



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EMPLOYEES

FROM: THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL *June 17, 2026*

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR CHILD EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking and child exploitation destroy lives and corrode our communities. They inflict profound pain on their victims and serve as immense revenue streams for criminal organizations. These crimes take many forms—from forced labor to sexual abuse—and affect thousands of people annually.

Human traffickers and child predators capitalize on the hidden nature of their crimes. They rely on the silence of their victims and a lack of information sharing among government agencies. It is time for the information silos to come down, for the silence to break, and for justice to be done.

The Department has long been a leader in the fight against human trafficking and child exploitation. But a problem of this significance demands that we adjust our approach. Therefore, to enhance the Department's efforts to prevent, prosecute, and end human trafficking and child exploitation, I am directing the following actions:

- Effective immediately, I am creating the position of National Coordinator for Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking (National Coordinator) in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. The National Coordinator combines the positions and subsumes the responsibilities of the National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction and the National Human Trafficking Coordinator. Alessandra Serano will serve as the new National Coordinator.
- Within 120 days, the National Coordinator shall submit a report to the Deputy Attorney General updating the Department's strategy for combatting child exploitation and human trafficking. The strategy should include recommendations for improving coordination among law enforcement; expanding the availability of grants to state, local, tribal, and territorial partners; and updating relevant laws and policies. The National Coordinator shall seek input on this strategy from the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys, the Criminal Division, the Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Legal Policy, the Office of Legislative Affairs, the Office of Tribal Justice, the Office on Violence Against Women, and any other relevant Department components.

- The National Coordinator will serve as the Department's liaison to both other federal agencies and outside stakeholders on the development and implementation of initiatives to fight human trafficking and child exploitation. The National Coordinator shall collaborate with the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys, the Criminal Division, and the Office of Legal Policy on the development and implementation of such initiatives.