



Quarterly CTIP Newsletter

Agency Highlights

DoD's Student Human Trafficking Prevention Training Contributed by: CTIP Program Management Office

Do you eat chocolate? Yes No

Do you have a cell phone? Yes No

Have you lived in one of the 50 states of the U.S.? Yes No

If you answer "yes" to any of the questions above, then you have a link to human trafficking.

What connection do chocolate, cell phones, and living in a U.S. state have with trafficking? Here is the connection. First, some of the cocoa beans used to make chocolate are grown on plantations in some West African countries and many are picked by children who have been trafficked. The cell phones you use need a mineral called "coltan" and it is often mined by child soldiers, which is a form of trafficking. And children have been trafficked for sex or labor in almost every state in the U.S.

This excerpt is from the opening lesson in the DoD's Student Human Trafficking Prevention Training which is under development by the Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Program Management Office (PMO). The student training follows the 2018 release of the [DoD Education Activity \(DoDEA\) Combating Trafficking in Persons Training](#) for DoDEA school personnel.

The CTIP PMO student training is for military-connected high school students in the 10th-12th grades to raise awareness about human trafficking. By "military-connected" we mean students whose parents are active duty, members of the National Guard or Reserves, or Veterans of the United States Military. The CTIP PMO wants to make the training available to DoDEA students and military-connected students outside of DoDEA schools, who may be found in every school district in the country.

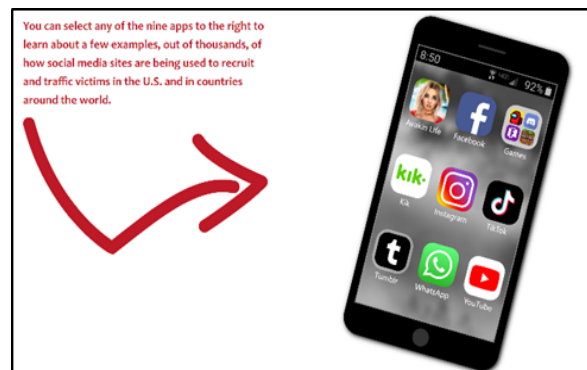
In order to reach teens, the training uses adolescent learning theory, to help ensure that the lessons are age appropriate and engaging. Adolescent learning theory stresses that training for teens should:

- Stress peer or near peer messaging;
- Be short, using sound bites and quick messaging to make points;
- Be engaging, for example, by using interactivity to draw students in; and
- Create an "echo-chamber" – so that students hear the same message in different ways.

Using these four approaches, the Student Prevention Training on Human Trafficking features the following:

- It is divided into 12 short (5-10 minute) lessons.
- It uses a multi-media approach to deliver its messages.
- It is interactive, including games, quizzes, and clickables to draw in the learner.
- It uses peer/near peer stories and case studies to show students what trafficking looks like in teen settings and in DoD.

In every lesson there is a banner/heading that says, "If this is happening to you or a family member or friend, please seek help" with a number to call or text. This is not meant to scare children, but to equip them to know how and to whom to report suspected incidents or to talk to someone.



The lessons also emphasize trusting your instincts – if something doesn't feel right – it's probably not – and finally it makes the point that it's never too late to seek help – even if something bad has already happened.

The training will cover an introduction to the topic of human trafficking which includes the types, elements, and indicators of human trafficking, and how to identify victims and perpetrators. It also covers how it occurs, means for prevention and intervention, including how to seek help and report. The course explores specialized topics on cyber-exploitation, sexting and sextortion, healthy and unhealthy relationships, and how military-



connected students have resiliencies and strengths to combat human trafficking.

The CTIP PMO is developing a Parent Resource Guide for parents to know exactly what information is presented to their children and why it is being presented. The Guide will also contain additional perspectives for parents to be pro-active in helping prevent human trafficking and protecting their teens.

Featured Article

The National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking: DoD's Role

Contributed by: CTIP PMO

Since the passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 (Public Law 106-386), the U.S. Government (USG) agencies have collaborated to combat human trafficking. The TVPA created the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, a cabinet-level entity, which consists of 20 agencies across the federal government responsible for coordinating U.S. government-wide efforts.



In 2019, the USG agencies began developing the [National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking](#), a broad-based, multi-disciplinary, whole-of-government response to eradicating human trafficking. The plan was published in October 2020 and has a three-year implementation timeline. It is divided into 21 foundational principles and 65 associated priority action

items under one of four pillars: Prevention, Protection, and Prosecution and Crosscutting Approaches and Institutional Effectiveness.

The Action Plan calls on the U.S. Department of Defense to implement the following priority actions:

- The DoD's Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Management Office (CTIP PMO) will develop Student Human Trafficking Prevention for Department of Defense Education Activity high school students and other high school age military-connected students.
 - The CTIP PMO will work with the CTIP point of contact in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Sustainment to ensure effective implementation of anti-trafficking acquisition rules and best practices.
 - The CTIP PMO will work with counterparts in the Departments of State, Labor, Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, Commerce, and Treasury as well as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to develop initiatives for engaging with various industries on the issue of forced labor in product supply chains.
 - The CTIP PMO will engage DoD contracting authorities and debarment and suspension officials to identify promising practices on hiring, including the use of recruitment services, to share with the Federal contracting community with the aim to decrease the risk of labor trafficking.
 - The CTIP PMO will update DoD's CTIP training courses for General Awareness, Investigative Professionals, and Acquisition Professionals to ensure all DoD civilian and military members are familiar with reporting protocols and identifying indicators of human trafficking.
 - The CTIP PMO will participate in the Senior Policy Operating Group Ad Hoc Working Group on Demand Reduction to examine the role of demand reduction in preventing human trafficking.
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Interagency Activities



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The USAID updated their [Policy on Countering Trafficking in Persons](#) to mark National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The updated policy adds new victim-centered, trauma-informed, and survivor-informed approaches, and promotes the intentional integration of efforts to end modern slavery across the Agency's humanitarian and development programs.



The Department of Health and Human Services Office on Trafficking in Persons is collaborating with StoryCorps for a new project, [Voice of Freedom Initiative](#). In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, the project will show the impact of this seminal piece of legislation by preserving the stories of survivors who have experienced human trafficking and exploring the legislation's legacy. Allied professionals working on policy, victim services, and prevention were invited to share their perspectives on how the anti-trafficking field has evolved over the past two decades.

DoD CTIP Program Office Updates

The CTIP Program Manager (PM) represented the DoD at the Senior Policy Operating Group SPOG meeting on December 17, 2020. The CTIP PM gave updates on the CTIP Student Human Trafficking Prevention Training, the standardization of DoD's TIP data collection utilizing newly developed data collection instruments, the CTIP Survivor Voices Project, and the production of micro-trainings, public service announcements, and one-pagers on best practices for preventing human trafficking in government contracting.

The CTIP PMO submitted DoD's Fiscal Year 2020 report for the annual U.S. Attorney General's Report to Congress on U.S. Government Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons. The CTIP PMO included efforts reported by the Services, Combatant Commands, and Defense Agencies in their annual CTIP Self-Assessments.

The CTIP PMO collaborated with MilitaryOne Source to include a [CTIP page](#) on their website to raise awareness in the DoD community. The CTIP PMO worked with Joint Knowledge Online to produce awareness materials including posters, an updated [TIP 101 sheet](#), a [brochure](#) about the CTIP PMO and standalone versions of the CTIP General Awareness course and the DoD Education Activity course for school personnel to feature on the MilitaryOne Source page.



Check out our CTIP website! The CTIP PMO is working on updating the CTIP website. You can now find the *quarterly newsletters* and *public service announcements* in the [Resources Tab](#).

Upcoming Events

The CTIP Quarterly Task Force meeting is scheduled for April 14th, 2021.