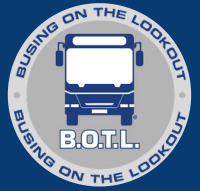


BEYOND BOTL TRAINING:

KEY TALKING POINTS & RESOURCES FOR HOW SCHOOLS CAN HELP COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Schools and education professionals can play a significant role in the fight to end human trafficking. Not only because they are responsible for the health and safety of their students, but also because schools can often serve as recruitment sites for domestic minor sex trafficking. Below are three steps every school can take:

1. Train all staff on the indicators and the nature of human trafficking, and how to respond to suspected cases.

School districts should incorporate human trafficking training into professional development opportunities offered to district and school employees. Think comprehensively about which staff should and will be trained, ranging from bus drivers to administrators. Ultimately, any staff that interacts with students has the potential to recognize signs of human trafficking, and should be included in training plans.

2. Implement curriculum that educates parents and students about the risks and realities of trafficking.

There are a wealth of human trafficking prevention curricula available. Appropriate student-focused curriculum should be designed for youth and be age-appropriate. The Empower Youth Program (EYP), created by i-Emphatize, is a curriculum that strives to equip youth with personal safety strategies and nurture empathy (<https://iemphatize.org/eyp/>).

3. Develop and clearly articulate district or school-wide policies on and protocols for identifying a suspected victim or responding to a disclosure from a suspected victim.

It is important to establish specific protocols and policies for school personnel to follow when the sex trafficking of minors is suspected or disclosed. Existing policies and protocols for addressing other forms of child abuse can serve as a guide, but other agencies such as law enforcement and child welfare should also be consulted.

RESOURCES

Human Trafficking In-Depth Review for Educators

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
https://bit.ly/SchoolResource_NHTRC

Human Trafficking in America's Schools

US Department of Education
https://bit.ly/SchoolResource_USDOE

Schools and Human Trafficking: Response and Protocol

Alliance for Freedom, Restoration, and Justice
https://bit.ly/SchoolResource_AFRJ

Sex Trafficking of Minors: What Schools Need to Know to Recognize and Respond to the Trafficking of Students

National Center for Homeless Education
https://bit.ly/SchoolResource_NCHE

Sample school protocols:

Grossmont Union High School District
https://bit.ly/SchoolResource_protocol1
Madison Metropolitan School District
https://bit.ly/SchoolResource_protocol2