# Subject: January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

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**Dear Partners,**

In 2010 President Barak Obama designated January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, culminating in the annual celebration of National Freedom Day on February 1. Since that time, January has become a month to remind ourselves of the vital role we each can play in ending Human Trafficking.

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Recent statistics tell us that:

* The [International Labor Organization](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/%40ed_norm/%40ipec/documents/publication/wcms_854795.pdf%40dcomm/documents/publication/wcms_575479.pdf) 2022 report estimatesthere are an estimated 27.6 million victims of forced labor globally where 3.3 million of the victims are children.
* Human Trafficking is an estimated [$150 billion industry](https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_243201/lang--en/index.htm) that takes place in all industries, to individuals of all genders, age, and socio-economic status.
* [Polaris Project](https://polarisproject.org/the-typology-of-modern-slavery/) has identified 2[5 industries](https://polarisproject.org/the-typology-of-modern-slavery/) in which both labor and sex trafficking thrive in the United States.
* In 2020 the [National Human Trafficking Hotline](https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states) identified 10,583 trafficking situations in the United States. California reported 1,334 cases in 2020, and 268 of these cases involved minors
* 1 in 6 of the more than 25,000 children reported missing in 2021 to [NCMEC](https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/missingkids/pdfs/CST%20Identification%20Resource.pdf) were likely victims of child sex trafficking.
* In 2020, there was a record 21.7 million reports of suspected child sexual

exploitation made to [NCMEC’s](https://www.missingkids.org/ourwork/ncmecdata) CyberTipline.

* Nearly one in five of 911 youth interviewed in the [Covenant House National](https://www.covenanthouse.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Loyola%20Multi-City%20Executive%20Summary%20FINAL.pdf)

 [Study](https://www.covenanthouse.org/homeless-issues/human-trafficking-study) of homeless youth were victims of trafficking, 15% for sex, 7.4% for labor and 3% for both.

* Since June 1, 2016 through December of 2021, the [Child Trafficking Response Team reports](https://mcusercontent.com/0077d1431a3cb2b9e56678d0f/files/b24b3c4e-62ca-6fc4-dfd9-a35864ce5f59/Current_Data_08_04_2022_FINAL.pdf) that Statewide, there have been 6,888 CSEC children victimized or ‘at risk’ in child welfare and probation
* In [INSERT COUNTY NAME] County there have been [INSET NUMBER OF YOUTH IDENTIFIED] as exploited or trafficked youth during [INSERT TIME FRAME] or another local data point.

This January, [INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME] celebrates those who have worked fearlessly to end injustice in our own communities. We continue to commit to partnership, as we work to create a future where our children, youth and families may thrive free from exploitation. We urge you to join by taking one step today to inspire change!

[Insert link to your website or ours here. “Check out [Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking Project’s National Human Trafficking Prevention Month Website](http://pact.cfpic.org/nhtpm2023) to learn ways you can get involved!”]

In Collaboration, [INSERT] 