

HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE LIST

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The following articles and reports, films/DVDs, and organizations can provide more information about the issue of human trafficking in Connecticut and around the United States.

Articles/Reports

“Attorney General’s Annual Report to Congress and Assessment of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Fiscal Year 2011.”

(This is the most recent report, published in 2012.)

www.justice.gov/ag/annualreports/agreporhumantrafficking2011.pdf

“A Child Welfare Response to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking,” Department of Children and Families, August 2012

Available from Office of Legislative Research, Legislative Office Building, Suite 5300, Hartford, CT 06106 (Tel: 860-240-8400, Email: olr@cga.ct.gov)

(Available online at:

www.ct.gov/dcf/lib/dcf/humantrafficking/pdf/response_to_domestic_minot_sex_trafficking.pdf)

“CT Human Trafficking Curriculum,”

In 2012, six seniors at Conard High School in West Hartford, CT, set out to combat human trafficking by raising public awareness of the issue. Self-named TraffickingCTHome, they hope to educate CT high school students about the dangers of human trafficking here and around the world by creating this curriculum. In order to create an interactive curriculum spanning 3 days in length (each lesson plan takes about 45 minutes), information and lesson plans were taken and modified from *UNICEF* (http://teachunicef.org/sites/default/files/units/end_trafficking_6_6_hs_unit.pdf), *Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (C.A.A.S.E)*, *New York Times*, *The Learning Network* (<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/03/06/what-is-modern-slavery-investigating-human-trafficking/>), *Free the Slaves*, and the *Connecticut Coalition Against Trafficking (C.C.A.T)*

(Available online at: sites.google.com/site/cthumantraffickingcurriculum/goals-and-guidelines-for-teachers)

“Federal Labor Trafficking/Forced Labor Cases in the United States, 2000 – 2008,” Polaris Project.

(Available online at: www.polarisproject.org/resources/resources-by-topic/human-trafficking)

“Federal Sex Trafficking Cases in the United States, 2000 – 2008,” Polaris Project.

(Available online at: www.polarisproject.org/resources/resources-by-topic/human-trafficking)

"From the Streets to the 'World's Best Mom.'" Nicholas D. Kristof, *The New York Times*, October 13, 2013.

"Google Helps bring Hotline to Human-Trafficking Battle," *USA Today*, April 9, 2013
(Available online at: www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2013/04/09/network-aims-to-combat-human-trafficking-globally/2067497/)

"Human Sex Trafficking," Amanda Walker-Rodriguez and Rodney Hill, *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, March 2011
(Available online at: www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/law-enforcement-bulletin/march_2011/human_sex_trafficking)

"The John Next Door," Leslie Bennetts, *Newsweek Magazine*, July 17, 2011

"OLR Backgrounder: Human Trafficking," Susan Price, OLR Research Report 2012-R-0520, December 10, 2012, Office of Legislative Research, Connecticut General Assembly
(Available online at: www.cga.ct.gov/2012/rpt/2012-R-0520.htm)

"Sex Trafficking of Americans: The Girls Next Door," Amy Fine Collins, *Vanity Fair*, May 24, 2011

"Trafficking in Persons Council 2011 Annual Report," Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, Teresa C. Younger, Chair, State of Connecticut General Assembly, February 2012.
(Available online at: ctpcsw.files.wordpress.com/2010/07/2011-tip-annual-report.pdf)

"Intake and Investigative Response to Human Trafficking of Children Policy 31-10-6.1," Department of Children and Families, State of Connecticut, effective January 13, 2010.
(Available online at: www.ct.gov/dcf/cwp/view.asp?a=2639&Q=453920)

"Fact Sheet: Human Trafficking," August 2, 2012, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.
(Available online at: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/fact-sheet-human-trafficking)

Organizations/Websites

Department of Children and Families
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Love 146

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Love 146 was founded in 2002 as Justice for Children International to combat child trafficking and exploitation.

Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

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The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, formed in 1973, studies and improves CT women's economic security, health and safety; promotes consideration of qualified women to leadership positions; and works toward the gender-discrimination elimination. As an arm of the General Assembly, the agency monitors, critiques and recommends changes to legislation to inform public policy, and assesses programs and practices in CT agencies for their effect on the state's women. The PCSW serves as a liaison between government and its diverse constituents to promote awareness of women's issues.

Barnaba Institute

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The Barnaba Institute was co-founded in 2006 to raise awareness through education and media to expose human trafficking, sexual exploitation and drug abuse; to provide professional training courses on how to identify human trafficking victims; to develop a Safe House program providing support, guidance and care to sexually exploited and trafficked children, women and men. Programs include education, public awareness, professional training seminars and outreach to at-risk, sexually exploited, and trafficked youth and young adults.

Project Rescue, International Institute of Connecticut

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Project Rescue's Anti-Human-Trafficking Program assists victims of human trafficking identified in the State of Connecticut, funded under a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime, within the US Department of Justice, and operated by the International Institute of Connecticut (IIC). Comprehensive services include: housing assistance, health services, English and job-training skills, language and cultural assistance, transportation, legal and immigration services.

While many of these services are provided by IIC, the Project makes referrals to other cooperating community organizations, to ensure that each victim's individualized needs are met. Project Rescue also provides education and community outreach regarding the issues and data of human trafficking in CT.

FBI

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National Human Trafficking Resource Center: 888-373-7888.

Since 2009, the FBI has stepped up its efforts to disrupt human trafficking operations worldwide and to free its victims. These efforts are focused on combating the exploitation of individuals who work in labor industries, such as agriculture and domestic service, and who are forced into prostitution and/or slave labor. Among their initiatives:

- Work with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and national victim-based advocacy groups in joint task forces that combine resources and expertise on the issue.
- FBI Victim Specialists work with human trafficking victims to not only advise them of their rights as victims but also to assure they get the help they need to address their short-term and long-term needs.
- The FBI participates in the Human Smuggling Trafficking Center (HSTC), created in July 2004, which serves as a fusion center for information on human smuggling and trafficking, bringing together analysts, officers, and investigators from such agencies as the CIA, the FBI, the Department of State, and the Department of Homeland Security.

In addition, FBI field offices continue to:

- Produce threat assessments to determine the nature and extent of human trafficking in their areas;
- Conduct human trafficking investigations and develop actionable intelligence for future potential cases.

The Connecticut Coalition Against Trafficking (CTCAT)

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The Connecticut Coalition Against Trafficking is a coordinated anti-trafficking network in the State of Connecticut, whose aim is to increase awareness of the issue of human trafficking among law enforcement, professionals in a variety of industries, and the public at-large. Members include victim service providers, law enforcement personnel, activists, faith-based community members, educators, researchers, and state and local government officials. Through its members and partners, CTCAT offers specialized training on prevention, victim identification, and legal and social services available to victims in the state. Several CTCAT members provide direct comprehensive case management, legal services, and criminal justice advocacy to victims. CTCAT serves both labor and sex trafficking victims, foreign-born and domestic (US citizens and lawful residents), adults and minors, both male and female.

Paul and Lisa Program

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In 1994-95, the Paul & Lisa Program launched a court-based alternate sentence pilot program for women arraigned for prostitution. Today, this successful model program uses a support group approach to address the physical and emotional needs of sexually exploited young women.

In its prevention education efforts, the Paul and Lisa Program attempts to empower youth, families and communities through education, offering sensitive, age-appropriate programs for students at secondary and undergraduate levels, for adults, and for community groups. This program explains the dangers of running away, the role of drugs in sexual exploitation, the profile of chronic run-away behavior, and how to prevent abduction. Crisis counseling/referral services are provided on a case-by-case basis.

In Paul and Lisa Program's outreach/streetwork efforts, staff establish rapport with sexually exploited street children, youth and young adults, many of whom have been failed repeatedly by "mainstream" support services. Outreach staff work toward building a trust relationship with these exploited children and young adults, while helping them to understand that opportunities for rehabilitation exist and that they have the potential to redirect their lives. Follow-up services include safe home arrangements, health care, and assistance in returning home.

New England Coalition Against Trafficking (NECAT)

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The New England Coalition Against Trafficking is a coordinated anti-trafficking network throughout New England that is focused on increasing awareness of the issue of human trafficking, training providers to work with trafficking victims, identifying victims of human trafficking within the New England region, and linking trafficking survivors to needed services. As part of NECAT, state-level anti-trafficking coalitions are operating in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. NECAT provides a forum to share information across members and disciplines, outreach and education about human trafficking within New England, trainings and technical assistance on human trafficking, capacity building for service providers, linkages to services for victims.

Project Safe Childhood
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Project Safe Childhood is a unified and comprehensive strategy to combat child exploitation. Initiated in 2006, Project Safe Childhood combines law enforcement efforts, community action, and public awareness. Its goal is to reduce the incidence of sexual exploitation of children.

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Polaris Project is a leading organization in the global fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Named after the North Star "Polaris" that guided slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad, Polaris Project is transforming the way that individuals and communities respond to human trafficking, in the US and globally. By successfully pushing for stronger federal and state laws, operating the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline** (1-888-373-7888), conducting trainings, and providing vital services to victims of trafficking, it creates long-term solutions that move our society closer to a world without slavery.

Polaris Project offers an array of resources and assessment tools built for individuals and health, education, legal, and social-services, and community-action professionals who encounter potential victims of trafficking. Its National Human Trafficking Resource Center also offers phone, web, and in-person trainings on a variety of topics. To request training or access online training, or call the hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733). Many of the organizations can also be downloaded from its website.

Truckers Against Trafficking
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Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) exists to educate, equip, empower and mobilize members of the trucking and travel plaza industry to combat domestic sex trafficking. Truckers Against Trafficking recognizes that members of the trucking industry and individual truckers are invaluable in the fight against this crime. As the "eyes and ears of

our nation's highways," they are in a unique position to make a difference and close loopholes to traffickers who seek to exploit our transportation system for their personal gain. Their website was created to inform truckers and other travelers of the basic issues involved in human trafficking and a summary of ways they can help.

**US Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families**

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Website: www.acf.hhs.gov/acf-response-to-human-trafficking

ACF is committed to ensuring that victims of all forms of human trafficking have access to the support they need to foster health and well-being.

The ACF-wide *Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative* is a step towards implementing the federal government's commitment to protecting victims by strengthening coordination across programs and Federal departments.

- *The Anti-Trafficking in Persons* program at Office of Refugee Resettlement identifies and serves human-trafficking victims in the United States to become eligible for public benefits and services to the same extent as refugees. The Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking campaign was initiated to educate health care providers, social service organizations, and the law enforcement community about human trafficking. Its purpose is to encourage those most likely to encounter victims on a daily basis to look beneath the surface, recognize clues, and ask the right questions to help victims.
- *Family & Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) – Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program*: Through RHY, FYSB supports street outreach, emergency shelters, and longer-term transitional living and maternity group home programs to serve and protect runaways and homeless young people.
- *FYSB's Family Violence Prevention and Services Program* represents the primary federal funding stream for the support of emergency shelter and related help for victims of domestic violence and their children.
- *Children's Bureau (CB)*: Partners with federal, state, tribal, and local agencies to improve the overall health and well-being of our nation's children and families. The CB provides support and guidance to programs that focus on strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect; protecting children when abuse or neglect has occurred; and ensuring that every child and youth has a permanent family or family connection
- *Office of Regional Operations* are 10 regional offices partner with local organizations, task forces, and coalitions on human trafficking awareness efforts throughout the year.

For more information on ACF programs, access the ACF's website: www.acf.hhs.gov/acf-response-to-human-trafficking

Films/DVDs

“Look Beneath the Surface: Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking in the US”

Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, US

Department of Health and Human Services

This DVD is an informational video to help educate intermediaries, media, and the public about human trafficking and to provide guidance on how to identify and assist victims. (approximately 13 minutes)

Availability: Trafficking in Persons/Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, US Department of Health and Human Services, 901 D Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20447; Telephone: (888) 3737-888, E-mail: Trafficking@acf.hhs.gov, Web site: www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT)

The DVD features interviews with the FBI, a prosecuting attorney, truckers who have seen human trafficking taking place on their routes, a trafficking victim rescued from a truck stop through the call of a trucker, actual footage of prostituted women at a travel plaza and information on concrete ways members of the trucking/travel plaza industry can fight this crime in the course of their daily work. It was produced by iEmpathize, an arts and advocacy nonprofit (www.iempathize.com) that creates opportunities for people to explore and engage in issues of injustice. (approximately 28 minutes)

Availability: Available online at www.truckersagainstrafficking.com. The website will also advise on how to download www.vimeo.com. Or you can request a DVD by e-mailing tat.truckers@gmail.com. An audio version of the DVD is currently in the works for use as a training module for truckers who are on-the-road and not available for office training programs.

“The Dark Shadows of Human Trafficking in CT,” *CT Valley Views*, September 18, 2012.

Susan Regan, Host of CT Valley Views, speaks with Gary Levvis, PhD, Philosophy and Law Lecturer at UCONN Torrington, as he explains the systemic epidemic of human trafficking—both sex trafficking and labor trafficking — that pervades all economic levels of CT residents. Toward the end of the segment are good hotline numbers to call within CT to report suspected human trafficking. (approximately 32 minutes)

Availability: Online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmGOIL0pdM0