

# Academy

## SKILLS INTENSIVES

Throughout the year, the Institute offers intensive training for agencies looking to start or retool their shelter program. Current offerings include Emergency-Stabilization, Restorative Care and Minor Care. Scholarships may be available. We offer a robust online learning management system with 80+ courses on topics specific to shelter care. Courses are taught by shelter practitioners and topical subject matter experts.

## WEBINARS

We host free and fee-based monthly webinars on contemporary topics for shelters and affiliated agencies.

## CUSTOM TRAININGS

Institute faculty are available to provide on-site custom training to shelters, nonprofits, law enforcement, government, corporations, medical, churches, and schools.

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# Research & Public Policy

## INDUSTRY SURVEYS

Approximately 4x per year, we conduct a survey of the shelter landscape on topics of contemporary interest. These reports provide decision-support to shelter leaders and funders. All of our reports are offered free to the landscape and the general public.

**URL:** [instituteforsheltercare.org/research-library](https://instituteforsheltercare.org/research-library)

## MAJOR STUDIES

Every two years, the Institute embarks on a larger study of some phenomenon within sex trafficking or restorative care. These studies help to guide our understanding of exploitation and how to care for survivors.

**URL:** [instituteforsheltercare.org/faith-practices-report](https://instituteforsheltercare.org/faith-practices-report)

## PUBLIC POLICY

The Institute tracks changes in federal and state legislation, advises legislators and policy makers with data and context, and educates the shelter community on how legislative and regulatory policy impacts their work.

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# Resources for Shelters

## **NATIONAL SHELTER LANDSCAPE**

The Institute maintains the single most credible database on current shelter programs in the U.S. This resource is used to support research and survivor placement into qualified programs.

**URL:** [instituteforsheltercare.org/shelter-map](http://instituteforsheltercare.org/shelter-map)



## **NATIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

In response to shelters' needs to track survivor progress and outcomes, the Institute customized a state-of-the-art case management tool for trafficking, including standard intake forms, releases, assessments, and progress markers, at a discounted rate for shelters. This tool is being deployed in shelters nationwide.

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## **SHIELD BEARERS**

Shield Bearers is a network of attorneys who agree to provide pro- or low-bono legal aid to shelters on a wide range of operating, HR, and religious liberty issues.

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# Shelter Community

## **FORTIFY RETREAT**

Each year, the Institute hosts a gathering of shelter leaders for a time of peer connection and spiritual replenishment. During this gathering, we also facilitate discussion on the major trends and forecasts in the field of sexual exploitation, and set the annual agenda.

## **PRAYER NETWORK**

Institute staff and volunteers commit to regular prayer for the shelters and their residents. On a monthly basis, we convene shelter leaders for a time of prayer and encouragement.

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# Speaking & Training

## **SPEAKING**

Institute staff are available and skilled at public presentations, keynote addresses, and providing testimonials on the topic of domestic sex trafficking.

## **CUSTOM TRAININGS**

We offer specialized training to law enforcement, court professionals, frontline responders, and child welfare workers on topics from basic human trafficking awareness to specific interventions with survivors.

# Development

## JOHN I. McKENNA LEGACY FUND

This fund allows donors to contribute to a centralized fund, managed by the Institute, that awards scholarships and grants to shelters that have been vetted for stability, credibility, and quality service.



## DONOR ADVICE

The Institute's knowledge of the shelter landscape has assisted donors in making informed and targeted giving decisions. We work with philanthropists and wealth managers to make better charitable decisions.

## GOD IS ABLE PRAISE CONCERT

We are hosting a community praise concert at Salt & Light Church on September 21, 2024. This family-friendly event will offer bands, testimonies, and food trucks, as well as showcase local ministries/nonprofits engaged in recovery and restorative care. Proceeds support the work of the Institute. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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## How you can be part of the solution

### EDUCATE

The Institute can assist you in becoming more informed about the issue of domestic sexual exploitation/trafficking. Take advantage of our research and resources to become educated.

### ADVOCATE

Armed with information, we need everyone to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. We can help put you in touch with lawmakers and initiatives who need to hear your voice.

### INTERN

The Institute has opportunities for interns in research, marketing, communications, and community awareness. We can also help place interns in shelter programs nationally.

### DONATE

Over 70% of the Institute's operating budget is dependent on charitable support. You can become a sustaining partner, monthly donor or one-time giver at: [instituteforsheltercare.org/donate](https://instituteforsheltercare.org/donate)

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## How the Institute might assist The Commonwealth

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### TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE ADVISEMENT

Institute staff currently serve on the Kentucky Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force and are available to advise corporations, churches, or nonprofits on issues of sexual exploitation and survivor care.

### LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

We can provide research, data, and expert commentary on proposed legislation to strengthen Kentucky's response to sex trafficking.

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