

Human Trafficking 101- What You Need to Know and Why

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Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide including Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. It can happen to those of any age, race, sex, gender, religion, or nationality.



Please join us to hear from local expert Detective Eric Higgins to find out how we can help those who are being exploited in our community and beyond.

Date: **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

Time: **5:30 PM** Doors open (Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages provided.)
6:00 PM Program begins.

Place: Diocese of Covington Curia - Bishop Howard Memorial Hall
1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY 41011

Parking: Onsite or at Covington Latin School

Who: **All are welcome!**

Questions: Call Julie Feinauer @ 859-392-1515 or email jfeinauer@covdio.org.

Detective Eric J Higgins, MS has been teaching Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Forensics, classes in higher education for fifteen years. He has been working in law enforcement for twenty-six years and is currently working for the City of Independence, Kentucky as a detective. Detective Higgins retired (December 2019) from the Covington Police Department's Crime Bureau as the financial crimes/homicide investigator and was assigned to the United States Secret Service Task Force and the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force. Detective Higgins was previously assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations task force and the sex offender caseload to investigate and monitor their compliance with registration laws. He has worked in the Crime Suppression Unit as a Narcotics Detective investigating VICE crimes. Detective Higgins holds a master's degree in criminal justice and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. He is a Certified Peace Officer, Law Enforcement Officer Advanced Investigator, and Certified Crisis Intervention Officer. In July of 2015, Detective Higgins was selected to present to the American Probation and Parole Association, at the 40th Annual Training in Los Angeles, California. He was recruited for this national training event to co-present an End Slavery 101 workshop, titled: *From Victim to Offender: The Response to Human Trafficking in Probation and Parole*. This workshop amassed approximately 300 criminal justice professionals including Judges and policy makers. The presentation garnered continued interest from professionals in the field and requests for additional anti-trafficking presentations at regional events within the U.S. and Internationally.