

2023 Request For Proposal

FAQ

When is this proposal due?	The proposal is due by midnight CST on April 26th, 2023
When will presenters be announced?	Presenters will be notified mid-May regarding the status of their proposal
How do I submit my final proposal?	Proposals should only include pages 5 - 7 of this document, which is the template for your application. Once completed, email a PDF of this information to stop-it@usc.salvationarmy.org
Event Date	August 7-9th, 2023
Venue	IL-Tech Chicago-Kent College of Law 565 West Adams St., Chicago, IL



The Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force (CCHTTF) is a multi-disciplinary task force that brings advocates, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, social service, and legal service agencies together to address human trafficking. The Task Force is a joint project of the Salvation Army STOP-IT program and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Each year, the Task Force hosts a human trafficking conference to inform, educate and strengthen anti-trafficking efforts in Cook County and the Northern District of IL. The conference generally features two full days of presentations on innovative work from local and national experts on human trafficking. This year, the conference will include an introductory afternoon, August 7th, for newly engaged stakeholders

who seek to build their skills and incorporate strategies for trauma-informed support for survivors of human trafficking.

The Thirteenth Annual Cook County Human Trafficking Conference will take place on August 7-9th, 2023 in Chicago, IL.

Theme

To broaden the diversity of presenters and presentations, The Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force requests proposals for sessions at the 2023 annual conference that align with the following theme:

Progressing Forward: Equitable considerations for combating human trafficking

The Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force requests proposals for sessions that address one of the following:

1)	explore what has worked well and examine areas to grow across sectors that strategically address the issue of human trafficking
2)	discuss promising prevention methods at systemic and community levels to address the root causes of human trafficking
3)	explore strategies by which the anti-trafficking movement can create spaces that meaningfully center survivors and impacted communities
4)	discuss racial equity and systemic oppression in the context of human trafficking
5)	explore innovative local and national models that comprehensively respond to human trafficking using a multidisciplinary approach

Proposal Topic Areas

Every proposal must specifically be grounded in one of the following perspectives while exploring a topic:

Prevention

OR

Identification

OR

Response

This list is not exhaustive, but preference will be given to proposals that cover the following topic areas:

- Racial Equity in Anti-Human Trafficking Work
- Housing Advocacy
- Barriers to Verifying Identity in Labor Trafficking Cases
- How to Create Spaces that Center Survivors and Marginalized Communities in Anti-Trafficking Work
- The Intersection of Immigration Practices and Increased Vulnerabilities to Trafficking
- The Use of Online Platforms to Recruit and Exploit Minors
- Key Policy Change and Advocacy from the Worker's Rights Movement
- The Continuum of Child Labor Exploitation and Trafficking
- Financial Education & Workforce Development
- Building Agency Response and Navigating Conflict
- Community Psychology and Human Trafficking Prevention
- The Intersection of Labor Trafficking and Sexual Violence
- Engaging the Broader Community in Anti-Trafficking Efforts
- Lessons Learned: Case Study involving a Multidisciplinary Team
- Addressing Collective Trauma among BIPOC Survivors
- Effective Strategies: Engaging with LGBTQ Youth Participating in Survival Sex
- Impact of Recent Policies and Legislation on Survivors
- Ethical Outreach and Engagement Strategies
- Providing Services to Underserved Populations: Male-identified survivors, LGBTQ survivors, Survivors with Disabilities, etc.
- Self-Care and Wellness
- Trauma-Informed: Best Practices, Policies, Approaches to Virtual Service Provision, etc.
- Harm-Reduction Strategies

Proposal and Evaluation Criteria

Proposals must be submitted by **April 26th, 2023**.

Applicants will submit a one to two-page proposal using the provided template (12-point font, double spaced) that addresses the following:

- Proposed presenter(s)
- Type of proposed presentation
 - Seminar – An educational presentation given in a lecture-style format.
 - Panel - A small group of experts (no more than three) present a wide range of perspectives on one specific topic led by a moderator. This can be structured in the form of a roundtable as well.
 - Workshop – An intensive discussion and activity on a particular subject or project. These presentations should be interactive and can include small group breakouts.

- Caucus –A time for affinity groups or people working on similar projects to gather and exchange ideas, network and build community.
- Session skill level
 - Fundamentals – basic for new staff, professionals, volunteers, or community members looking to get involved (0-1 year of experience in topic area)
 - Intermediate – content includes putting theory into practice, practical application, challenges, barriers and problem solving. (2-5 years of experience in topic area)
 - Advanced – sessions tailored for anti-trafficking experts with seasoned knowledge of context, issues and promising practices. Can include case studies and high-level problem solving. (5+ years of experience)
 - All Audiences – session is suitable for participants of all skill levels.
- Proposed subject matter (please indicate if proposing a ‘Law Enforcement Only’ session)
- Value of proposed presentation and impact on field
- Relevance to task force goals
- Qualifications of presenter (short paragraph of bio, details provided in CV)

Proposals must be submitted in PDF electronic format using the template on pages 5-7 to The Salvation Army STOP-IT Program at stop-it@usc.salvationarmy.org by midnight on April 26th, 2023.

The Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force Conference Planning Committee will evaluate the proposals out of 100. The following are the merit-based criteria for evaluation:

25 pt	20 pt	20 pt	15 pt	10 pt	10 pt
Alignment with the theme and the task force goals, mission, and guiding principals	Relevance to anti-trafficking community at large	Innovation or value added to the national discussion on human trafficking	Trauma-informed and victim-centered approach	Clear application to daily anti-trafficking work	Qualifications and expertise of proposed presenters

Please note that all presentations must be trauma-informed, respect the privacy of survivors, get consent before sharing survivor stories, protect confidentiality, and strategically change any names or redact identifying information when referencing specific cases. Presentations should not utilize stereotypical imagery, perpetuate extreme narratives of human trafficking, or employ sensationalist messaging such as “modern day slavery” and/or “abolition” to describe the crime of human trafficking and anti-trafficking work. Any presentations that are not aligned with these standards will not be considered for the conference.



Template for RFP Application

NAME AND AFFILIATION:

Presenter:

Phone:

Email:

Additional Presenter(s):

Email(s):

TITLE OF PROPOSED PRESENTATION:

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION

Please provide a brief description for the presentation that you are proposing. Co-presenters should discuss and agree on the session title and description before submitting this information.

Please make sure to include the following: 1) the type of presentation you are proposing (seminar/panel/workshop/caucus); 2) the skill level of the session (fundamentals/intermediate/advanced/all audiences); 3) whether you are addressing prevention, identification, or response; and, 4) the target audience for your presentation.

HAVE YOU GIVEN THIS PRESENTATION BEFORE? IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE?

If you have, please include a version of presentation slides that were utilized in the past, or any video or links that are related to the presentation.

DOES YOUR PRESENTATION INCLUDE RESEARCH? IF SO, HAS IT BEEN PUBLISHED? WHERE?

RELEVANCE TO TASK FORCE GOALS:

Please describe how this presentation aligns with key task force goals, including enhanced collaboration among law enforcement, social service providers, and other first responders, victim-centered service provision and prosecution, and specifically, the goals identified for the 2020 conference (listed above).

VALUE TO LOCAL/NATIONAL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Please describe how this presentation will add value to the local and national discussion around human trafficking.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PRESENTER(S)

Please briefly describe the presenter's current employment/assignment and professional responsibilities/activities that directly relate to human trafficking, specific areas of expertise, and a general professional history. Additional details may be attached in a CV with this proposal.

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