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Maryland Child Trafficking Awareness Conference:
BETTER TOGETHER: EFFECTIVE AND IMPACTFUL PARTNERSHIPS

Request for Workshop or Poster Proposals

Conference: April 6-7, 2022, 9am-12pm

Proposals Due: December 10, 2021 – [CLICK TO APPLY](#)

The University of Maryland School of Social Work, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Service, and the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force are sponsoring the fifth annual statewide Maryland Child Trafficking public awareness conference on April 6-7, 2022, 9am-12pm, online. The purpose is to mobilize communities, individuals, and service providers in response to sex and labor trafficking of children and youth, and the audience will be health, legal and human services professionals, as well as interested members of the public. This year's conference focus is on how we can work together to build impactful and sustainable partnerships that effectively attend to the needs of human trafficking victims. In addition to sessions on minor sex and labor trafficking in general, we are looking for sessions that reflect on what makes a successful partnership that drives change, impact, and opportunity for all.

[1] WORKSHOPS

We are seeking 75 minute online virtual workshops that are interactive and engaging. Priority will be given to those that address the theme of collaboration, including cross-disciplinary or multi-agency partnerships to prevent and reduce minor sex or labor trafficking, and/or that serve survivors (for example between law enforcement, child welfare, or medical providers). Workshops that address concrete strategies for sustaining effective partnerships are of particular interest. Attendance is likely to be in the range of 50-120 participants for each concurrent workshop. Please include details on how you will creatively make the workshop engaging or interactive for such a large group.

[2] POSTERS

We are also seeking several engaging 3-5-minute "poster" presentations to combine into a poster session shared on each morning of the conference. These can be static posters or infographics, a 1-3 slide share with a voice recording, or a brief multimedia video. Posters should be related directly to the field of child trafficking (either sex or labor trafficking), and fall into one of the following categories:

1. PRACTICE --- Tips on practice innovations that have been working well (in general or especially online during coronavirus)
2. POLICY --- Descriptions of new or updated policies affecting Maryland, information about local, state, or national legislative advocacy campaigns
3. RESEARCH --- Background, methods, findings & discussion about trafficking-related research that may be of interest to practitioners
4. OUTREACH --- An elevator speech about your agency, as though in a conference exhibitor hall or community outreach fair.

Please click [THIS LINK](#) to apply by 12/10/21. With questions, contact Caroline Harmon-Darrow at CHarmon@ssw.umaryland.edu by for consideration. Thank you! *This project is supported by Award No. 2019-NZ-NX-0032 awarded by the Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime.*