

# Speak Out *for* “Disposable People”

Wichita ranks in the top five cities across the country as an originating city for exploited children. This means that traffickers come to Wichita to profit by taking our kids to other cities and states.

Local authorities estimate that approximately 400-500 Wichita children and youth are sexually exploited in our city each year. What are we going to do to stop this criminal industry?



## Stop human trafficking.



Nita Belles, Speaker and author of [In Our Backyard](#)

Come hear Oregon's **Nita Belles**, advocate for human trafficking victims and author of [In Our Backyard](#). Also hear a panel of local authorities:

- **Marc Bennett** - Deputy District Attorney
- **Lt. Jeff Weible** - Wichita Police Exploited and Missing Children Department
- **Karen Countryman-Roswurm** - Therapist and Coordinator of Anti-Sexual Exploitation Services
- **Jennifer White** - Volunteer organizer on website ictsos.org

Nita began studying about human trafficking/modern-day slavery in 2006. The more she studied, the more she knew she couldn't sit on the sidelines while these atrocities were taking place all over the world, including in her own backyard. As she networks with other national and international abolitionist organizations, she brings to the table a deep understanding of a broad scope of women's issues, as well as a compassion for victims and a determination to link arms with other abolitionists in order to end modern-day slavery. As a former Associate Pastor, she holds a Master's Degree in Theology with a concentration in Women's Concerns. Presently, as the Central Oregon Regional Coordinator for Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans, Nita focuses on helping victims/survivors of human trafficking and raising awareness about modern-day slavery.

**Friday, October 14 7:00-9:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 15 9:00-noon**

**Sunday, October 16 10:00 am Worship Service**

**College Hill United Methodist Church 2930 E. 1st St. Wichita, KS 67214 683-4643**