



Human Trafficking Newsletter #5

Human trafficking is complex, challenging, and shocking. Many appropriately call it "modern day slavery." Thankfully, there are many entities combatting it, including law enforcement, state and federal government agencies, and many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) like churches, foundations, and social service agencies.

These groups, while sharing a common goal, have different roles and approaches toward trafficking.

The US Department of State has established four categories - the "4Ps" - to better understand and appreciate how these groups fight human trafficking.



Within 48 hours of running away, a young person is likely to be solicited for prostitution or another form of commercial sexual exploitation.

Prevention involves public awareness campaigns, training, enacting and updating laws, and addressing trafficking in the context of corporate accountability.

For DCF, prevention includes training staff and providers. It also means training children and youth so that they may utilize protective factors that will help insure their safety and well-being in the face of potential traffickers.

Protection focuses on the victim/survivor. The Department of State includes the 3Rs - rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration - when focusing on protection. These efforts are also referred to as "rescue and restore".

DCF's focus on safety and well-being resonates when talking about trafficking victims/survivors, as does our value of recognizing and responding to the impact of traumatic stress on those who have contact with our system.

Prosecution of those responsible for trafficking may involve the US Department of Justice, US Department of Homeland Security, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, state and local police, prosecutors, and the Attorney General.

- If in immediate danger, call 911.
- New Jersey's Human Trafficking Hotline, part of the

New Jersey Department
of Children and Families
20 W. State St.
Trenton, NJ

Chris Christie
Governor

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Office of the Attorney General, is 1-877-986-7534.

- The National Human Trafficking Resource Center is available by calling 1-888-3737-888 (presenting it this fashion makes it easier to remember). It's available 24 hours a day throughout the country and provides translation services. They can connect with the appropriate law enforcement entities as well as service providers.

Partnership underscores the strong relationship between the other "Ps" and the critical need for agencies and organizations to work together as partners.

For instance, prosecuting a trafficker may require the survivor to testify as a witness in criminal proceedings. Survivors, in turn, need to feel they are safe and protected with services available to them, such housing, food, trauma counseling, etc. For undocumented individuals, community agencies may assist in obtaining a T-Visa (temporary visa, which can lead to permanent residency for the victim and siblings).

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