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# Approaches to Combating Human Trafficking

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Human trafficking is complex and requires a united and coordinated approach to address it. No single organization, corporation, or government can end the scourge of this heinous crime alone—our best hope is an approach that engages all of society. At the *Approaches to Combating Human Trafficking* event, businesses, experts from the private sector, representatives from non-governmental organizations, and federal, state, and local entities spoke about their efforts to eliminate human trafficking.



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Michael Billet, senior director of policy research in the Employment Policy Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and program director of the Chamber's Task Force to Eradicate Human Trafficking, kicked off the *Approaches to Combating Human Trafficking* event on July 21, 2025.

He described four approaches to guide the discussion: criminal justice, public health, human rights, and ethics.



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Markee Johnson, head of advancement at A21 (left), moderates a discussion with Dr. Shelly Wagers, associate professor at the Department of Criminology at the University of South Florida (USF), and John Nehme, CEO of Allies Against Slavery, about data aggregation and methodology.

Wagers provides an overview of the *2024 State Report on Human Trafficking*, which features the risks and occurrences of human trafficking in Florida and victim assistance resources.

John Nehme, CEO of Allies Against Slavery, says, "We worked alongside USF's Trafficking in Persons Lab and Florida to aggregate and visualize both statewide and national human trafficking data through our Lighthouse platform."



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Michael Harley, managing director of business & cyber intelligence at The Next Solutions Group (left), and Josh Thomas, chief communications officer at Flock Safety (right), listen as Harry T. Chavis Jr., special agent in charge at the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Unit (IRS-CI), discusses the importance of financial institutions in providing vigilant and timely reporting for IRS-CI's financial investigations.

Flock Safety provided technology during the 2024 NFL Draft in Detroit when the police department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security dismantled a sex trafficking ring.



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Brandi Bynum, unit chief for outreach and engagement at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Center for Countering Human Trafficking, provides a keynote describing how DHS' Blue Campaign leverages partnerships with the private sector, non-governmental organizations, law enforcement, and state and local authorities to increase trafficking prevention efforts.



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Hugo Bernard, head of business development for Canada at Counter Forced Labor Technologies (CFL), discusses how businesses use its Global Rizk Assessment™ tool to help them map their supply chains.

CFL's Global Rizk Assessment Technology™ is the industry leading AI-driven due diligence technology platform for companies to accurately identify and mitigate forced labor in their supply chains.

The Canadian government approved the technology to comply with Canada's supply chain due diligence law, S-211, the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act.



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Alex Greco, senior director for manufacturing & value chains at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, explains how the Chamber works with Public Safety Canada to help companies comply with laws, including S-211, the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act.



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Nate Herman, senior vice president of policy at the American Apparel & Footwear Association, stresses the important role that businesses play in addressing forced labor risks within supply chains, particularly through enhancing traceability and responsible recruitment.



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(Left to right) Dave Myers, senior vice president, strategic planning & business development at Counter Forced Labor Technologies (CFL), facilitates a panel discussion with David Niccolini, partner and shareholder at Evidencity, Inc.; Lt. Col. (Ret.) J.D. Wiley, chief operating officer at CFL; and James Gyenes, director of Americas for Public Policy at the Responsible Business Alliance, about the critical role that technology plays in helping businesses detect and remedy human trafficking.



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Andrea Sorensen, founder and CEO of Viision (left), and Ashleigh Chapman, founder of Justice U™, exchanged their views on the critical role of training healthcare professionals to recognize the signs of human trafficking.

Chapman says, “Justice U™ partnered with Viision to develop the Just-In-Time Solution with Implementation Support for Healthcare, which are training modules that enable providers to recognize and respond to trafficking incidences.”



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Sara Armstrong, vice president and managing director of the Federation Relations and Grassroots Advocacy Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, leads a conversation with Michael G. Adams, Kentucky secretary of state (center), and Thomas Ruck, senior engagement manager of DHS’ Blue Campaign, on how businesses administer anti-trafficking training for their employees.



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Kentucky Secretary of State Michael G. Adams speaks about the Kentucky Businesses Against Trafficking (KBAT) initiative, which trains employees at liquor stores, hotels, and transport hubs to spot the signs of trafficking.

He says, “Frontline workers in many industries are uniquely positioned to recognize suspicious behavior and reach out for help. Empowering them with the right information can save lives.”



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Thomas Ruck, senior engagement manager of DHS’ Blue Campaign, says that the federal government provides technical assistance to set up statewide anti-human trafficking initiatives.



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Charity Morsey, research analyst at Counter Forced Labor Technologies (left), conducts a fireside chat with Cindy Dyer, chief program officer at the McCain Institute, and Dr. Kari Johnstone, Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Human Trafficking at the Organization for Security and Co-operation (on screen).

They discussed how multilateral institutions apply a comprehensive approach to address trafficking in persons through awareness campaigns.



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(Left to right) Narit Gessler Dahan, deputy director at Survivor Alliance, moderates a panel with Alicia Kozak, customer administrative sales support specialist, state and local government, public safety, LexisNexis Risk Solutions, and an internet abduction survivor; Rev. Protopresbyter Dr. Peter J. Spiro, director of the FREEDOM national ministry at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; and Kevin Malone, senior adviser on human trafficking at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, about the importance of engaging human trafficking survivors using a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach.