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**Office on Trafficking in Persons Research & Data
Fact Sheet**

TO:	ACF anti-trafficking grantees, organizations assisting populations at high risk for human trafficking, and other interested parties.
SUBJECT:	This fact sheet summarizes the data collection, evaluation, and research efforts of the Office on Trafficking in Persons.
REFERENCES:	Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (PL 106-386), Sections 105 and 107, as amended at 22 U.S. Code § 7103 and 7106; Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, Section 108(a)(1), as amended at 22 U.S. Code § 7109a(a)
PURPOSE:	The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) coordinates with federal partners to expand interagency procedures to collect and organize data on human trafficking, evaluate anti-trafficking programs, and carry out research to strengthen the nation’s response to human trafficking.
BACKGROUND:	As a member of the President’s Interagency Task Force on human trafficking, HHS implements activities to measure and evaluate anti-trafficking programming, expand interagency procedures to collect and organize data, and engage in other significant research on human trafficking through partnerships, grants, and contracted services. HHS reports into the annual Attorney General’s report to Congress on federal anti-trafficking efforts, strengthens data collection through system development, and integrates human trafficking data elements into data systems on populations at risk for human trafficking.

Data Collection and System Development

Through the Human Trafficking Data Collection Project¹, OTIP has examined current practices, standards, and technologies used for human trafficking data collection to understand human trafficking victimization and service needs. Improved data collection will inform program

¹ Additional information on the Human Trafficking Data Collection Project can be found at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/research-policy/data-collection>

The fact sheet, [Office on Trafficking in Persons Research & Data](#) (PDF), summarizes the data collection, evaluation, and research efforts of the Office on Trafficking in Persons.

HHS-Funded Public Health Research on Human Trafficking, 2004–2019 Information Memorandum

TO: ACF anti-trafficking grantees, organizations assisting populations at high risk for human trafficking, policymakers, researchers, and other interested parties.

SUBJECT: This Information Memorandum (IM) highlights the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) contributions to human trafficking research, gaps in evidence, and open access policies.

REFERENCES: Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-386), as reauthorized in 2003, 2005, 2008; National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 (P.L. 112-239); Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2013 (P.L. 113-183); Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-22); Abolish Human Trafficking Act of 2017 (P.L. 115-392); Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017 (P.L. 115-393); SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2017 (P.L. 115-398); and Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017.

PURPOSE: This IM summarizes human trafficking research funded by HHS published in peer-reviewed journals, amplifies the need for additional research and possible research topics, and promotes the adoption of open access policies for federally funded research.

BACKGROUND: The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) authorized the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct research on domestic and international trafficking. Since the implementation of the TVPA, HHS, along with the U.S. Departments of Justice, Labor, and State and the U.S. Agency for International Development, have made significant contributions to the growth of anti-trafficking research.

Federally-Funded Anti-Trafficking Research

Federal agencies like the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of State (DOS), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) fund research to assess the economic causes and consequences of human trafficking, the effectiveness of federally funded programs and

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The information memorandum, [HHS-Funded Public Health Research on Human Trafficking, 2004–2019](#) (PDF), summarizes the contributions of HHS to human trafficking research, as well as gaps in evidence and open access policies.

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