

ABOLITIONNC ACTION & IMPACT

UPDATES

Tea & Top Hats:
September 18, 2021

AbolitionNC releases
training for NC educators:
Protect Our Students

AbolitionNC welcomes
Rebecca Setzer as the
Director of Outreach
and Development

Thousands of School Staff use AbolitionNC Training

AbolitionNC launched *Protect Our Students* in August 2020. By the start of February, over 16,000 NC school staff had completed the training. We anticipate training 20,000 this school year. This includes eleven districts and multiple charter schools. Our online course is FREE and was designed specifically for school employees per NC Law 245-2019. The law requires public school staff to receive two hours of training on child sexual abuse and sex trafficking. Visit AbolitionNC.org to learn more.



Local Trafficked Youth Reached with FreewayNC

AbolitionNC and the Phoenix Alliance have joined forces to impact troubled youth at the Greensboro Juvenile Detention Center. Mentors visited three times weekly (pre Covid), teaching our curriculum and leading art and science activities as part of a plan to build long-term supportive relationships with trafficking victims.

The center's staff indicated that about 80% of their female youth are "involved in prostitution," which by law is child trafficking. Mentors found numbers to be even higher.

Ethan Wheeler, FreewayNC Youth Educator and President of the Phoenix Alliance said, "We have found

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Through FreewayNC, the girls learn what trafficking is and how to get help. Many realize their "older boyfriend" is a trafficker.

One teen said she was being trafficked by her Mom to support a drug habit. (Continued on pg. 2)

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A Letter from Executive Director, Cindy King



In 2016, I felt called to create a video-based human trafficking curriculum for public schools. In the spring of 2017, I learned of AbolitionNC and discovered that Cambre Weller and I had

a shared vision. That was the beginning of my journey with AbolitionNC, first as a volunteer, then as the Director of Curriculum and now as the Executive Director. I'm thankful for the opportunity to live out a

passion for reaching youth with life-changing education. I'm grateful for our staff, volunteers and OOOM animation studio. Together we worked many hours to bring FreewayNC to fruition. I'm thankful for the blessing of Kim Shue who and Rebecca Setzer who have hit the ground running. I'm also grateful to you our supporters for making all this possible.

I look to our future with anticipation as doors continue to open and opportunities arise to combat trafficking and impact youth in our community, state and beyond.

A Letter from Director, Rebecca Setzer



What a privilege it is to be a part of AbolitionNC! As Director of Outreach and Development, I am excited to help connect our community with our mission and partner together to create change. I am a former educator in NC schools and have seen firsthand the need for prevention and awareness education among students and school staff. With the passing of recent legislation requiring schools to offer trafficking training for staff, AbolitionNC is in a prime position to provide these needed services. AbolitionNC is supported solely through the generosity of our donors. Becoming a monthly donor is one easy and very effective way for members of our community to take an active role in the fight against human trafficking. Would you consider supporting AbolitionNC in 2021?

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The teen was also visibly impacted by a video when she realized she had unknowingly been recruiting girls at her school into trafficking.

"In lock up they are isolated from the environments that made them vulnerable, such as abusive homes, family members with drug addictions, gangs threats, violence all around and poverty. While in custody, they are treated as valuable individuals, and for our part, we take every opportunity to find and highlight areas where they are gifted. And they are genuinely great kids with tremendous potential," Wheeler said. The mentorship program, which is spearheaded by the Phoenix Alliance, is designed to foster relationships that will continue for years to come. "We can work in cooperation with court counselors, caseworkers, social workers, family, or any other positive element in their life," Wheeler said.

Mentors will return to the facility after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

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A Letter from Cofounder, Cambre Weller

This year we had a frightening reminder of how close trafficking is to our doorstep. My 13-year-old was contacted on Instagram by a person offering to be her “sugar daddy.”

Traffickers commonly contact children through social media and apps, offering friendship, love or opportunity. Children can easily fall for a request for a nude image from an online “friend.” Once the perpetrator has the image, the child is blackmailed to send more. The child’s fear that the image will be sent to social media contacts keeps them compliant.

Thankfully, in our case, my daughter knew to bring the incident to my attention. We reported it to CyberTipline.org and deleted the account. Still, I wonder how many other children were contacted that

same day? How many kids in our area are recruited this way, especially now during at-home learning?

That’s why I’m so thankful for AbolitionNC and our FreewayNC curriculum. Students in our community are learning about the tricks that traffickers use. In fact, our series includes three animated videos dedicated to

teaching kids about screen safety. We’re also educating thousands of NC teachers with our newly completed, *Protect Our Students* online training.

I continue to be excited about the direction we are moving and the growth we are experiencing as an organization. I’m pleased to welcome Cindy King as our new Executive Director and Kim Shue as Assistant Director

of Curriculum. I encourage you to support the work of AbolitionNC. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us through a monthly contribution. Your support is needed to take us through the coming year.

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Johnston Adopts FreewayNC

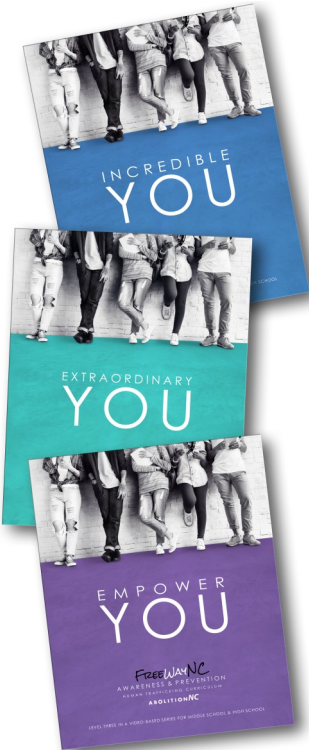
Johnston County Public Schools have adopted FreewayNC as their human trafficking curriculum. FreewayNC was developed by AbolitionNC and launched in 2019. It includes 18 animated videos and three teacher guides.

Guilford and Rockingham Counties have also adopted the curriculum on a district-wide basis. Visit FreewayNC.org to learn how your school or organization can implement our FREE curriculum.

Working to Bring Erin's Law to NC

AbolitionNC is working to bring Erin's Law to NC. The law requires sexual abuse prevention education in K-12th, a parental education component and training for teachers. (The teacher training component

passed in NC in 2019.) Erin's Law has passed in 37 states. We are collaborating with Erin Merryn and NC House Majority Whip, Jon Hardister on the bill's language. We hope to see it introduced in 2021.



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