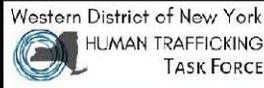


# NEW YORK STATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT 2021



## Impact Report



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# Impact Report

The Brooklyn, Suffolk County, and Western District of NY Human Trafficking Task Forces hosted a three-day conference for law enforcement, medical professionals, and the community on how to better identify and serve victims and survivors of human trafficking. The conference included 12 panels, featuring a diverse 49 speaker lineup, 6 of whom were survivor advocates who shared their expertise. Many experienced trafficking in NYC and/or received services from NYC based service providers. A total of 568 unique individual attended the conference.

## Overview

The purpose of this report is to highlight the impacts the New York State Human Trafficking Awareness Event 2021 had on the human trafficking field. The overall goals included:

### Educating the Community

- to prevent, identify, and protect victims of trafficking in their neighborhood

### Training Law Enforcement

- to identify human trafficking within their own discipline

### Training Healthcare Staff

- to identify victims of trafficking within patient population

## Partnerships

Beyond partnering with the Suffolk County and Western District Human Trafficking Task Forces, KCDA's HTU partnered with other KCDA units as well as New York City based organizations. Partners assisted in managing logistics, streamlining technology, content development and as keynote speakers.

## New York City Based Partners

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| NYPD   Human Trafficking Team                                     | Salvation Army |
| Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender Based Violence (ENDGBV) | FBI            |
| Sanctuary for Families  | Safe Horizon   |
| Wells Fargo   | UNITAS         |
| New York City Health and Hospitals                                | Mount Sinai    |

## EVENT STATISTICS

Total unique attendees across 3 days:

568

Event website total unique viewers:

1,541

Human Trafficking Unit website total views:

185

DA and leadership welcome video total views:

225

DA opening remarks posted video views:

119

# Registration and Attendee Data

Registrants were required to complete a basic demographic survey in order to register for each event. Further, WebEx recorded basic demographic information. Both sources were used to analyze attendee occupation type, rank or title, and location data.

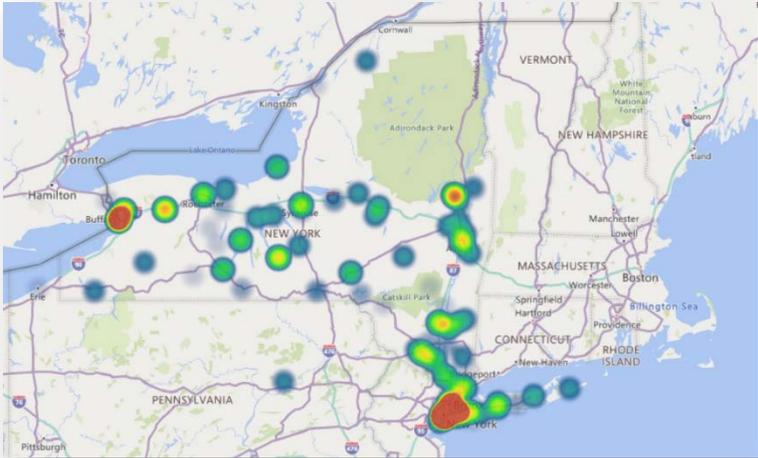
## Justice Day

The Justice Day training included Uber and Human Trafficking, Labor Trafficking in New York State, Identifying Human Trafficking in Gang Investigations, Victim Centered Investigations and Prosecution of Human Trafficking, and Nexus Between Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.

## Locations of Justice Day Registrants

Registrants from across New York State attended the five justice day panels. The four locations with the highest numbers of registrants were New York City, Long Island, Buffalo, and Westchester. Approximately 450 out of 1094 registrants were from New York City.<sup>1</sup> Further, 116 registrants joined from states other than New York, including: California, Florida, Maine, Nebraska, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, US Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Washington, D.C.

**Locations and Density of New York Based Registrants**



## Impact

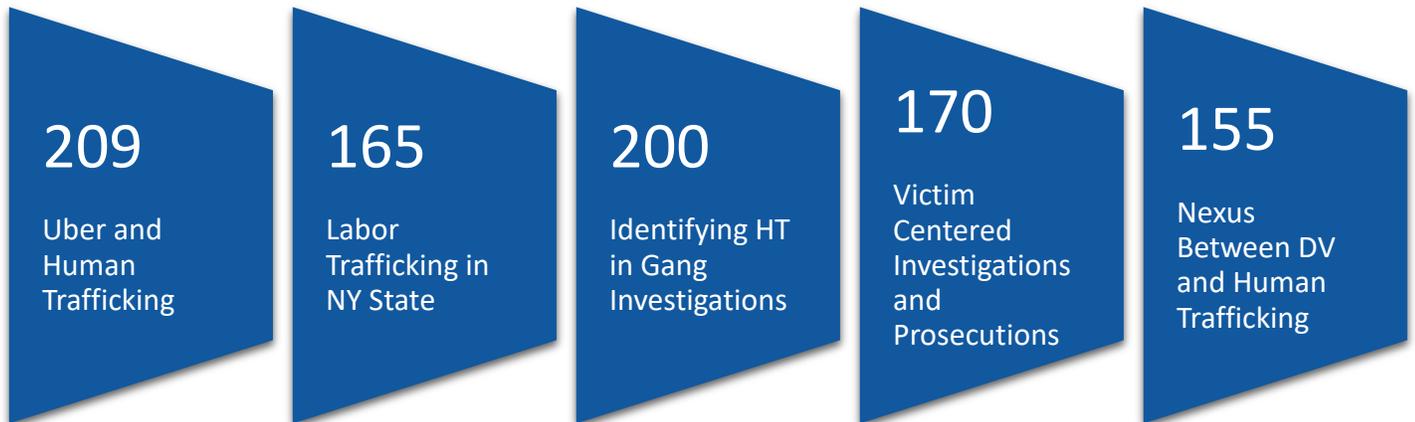
Although many CWs on active human trafficking cases are from the New York City area, some are from outside KCDA’s jurisdiction and brought to Brooklyn for the purposes of trafficking. Approximately 11 victims/CWs on current open human trafficking investigations and indicted cases are from outside the NYC area. Meaning, to have an impact on addressing trafficking here in Brooklyn, training surrounding and out of state law enforcement is key.

<sup>1</sup> Both numbers include the total number of registrants across 5 panels, including those who registered for multiple events.

## Number of Attendees

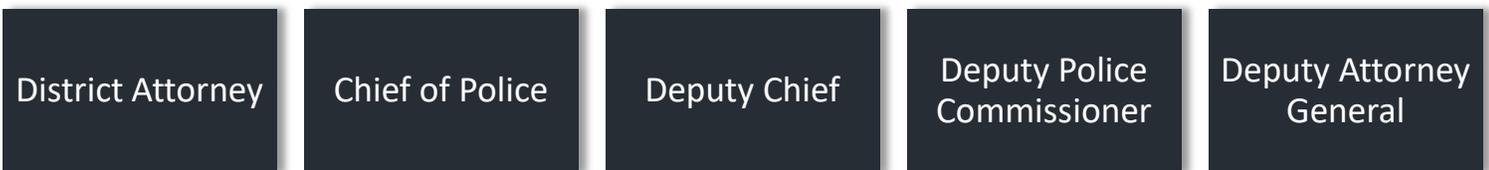
**329**

The total number of unique people who attended at least one Justice Day panel was 329. Each Justice Day panel had between 155 and 209 attendees. All five panels brought the highest number of attendees out of all other sessions.

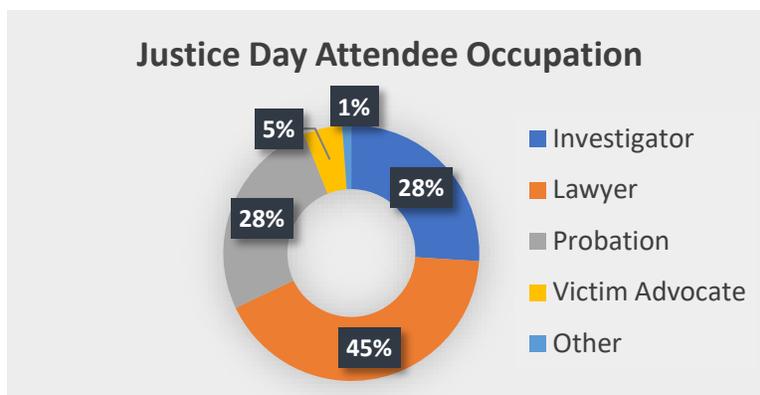


## Rank, Titles, and Occupations

All five Justice Day panels attracted a diverse group of law enforcement professionals. Most came from police departments, sheriff's offices, federal, state, and local prosecutor's offices, as well as federal and state agencies. The top five highest ranking officials who attended include:



Across the five panels, more lawyers, which includes federal and local prosecutors, attended each session compared to any other occupation. Investigators and probation officers were tied for second with highest occupation attendance.



*I mandated my bureau to attend. They all had positive feedback and found it useful.*  
 ~Bureau Chief of Human Trafficking Bureau

# Community Day

There were three sessions that were targeted to the community. First was a panel discussion with experts on *Mobilizing the Faith-based Community to Address Human Trafficking*. This session brought together service providers, faith leaders, and a survivor advocate. Second was a panel discussion, which included opening remarks from DA Gonzalez, titled *What is Your Role in the Anti-Trafficking Movement?* Lastly, the Director of the film *Sands of Silence, Waves of Courage* hosted a Q&A session with a survivor advocate and the New York State Office of Victim Services.

## Number of Attendees

**179**

A total of 179 unique people participated in at least one of the Community Day events, many of whom attended multiple events. Attendees included community members, faith-leaders, service providers, teachers, city workers, and parents.



## Impact

All three community day panels included one survivor advocate, who not only shared their story of victimization and restoration but also shared insights on how the community can have an impact on the anti-trafficking movement.

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*“This was, by far, the best human trafficking awareness event I have ever attended.”*  
~Community Member

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# Healthcare Day

For Healthcare Day, there were three sessions targeting hospital and clinic staff, social workers, and other medical professionals about identifying human trafficking victims in a healthcare or medical facility. The order of sessions was intended to build upon the information provided in the previous session. The day started with a basic *Human Trafficking 101 for Healthcare workers*, then experts discussed how to *Implement Human Trafficking Regulations in a Healthcare setting*, and finally the day ended with a discussion on *Providing Healthcare to Survivors and Victims of Trafficking*.

## Number of Attendees

119

A total number of 119 unique people attended at least one of the 3 panels. Attendees included doctors, registered nurses, mental health professionals, psychiatrists, physician assistants, hospital administrators, and social workers.



## Impact

Within one week of completing the January Conference, a Kings County Hospital emergency room employee (who attended one of the Healthcare panels) identified a patient who was a victim of trafficking and proceeded to call the Director of Anti-Trafficking at NYC Health and Hospitals. The patient was an underage female who exhibited signs of sexual abuse and indicators of trafficking. Within a few hours, a NYC Health and Hospitals representative connected with both NYPD Human Trafficking Unit and KCDA Human Trafficking Unit. The referred case is a current active Queens and Brooklyn investigation.

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*“It was very edifying, well presented.”*  
~Community member

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