



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROGRAM



PROTECT is a human trafficking prevention education and training program that provides school communities with trauma-informed:

- ✓ *Curricula for children/youth (grades K-12)*
- ✓ *Training for adults*
- ✓ *Reporting protocols*



## Why PROTECT, Why NOW?

We believe that prevention changes everything and that everyone can play a positive role in preventing the exploitation of children.

The PROTECT program offers adaptable social and emotional learning curriculum for all ages. As part of our effort to educate children about human trafficking prevention, it is imperative that adults within the school community are also equipped with knowledge of the forms of human trafficking, trauma-informed practices, and reporting procedures. Understanding the vulnerabilities that may place a child at greater risk can help one recognize the red flags and ultimately stop exploitation from happening.

## Program Co-Founders:



### 3STRANDS GLOBAL FOUNDATION

*The PROTECT program was co-founded by 3Strands Global Foundation (3SGF) and to-date is managed by the 3SGF staff.*



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## Who should participate?

- ➔ Teachers
- ➔ Administrators
- ➔ Nurses
- ➔ Counselors
- ➔ Social Workers
- ➔ Classified Staff
- ➔ School Board Members
- ➔ School Resource Officers
- ➔ Juvenile Probation Officers
- ➔ Sheriff/City Police Officers
- ➔ Highway Patrol Officers
- ➔ District Attorney Staff

## What will I learn?

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101:

Participants will:

- Understand the federal definition of severe forms of trafficking in persons and associated key terms;
- Identify possible indicators of sex and labor trafficking; and
- Recognize strategies commonly used by traffickers to groom and recruit children/youth.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING 102:

Participants will:

- Describe risk and protective factors for children/youth;
- Recognize indicators of complex trauma; and
- Develop trauma-informed skills to help support those that have been trafficked or are at-risk.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING 103:

Participants will:

- Identify indicators of human trafficking;
- Respond to disclosures from children/youth in a culturally responsive, linguistically appropriate, and trauma-informed manner;
- Understand the reporting requirements for child trafficking and their role in the process; and
- Recognize how prevention education can change everything.



## How can I participate?

- Online through the PROTECT Online System (2 hours)
- In-person and Virtual Trainings are available upon request (2-3 hours)

PROTECT prevention education provides opportunities to equip students with knowledge that will enhance their personal boundaries, build resilience, and increase protective skills. It is available online for educators to download and implement immediately with the children/youth that they work with.

Our curricula focuses on:

- ➔ Self-awareness
- ➔ Self-management
- ➔ Social awareness
- ➔ Relationship skills
- ➔ Responsible decision-making



### MY INNER VOICE:

This curriculum teaches students how to listen and respond to their inner voice as a safety tool that they can trust. They will learn about personal boundaries and identify trusted adults in their lives that are available to help.

Grades K-3

Two 20-minute lessons

### SAFE PEOPLE, SAFE PLACES, SAFE CHOICES:

This curriculum educates students about safety, their rights, and ways to communicate when their boundaries have been crossed. They will learn about resilience and how to identify safe people, safe places, and safe choices.

Grades 4-6

Two 45-minute lessons

### PROTECTING A MASTERPIECE:

This curriculum addresses key health-related concepts, encourages creative expression, and allows students to practice positive decision-making strategies. They will learn about the different forms of abuse and human trafficking, as well as how to look out for one another.

Grades 7-8

Two 45-minute lessons

### UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

This curriculum teaches students about healthy relationships, unhealthy relationships, and the different forms of human trafficking. They will be empowered with the tools they need to recognize unsafe situations and implement healthy decision-making strategies.

Grades 9-10

Two 45-minute lessons

### BUILDING RESILIENCE AND PROTECTIVE SKILLS:

This curriculum encourages students to build their resilience through strategies that will help them thrive in the workplace and beyond. They will learn about the forms of human trafficking, the importance of their rights, as well as how to advocate for themselves and others.

Grades 11-12

Two 45-minute lessons





## Is human trafficking really happening in my community?

Of 22,326 trafficking victims and survivors identified through contacts with the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2019, at least 5,359 were under age 18. Many underage victims of human trafficking are students in the American school system. No community, school, socioeconomic group, or student demographic is immune. Cases of child trafficking are found in every area of the country—in rural, suburban, and urban settings alike.

*(Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Supportive Schools. (2021). Human trafficking in America's schools: What schools can do to prevent, respond, and help students to recover from human trafficking (2nd ed.). U.S. Department of Education.)*

## Does the PROTECT program conduct any research?

Yes, PROTECT conducts research through the use of pre- and post-surveys. In fact, upon completion of the PROTECT training, 97% of staff respondents claim they are somewhat or very confident in the steps required for reporting suspected trafficking. We have also found that 82% of high school students who have been taught PROTECT know how to report a case of human trafficking.

## Does the PROTECT program meet the state mandate?

Yes, PROTECT addresses the required mandates for human trafficking prevention training and curriculum in most states across the country. If you have any specific questions about legislation, please contact our team.

## How can we begin implementing the PROTECT program?

Reach out to a member of the PROTECT team! Let them know when and how you'd like to proceed (online, virtual, in-person). If a proposal/quote is needed, they'll provide you with one.

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