



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery. It is a rapidly growing criminal industry second only to drug dealing and equal in scope to arms dealing. Human Trafficking involves the use of *force, fraud and/or coercion* for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Contrary to popular belief, under federal and state law, Human Trafficking does not require movement of people across borders.

There are many millions of slaves worldwide. The U.S. State Department estimates that 600,000-800,000 people are trafficked in the United States annually. New Jersey is a prime location for Human Trafficking because it is a major national and international transportation and shipping corridor.

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

Human Trafficking is a hidden crime that is seriously underreported. Within the U.S., both citizens and foreign nationals – women, men, and children – can fall prey to traffickers who may threaten their lives and those of their families, isolate victims and/or make it impossible for them to escape. Many victims trafficked into the U.S. do not speak or understand English and are unable to communicate to seek rescue.

- **Sex Trafficking** -- Victims of sex trafficking can be found working for massage parlors, brothels, strip clubs, escort services and on the street. They may be children, teenagers or adults lured by false promises and ultimately forced into prostitution.
- **Labor Trafficking** --Victims of labor trafficking can be found in many types of domestic and non-domestic situations. They work as nannies and maids, in sweatshops, janitorial jobs, restaurants, hair and nail salons, in street sales and on construction sites and farms. The victims are trapped into a cycle of debt, forcing them into involuntary servitude, debt bondage and slavery.
- **Minors** -- More than 50% of victims worldwide are estimated to be under the age of 18. Under U.S. law, any person under 18 involved in the commercial sex industry is considered a Human Trafficking victim.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Educate yourself, your family, your community, your synagogue, church or mosque about Human Trafficking.
- Advocate for national and state policies and legislation directed toward abolishing trafficking.
- Give time and money to organizations that fight trafficking and provide services to survivors.
- Shop conscientiously by asking questions about a product's source and choosing fair trade certified products when available.

**Community awareness of how to identify potential trafficking situations
can be the difference between slavery and freedom.**

**Report suspicious activity to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center
1-888-3737-888**

**To become involved in the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking contact
NJHT@jfedgmw.org or 973-929-3087**



www.NJHumanTrafficking.org

NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking is made up of a diverse group including: faith-based organizations, non-profits, government agencies, law enforcement, and direct service providers based in NJ who come together with the mission of ending human trafficking in our State, country and the world through education, advocacy, and assistance to survivors. Through our partnership, we work to serve as the hub of state and community efforts to increase coordination and visibility of NJ's commitment to end human trafficking.

American Association of University Women
Anti-Trafficking Taskforce of Atlantic County
Atlantic Health System
Benedictine Academy
Capital District of the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton
Chester Lioness Club
CASA of Morris & Sussex Counties
College of Saint Elizabeth
Community Relations Committee of Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ (CRC)
Contact of Burlington County
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority – North Jersey Alumnae Chapter
The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey MDG Task Force
FBI
Hadassah - Northern New Jersey Region
The HEAAT Foundation
Healing SPACE: A Sexual Violence Resource Center
International Justice Project, Inc.
Jersey Battered Women's Service
Jersey Shore Dream Center
Jewish Labor Committee
Jewish Women's Foundation of New Jersey
Junior League of Morristown
Junior League of Monmouth County
Junior Leagues of New Jersey State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC)
Justice Network
Kean University
League of Women Voters - NJ
Love True
Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry
Morris County Human Relations Commission
Morris County Prosecutors Office
National Council of Jewish Women - Bergen County
National Council of Jewish Women - Essex County

National Council of Jewish Women - NJ SPA
National Council of Jewish Women - Union County
National Council of Jewish Women - West Morris
NOW - Morris County
NOW - NJ
NOW - Northern NJ
NOW- South Jersey Alice Paul Chapter
NJ Association of Corrections
New Jersey Catholic Conference
NJ Coalition for Battered Women
NJ Commission on Holocaust Education
NJ Dept. of Children & Families
NJ State Association of Jewish Federations
NJ State Federation of Woman's Clubs
New Providence Presbyterian Church
North Jersey Vineyard
180, Turning Lives Around
PeaceWorks
Point Community Church
Polaris Project
Police Studies Institute, College of St. Elizabeth
The Presbyterian Church in Morristown
Presbyterian Church of New Providence
Prevent Child Abuse NJ
Project Stay Gold
Rabbis for Human Rights North America
Rachel Coalition
St. Mary's Parish – Pompton Lakes
SANE/START Camden County
Seton Associates
Sisters of Charity of Convent Station
Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell
Somerset Home
Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investing
Union County College
Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of NJ
Womanspace
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