

JUVENILE SEX TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

JuST 2020 COVID-19 Updates

July 7, 2020

JuST Conference Rescheduled to 2021

After consulting with the DC Convention Visitors Bureau, the DC Government, The Omni Shoreham and the Shared Hope International Board of Directors, we have decided to reschedule the 2020 JuST Conference. The new date is November 17 – 19, 2021 and at the same location -- the Omni Shoreham in Washington, DC. This decision has been made with the safety and well-being of our attendees, presenters, volunteers and Shared Hope team as our top priority.

This situation has not diminished our efforts to keep advancing the fight against DMST! Because we had already accepted an exceptional group of presentations, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting many of them in a virtual format during the upcoming months. Please stay tuned as more information becomes available soon. We hope you will consider joining us in the fall!

If you have already placed an order for the conference, please note that you will receive a separate email from brittany@sharedhope.org regarding your registration transaction options later today.

If you had a reservation at the Omni Shoreham, it will be automatically cancelled on your behalf. If you made arrangements at other locations, please contact them directly.

We thank you for your continued support of the JuST Conference! We are looking forward to (virtually) uniting with you later this year as we continue to work together to prevent and end commercial sexual exploitation. Our collaborative community response is critical to our continued efforts to take action in this fight!

May 29, 2020

The early-bird rate deadline has been extended to **August 1**. We hope you are able to consider joining us!

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<u>Registration</u> and <u>Invoice Requests</u> are currently open and will remain open. We encourage you to consider requesting an invoice, to hold your seat and lock-in the early bird rate. We are optimistic that in November we will be able to join together in Washington, DC for JuST 2020, but to ease your mind about registering now, please review <u>our refund policy here.</u>

For more information on the Omni Hotel & Resorts' Safe and Clean policy, please click here.

March 24, 2020

We invite Anti-trafficking professionals to join the <u>ATR Network listserv</u> to share challenges/successes in the fight against trafficking during the COVID-19 pandemic.

March 20, 2020

Dear JuST Conference Community,

First and foremost, wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you all. We understand that many of you are not able to social-distance as first-responders, service providers and allies and we thank you for the work you are doing. We wish you and yours health and wellness as you are advocating for and serving at risk populations during this time.

Shared Hope International is currently monitoring the COVID-19 Pandemic closely. As of now, we are moving forward with usual planning for <u>Juvenile Sex Trafficking (JuST) Conference 2020</u>, taking place November 4-6, 2020 in Washington, DC.

Understanding that we are all impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic, please know that we are aware of budgetary restrictions during these times. We do plan to extend the early-bird

rate until June 1. We will communicate updates closer to the deadline. <u>Registration</u> and <u>Invoice</u> <u>Requests</u> are currently open and will remain open. We encourage you to consider requesting an invoice, to hold your seat and lock-in the early bird rate. We are optimistic that the COVID-19 will be a thing of the past by the time of the JuST Conference, but to ease your mind about registering now, please review our <u>refund policy here</u>.



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We will regularly update you all about the status of the JuST Conference on our website. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our conference coordinator, Brittany Peck at <u>brittany@sharedhope.org</u>.

We look forward to uniting with you in November to continue our fight against DMST!

Well wishes,

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