



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We would first like to advise anyone reading this update of the sensitive nature of this week's focus – human trafficking and the LCFS IMPACT program. Every year, many young people experience human trafficking. It is a modern form of inhumane treatment that resulted in 157 reported cases in the State of Indiana just last year.

Youth involved in these cases often display similar risk factors including marginalization, family backgrounds with violence, homelessness, desperation, a need to be loved, immigration status issues, poverty, drug use, lack of self-esteem, mental illness, family acceptance of their sexual identity, and “branding”.

Additional Resources

- If you feel you may need additional resources or may need to report a case, please visit:
<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/Indiana> or call 1-888-373-7888
- All statistics from this update come from both the human trafficking hotline and the Indiana State government website and can be found at the previously stated link as well as
<https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/3503.htm>

In collaboration with Community Health Network and Ascent 121, Lutheran Child and Family Services operates the specialized IMPACT program within Lutherwood, which provides trauma-informed/trauma focused care and assistance to young people who are survivors of human trafficking.

The program gives young people ages 12-18 access to safe and secure residential placement, family therapy, coordinated care and case management, and comprehensive psychological evaluations. Through the team effort of our collaborative partner organizations, we aim to do our part in helping these young people get the assistance and support they need.

Questions and referrals may be sent to Megan.Jessup@Ascent121.org

If you can help us serve survivors of human trafficking, please visit our website to make a donation:
<https://www.lutheranfamily.org/how-to-help/donate.html>

