



THE NEW ENGLAND COALITION AGAINST TRAFFICKING

REACHING OUT...

WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT HUMAN
TRAFFICKING IN NEW ENGLAND

Summer 2010

Raise Trafficking Awareness for Labor Day!

As a welcome to summer, people usually look forward to lots of sun and long days of play. The end of summer is usually marked by Labor Day weekend. Historically, Labor Day was first observed on September 5th, 1882 in New York City in celebration of workers. This year Labor Day falls on September 6, 2010. As advocates of human and labor rights, we encourage you to utilize Labor Day as an occasion to raise awareness about human trafficking. Here is a sampling of simple things that you can do or encourage others to do to promote awareness:

1. Invite your community partners to distribute literature on human trafficking. Ask them to let you know where they left the literature.
2. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.
3. Organize a movie and discussion night.
4. Organize a training for your workplace, church, or civic group.
5. Become familiar with social services around your community that serve human trafficking victims.
6. Buy products made by HT survivors at local anti-trafficking events or on-line. The following website is one of many:

www.freetheslaves.madebysurvivors.com



“No one is free when others are oppressed” - Author Unknown

Events & Trainings:

“Not for Sale Supply Chain Academy” - August 5th-7th, at the Gunstock Resort in New Hampshire.

Introducing...our newest NECAT Partners!

Catholic Social Services of Fall River, MA

CSS’s Immigrant Victims Representation Project addresses the unique needs of victims of international human trafficking through comprehensive, client-focused, and culturally appropriate legal and safety services.

Mano en Mano, Milbridge, Maine

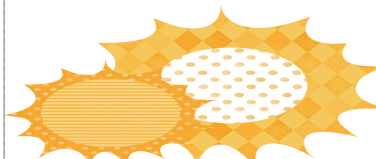
Mano en Mano is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to working with diverse populations to provide affordable housing & educational opportunities, remove barriers to health and social services, and to advocate for social justice.

Lutheran Social Services of New Hampshire

LSS of New Hampshire is affiliated with LSS of New England following the main mission of serving people in need. NECAT has partnered with LSS’ Children and Family Service Program and Services for New Americans that includes both Refugee Resettlement and Language Bank Program.

Did you know...

- For the first time, the United States is ranked in the “Trafficking In Persons Report 2010” as a country that is held to the same standards as other countries on issues related to Human Trafficking”.
- In the year 2000 the United States enacted the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA).
- There were 4,166 successful trafficking prosecutions worldwide in 2009.



~ Trafficking In Persons Report 2010 ~

Announcing the 2010 State Department Trafficking In Persons Report! The 10th annual Trafficking in Persons Report was released Monday, June 14, 2010. The TIP report is a comprehensive worldwide report on efforts of governmental entities to address human trafficking. The report may be accessed online at : <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/2010/index.htm>

WHAT'S HAPPENING? State Updates:

Rhode Island:

In May 2010, the FBI Providence Office in collaboration with RI Municipal Police Academy, the RI Law Enforcement Training Association, Day One, & the RI Coalition Against Human Trafficking, hosted a statewide training for law enforcement and social service agencies on Human Trafficking, featuring speakers from the U.S. attorney's office, the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General, the FBI, ICE, and the Trauma Center in Boston. Approximately 60 participants attended the event held at the Community College of RI in Warwick. Also, this year the Rhode Island Coalition Against Human Trafficking & Day One are beginning an exciting collaboration with Latino talk radio about human trafficking. The Rhode Island Coalition Against Human Trafficking has teamed up with the Brown University Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition. RICAHT continues to train Social Service Agencies the basics about HT.

Maine:

In March, packets of outreach materials and the TIP presentation were sent out to the National Farm workers Jobs Program in Aroostook County to be shared with staff who inquired more about HT. In June, a training was conducted for social work students at the University of Southern ME.

Massachusetts:

NECAT partners participated in the Human Trafficking Students Abolitionist event held at Harvard University. Additional outreach was conducted with police from the vice squad, staff at child and family services agency, HIV/AIDS providers, Planned Parenthood, FBI, immigrant and refugee service providers, mental health providers, unaccompanied refugee minor service providers, and staff of DV agency. My Life My Choice has offered exploitation prevention groups in a variety of settings, provided training to several difference audiences, and mentored many girls. MLMC received the honor of having been named a 2010 Social Innovator in the track of Women and Girls through Root Causes. NECAT partner, Lutheran Social Services plans to increase cooperation and training among legal service providers by creating a legal committee to discuss anti-trafficking work state-wide.

Connecticut:

The IIC is participating in regular STOP-IT (Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons Investigative Task Force) meetings to coordinate services for a special caseload of Haitian youth. The IIC is also co-sponsoring "The Collective Shout", a November 12-13 conference being hosted by coalition member, Love146, with a focus on minor victims of human trafficking. Paul & Lisa Program (P&L) staff continue to train DCF investigators, supervisors and front line workers. P&L has presented at the Guilford Youth and Family Services, the Women's World Conference, and has brought their highly respected Internet Safety and Predator Awareness presentation regarding the prevention of CSEC to 600 students and parents at CT schools since the beginning of the calendar year. The IIC and P&L co-facilitated the first CTCAT meeting of Year 2 where action-oriented committees were established to ensure full participation by all state coalition partners. CTCAT members are hosting a follow-up mental health workshop in September and a seminar aimed at medical professionals on October 22nd with the expert forensic pediatrician Dr. Sharon Cooper as a confirmed presenter.

New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Coalition Against Trafficking (NHCAT) continues its work against human trafficking by raising awareness, training, and developing a screening protocol for the state's domestic and sexual violence crisis centers. NHCAT would like to recognize Captain Robert Quinn, as he moves forward in his new role with the NH State Police. As a member of the Statewide Commission on Human Trafficking, Captain Quinn was instrumental in the fight against human trafficking in New Hampshire. His expertise, perseverance and leadership have led the state toward addressing this issue through developing a state statute to criminalize human trafficking, while emphasizing the importance of law enforcement's ability to identify and investigate potential cases. In April 2010, Captain Quinn was sworn in by Governor John Lynch to the top rank of Colonel of the NH State Police. NH is extremely lucky to have an advocate in the work against trafficking as one of the top leaders in the state. While the Coalition will miss him, Colonel Quinn continues to ensure that the State Police are represented at the quarterly meetings and have a voice in this important work.

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