



Maryland Child Trafficking Awareness Conference:  
Transforming Together: Collaborative Strategies for Statewide Growth  
**Request for Workshop or Poster Proposals**

Conference: June 5, 2025

*Proposals Due: March 14, 2025*

*APPLY AT: [www.bit.ly/2025MDCTconference](http://www.bit.ly/2025MDCTconference)*

The University of Maryland School of Social Work and the Center for Violence Prevention, in partnership with the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy and the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force, are sponsoring the 8th annual statewide Maryland Child Trafficking Awareness Conference on June 5, 2025, 9 am-4 pm, at Towson University. The "Transforming Together" conference invites leaders, stakeholders, and community advocates from diverse sectors to explore dynamic partnerships that support statewide growth and sustainability. This year's conference will focus on fostering sustainable futures through innovative cross-sector collaboration, survivor leadership, advocacy, and technology innovations.

### **[1] WORKSHOPS**

We are seeking one-hour fifteen-minute (75-minute) workshops focused on fostering cross-sector collaboration to address complex issues contributing to trafficking and leveraging resources to drive systemic change. Sessions may examine how different complexities intersect to heighten the risk of trafficking and exploitation. Additionally, workshops could showcase innovative technology tools or community-driven approaches to combat human trafficking. Workshops aimed at a range of audiences, from community members new to the issue to professionals working with survivors of trafficking, are highly encouraged. Attendance will likely be in the 50-120 range for each concurrent workshop. Please include details on how to creatively make the workshop engaging or interactive for a larger group.

### **[2] POSTERS**

Organizers are also seeking poster presentations to be exhibited during the conference. Posters should be related directly to the field of child trafficking (either sex and/or labor trafficking), and fall into one of the following categories:

1. PRACTICE --- Tips on practice innovations that have been working well.
2. POLICY --- Descriptions of new or updated policies affecting Maryland, and 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.

Submissions will require contact information, a brief explanation of your poster as well as a simple visual mock-up (saved and uploaded as a PDF). This does not need to be the final version of your poster.

**Please submit proposals at [www.bit.ly/2025MDCTconference](http://www.bit.ly/2025MDCTconference) by 3/14/25 for consideration. If you have any questions or need assistance with submissions, please contact Briana McNemar at [briana.mcnemar@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:briana.mcnemar@ssw.umaryland.edu). Thank you!**

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