The Human Trafficking Collaborative Network (HTCN) is an informal network of researchers, students and community partners with a common interest in improving understanding of human trafficking and exploitation of vulnerable populations supported by the Washington University Institute for Public Health.

The primary mission of HTCN is to facilitate interdisciplinary research, education, dissemination and community partnerships related to human trafficking and other similarly vulnerable populations from a public health approach. HTCN aims to:

• Provide evidence base to aspects of human trafficking
• Improve health consequences of trafficking and exploitation
• Promote prevention efforts to reduce risks for being trafficked or exploited.
• Evaluate intervention programs
• Increase awareness in the St. Louis region
• Collaboratively reduce incidence of human trafficking in the region

**HTCN Action Plan**

**DATA CORE**

• Collect credible data and correct inaccurate or misleading information
• Provide risk-factor related data in the St. Louis region
• Promoting centralized database development in Missouri

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP CORE**

• Continue to strive for an inclusive anti-human trafficking network in the St. Louis region
• Convene an open forum meeting of HTCN members once a year
• Continue to participate community committees and coalition groups

**HEALTHCARE WORKGROUP**

• Continue to provide annual healthcare anti-trafficking conference for healthcare providers
• Extend clinical and research collaborations with other hospitals and clinics in the St. Louis area

**POLICY WORKGROUP**

• Continue with an anti-HT policy study focusing on improving political efficacy
• Continue to collaborate with community policy activists, political leaders in the region
• Offer seminars on nuts and bolts of legislation process

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