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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Principals, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Supervisors, Directors of School Counseling, Directors of Student Services, Student Safety Specialists, School Counselors, School Social Workers, Homeless Liaisons, School Nurses, Teachers

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Register by: January 8, 2025, for Part I
January 21, 2025, for Part II

Two-Part Webinar Series on Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention within Schools

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking is a crime that has been reported in all 50 states with children and youth being common targets of related exploitation. It is critical that school staff members are properly trained and prepared to respond to instances of suspected trafficking.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to offer interested school staff the opportunity to attend a two-part training series on human trafficking awareness and prevention as it relates to schools. This series was first offered in January 2024 and is making a return after receiving strong interest. While there are some noted differences between this year and last year's session, the essential content is the same.

Webinar Information

In alignment with the [Guidelines for Schools on the Prevention of Human Trafficking of Students](#), this two-part series will offer the following:

- *Part I:* An overview of what human trafficking is, its risk factors, recruitment tactics of traffickers, behavioral indicators of trafficking, and reporting and response protocols.
- *Part II:* Suggestions for ways in which schools can incorporate and provide prevention and awareness education utilizing a tiered system of support lens on not only human trafficking specifically, but also on broader skills that can serve as protective factors for students.

Interested attendees should register for each session via [NJDOE's calendar of events](#). Each offering will run for 1.5 hours with attendees receiving certificates of attendance. Part I ([Human Trafficking 101: The Basics for School Staff](#)) will be held on *Friday, January 10, 2025* and Part II ([Human Trafficking: Supporting Prevention and Awareness within Schools](#)) will be held on *Thursday, January 23, 2025*.

Contact information

For any questions, please contact the Office of Student Support Services at SafeSupportiveSchools@doe.nj.gov or by phone at 609-376-9109.

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