



Voices of the National Survivor Network

The National Survivor Network (NSN) mission is to bring together a community of survivors of human trafficking by creating a platform for survivor-led advocacy, peer-to-peer mentorship, and empowerment that embraces all survivors, regardless of gender, age, nationality or type of trafficking experience.



WHAT WE WANT THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING MOVEMENT TO KNOW

Survivors Make a Difference

We are united and strong. We are normal people that have experienced a tremendous amount of pain and trauma. Our experiences are real and we understand our needs best. It is important that our voices are heard as we are a vital source of information. With that said, we are more than our stories. We are leaders, experts, advocates, caseworkers, lawyers, speakers, consultants, program managers, and executive directors. Survivors of human trafficking can be involved in any role within the anti-trafficking movement, whether it is in the background, on the frontlines, in prevention, in media, in research, or in education. Survivors have experiences on many different levels, and possess a variety of skills and talents.

All victims of human trafficking need to be acknowledged. Human trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking and happens to children, youth, and adults; US Citizens and Foreign Nationals; male, female, transgender, and gender non-conforming; straight, lesbian, gay, bisexual; every race and ethnicity; and every religion. Each survivor has a voice, has their own identity, and deserves to be heard.

There is hope for ALL survivors.

THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE IN THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING MOVEMENT

Acknowledge & Provide Diverse Examples of Human Trafficking Experiences

It is important for the anti-trafficking movement to portray diverse examples of human trafficking, not the ones most easily recognizable.

Provide Resources and Services for All Victims of Trafficking

Many resources and services are available for certain subgroups of human trafficking. We would like to see more resources for all victims of trafficking, including adults and minors, US Citizens and foreign nationals, female, male, transgender, and gender non-conforming, etc.

Provide Survivors with Access to Services without Requiring Religious Practices

Many survivors have felt forced to engage in religious practices in order to access services. It's important that survivors are able to practice whatever religion they desire, and feel they can still get the help they need, even if they don't participate in religious practices.

More Unity with the Anti-Trafficking Movement to Achieve Our Goals

Unity can be a source of healing and strength. We need to decrease the egos in the movement and have better collaboration between agencies, service providers, law enforcement, and policymakers.

Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Non-Profits Led by Survivors

Many Survivors of Human Trafficking have started their own non-profits. We would like these non-profits to be acknowledged, and for there to be additional supports provided for survivors leading organizations such as grant writing, applying for 501 c 3's, and finding assistance with financial backing to get started.

Accountability for Organizations Serving Trafficking Survivors

We have heard many stories about survivors receiving negative services or not receiving the help they need. We would like for there to be more accountability of organizations that serve trafficking survivors, to ensure that practices are empowering to survivors and that survivors are being served.

More Opportunities for Survivors in the Movement

We would like to see more opportunities for survivors in the movement, including job opportunities, paid speaking engagements, and opportunities to engage in prevention work, research, and legislation.

To learn more about joining the National Survivor Network, contact the NSN Survivor Coordinator at survivornetwork@castla.org