

STATE ADVOCACY

ACTIVITY GUIDE: VACATUR LAWS

How to Use This Activity Guide

At NCJW, advocacy is all about action. Advocates looking to advance and strengthen Vacatur Laws can move forward by raising public awareness online and in person. Use the ideas below for inspiration!

Public Awareness Activities

- ▶ Raise awareness using our Vacatur Laws Social Media Guide available as part of this toolkit at act.ncjw.org/trafficking.
- ▶ Host a press conference to urge the passage of Vacatur Laws.
- ▶ Host a town hall meeting with local state lawmakers on Vacatur Laws. This will help develop your relationships with lawmakers and raise awareness in the community.
- ▶ Host a screening of *Tricked*, a documentary dealing with sex trafficking.. Check out NCJW's Tricked Discussion Guide at <http://act.ncjw.org/trafficking>.
- ▶ Host a workshop on Vacature Laws.
- ▶ Host a panel or community forum on Vacatur Laws. Include speakers that are state lawmakers, coalition partners, service providers, and academic experts.

Jewish Awareness Activities

- ▶ Ask your rabbi to dedicate a sermon to trafficking and Vacatur Laws.
- ▶ Ask the Jewish community in your area to use this special prayer as part of a family or community ritual, like a Seder: *"We, who are free, understand the bitterness of today's slaves. Let us resolve to end human trafficking for all time."* Provide resources for members of the community to then spark the conversation on VacaturLaws.
- ▶ Host a Shabbat dinner discussion about sex trafficking and securing justice for survivors in our flawed criminal justice system, with an emphasis on VacaturLaws.

Learn More

- ▶ Write an op-ed, blog, or letter to the editor using our Vacatur Laws Messaging Guide available as part of this toolkit at act.ncjw.org/trafficking.
- ▶ Read examples of op-eds about Vacatur Laws and sex trafficking in the [Baltimore Sun](#) and [CNN](#).
- ▶ Visit the [VS. State Guide](#), used by the American Bar Association, to learn if your state has a Vacatur Law.

Questions?

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