

National Human Trafficking and Disability Working Group

Description of Subcommittees

Training Subcommittee

Co-Chairs:

David Hutt, National Disability Rights Network

Jody Haskin, International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA)

The Human Trafficking and Disability Work Group will divide into various subcommittees to better utilize the expertise and resources of members as we address the trafficking of individuals with disabilities. The Training subcommittee is primarily tasked with cross-training of disability advocates and anti-human trafficking advocates. Once that primary task is better fulfilled, the Training subcommittee shall focus on training other communities, such as law enforcement, non-trafficking service providers, and the general public.

The subcommittee expects to accomplish these tasks through the development of webcasts targeted towards select communities, and the creation of training resources related to trafficking and disability specific issues. Potential topic could include: spotting the signs for trafficking, effective ways to communicate with individuals with disabilities, risk factors of trafficking and how to counter, best practices to assist victims with mental health or cognitive disabilities, special issues with workers with disabilities, ways to coordinate advocacy and responses at the local and state level, to name a few examples.

Communications and Outreach Subcommittee

Co-Chairs:

Jae Jin Pak, Illinois Imagines

Monica Arenas, Futures Without Violence

Lydia Sharp, Equip for Equality

The Communications and Outreach Subcommittee will develop and manage all communications for the working group including all outreach materials, Google listservs, and social media. The subcommittee will ensure all content across mediums is related to the working group's work and mission and that it is appropriate in content and nature (no abusive language or hate speech).

This subcommittee will help create outreach materials (e.g. event announcements, action alerts, press releases, etc.) and help promote the materials across mediums.

The working group's Google listserv will provide a central location for all members to share information and resources related to human trafficking and disability. This listserv will be public, but individuals must request to join and be approved by group moderators. Once approved, group members will be able to post to the group. This subcommittee will moderate content to ensure appropriate posts. Moderators will approve or reject content and may ban posts or participants for inappropriate content.

There will be a separate, private listserv for the Steering Committee. This listserv will be used to share information and discuss the working group's mission, strategic planning, and operations.

Members who are part of the Steering Committee and this subcommittee will help manage this listserv.

The working group will maintain a social media presence (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). The social media platforms will be used to educate, inform, and engage the public on the intersection of human trafficking and disability. This may be done through new stories, calls to action, events, trainings, PSA videos, infographics, survivor stories, and more.

This subcommittee will moderate comments and reviews on social media platforms to ensure appropriate posts. Moderators will approve or reject content and may ban posts or participants for inappropriate content.

Data Collection Subcommittee

Co-Chairs:

Sarah Bessell, The Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center

Lydia Sharp, Equip for Equality, Equal Justice Works Fellow

The Data Collection subcommittee will work to improve and develop methods for the consistent collection of data across the country on the trafficking of persons with disabilities. Consistent data collection will allow systems to better identify, respond to, and raise awareness of human trafficking in the disability community.

The Data Collection subcommittee is committed to maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of all research participants.

Youth Subcommittee

Co-Chairs:

Alison Boak, Co-Founder and Executive Director, International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA)

Jody Haskin, Trafficking Program Manager, International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA)

The goal of the Subcommittee on Youth is to provide a forum for youth serving organizations and professionals to address needs unique to minor survivors of trafficking with disabilities and Deaf minor survivors of trafficking. The subcommittee will focus its efforts on research, policy analysis, technical assistance, and training as it relates to youth.