

## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families**

### **Coalitions Working to Serve Victims of Human Trafficking**

#### **Family Violence Prevention Services Act Funding**

- In 2010, FVPSA-funded local domestic violence programs served about 1,000,000 adult and youth victims of domestic violence.
- There are approximately 1,600 shelters and 1,100 non-residential service programs that are FVPSA-funded.

#### **Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

Many of the local domestic violence programs are providing shelter and other services to victims of trafficking, particularly in the metro Atlanta area. We do not have exact data on the number of trafficking victims served. We also have several non-shelter programs that provide specialized services to victims of trafficking, including Raksha, Tapestri, Refugee Family Services, Latin American Association, and Center for Pan Asian Community Services, to name a few. Most of these programs receive VAWA funding. Georgia recently passed comprehensive legislation addressing trafficking, and Georgia's domestic violence shelter programs have been asked to provide services to trafficking victims as a part of this legislation. GCADV plans to offer some specialized trainings to our domestic violence programs to build their capacity to respond to the very specific needs of trafficking victims.

#### **Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition**

The Coalition currently formed a trafficking taskforce in conjunction with other organizations that were focusing on this work. We hope to coordinate our efforts rather than working individually in "pockets". We have named ourselves Nebraska Network Against the Trafficking of Humans. The Coalition also provides direct services to victims of trafficking through our satellite office in Lexington, Nebraska. We have a Rural Grant project that allows us to aid with immigration relief, and have served victims of trafficking in relation to these efforts. We have staff members in that office who have been attending national trainings on trafficking, and in turn they are providing presentations at state conferences to educate individuals surrounding this issue.

While our smaller communities have not identified that they are specifically serving victims of trafficking, our larger programs have seen this occurring more frequently.

#### **Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence**

Vermont (finally) passed a comprehensive trafficking bill last year. We are working with our Center for Crime Victims Services on a public awareness campaign, training our membership to be able to effectively serve trafficked victims (recognizing that they have served many in the past), and supporting a partnership with one of our member programs to provide a specialized

sheltering option for trafficked victims (the program operates a shelter for Sexual Violence victims – the only one of its kind in the nation).

### **Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

The Coalition has participated in systems advocacy efforts related to trafficking (advocating for changes in laws to help support victims of trafficking) and worked with DHS on educating advocates and law enforcement on the availability/use of T-Visas. Also, staff have served on US Attorney’s Office task forces and worked with our local International Rescue Committee’s ALERT program to address human trafficking. When surveyed about this, some of our member programs indicated that they have never served a victim of trafficking (that they know of) and other indicated that they have, but the numbers are very small. Of the programs that responded, which were only about 6, they indicated serving 2-3 trafficking victims over the last several years.



### **Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence**

For at least 5 years, KCSDV has provided training and technical assistance on human trafficking as it intersects with domestic and sexual violence. Several years ago, KCSDV served on the FCADV national advisory council on human trafficking. KCSDV has a statewide immigration conference in October that will include one day of training on human trafficking and DV/SA. It has also provided teleconferences on human trafficking to its immigration network.

Member programs are asked to report to the Attorney General’s Office on the numbers of trafficking victims served. We are attempting to retrieve those numbers. Currently, some programs are providing counseling and advocacy services to trafficking victims and some have held local forums on human trafficking and availability of services. The U.S. Attorney in Kansas has also held a community-wide form in which the local program participated. Most programs do not have special programming for trafficking victims but would offer them similar services to those offered for domestic violence and sexual assault victims / survivors.

I was also able to get numbers from the Attorney General’s Office on trafficking victims served. Programs were aware of serving 20 trafficking victims from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with several program’s numbers not included.

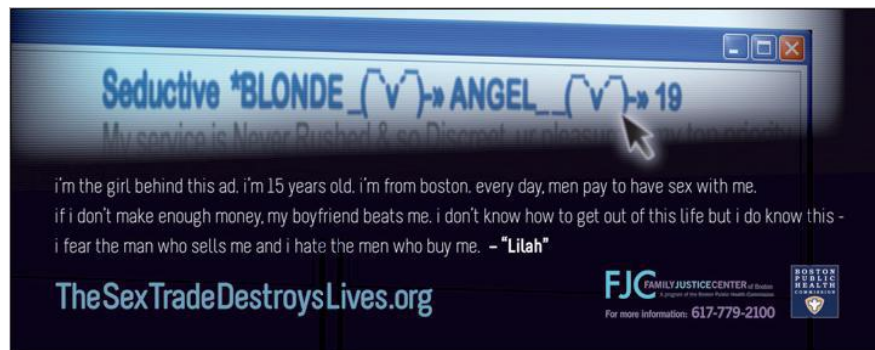
### **Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence**

TurnAround, Inc., a domestic violence/sexual assault program in Towson (Baltimore County), has received a large grant to address trafficking. You will have to contact them directly for the exact details, but it’s a very exciting project that could be a model for other jurisdictions. Contact Rosalyn Branson, Executive Director, at [rbranson@turnaroundinc.org](mailto:rbranson@turnaroundinc.org) or 410-377-8111.

The MNADV has sponsored two workshops on trafficking, including one today (September 28) entitled “Interstate Human Trafficking” presented by Detective Tom Stacks of the Montgomery County Police Department. Our previous workshop also included presenters from the FBI. A trafficking workshop has also been sponsored by our partner coalition, the Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

### **Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence**

Many of our programs serve trafficking victims. This past week, the City of Boston announced a new initiative on trafficking: [www.TheSexTradeDestroysLives.org](http://www.TheSexTradeDestroysLives.org)



One of our member programs: Casa Myrna Vazquez is involved with this initiative that is geared to raising awareness and ensuring that services are provided.

### **Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

- ICADV has a legal clinic that provides assistance to undocumented immigrants, including victims of trafficking and T-Visas.
- We are assisting a multi disciplinary group with planning a state conference on trafficking in 2011 to reach a multi disciplinary audience to assist with coordinated community response issues.
- Local programs provide shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, and legal advocacy to victims of trafficking.
- Iowa has a large number of immigrant victims, some of whom are trafficked individuals working in the Iowa agriculture industries, such as egg and meat packing plants. When we are aware of trafficking issues involved with these employees, ICADV provides legal staff, interpreters, and advocates on site to assist.

### **Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence**

The Idaho Coalition facilitates the Idaho Network to End Domestic Violence Against Immigrants and Trafficking, a statewide group comprised of governmental (U.S. Attorney, law enforcement, etc.) and nongovernmental (Catholic Charities, immigration lawyers, Health & Welfare), and provides educational training to law enforcement, attorneys, advocates, and the general public on

trafficking issues and remedies. Polaris is presenting two workshops at the Idaho Summit on Sexual Violence on November 16, 2011.

### **Ohio Domestic Violence Network**

We are a member of the Attorney Generals Trafficking Task Force which has been dormant this year as we have a new AG, but it is getting started again. In the past we had been active in the local/regional trafficking coalition but have had to give that up as we do not have sufficient staff to cover that. Given our very tight funding and limited staff there is really no way to take this on in any kind of comprehensive way.

### **Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

Through our VAWA STOP Advisory, there is a Trafficking initiative. One of our staff attorneys, Morgan Young, is the chair of the committee. We recently passed a trafficking law in WI that includes violence against women (in addition to drugs, etc.). Trafficking has only been prosecuted a handful of times...2-3 since the law's implementation. But, the Human Trafficking committee is working on ways to spread the word more effectively.

### **North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

NCCADV has participated in the Human Trafficking task force and distributes information to our member programs about resources available for victims of trafficking.

### **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance**

We provided a workshop entitled, "Child Trafficking 101", which allowed participants to gain basic understanding of child human trafficking. The facilitator discussed how, when, and why children are trafficked in the United States. At the Retreat, organized by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence, Carolina Velez and Rocio Watson facilitated Human Trafficking 101 & 102.

Also, we facilitated a TA call on immigration remedies for victims of Human Trafficking in Virginia and nationally (1 hour).

We provided a workshop at the Hispanic Academy organized by the Richmond Police Department on immigration remedies for victims of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking in October 2010 and we will do it again in October 2011.

We provided a workshop on immigration remedies for immigrants including human trafficking. The Office of the Attorney General hosted "Collaborating and Networking in the Northern Neck: How to Serve the Latino Population" in two different locations on separate days in the Northern Neck of Virginia. Our goal was to provide local service providers training on cultural competency and best practices for improving delivery of victim services to underserved populations.