

*January is...*

# NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH!



January 11 is  
Human Trafficking  
Awareness Day

**#WearBlueDay**

There is a common misconception that human trafficking necessarily involves smuggling or some form of movement across state or national borders. The reality is that survivors can be recruited and trafficked within their home towns and even online from their own homes. Human trafficking hides in plain sight in our community. By raising awareness among justice system stakeholders, we can strengthen efforts to identify and prevent human trafficking.

-17th Circuit Human Trafficking Court Response Team (HTCRT)

## Red Flags

- Scripted Answers
- Does not possess own ID or cell phone, or has multiple
- Limited eye contact
- Appears to be afraid
- Various hotel keys / receipts from other states
- Signs of physical abuse
- Uses terms of the trade, like daddy, track, blade, date
- Tattoos or "brands"
- Homelessness
- Outward signs of drug addiction
- Under 18 (current or past DCFS placement; runaway 3+; unexplained truanacies)
- Has a significantly older "boyfriend" or "girlfriend"

## Community Resources

Rockford Alliance Against  
Sexual Exploitation  
(888) 823-2364

Rockford Sexual Assault  
Counseling  
(815) 636-9811

Problem Solving Court  
Referrals  
(815) 319-4805

Nat'l Human Trafficking  
Resource Center  
(888) 373-7888

## Learn More

Human Trafficking  
virtual Lunch & Learn  
hosted by 17th Circuit FVCC  
January 31 at noon  
Register at  
<https://bit.ly/17thHT101>

NCJTC of FVTC: Large  
variety of free recorded  
trainings at  
[ncjtc.fvcc.edu](https://ncjtc.fvcc.edu)

SOAR free online  
modules at  
<https://bit.ly/47rwqsU>

## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE HTCRT:

To enhance a coordinated response within the justice system to meet the needs of those impacted by human trafficking through trauma-informed practices and to raise awareness of human trafficking among justice system stakeholders by increasing education and training opportunities.