore the online National Human Trafficking Referral Directory to identify critical providers and be aware of the local services providers in your area.

- National Human Trafficking Hotline (888-373-7888)
- Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center
- Amara Legal Center
- Kids In Need of Defense (KIND)
- Catholic Charities
- Tahirih Justice Center
- Araminta Freedom Initiative
- University of Maryland SAFE Center for Human Trafficking
- International Rescue Committee
- FairGirls
- TurnAround, Inc
- Baltimore Child Abuse Center
- Ayuda
- Sasha Bruce Youth Works
- Courtney's House
- Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV)
- Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force

Know the services within your community before a trafficking survivor comes forward so you can serve them immediately and reduce re-traumatization

- **Emergency Services**
  - Crisis Intervention and Counseling
  - Emergency Shelters and Referrals

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- Urgent medical care
- Food and clothing
- **Social Services**
  - Interpretation
  - Case management
  - Housing
  - Job training and education
  - Court accompaniment
  - Employment assistance
  - Transportation
  - Healthcare
- **Legal Services**
  - Immigration status
  - Criminal case services
  - Civil case services
  - Witness protection
  - Family court services
  - Legal representation
  - Vacate convictions

## **PARTNERING IDEAS**

### **Community Partnerships**

- Identify law enforcement and social service organization working to address child trafficking and consider ways to help spread the word.
- Join your local task force or interfaith coalition.
- Encourage members of your congregation to volunteer with local anti-trafficking efforts.
- Connect with other faith leaders of other congregations to share your efforts and knowledge.

### **Training Partnerships**

- Seek available training in your area and encourage congregants to participate
- Encourage congregants in law enforcement, social services, hospitality/service, and healthcare to receive and promote child trafficking awareness and response training.

### **Global Partnerships**

- Support local partnerships and global anti-trafficking efforts with missions' funds, donations, and fund raisers.