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Membership is growing
Launch of Policy Academy
Unveiling of Consultant Certification
What members have done this year
Where we're headed in 2019 and beyond



National Survivor Network Annual Report

2018 *highlights*

leadership >>>

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Activities & Accomplishments

We've been busy this year!

National Survivor Network (NSN) is a Survivor Lead Program of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) that began in February 2011. NSN's 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/gender identity, age, ethnicity, nationality or type of trafficking experience.



Jess Torres joined our leadership team.

NSN has experienced one of its most exciting growth years, not only in continuing to increase members but also in the amount and influence of the work we do to bring survivor voices to the forefront of the response to human trafficking. Our policy team is meeting with more and more legislators and federal partners to inform their efforts.

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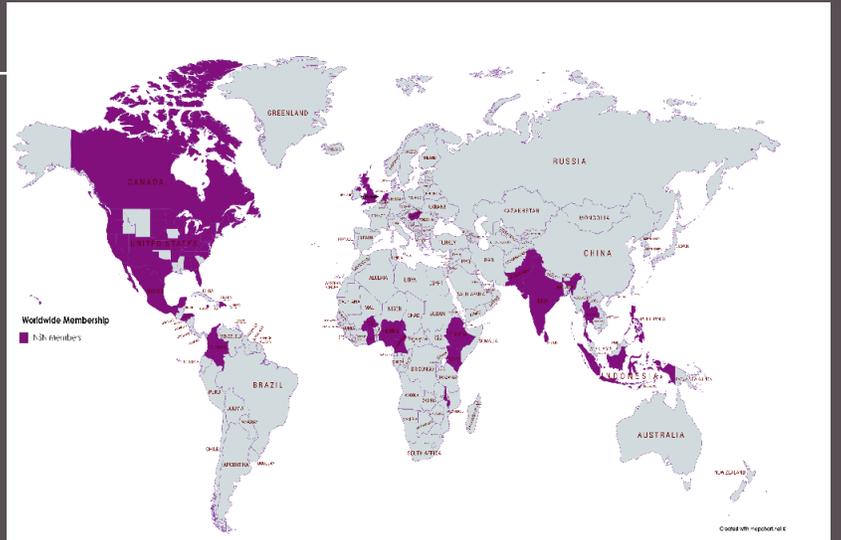
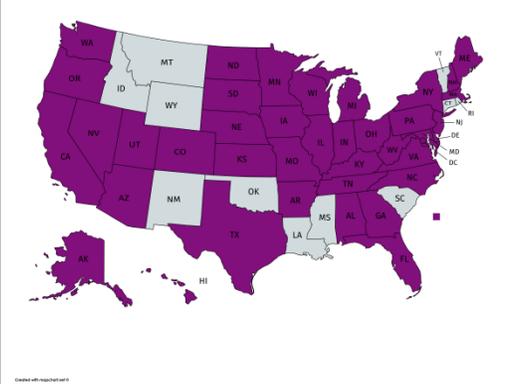
"The State Department will release a new Know Your Rights video that will air at select U.S. embassies and consulates...We also have the National Survivor Network to thank for this proposal. As a coalition of over 200 trafficking survivors, they're acutely aware of how traffickers try to exploit the visa process each day. Incorporating the expertise of survivors is just one example of the way in which we are improving the U.S. government's anti-trafficking efforts" Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at a Meeting of the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

around the globe >>>

Membership

United States

NSN representation spans 40 states and DC.



Worldwide

NSN has members representing 24 countries internationally.

Engagement

Membership increased to 271; over two-thirds of those members participate in discussions, support and resource sharing via a private social media group. Leadership hosts three different calls each month on policy and general membership topics, that engage with 60 members. Through policy, training and consultation, our members were involved in 250+ unique projects during 2018.



plugging into opportunity >>>

Human Trafficking Leadership Academy, 2018 Cohort

The Human Trafficking Leadership Academy (HTLA) is organized through the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center and Coro Northern California; the fellowship is funded by the Office on Trafficking in Persons and the Office on Women's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The 2018 cohort answered the question: Using trauma-informed principles and survivor-informed practices, how can service providers improve their support of human trafficking survivors who are struggling with co-occurring disorders?

Resilient Voices, Los Angeles

Resilient Voices started in 2004 with five founding members and has now grown to over 70 survivors from countries all over the world. From the time of their inception to now, they have successfully advocated for several important policies for protection of victims of trafficking; advocated for rights of victims of trafficking, including receiving green cards; and created the National Survivor Network which extended the advocacy network and support system to survivors across the nation.

HTLA brings six survivor leaders and six grantee representatives to work together for four months on a focus problem in the response to human trafficking. The 2018 cohort included five NSN members.



Policy Academy Launches Los Angeles, October 2018



NSN has been on the forefront of creating and promoting survivor-centered legislation on the issue of human trafficking since 2011. The Policy Advocacy Academy is the latest expansion of survivor led engagement within the anti-trafficking movement and survivor empowerment. In October 2018, NSN launched its first Policy Academy in Los Angeles.

Nine survivors participated in a two-day intensive training academy where they learned about federal, state, and local legislative processes, and the levers for impacting them; how to identify and contact their representative; understanding human trafficking legislation in the U.S.; how to strategically connect personal narratives to organized advocacy; role-playing meetings with legislators and in-person Federal legislative staff meetings.

The Advocacy Academy was developed to address the basic foundations of civic engagement to empower survivors to fully work within the system of governance to address needed changes. This pilot program evolved from online webinars into in-person training sessions, to direct policy advocacy work. Addressing the needs of survivors and fully created by survivors of human trafficking, together we can uplift, empower, and encourage impacted people to take agency over their advocacy needs to lead the way in reforming policy to create trauma informed policy that is truly beneficial and meets the needs of survivors.

Through the mentorship and guidance from survivor leaders with prior policy advocacy experience, NSN Advocacy Academy participants were able to lead and facilitate legislative meetings and gained confidence in their own abilities to impact legislation with their representatives.



DC Trip, June 2018

The DC trip this year began with a Congressional Briefing on the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act. Shamere Makenzie joined the NSN Policy Team to educate legislators on the importance of this bill for survivors who are living under the shadow of past criminal convictions.

Meeting with Federal Partners

This year the Policy Team met with the following federal partners:

- Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, Special Needs Assistance Programs
- Department of Homeland Security, Blue Campaign
- Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime
- Department of State, Office of Trafficking in Persons

Collaborative Efforts

The Special Needs Assistance Programs office at the Department of Housing and Urban Development is working hard to identify and respond to the unique housing needs of trafficking survivors. SNAPS and NSN established a collaborative relationship this year that will both 1) connect survivor voices to inform housing responses, and 2) inform survivors of shelter and housing programs they can access.

around the country >>>

NSN's Consultant's Bureau connects expert speakers and trainers with opportunities all over the U.S. and abroad. At the end of this calendar year, we launched our Consultant Certification Program to improve training continuity and help consultants develop additional expertise. This program is incredibly popular with members and will continue to be expanded in the coming year.



NSN Consultants spoke at the Iowa Statewide Human Trafficking Summit, April 2018

preview of *this year...*

If you think 2018 was an explosive growth year, you haven't seen anything yet! With the election of our most inclusive and representative leadership team in history, the ongoing expansion of our consultant certification program and our work with incarcerated survivors, the reach and impact of NSN has never been greater or more exciting!



NSN Members marched in Nashville to support efforts asking outgoing Governor Bill Haslam to grant Cyntoia Brown clemency.

NSN Behind Bars

We are happy to celebrate the Clemency of Cyntoia Brown that was granted at the beginning of 2019. The sad reality is that Cyntoia is one of many survivors of color who are sitting in jails and prisons, instead of receiving the services and support they deserve. NSN will continue to engage in policy outreach and direct action on behalf of victims who are criminalized. We will also be expanding membership to include incarcerated survivors.

looking ahead >>>

Sneak Peeks into '19

- *Our most diverse and experienced leadership team ever*
- *Expansion of policy work on a variety of human rights issues that intersect with human trafficking*
- *Outreach to incarcerated survivors*



NSN was an integral part of passing the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 that created the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. We are pleased to continue a strong membership presence within the council, with seven members of NSN currently sitting on the council.

NSN Manager Ima Matul and Coordinator Jess Torres are pleased to announce the newly elected leadership team:

Honorable Council Members



U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking

Suleman Masood, Membership Chair

Leslie King, Consultant Chair

Samantha Floyd, Communication Chair

Nat Paul, Policy Chair

Rafael Bautista-Alvarez, Policy Champion

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