



Hamilton County Tourism, Inc.

Things to Know

Alert

There were **83 cases of human trafficking in Indiana** reported to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline last year. Service providers worked with **10 trafficked youth from Hamilton County** alone in the past year. This community is not immune to the horrors of this “epidemic.” Indexed to the population, that means our county is *three times more likely* to see our youth become vulnerable to this activity than elsewhere in the state.

77% of all human trafficking incidents occur at hotels as shown by this map (Dec. 2007 - Feb. 2015), something no lodging operator should want to see.

The very thing that makes Indiana and Hamilton County at the nexus of the *Crossroads of America* also makes us **vulnerable** to the business of selling human beings for prostitution, pornography and more.

Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. through its Tourism Gives program, works closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Indiana Youth Services, as well as local partners at the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office, Prevail and Ascent 121, to help our hospitality industry partners learn to identify and support their efforts to stop this devastating crime. There are two ways to participate:

Learn More

Join us Tuesday, March 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for a “lunch and learn” in the Hamilton County Tourism conference room at 37 E. Main Street to learn more. Please RSVP to Sarah Buckner, Tourism Gives Coordinator, at

sbuckner@hamiltoncountytourism.com. Future training dates also may be available later this year.

Become Active

Reach out to Sarah Buckner at the e-mail above to receive reproducible information sheets that focus on each area of hospitality services and provide tips on how to spot and report suspected human trafficking cases. We also touch on human trafficking in our Super Service training video, now available, and will upload an information presentation that you can borrow for your staff meetings. Also, if you are contacted by the FBI for undercover operations, please cooperate. They will not disturb your guests – they only want to support these young people who have become victims of this crime and are stealth in their operations.

Thank you for becoming a part of the solution for this terrible crime.

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