

ABOLITIONNC ACTION & IMPACT

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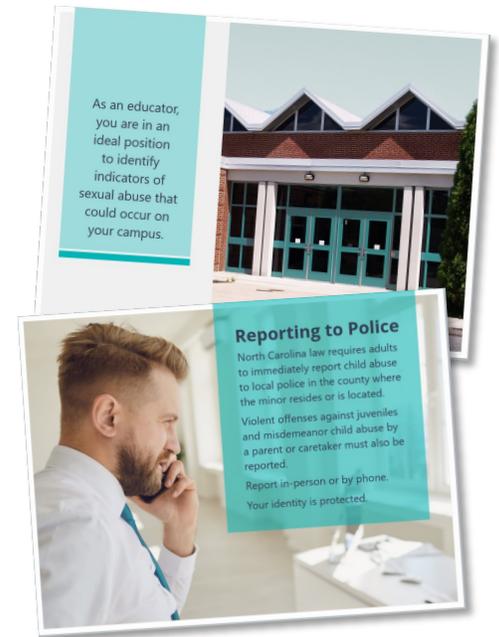
AbolitionNC releases *Protect Our Students*

AbolitionNC promotes Cindy King to Executive Director

AbolitionNC welcomes Kim Shue as Assistant Director of Curriculum

Thousands of School Staff use AbolitionNC Training

AbolitionNC launched *Protect Our Students* in August 2020. By mid-September, about 5,000 NC school staff had completed the training. Another 3,000 are anticipated for 2020. Seven districts are currently participating. 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 our website 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. Most recently, I'm thankful for the blessing of Kim Shue who was key in the creation of *Protect Our Students*. 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 Board Chair, Chelsea Spohn



This year we celebrate 12 years of combating trafficking in NC! We've learned where our efforts have the greatest impact and we've come to recognize the value of awareness and prevention education. Access to critical information equips youth, educators, parents and the community as a whole to prevent, identify and respond to trafficking. Here's how we are making an impact:

- Video-based curriculum
- *Protect Our Students*
- Youth Educator Program
- Teacher Trainer Program
- FreewayNC.org resources
- Triad Rapid Response Team
- Street outreach
- Legislative efforts

Please consider supporting the work we do. We are supported entirely by donations and are especially in need of monthly donors. Monthly support allows us to look to the future and plan, knowing basic needs are met.

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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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Monthly Support Partners

Your monthly gift, whether it’s \$25 or \$250, allows us to look to the future and plan, knowing our monthly expenses are covered.

Business & Personal Sponsorships

Visit our website to learn the perks of sponsorship. Make a donation, match an employee donation or ask customers to round up their purchase to the nearest dollar.

Wilberforce Circle Members

Our Wilberforce members provide key support to our organization through gifts of \$2,500 or more.

Dollar a Day

A gift of \$365 is a simple way to have a daily impact on the work we do.

Employee Donor Match

Check if your employer offers a charitable giving match program.

Show Our Video (*coming soon*)

Show our brief educational video to your church, organization or business on our behalf.

Prayer Team

Visit our website to join our Facebook Prayer Group.

Volunteer

Visit our website to learn about volunteer opportunities.

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Your support is vital. AbolitionNC is funded completely by donations. Due to Covid-19, we've made the difficult decision to postpone our annual Tea & Tops Hats fundraiser. Please consider joining us in one of these ways:

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Show our brief promotional video to your church, organization or business on our behalf. *(coming soon)*

I pledge to give a monthly gift of \$ _____/month.

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Visit AbolitionNC.org/give for information on honorary giving and sponsorship opportunities.

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Johnston Adopts FreewayNC

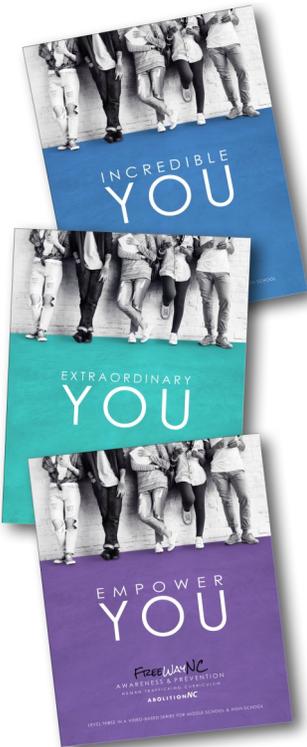
Johnston County Public Schools have adopted FreewayNC as their human trafficking curriculum. FreewayNC was developed by AbolitionNC and launched in 2019. It includes 18 animated videos and three teacher guides.

Guilford and Rockingham Counties have also adopted the curriculum on a district-wide basis. Visit [FreewayNC.org](https://www.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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