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PANEL DISCUSSION: PRISON ABOLITION TO PREVENT + END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION

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TAKEAWAYS FROM PANEL DISCUSSION

1. The three types of Prison Labor, currently happening, are Labor Trafficking according to the definition in The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, that is how Prison labor and Human Trafficking intersect. (Dettlaff)
2. We must include detention centers in our human trafficking efforts, where migrant communities are largely impacted, and often forgotten. (Torres)
3. Holding legislators and governments accountable for their actions (lack of action) and the harmful systems on those incarcerated and detained. We must demand transparency of how funds are being used. (Dettlaff + Varela + Torres)
4. Involve the experience of those with lived experience, when creating policies, informing organizational goals and services. What do they need? (Bush)
5. Everyone has access to training, not everyone has access to an organization protocol and are unsure how to respond. (Torres)
6. Orgs need to advocate for the decriminalization of sex work. (Dettlaff + Varela)

Watch the full panel discussion [here!](#) Have questions? Please email us: Kathryn@a2ndcup.com