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Governor Larry Hogan Proclaims January As Human Trafficking Awareness Month



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NEWS FROM: GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION,
YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan issued a proclamation recognizing the month of January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Maryland, [during the first day of the Maryland Child Trafficking Virtual Conference](#). [Click here to view the official proclamation!](#)

In a recorded welcome, Governor Hogan thanked those who work on the

front lines of this issue and highlighted his administration's commitment to end human trafficking.

Governor Hogan has prioritized addressing the issue of human trafficking and its impacts in Maryland. The Hogan administration, through the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, has allocated \$58 million since 2015 to support evidence-based and comprehensive anti-human trafficking efforts across Maryland.

"This commitment has already helped over 3,000 victims of human trafficking, including victims of child sex trafficking. In 2019, I signed key legislation that made felony human trafficking a crime of violence, and labor trafficking a criminal offense," said Governor Hogan. "It takes resources, dedication, and compassion from each of us to put an end to this horrific crime and to support victims and their families."

In 2018, Governor Hogan tasked the Child Advocacy Centers Best Practices Workgroup with developing protocols for Child Advocacy Centers and their law enforcement partners, as well as other organizations working to support child victims of sex trafficking. Recently, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services announced the expansion of the Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act Regional Navigator Program, which connects victims of child trafficking ages 24-years-old and younger with comprehensive services that assist them with achieving safety and self-sufficiency. The program now operates in 10 jurisdictions across Maryland.

"We are proud to work closely with our partners to host this conference and protect the health, safety, and overall well-being of children and young people in Maryland," said Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Executive Director Glenn Fueston. "We are committed to building a network of resources and a culture of support for victims of child trafficking that involves equipping folks on the front lines with tools and information they can use to help victims reclaim their lives."

Check out the complete press release for further information

<https://goccp.maryland.gov/2021-child-trafficking-conference/>



Maryland
Child
Trafficking
Virtual
Conference



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The Institute for Innovation and Implementation at University of Maryland School of Social Work, in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force and the Maryland Department of Human Services, hosted the

4th annual Maryland Child Trafficking Conference
on January 11-12, 2021

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Virtual conference was held on the Whova platform
- **610** active users in either the mobile or web app over the two days (78% web and 44% mobile)
- 684 Community Board total messages
- The most popular agenda session was the *Welcome and Opening Keynote Address--Trafficking: Trauma, Resiliency & Evidence-Based Hope* with the following speakers:
 - Keynote: Honorable Robert R. Lung
 - Nadine Finigan-Carr, PhD, PARI Director
 - Glenn Fueston, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
 - Joseph Baldwin, United States Attorney's Office, District of Maryland

- Dean Judy L. Postmus, University of Maryland School of Social Work
- Michelle L. Farr, Maryland Department of Human Services



Word Cloud from Opening Keynote Comments

Participants provided valuable feedback and comments about the opening plenary keynote as demonstrated by this word cloud.

This spirit of being inspired, hopeful, and informed continued throughout the 2 day long conference.

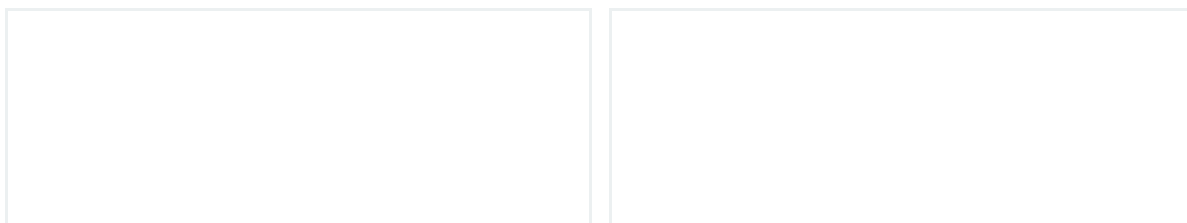


MOST POPULAR WATCHED SESSIONS

- Welcome and Opening Keynote Address: Trafficking: Trauma, Resiliency & Evidence-Based Hope

- See above for presenters
- *#1 watched by 411 attendees*
- Welcome and Plenary Panel: National and Local Perspective on Combating Labor Trafficking
 - Moderator: Neil Mallon, PARI
 - Panelists:
 - Lauren Devin, Office on Trafficking in Persons
 - Jacqueline Bradley Charcon, University of Maryland SAFE Center for Human Trafficking Survivors
 - Suleman Masood, the National Human Trafficking Training & Technical Assistance Center
 - *#2 watched by 371 attendees*
- Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention: How to Stop the Exploitation of Our Children
 - Presenter: Laura Coleman, Araminta Freedom Initiative
 - *#3 watched by 227 attendees*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE OTHER AMAZING SESSIONS WE HAD AT THE CONFERENCE, PLEASE VISIT OUR CONFERENCE WEBSITE AT <https://www.marylandchildtraffickingconference.org/agenda/>





While most of the participants were from Maryland, the conference did attract some people from all over the United States including Arizona, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Iowa, and Delaware. There was even international representation with some participants from Mexico and El Salvador.



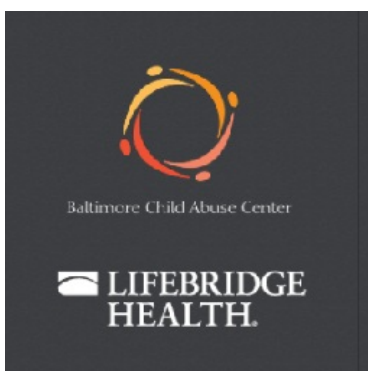
#WearBlueDay: January 11

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day was on January 11th and some of our participants let us know that they were a part of the Blue Campaign by posting their pictures to Twitter and other social media platforms

<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/wearblueday>

CONFERENCE POSTERS

Click on each presenter to see copies of their accepted posters





National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Every year since 2010, the President has dedicated the month to raising awareness

about the different forms of human trafficking, also known as modern slavery, and educating people about this crime and how to spot it.

In January, the Department of State raises awareness of human trafficking domestically and abroad through U.S. embassies and consulates. We also celebrate the efforts of anti-trafficking organizations, communities of faith, state and local law enforcement, survivor advocates, businesses, and private citizens all around the world to promote this important cause. Everyone can play a part in ending human trafficking.

To learn more about the history of this month, please visit the Department of State website at <https://www.state.gov/national-slavery-and-human-trafficking-prevention-month/>



Thoughts from our Director

As we start 2021 amongst continued health concerns, social distancing norms, and inventive ways to communicate in our work and personal lives, I want to remind everyone that our work needs to continue to expand and change to meet the needs of





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our youth and workers alike. To meet the current training needs of those involved in anti-trafficking work, this year's Maryland Child Trafficking Conference went completely virtual.

During the first day of our virtual conference, Governor Hogan shared his proclamation that January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Maryland which demonstrated the importance of our work on a statewide stage. Recordings from the virtual conference will be posted as soon as they are available at the PARI website <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/pari/>.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank all the conference organizers, sponsors, presenters, participants, and support staff who managed to make this first virtual conference a rousing success.

Unfortunately, the main downside of an exclusively virtual event is the inability to see anyone in person. Even though we could not be together in person, *please know that you are not alone in this work and we will see each other again soon!* I also want to reiterate what I said in the last PARI Periodical, remember to take time for yourselves.

As we begin 2021 and the COVID-19 vaccine becomes more available to the general population, it is my hope that by the time we end the year life will begin to return to more of a normal cadence including how we serve youth who are victims of sexual and labor trafficking.

