

ONRTIP's

TRAFFICKING BULLETIN

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A Library with a Difference

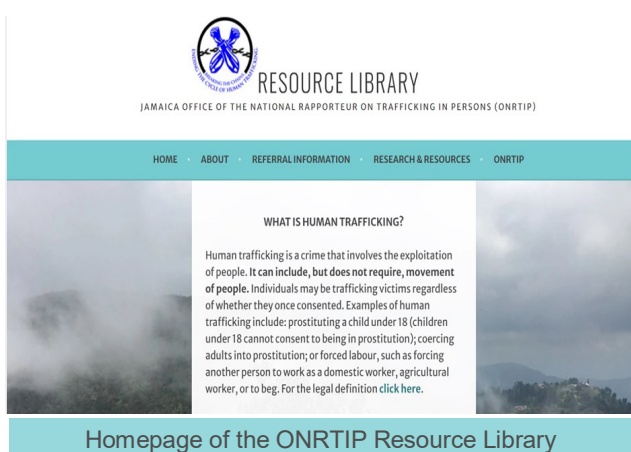
Launched on September 8, 2020, the ONRTIP's Human Trafficking Online Resource Library is an innovative educational tool developed to assist Jamaicans in learning much more about human trafficking. ONRTIP has worked with the Warnath Group - one of the implementing partners under the CPC, to develop the virtual Library to provide researchers, frontline officers, first responders and members of the public with free, easily accessible and credible information about Human Trafficking, derived from both local and international sources.

This virtual library provides the public with free access to international, regional, and local material on Human Trafficking inclusive of studies, reports, and laws, with the click of a button.

The Resource Library also serves as a one-stop shop for showcasing and gaining access to all the relevant publications produced by the ONRTIP, as well as learning more about the mandate and work of the Office. Additionally, the Resource Library will aid in raising the awareness of the general public about the issues surrounding Human Trafficking locally.

New Developments

Trafficking in persons or Human Trafficking is one of the many societal ills that plague our country. Despite a Tier 2 ranking by the US State Department for the last five (5) years, Jamaica still has a long way to go in its fight to eliminate human trafficking. As steps are made to eliminate the scourge locally, the partnership between the governments of Jamaica and the United States of America has borne much fruit in the fight against human trafficking with the launch of the **ONRTIP's Human Trafficking Online Resource Library** in September 2020, the National Referral Mechanism (**NRM**) for Child Trafficking in June 2020 and the hosting of a **Child Trauma Course** for frontline workers and stakeholders in January-February 2021. These developments are critical in the fight as the relevant stakeholders move to employ the new tools and strategies in their daily work.



Homepage of the ONRTIP Resource Library



The Launch of the ONRTIP's Resource Library

The Human Trafficking Online Resource Library covers six main categories:

1. Research on Trafficking in Persons (Inclusive of international, regional, and local studies).
2. Trafficking Research Methods and Ethics.
3. Anti-Trafficking Manuals, Guidelines and Tools.
4. Human Trafficking Laws and Policies.
5. Reports and Resources from National Rapporteurs and Equivalent Mechanisms outside Jamaica.
6. ONRTIP Reports and Resources (Including how to request/access a copy of the Human Trafficking E-learning Tool and other publications produced by the Office).



FEATURES OF THE ONRTIP's HUMAN TRAFFICKING ONLINE RESOURCE LIBRARY

- 1. Wide Content Range:** The Human Trafficking Online Resource Library covers six main categories.
- 2. Easily Accessible:** Anti-trafficking stakeholders, first responders and frontline officers, researchers and members of the public now have access to relevant, practical and localised information on Human Trafficking wherever and whenever they need it.
- 3. User-friendly:** The Human Trafficking Online Resource Library only requires the user to have internet access in order to enter the virtual library.
- 4. Sustainability:** The Resource Library is a working library, to be updated by ONRTIP with additional resources and materials over time. In this regard, users can suggest a resource for inclusion in the Online Library by contacting the Office.
- 5. Referral and Support:** In addition, members of the public can also learn more about the work of the National Rapporteur, Mrs. Diahann Gordon Harrison, through the library's 'About' page and are also provided with referral and support information which highlights Jamaica's network of Human Trafficking service providers.



Do check out the Human Trafficking Online Resource Library by visiting any of the following web addresses:

<https://jamaicanationalrapporteur.wordpress.com/>
<https://jamaicaonrtip.com/>

You can also check out our social media pages



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What is the National Referral Mechanism (NRM)?

The NRM is a framework of cooperation between anti-trafficking stakeholders that sets out their roles and responsibilities to work together to proactively identify trafficking victims and protect their rights and best interests. NRMs are usually formalized policies for state agencies, ministries and non-governmental groups (local and international) to cooperate with each other in handling trafficking cases. By doing this, it fosters cross-sector collaboration. Currently, Jamaica has a partnership with the US government under the Child Protection Compact.

This compact has seen international anti-trafficking experts such as the **WARNATH group, WINROCK International and Lawyers Without Borders** working with local stakeholders to build their capacity to identify and refer suspected cases of child trafficking. A major success of this partnership is the development of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for Child Trafficking in Jamaica.



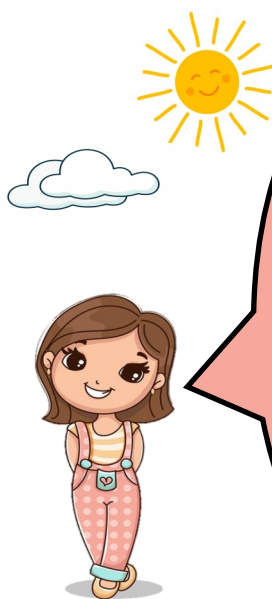
The WARNATH GROUP

This NRM gives direction to stakeholders in dealing with and assessing cases of child trafficking that they may come in contact with. Specifically, it answers the question as to who does what when a potential trafficking case is detected. One of the main principles of the NRM "...is to ensure that every trafficked child is empowered, supported and protected with a view to ensuring that he/she is effectively rehabilitated and reintegrated into society."

A key feature of the NRM was the development of a screening tool for child trafficking, with agency-specific screening questions. The need for such a tool was one of the key findings in the U.S.-Jamaica Child Protection Compact Partnership Baseline Report. Now that the screening tool has been widely distributed across Ministries, Departments & Agencies of government, it is expected that stakeholders will be better able to screen and identify potential trafficking cases.

The NRM has Five (5) key stages of response to an incident of Child Trafficking:

1. Initial Report of Trafficking and Intake,
2. Identification and Investigation,
3. Needs Assessment and Referral Support and Protective Services,
4. Support and Protective Services and
5. Re-Integration.



It is easy to access the NRM on ONRTIP's Resource Library!

Visit the homepage and click on **Referral Information**. Scroll down to **National Referral Mechanism**, where you will see a list of NRM items. Simply click on each link to access each document.



Sample image of the National Referral Mechanism for Child Trafficking

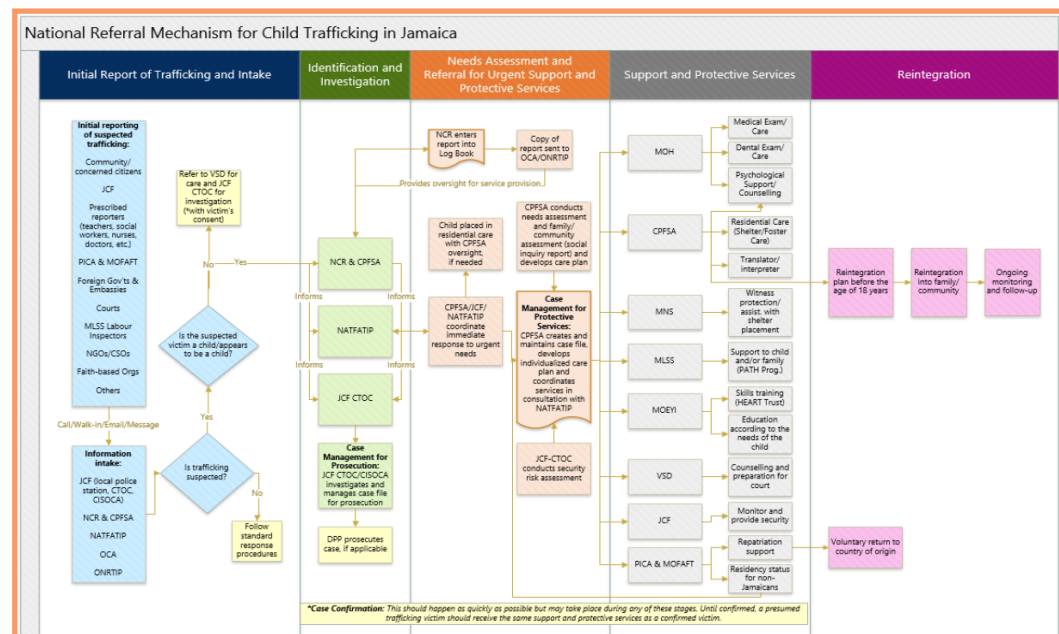


Diagram of the National Referral Mechanism for Child Trafficking in Jamaica

Jamaica CPC: Psychosocial Support and Trauma-Informed Counselling for Child Trafficking Victims

In the first quarter of 2021, WINROCK International held a month long training course which focused on psychosocial support and trauma informed counselling for Child Trafficking victims. Over 100 participants were present during the training sessions which sought to sensitize stakeholders about the NRM and to provide technical assistance for the assessment and handling of child trauma cases. The training consisted of a six (6) module course which spanned 4 weeks and involved a weekly lecture time and a Question and Answer Session.

The Importance of Understanding Trauma in Counselling a Child

The training emphasised the value of understanding trauma and its lasting impact on a child, both physically and psychologically. Mental health challenges faced by trafficked children and the effects of trauma bonding were also key entry points.

The training facilitators reinforced the ethical guidelines on how to become a good counsellor, which served to remind frontline workers of their duties, while also providing them with a deep sense of motivation. Another key focus of the training was trauma-informed and strengths-based approaches to assisting trauma victims. These are essential for the recovery of a trafficking survivor and it has been tried and proven that strengths-based approaches help victims overcome trauma and reintegrate into society. Building survivor resilience



The 6 Modules covered in the WINROCK Int. Training

and working on Post Traumatic Growth Journey provides survivors with a safe place where they can talk about their feelings and overtime help to rebuild and become stronger than when the traumatic experience first happened. Therapeutic interventions also help victims/survivors to deal with anxiety and techniques such as the protective container, having a worry box to put their worries in, the tree of life and narrative therapy, help victims to face their fears, worries and anxieties, while looking towards a better future, free from the pains of the past.

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Shamere McKenzie

on the final day of training, Miss Shamere McKenzie, a human trafficking survivor, shared some of her personal experiences as it relates to human trafficking in an interview. This was a fitting culmination to the training and fostered the growth and development of key frontline workers and stakeholders in the fight against human trafficking in Jamaica.

The Culmination to a Comprehensive Training

WINROCK wrapped up the month long training with teaching participants how to better balance their counselling roles and to avoid stresses associated with working with traumatic cases. In one of the sessions

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