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Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Summit Draws Over 250 Attendees, Marks Major Collaboration in Statewide Fight

LINCOLN--More than 250 participants from across Nebraska convened at the UNL Innovation Campus on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, for the third annual Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Summit, hosted by Attorney General Mike Hilgers. The event brought together law enforcement, prosecutors, service providers, advocates, and community members, highlighting Nebraska's strong, unified commitment to eradicating human trafficking.

The day-long event began with a State-of-the-State discussion, featuring SAC Gene Kowel of the Omaha FBI Field Office and SAC Rick Sabatini of the Kansas City Homeland Security Field Office, who joined AG Hilgers to highlight the FBI and HSI's successful operations to end trafficking in the state and state and federal collaboration.

The Summit's keynote speaker was the Honorable Judge Lung, who spoke on Trafficking, Trauma, Resiliency & Evidence-based Hope. The Summit featured expert panels, a case study, and spotlighted the multidisciplinary work of the child advocacy centers in Nebraska.

Attorney General Hilgers addressed attendees during the opening and closing remarks, emphasizing the state's momentum. "Human trafficking is a horrific crime that threatens the safety and dignity of Nebraskans," Hilgers said. "Together, we are committed to combating this scourge. We will continue to build on our progress, support survivors, and work relentlessly to end human trafficking in our State."

The record turnout and robust agenda highlighted a growing statewide coalition determined to end human trafficking and support survivors. The Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force continues to lead, fostering collaboration and providing critical support to those on the front lines.

For more information about the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force and upcoming initiatives, please visit [AGO.Nebraska.gov](https://ago.nebraska.gov).

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