

May is Foster Care Awareness Month. This month take time to learn about foster care and how can create vulnerability to human trafficking. Find out how youth in foster care and those aging out are vulnerable, and ways that communities can support foster families. Explore success stories of youth in foster care and determine how you can help bring awareness to your school, peers, and community. Choose at least one (or more!) task from each section. Let's learn, take action, and mobilize others this month - together!



LEARN

- Read these [blogs from Engage Together](#) to learn more about foster care.
- Read this [blog](#) and review the [Justice U Human Trafficking Awareness course](#) to learn why foster youth are vulnerable to human trafficking.
- Watch this [video](#) to learn how students and youth who are in foster care can be vulnerable to human trafficking.
- Read [legislative recommendations](#) that youth who have been in foster care have advocated for through internships with the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.
- Your idea _____



TAKE ACTION

- Create posts to share with friends and family highlighting [graphics](#), [facts](#), [stats](#), and success stories of foster youth. [Stats](#) include, as of Oct. 4, 2021:
 - 407,493 were in foster care.
 - Over 22,000 children had been in foster care for over 5 years.
 - The average age of a child in foster care was 8 years old.
- Follow [#fostercare](#), [#Fostercaremonth](#) and [#NFCM2022](#) to see what people across the U.S. are sharing.
- Hear [stories](#) from youth who have been in foster care.
- Your idea _____



MOBILIZE

- Share with school administrators the [connection between human trafficking and foster care](#).
- Donate and encourage others to donate to programs that offer new and gently used items to foster care families.
- Ask your school counselors how your school is providing extra support for children and youth in foster care, and how you can help.
- Ask your school newspaper to recognize foster care awareness month.
- Invite friends and school staff to take the free [Justice U Human Trafficking Awareness Course](#).
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What was your impact?