



**2024 Human Trafficking Academy**  
**July 29 – August 2, 2024**  
**In Person or Remote**

**Trafficking of Youth in America:  
 Risk Factors, Systemic Failures and the Way Forward**

**MODULE 1**  
**Monday, July 29, 2024**  
**VULNERABILITIES THAT PLACE YOUTH AT RISK**

Studies have shown that a considerable part of the trafficked youth has experienced some sort of adversity, which may put them at higher risk of being trafficked. This module focuses on the delimitation of the problem of human trafficking among children and youth in the United States, with particular emphasis on youth in child welfare systems. It assesses the weaknesses in the system itself, and how such deficiencies can be exploited by traffickers. This section will also dwell on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and analyze how they increase child susceptibility to exploitation or abuse.

<b>Session 1</b>	<i>Missing and Exploited Children</i>
<b>Session 2</b>	<i>Exposing Child Labor Exploitation in America: The Role of Investigative Reporting</i>
<b>Thematic Luncheon</b>	<i>Missing Teens and the Ties to Trafficking: A Case Study in Texas</i>
<b>Session 3</b>	<i>Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)</i>

**MODULE 2**  
**Tuesday, July 30, 2024**  
**SYSTEMS AND LAWS PT. I: INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS**

*Systems and Laws, Part I* aims at examining the various aspects of the legal framework for child protection, as well as the process of investigations and prosecution of human trafficking of children and youth. The Module, *inter alia*, assesses the services of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in dealing with human trafficking (both commercial sexual exploitation and labor trafficking) of young children and youth. Participants will also benefit from insights into the Human Trafficking Screening Tool, designed to assist professionals screen for possible young victims of human trafficking.

<b>Session 1</b>	<i>Juvenile Justice Systems: A Non-Criminal Response to Survivors of Human Trafficking</i>
<b>Session 2</b>	<i>Investigating the Crime of Human Trafficking Involving Young People: Law Enforcement Perspective</i>
<b>Thematic Luncheon</b>	<i>Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking</i>
<b>Session 3</b>	<i>Prosecuting Human Trafficking in Children</i>

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**MODULE 3**  
**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**  
**SYSTEMS AND LAWS PT. II: PROTECTIONS AND ISSUES OF ETHICS**

At *Systems and Laws, Part II* experts will discuss non-criminal systems and protections available to human trafficking victims, with a particular emphasis on the child welfare system in the state of Florida. This Module will also focus on the journey of foreign unaccompanied children once they enter the United States, and the existence of potential risks of being trafficked, after government placements. The system of sponsorships and the various intersections of such processes with human trafficking will also be discussed. Ethical issues and guiding principles will be assessed from the perspective of medical professionals, while they provide services for young survivors of human trafficking.

<b>Session 1</b>	<i>Child Welfare Systems: Case Study Florida</i>
<b>Session 2</b>	<i>The System of Sponsorships: How Unaccompanied Minors might be Trafficked after Government Placements</i>
<b>Session 3</b>	<i>Ethical Issues: Working with Child and Youth Survivors of Human Trafficking</i>

**MODULE 4**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2024**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES**

The impact that sex trafficking and labor exploitation has on youth victims and survivors demands a variety of comprehensive services for short-term and long-term recovery and healing, with the ultimate goal of full rehabilitation. This Module identifies and offers an understanding of such services in support of the trafficked youth. It places an emphasis on some of especially vulnerable groups such as people with disabilities. This section also brings to the fore the issue of the human trafficking of young boys and the particular issues they face in the process of recovery.

<b>Session 1</b>	<i>Using Trauma Informed Care with Trafficked Teens: Giving youth a CHANCE to Thrive</i>
<b>Session 2</b>	<i>Understanding the Link between Persons with Disabilities and Human Trafficking</i>
<b>Session 3</b>	<i>Trafficked Boys: Bringing Male Victims of Human Trafficking out of the Shadows</i>

**MODULE 5**  
**Friday, August 2, 2024**  
**WHEN CHILDREN GROW UP: INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS THRIVING AS ADULTS**

This final Module explores the various dimensions of human development that is meant to strengthen survivors in an integral way, as they age out of the child welfare system and into adulthood. It further explores the challenges faced by survivors of trafficking in this integration process, and some specific circumstances such as pregnancy and parenting. Informed by their multidisciplinary expertise and knowledge, the expert instructors will identify best practices, effective protections, the various policies germane to development, as well as recommendations to improve potential shortfalls.

<b>Session 1</b>	<i>After 18: The Challenges Faced by Trafficked Youth</i>
<b>Session 2</b>	<i>Pregnancy and Parenting: Considerations for Survivors and Their Allies</i>
<b>Thematic Luncheon</b>	<i>The Intersection of Attachment, Culture and Love: Unveiling Vulnerabilities and Promoting Resilience to Combat Human Trafficking.</i>
<b>Session 3</b>	<i>Breaking Cycles: The Integral Development of Youth Who Survive Trafficking</i>

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