



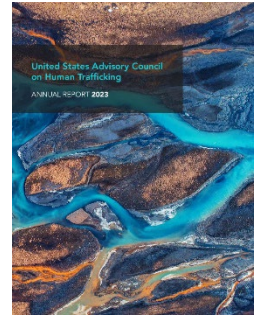
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Featured Article

Illuminating Pathways: The U.S. Advisory Council on Trafficking's Vision for Effective Solutions

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In the battle against human trafficking, the quest for solutions often hinges on leveraging research insights to inform actionable policies and interventions. [The U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking's 2023 Annual Report](#) emerges as a beacon of guidance, illuminating pathways towards more effective strategies in combating this pervasive issue. The Report focuses on taking the knowledge and expertise of survivors to help reshape the landscape of anti-trafficking efforts.



Central to the report's recommendations is the imperative for agencies of the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF) to broaden the spectrum of opportunities for survivors within the realm of research, analysis, and data. This call to action underscores the multifaceted nature of combating trafficking, emphasizing the need for diverse perspectives and skill sets in driving progress. By integrating survivors into roles traditionally occupied by researchers and analysts, agencies can tap into a wellspring of experiential knowledge, enriching the depth and relevance of their initiatives.

The CTIP PMO consulted Jerome Elam and Marlene Carson, survivors of child sex trafficking, to help conceptualize the new online [Chaplains Training on Trafficking](#). They advised on the content of the training, contributed several videos about the importance of recognizing signs and indicators in chaplain settings, survivors needs and resources while healing, and the spiritual issues that survivors face, including survivor's guilt, moral injury, and making meaning of what happened.

At the heart of this recommendation lies the concept of “knowledge mobilization”—a process aimed at bridging the gap between research and practice. Unlike one-way dissemination of findings, knowledge mobilization fosters collaboration between researchers and stakeholders, ensuring that research insights are not only shared, but also actively utilized to inform policies and programs. This approach transcends mere information exchange, evolving into a dynamic dialogue where lived experiences intertwine with empirical evidence to shape impactful interventions.

The synergy between researchers and knowledge users forms the cornerstone of effective knowledge mobilization. By engaging stakeholders ranging from policymakers to service providers, the process cultivates a rich tapestry of perspectives, fostering innovations grounded in real-world needs and challenges. Importantly, this collaborative ethos extends to individuals with lived experience, acknowledging their invaluable insights as both recipients and agents of change.

The CTIP PMO engaged Kalei Grant, a survivor of sex trafficking around military installations in Hawaii, as keynote speaker at one of the first DoD National Human Trafficking Awareness Day events. Kalei, who is now an Assistant Coordinator for Crime and Crime Prevention in the Hawaii Attorney General's Office, spoke about the need for prevention, prosecution, and protection and assistance in the DoD response to human trafficking. Since that time, DoD CTIP PMO has invited survivors to the CTIP Task Force and other high-level meetings to help inform and improve the DoD CTIP response to human trafficking, including Tina Frudt, Ronny Marty, Harold D'Souza, Theresa Flores and others.

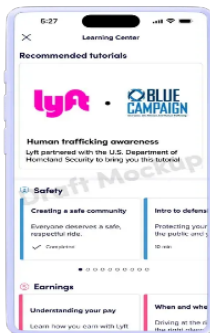
In essence, knowledge mobilization transcends the confines of academia, permeating diverse sectors and communities with its transformative potential. By harnessing this power, PITF agencies can catalyze a paradigm shift in anti-trafficking efforts, fostering a culture of evidence-based decision-making and collective action. Through the integration of survivors into the fabric of research and analysis, agencies can amplify the impact of their initiatives, ushering in a future where the voices of those affected by trafficking resonate at the forefront of change.

U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking

As the fight against trafficking continues to evolve, the recommendations put forth by the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking serve as a compass, guiding stakeholders towards a future where knowledge mobilization transcends boundaries, and survivors emerge as catalysts for lasting change. In embracing this vision, PITF agencies can forge new pathways towards a more equitable and resilient society, where the eradication of trafficking stands not as a distant dream, but as an achievable reality fueled by collaboration, empathy, and unwavering determination.

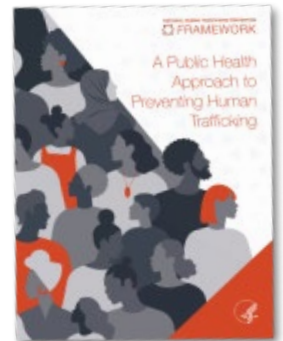
This article was written by Honorable Marlene Carson, Chair of the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking (Council), on behalf of the Council. The Council was established by Section 115 of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015. Each member of the Council is appointed by the President and is a survivor of human trafficking. The Council's mandate is to advise the U.S. government to strengthen federal policy and program that reflect best practices in the anti-trafficking field.

Interagency Activities



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Blue Campaign [partners with Lyft](#) to educate rideshare drivers about how to detect and prevent human trafficking. Lyft will feature the Blue Campaign's human trafficking resources in Lyft's driver-only in-app Learning Center. The partnership will help raise awareness of this heinous crime, teach drivers the signs that indicate someone may be a victim, and provide them with resources to help, including guidance for how to contact the right authorities.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the [National Human Trafficking Prevention Framework](#). The Framework reflects research and best practices in violence prevention and health promotion, as well as the expertise of people who have experienced human trafficking and allied professionals.



DoD CTIP Program Office Updates

The CTIP PMO participated in the quarterly Senior Policy Operating Group (SPOG) meeting on December 14, 2023. The Acting Deputy Director, Defense Support Services Center, and the CTIP Program Director represented the DoD. The CTIP Office gave updates on the DoD's recent CTIP activities including the Government Accountability Office Audit (Contract Requirements to Combat Trafficking in Persons—code 106973), the CTIP Task Force meeting, the training updates (CTIP Refresher Course, DoD Judge



Advocate, and DoDEA) and outreach briefings and in-person trainings. The SPOG consists of senior officials designated as representatives of the President's Interagency Task Force.

The CTIP Office chaired the CTIP Task Force meeting on January 10, 2024. The CTIP PMO invited two guest speakers for the meeting. Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) discussed what states they were active in, type/s of training they offer and if it is required, information on their demand reduction program, and a general overview of TAT. Ms. Suzanne Smith, Senior Staff Attorney from the Department of Labor's Office of Administrative Law Judges discussed the types of cases their office adjudicates, including Defense Base Act cases.

On February 13, 2024, HON Maier, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, represented the DoD at the President's Interagency Task Force (PITF) Meeting to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. HON Maier highlighted DoD's recent accomplishments and upcoming projects, such as the CTIP specialized trainings (Judge Advocates and Legal Counsel personnel and a companion Resource Guide for Commanders); raising awareness about using the Defense Base Act (DBA) to help victims of human trafficking; and adding more videos and narratives to the Survivor Voices of Human Trafficking webpage. The PITF meeting allowed each agency an opportunity to give a brief update on their anti-trafficking efforts. The PITF is a cabinet-level task force established pursuant to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to coordinate Federal anti-human trafficking efforts.

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NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENT! The CTIP Office released the [CTIP General Awareness Refresher](#) course. The training is required for all DoD personnel every two years per Public Law 117-348, "Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022." The requirement begins in June 2024 and mandates the course include the necessary knowledge and tools to prevent, recognize, report, and address human trafficking offenses.

New Course Numbers! The CTIP PMO updated the course numbers on JKO to the following:

- [CTIP -US018-A](#) CTIP General Awareness Refresher Course
- [CTIP-GA-US011](#) Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) General Awareness
- [CTIP-AP-US012](#) Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) for Acquisition and Contracting Professionals Course
- [CTIP-IP-US013](#) Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) for Investigative Professionals
- [CTIP-EA-US014](#) Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) DoDEA Web-based Training
- [CTIP-LDR-US015](#) Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Resource for Leaders
- [CTIP-HC-US016](#) Micro training: Combating Trafficking in Persons

- (CTIP) Healthcare and Human Trafficking
- [CTIP-CH-US017](#) Micro Training: Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Chaplains Course

Check out the [CTIP Website!](#) The [website](#) includes tabs for the CTIP Trainings, the CTIP Student Guide to Preventing Human Trafficking, and Acquisition Resources.



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Upcoming Events

- The next CTIP Quarterly Task Force meeting will be April 10, 2024.

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