

# LCWR Region 9

## Anti-Human Trafficking Report

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### WISCONSIN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONSORTIUM (WAHTC)

The Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Consortium serves as “clearing house” for groups networking on human trafficking issues. Ellen Sinclair SDS also relates to this group.

Upcoming quarterly meetings (third Fridays, 10:00am-12:30pm):

October 15, 2021

January 21, 2022

April 15th, 2022

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### RELATED WI LEGISLATION:

Safe Harbor: Bill 245 SB245 - protects minors participating in prostitution and treats them as sex-trafficking victims

Runaway Youth Shelter Bill – not yet introduced: requires earlier notification of protective agencies when youth arrive at shelters

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### LCWR9 CONGREGATIONS

 continue collaborative anti-human trafficking efforts in several areas around the state.

Madison Diocese: Sept 17, 2021, gathering hosted by Bishop Hying and attended by more than 50 people, mainly from law enforcement, people from Catholic parishes in the diocese, and members of local organizations working against human trafficking

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### RESOURCES

**PLEASE NOTE** two additional documents posted with this report:

- “Crisis in Human Trafficking During the Pandemic”
- Save the Date – Nov 10, 2021 – Sex Trafficking Training

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING TOOL KIT

The link to the updated tool kit is on the website of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross, Green Bay. This is the “central” link which the Leg-Net will update as needed. The Wisconsin Catholic Conference website includes this link. <http://www.gbfranciscans.org/justice-peace/anti-human-trafficking/>

### Global Sisters Resources

<https://www.globalsistersreport.org/classroom/lessons/topic/132693>

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**Vatican Human Trafficking Resource:** The Migrants and Refugee Section of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development released a set of guidelines to help worldwide Catholic communities address the scourge of modern-day slavery: “Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking”.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/0f43daa8501/4753e5b9-2098-4145-9f39-aaf24b44474f.pdf>

### **Talitha Kum**

An international network of Consecrated Life against trafficking in persons. Working as a network facilitates collaboration and the interchange of information between consecrated men and women.

<https://www.talithakum.info/en/about-us>

### **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**

A collaborative, faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery

<http://www.endslaverynow.org/us-catholic-sisters-against-human-trafficking>

**Encourage Sisters to observe Josephine Bahkita day, February 8th:** the "World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking." Pope Francis has made a video for his Worldwide Prayer Network to denounce this "crime against humanity."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6zCPq1JHtI>

Ask sisters to raise awareness in the areas where they live.

### **The Wisconsin Department of Justice Human Trafficking Bureau:**

<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/human-trafficking>

**Department of Children and Families (DCF) Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives** page: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/aht>

All educators and stakeholders can refer to the “**Wisconsin Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Indicator and Response Guide**” for further help with recognizing warning signs and knowing when to call child protective services:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wisconsintalks/how-do-i-know#guide>

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