**2013 GOVERNOR’S CONFERENCE ON COMBATING HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING IN MARYLAND**

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Welcome
Tammy Brown, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis, President, Community College of Baltimore County

Opening Remarks
Governor Martin O’Malley
Rod Rosenstein, U.S. Attorney - District of Maryland

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Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force & State Agency Response
Rachel Yasser, USAO; Cassie Motz, Governor’s Office; State Secretaries

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Amanda Cardone-Luyben, MCASA; Dr. Sheetal Patel, Survivors of Trauma; Amanda Rubenstein, TurnAround; Denene Yates, Safe House of Hope; Deepa Patel, Multicultural Clinical Center

**Sexual Exploitation of Children**
Terri Patterson, FBI

**Interviewing Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation**
Martha Finnegan, FBI

**Street Gangs and Human Trafficking**
Jeff Johannes, FBI; William Woolf, Fairfax County Police Department

**A Case Study**
Christine Rothlein, MSP; Trina Lyles, DJS

**Victim Identification and Safety Assessment**
Melissa Snow, NCMEC; Renee Murrell, FBI; Susan Ritter, HSI

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**Survivor’s Story**
Brenda Myers-Powell, Cook County Police Department

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**Mandated Reporters and Reporting Human Trafficking**
Alicia McDowell, Araminta; Diane Banchiere, DHR; Iona Rudisill, BCAC; Sally Dorman, MSDE

**Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking**
Thomas Stack, Montgomery County Police Department

**Prosecuting Human Trafficking**
Rachel Yasser, USAO

**Human Trafficking in Latino Criminal Organizations**
Edward Kelly, HSI; Ricky Serrano, Prince George’s Police Department

**Social Media and Electronic Evidence in Human Trafficking**
Kate Reilly, HSI; Bernard Adkins III, Anne Arundel County Police Department

**Trauma-Informed Therapeutic Care**
April Held, Kennedy Krieger; Chelsea Haverly, Kennedy Krieger; Dr. LaShaun Williams, Sheppard Pratt Health System; Cyntrice Bellamy, DHMH
Spread the word about these human trafficking resources on the GOCCP website:

Combating Human Trafficking in Maryland: Recommendations for a Statewide Approach
2012 and 2013 Reports compiled by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control (GOCCP) & Prevention in partnership with the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF)

Resource Directory of Providers
2013 Directory compiled by the MHTTF Victim Services Subcommittee. These providers in the Maryland region serve survivors of human trafficking.

Training Materials: Human Trafficking Identification & Response
Curricula created by members of MHTTF. These presentations and materials may be used to customize staff trainings for law enforcement, prosecutors, agency personnel, victim service providers, and community advocates.

Conference Workshop Presentations
Powerpoint presentations created by panelists and trainers from 2012 and 2013 conferences.

Human Trafficking Forum for Community Awareness
Araminta Freedom Initiative in partnership with GOCCP will hold a forum for citizens in September 2013. Attendees will receive information on what human trafficking in Maryland looks like and how as members of the community they can take active steps to end trafficking. Details to follow this summer on the GOCCP website. Visit www.aramintafreedom.org now for more information on community resources.

http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/victim/humantrafficking.php
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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2013 Governor’s Conference on Combating Human Sex Trafficking in Maryland.

In our state, the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force has a record of success in rescuing a range of victims from all walks of life. Together with our partners, we have continued to build on existing systems and collaborated to produce a broad and coordinated response to a problem that is not limited to state or even national boundaries. For the past year, our State agencies have been working hard to raise awareness among staff, develop risk assessment tools to identify victims in their care, and assemble resources to respond appropriately. We have hired a Human Trafficking Intelligence Manager to collect, analyze and disseminate data on the scope of human trafficking in Maryland because the more we can understand about trafficking and its victims, the better equipped we will be as a state to save lives.

There is no greater responsibility of a government than providing for the safety of our people. Until every citizen is safe from the threat of modern day slavery, our job is not done. By the end of 2012, we surpassed our goal of reducing violence against women and children by 25%. In 2013, the O’Malley-Brown Administration set a new goal of reducing violent crime against women and children by an additional 25% by the end of 2018. Our fight against human trafficking continues as our brave men and women of law enforcement, prosecutors, child case workers, public health providers, nonprofit organizations, and schools come together today.

Our goal during this conference is to come up with more innovative approaches to supporting survivors and putting traffickers behind bars. There are some challenges so large we can only tackle them together. Thank you for your commitment to human dignity and public safety.

Best wishes for a productive conference.

Sincerely,

Governor
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In May 2012, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) hosted the Governor’s Conference on Combating Human Sex Trafficking and released a report, *Combating Human Trafficking in Maryland: Recommendations for a Statewide Approach*, which outlined how Maryland public safety agencies can combat human trafficking by training staff, identifying victims in their care, serving victims appropriately, and collecting valuable data. The 2012 Conference drew more than 400 participants from various sectors and fields including state agencies, law enforcement, non-profit organizations, education, and health services from four states and Washington, D.C. The conference became a tremendous networking opportunity during which new partnerships were forged. This report serves as the 2013 update to the inaugural report and summarizes Maryland’s progress up to the 2013 Governor’s Conference.

I. Executive Summary

System response to human trafficking in Maryland has steadily grown since 2007, when the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) was established by the United States Attorney’s Office – District of Maryland, Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office, and the Maryland Attorney General’s Office. Through partnerships with federal, state and local law enforcement and non-profit victim service providers, MHTTF relationships have built a victim-centered approach among members while also targeting training and awareness resources to the larger community.

Recognizing the importance of developing a comprehensive statewide response to this issue, Governor Martin O’Malley directed the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), the Department of Human Resources (DHR), Maryland State Police (MSP), and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) to join the federally-led MHTTF as a force-multiplier in the fight against trafficking. Through the implementation of risk assessment tools, DJS, DHR and DPSCS established systematic protocols through which victims will no longer remain anonymous. State agency partnerships with victim service providers allow for agencies to provide an appropriate response to identified victims and through the customization of agency databases, the state has begun to monitor the number of victims it serves. In order to deploy these new tools, agencies have developed extensive training curricula to educate staff on how to identify and assist trafficking victims. The addition of state agency data and services will allow Maryland to cultivate necessary conversation, craft more effective policy, present models of treatment, and more accurately portray the scope of the problem, rather than relying on anecdotal accounts.

In order to build capacity for a stronger statewide response, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) provided federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds to MSP for a full-time Statewide Human Trafficking Intelligence Manager tasked with facilitating and expanding upon Governor’s Office recommendations. The Intelligence Manager is establishing a statewide information sharing framework and leveraging the resources of the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC), the State’s Fusion Center, to analyze, deconflict, and disseminate information to locals in order to build capacity for a stronger statewide response. The position was developed to provide MHTTF with a substantive resource while also establishing a statewide anti-human trafficking contact for state entities. The Intelligence
Manager also develops linkages with the local level by providing meaningful and actionable intelligence based on multiple data sources for locals to better collaborate on the fight against trafficking statewide.

Building on the success of multi-agency collaboration, Governor O’Malley has directed the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to partner with MHTTF beginning in 2013 to further Maryland’s statewide response to victims.

DHMH has enhanced the availability of mental health services to uninsured trafficking victims by designating them as a “Special Needs Population.” DHMH is relying on task force expertise to develop an appropriate definition of trafficking victims to ensure that they incorporate all who may need services. As an additional means of isolation and an expression of their authority, traffickers confiscate victim identification. DHMH is coordinating with victim service providers to assist victims with obtaining vital records through pre-existing DHMH programming. To begin dialogue on programmatic development, DHMH has invited task force members to attend DHMH stakeholder meetings.

MSDE is expanding on previous training initiatives in 2008 and 2011 by enlisting MHTTF guidance. MSDE is prioritizing specialized training for Pupil Personnel Workers (PPWs), Health Services staff, Psychological Services staff and Counselors. MSDE intends to also work with supervisors and superintendents to develop curricula and implement trainings for teachers through new teacher trainings or back-to-school trainings utilizing MHTTF resources and webinar development.

As a result of MHTTF coordination since 2007, Maryland has a solid network of subject matter experts who collaborate on a daily basis to rescue victims and bring traffickers to justice. Maryland’s state agency participation presents the worthy challenge of broadening the pool of professionals statewide who must be aware of and serve this population. As more victims are identified by the state, more specialized services will be needed. More protocols will be worked out among MHTTF and agencies as service response for this special population becomes institutionalized. As agencies continue to integrate new protocols into their work, the resulting data and examination will allow the state to better hone its policies and legislation to address this issue from all angles.

We have just begun to identify victims in the State’s care and quantify the scope of the trafficking problem in Maryland. With the expansion of the task force, the state will continue to remain at the forefront of responding to this issue.

II. Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force

The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) serves as the lead investigative, prosecutorial, and victim services coordinating body for anti-trafficking activity in the State of Maryland. Led by the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Maryland, MHTTF functions as an umbrella organization of local, state, and federal agencies and private organizations designed to work collaboratively to identify and restore victims of trafficking.
while investigating and prosecuting offenders.

Assistant United States Attorney Rachel Yasser serves as the Task Force Coordinator and the task force mission is embodied and executed through its five subcommittees:

**Law Enforcement Subcommittee**: Work collaboratively among state, federal, and local law enforcement to identify and rescue victims of human trafficking and to investigate and prosecute offenders in the most appropriate venue.

*Chairs*: David Snyder, Homeland Security Investigations (david.e.snyder@dhs.gov)
Michael Mizer, Federal Bureau of Investigations (michael.mizer@ic.fbi.gov)

**Victim Services Subcommittee**: Establish and maintain an informed community of service providers in Maryland to identify and respond to the specialized needs of trafficking victims and to work with other task force components to promote a “victim-centered” response while simultaneously supporting the investigation and prosecution of traffickers;

*Chair*: Melissa Snow, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
(msnow@ncmec.org)

**Training Subcommittee**: Provide relevant training to first responders and other government agents to properly identify victims of human trafficking and train law enforcement personnel on strategies and techniques for investigating and prosecuting such cases;

*Chair*: Kate Reilly, Homeland Security Investigations (kate.n.reilly@ice.dhs.gov)

**Public Awareness Subcommittee**: Promote awareness, prevention, and intervention of labor and sex trafficking through direct community outreach, media and marketing campaigns;

*Acting Chair*: Terri Robinson-Ricks, Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services (rickstr@dpscs.state.md.us)

**Legislative Subcommittee**: Determine changes that would improve Maryland’s human trafficking laws by partnering with legislators, lobbying on behalf of important initiatives and supporting appropriate human trafficking legislation.

*Chair*: Nancy Winston, Shared Hope International (nancy@sharedhope.org)

The Steering Committee, chaired by the Task Force Coordinator, serves as the primary policy making entity of the task force and a forum in which subcommittee chairs can provide regular reports on their activities and accomplishments. The Steering Committee meets quarterly and addresses issues, concerns, or suggestions to further MHTTF’s mission and objectives. Under the direction of the Governor’s Office, the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), the Department of Human Resources (DHR), the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) and the Maryland State Police (MSP) actively participate as members of the MHTTF Steering Committee. In 2013, the Steering Committee’s membership expanded to include the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).
III. State Agency Response to Sex Trafficking

Since this initiative’s inception in January 2012, state agencies have focused their policy development around three key areas:

1. **Identification and Response**: Identifying victims and responding appropriately are the two greatest challenges when assisting trafficking victims. Victims have experienced overwhelming abuse and trauma which prevent them from self-identifying as victims and from trusting government personnel and services.

2. **Training**: To raise awareness and begin to institutionalize victim identification and response, state agencies must develop and execute trainings.

3. **Data Collection and Information Sharing**: Data is an important tool for agencies to understand the scope of the problem and ascertain the effectiveness of new initiatives.

In order to develop a more comprehensive statewide response, the state expanded its human trafficking partnerships in 2013 to include the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland State Department of Education.

A. **Department of Juvenile Services**

1. **Identification and Response**

The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) officially implemented its human trafficking risk assessment pilot program at Thomas J.S. Waxter (Waxter) in March of 2012 and screened 25 girls on the first day. DJS used the Waxter model as a pilot, expanded to the Noyes Children’s Center (Noyes). As of May 1, 2013, DJS had 578 juvenile admissions in its 2 designated female detention facilities. Of these 578, 34 youth were identified as victims of minor sex trafficking ranging from 14-19 years of age. All youth were referred to TurnAround for individual and group services.

   a. **Next Steps**

DJS intends to roll out the risk assessment tool to other facilities to screen both male and females beginning June 1, 2013. Going forward, DJS will screen DJS youth supervised in the community who present a concern for possible trafficking victimization. The agency has begun coordinating with TurnAround and other victim service providers to account for the additional referrals upon the tool’s implementation.

2. **Training**

All DJS community case managers and residential staff were trained on domestic minor sex trafficking and the DJS Tier I Screening Tool. Over fifty-six training sessions were held between March to May of 2013. In order to accommodate for the increase in training requests, MHTTF held a “train-the-trainer” initiative on March 2, 2013 with fifteen trainers to provide domestic minor sex trafficking training to state agencies, local case workers, local law enforcement agencies, and community and faith-based groups.
Upon completing initial introductory training for all case managers and residential staff, DJS intends to provide minor sex trafficking training on an annual basis.

3. Data Collection and Information Sharing

Through their Automated Statewide Support Information System Tools (ASSIST) database, DJS now traces the number of youth identified as victims and the entry point at which they were identified, information which is shared with law enforcement through Dashboard. All identified victims currently have an open alert for sex trafficking in ASSIST. DJS also gathers youth profile, DJS history and other information related to child risks and needs.

DJS has provided data on common profiles of a trafficking victim such as runaways or youth charged with prostitution to the Maryland Human Trafficking Intelligence Manager. The Intelligence Manager uses this information to compile reports projecting the potential volume of trafficking victims and estimating the scope of trafficking activity throughout the state. Additionally, in furtherance of MHTTF’s multidisciplinary framework, TurnAround has provided law enforcement referrals utilizing information that DJS-recovered victims.

a. Next Steps

DJS would like to expand its data collection initiatives. The agency seeks to also monitor outcome data and community provider referral data, especially in light of the tool’s expansion. DJS would also like to include trafficker prosecution outcomes in their database.

B. Department of Human Resources

1. Identification and Response

   a. Risk Assessment Tool

The Department of Human Resources (DHR) currently utilizes the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Family (CANS-F) screening tool to assist in-home service workers in the identification of strengths and needs for families under DHR’s assistance. Rather than implement a new system of identification, DHR is coordinating with the task force to determine how human trafficking can be integrated into the preexisting tool and intends to begin implementation of the screening tool by July 2013.

   b. Placement

Because trafficking victims have unique needs, DHR is working with specialists to provide shelter that is better tailored to meet the needs of this population. DHR has identified three 24-hour programs with diagnostic centers and residential programs throughout the state that are equipped to receive trafficking victims:

1. Arrow Project
DHR specifically designated these programs based on the principle that diagnostic services, which provide a high-level of supervision and a more comprehensive needs assessment, would best meet the immediate needs of victims. The Diagnostic Program is a short-term (up to 90 days) program that provides assessment services for psychological, medical, psychiatric, educational, and other needs. At the end of the diagnostic period the program makes a recommendation for placement, which could be more intensive residential services or less intensive services, and ranges from returning home to foster care or group home placements. Each program has provided DHR with after-hour points of contact which is available on the DHR Knowledge Base. Directions to access this information can be found in DHR’s Social Services Administration (SSA) Policy Directive #13-3.

Procedurally, youth that come into DHR care can be initially placed in any jurisdiction but must be served by the jurisdiction in which that youth resides. Law enforcement who recover a victim in one county must contact the local Department of Social Services (DSS) in the county in which the child resides, regardless of where the youth was recovered. Once law enforcement or victim service providers request a placement for a trafficking victim, the local resident DSS is authorized to secure an appropriate placement. When DHR initiates an investigation, both jurisdictions will work together to examine the allegations of abuse or neglect.

DHR has received case examples from victim service providers in order to assess responses to past cases and gauge the implementation of the new protocol. DHR will utilize these case studies to determine the best practices when responding to after-hours calls for recovered youth and ensure the continued success of their policy.

2. Training

The SSA#13-3 Policy Directive issued October 1, 2012 advises local social services departments of the new regulatory change which outlines procedures for local departments as they accept victims of trafficking. The policy was disseminated to supervisors and the Department is working to ensure that all staff comprehend and implement the policy correctly. Training is an integral component of increasing awareness of the issue and DHR’s policy.

a. Next Steps

In order to increase awareness on the issue of trafficking and DHR’s role in it, SSA is coordinating with TurnAround and MHTTF to deliver training to many members of DHR staff. DHR has a contract with the University of Maryland, School of Social Work Child Welfare Academy (CWA) to provide training for all child welfare staff. As participants in the MHTTF “train-the-trainer” initiative, CWA has modified the MHTTF training to meet the needs of child welfare and will provide training for current staff and incorporating the content into new child welfare staff training. MHTTF will also collaborate with DHR to develop a webinar series to ensure that all staff have the opportunity to learn about human trafficking. DHR has the ability to oversee the success of each webinar and will maintain information on the frequency of
webinar use to determine additional training needs moving forward.

3. Data Collection

DHR developed a human trafficking identifier in their case management system, the Maryland Children’s Electronic Social Services Information Exchange (CHESSIE), to begin collecting data on DHR’s trafficking victim population effective April 2013.

C. Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

1. Identification and Response

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) serves primarily adult populations. While research on domestic minor sex trafficking is scarce, information on identifying and assisting adult victims of trafficking is even more limited. Accordingly, DPSCS has been responsible for pioneering a means by which they can systematically identify adult victims of trafficking. DPSCS and the task force have coordinated to create an adult screening tool to pilot at the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women (MCI-W), which will be implemented in 2013.

Prior to the screening tool implementation, DPSCS is working with victim service providers to develop inmate human trafficking workshops for MCI-W inmates. The workshops are intended to encourage female inmates to conduct a more objective self-assessment and educate them on the availability of service options. These workshops will be provided to inmates who are 90 days pre-release and will be ongoing to eventually screen every inmate. Separate presentations will be made available for inmates serving long-term sentences.

a. Next Steps

DPSCS will continue to pilot its risk assessment at MCI-W. Upon fine-tuning policies and procedures, DPSCS intends to launch the risk assessment tool at other facilities.

2. Training

DPSCS has begun implementing trainings with the Training Subcommittee. This training is intended to raise basic awareness on the issue with DPSCS staff. Each DPSCS Executive Regional Director has selected 25-50 participants per training representing detention, corrections, and community supervision. Four trainings were scheduled in April and early May 2013 and will continue to be held throughout the year.

3. Data Collection

DPSCS will collaborate with MHTTF to gather intelligence on suspected traffickers within Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center, state correctional facilities, and community supervision. DPSCS will monitor the success of the screening tool based on the quantity of referrals made to service providers through their Offender Case Management System (OCMS).
D. Maryland State Police

In 2012, GOCCP awarded Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds to the Maryland State Police, allowing the Department to hire a full-time analyst to further professionalize the task force and build capacity for a stronger statewide response. The Maryland Human Trafficking Intelligence Manager began on November 5, 2012 and is housed at the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC). The Coordinator’s primary duties are to:

a. Collaborate with MHTTF on victim identification, service response, training and data collection;
b. Serve as the point of contact for state agencies regarding anti-human trafficking efforts;
c. Coordinate state agency participation on MHTTF; and
d. Apply for grant funding to sustain MHTTF enforcement, prosecutions and victim services efforts.

1. Identification and Response

The Human Trafficking Intelligence Manager is supporting state agencies with victim identification in the following ways:

a. *DJS Youth Histories*: The Intelligence Manager conducted observations at Waxter to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the screening process. She has utilized the information on DJS-identified victims to gather statistics and gain a better understanding of human trafficking indicators, patterns and victim history.
b. *Law Enforcement*: By gathering information from Maryland State Police, local law enforcement agencies, and various databases, the Intelligence Manager has begun analyzing case information. She has compiled all of this information into Human Trafficking Referral Reports which include analyses of victims and their alleged pimp(s) as well as a timeline of law enforcement encounters nationwide. She disseminates these reports to human trafficking investigators, MCAC stakeholders, and after piloting sufficiently she will disseminate to law enforcement contacts statewide.

2. Training

The Human Trafficking Intelligence Manager is heavily involved in organizing and attending state agency trainings. She was the coordinating entity for DJS agency-wide trainings and continues to provide training support to the Maryland State Police on an *ad hoc* basis.

3. Data Collection and Information Sharing

The Human Trafficking Intelligence Manager has taken the lead on analyzing the following data from various entities:

a. *Juvenile Prostitution Arrest Data*: The Intelligence Manager has begun working with Baltimore City to determine how to receive juvenile arrest datasets, especially prostitution, runaways, and missing children. As a direct result of preliminary information sharing, the Intelligence Manager was able to develop intelligence briefs to disseminate to state law enforcement contacts containing Baltimore City Juvenile Prostitution Arrests data from 1995-2010.
b. **Missing Runaways Report:** After receiving runaway data from Prince George’s County and Baltimore City, the Intelligence Manager analyzed important statistics on habitual runaways and areas of concentration in which the highest reported runaways are located. This data has allowed the Intelligence Manager to create maps and compile a Missing Runaways Synopsis. The Intelligence Manager intends to add to this report by cross-referencing data from DJS, DHR and local agencies.

c. **Risk Assessments:** As state agencies begin to roll-out their risk assessment tools, the Intelligence Manager will compile this information to obtain statistics about the extent of human trafficking victims in the state’s care.

d. **Maryland’s Regional Information Sharing Website:** As a next step, the Intelligence Manager will develop and implement a human trafficking-specific website (www.mdric.org) utilizing SharePoint. The Intelligence Manager will centralize intelligence by populating the website with datasets such as offender monitoring, pimp identification, incident mapping, MSP traffic stops, Part I Crime arrests, and other datasets. This information hub will allow MHTTF’s multidisciplinary partners to overcome jurisdictional barriers, thereby exposing human trafficking trends and patterns and identifying larger criminal organizations.

e. **Hotline/Referrals:** The Intelligence Manager is exploring the possibility of establishing a Maryland-specific human trafficking hotline linked to the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center. This will provide Maryland with a better understanding of hotspots, needs and patterns while streamlining stakeholder response.

E. **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

As a result of the severe abuse and grooming involved in trafficking, victims are usually diagnosed with a wide range of health-related issues including substance abuse and addiction, depression, trauma, mental health issues, and other vulnerabilities. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) is developing a specialized response to support victims and the advocates who assist them.

1. **Identification and Response**

   a. **Mental Hygiene Administration**

   The DHMH Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) encounters victims primarily through their providers. In order to properly identify trafficking victims, MHA has coordinated with the task force to adapt pre-existing screening tools. MHA intends to implement these tools through coordination with the state’s nineteen Core Service Agencies (CSAs). CSAs consist of regional representatives that determine needs, gaps, and provide technical service to providers. The task force will support this effort by meeting with CSAs to provide trainings on not only identification but also the appropriate response that mental health professionals can provide when encountering this population.

   MHA has designated certain underserved groups as “special needs populations” under the Office of Special Needs. These groups receive access to healthcare services from public healthcare providers. DHMH has coordinated with TurnAround to establish an appropriate
definition so that uninsured human trafficking victims qualify as a special population and are able to access the resources they need.

b. Accessing Identification

A significant hurdle for survivors to access healthcare is obtaining proper identification. Traffickers almost immediately confiscate identification from their victims as an additional tool to isolate and exert control over their victims. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) is an initiative within the Office of Special Needs that helps to increase access to mainstream benefits for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness through training, technical assistance and strategic planning. SSI and SSDI are disability income benefits administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that generally provide either Medicaid and/or Medicare health insurance to eligible individuals. Access to these benefits can be very challenging for individuals who are homeless, returning to the community from institutions, and trafficking victims because the application process for SSI/SSDI is often difficult to navigate. By working with service agencies like TurnAround, SOAR will begin to provide funding to providers to support trafficking victims to expedite the process in obtaining vital records.

c. Residential Treatment Centers

MHA operates two state residential treatment centers (RTCs) for children and adolescents and funds private RTCs. The treatment centers for adolescents and children, known as Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (RICAs) are located near Baltimore City and in Rockville, Montgomery County. Currently, Maryland’s RTCs are not equipped to provide specialized services for this population. Oftentimes, victim service providers will send youth to out-of-state RTC programs so that trafficking victims can receive specific services which results in significant costs. Trafficking victims may qualify for RTC placement based on a medical necessity. However, most are reluctant to disclose their history of trafficking to caregivers who are unfamiliar with the issue. Through appropriate training and awareness, MHTTF is exploring the possibility of establishing a pilot program at either of these RTCs to develop a specialized set of services for trafficking victims.

d. Intimate Partner Violence

Both human trafficking and intimate partner violence (IPV) are conditions that are severely under-recognized by the health care community, yet their impact on health is enormous. In addition, the health care visit is an opportune time for clinicians to identify and help these victims. Unlike human trafficking, there are many evidence-based tools for the assessment of IPV. There is also widespread endorsement from professional medical organizations, such as the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the U.S. Public Services Task Force, and the AMA, to screen for IPV in the clinical setting. Recently, a Maryland IPV Task Force was created specifically to facilitate IPV assessment in the medical community. Under the leadership of the director of Women’s Health at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, members of the IPV Task Force (representing all major medical specialties in Maryland) developed an IPV assessment protocol using a simple 3 question screen. This screening tool has
garnered significant buy-in from medical providers in Maryland as well as nationwide and DHMH has started training clinicians in Maryland about IPV and the use of this tool.

Similarly, implementation of a trafficking screener for the medical field will need to develop from validated screening tools that are endorsed by national professional medical organizations. However, the topic of human trafficking is still relatively new and unknown to the majority of healthcare providers. Finding easily accessible referral sources for persons identified as trafficking victims is also a critical adjunct to screening. As awareness and education on trafficking increases, a process similar to the one used to facilitate IPV assessment can be used to improve human trafficking identification and referral.

2. Training

One of the most crucial next steps is for the task force to provide training and awareness of the issue to DHMH supervisory staff. DHMH has invited MHTTF members to begin trainings by raising basic awareness and engaging in dialogue with various members of the MHA Management Team. Members of the task force will meet with the Maryland Association of Core Service Agencies (MACSA), Residential Treatment Centers (RTCs), the Baltimore Mental Health Systems Providers, Service Provider Advocacy Organizations, the Maryland Addictions Directors Council and Health Officers. In addition, a presentation about human trafficking was recently delivered by the Polaris Project at the April 2013 annual Maryland Title X Family Planning Program reproductive health update.

F. Maryland State Department of Education

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), under the leadership of the State Superintendent of Schools and guidance from the Maryland State Board of Education, develops and implements standards and policy for education programs from pre-kindergarten through high school. MSDE also oversees technical education, rehabilitation services, and library programs throughout the state’s 24 local systems. As an agency that regularly encounters youth of all ages, MSDE is an indispensable partner in developing a statewide approach to overcoming the sexual exploitation of children.

In 2011, MSDE coordinated with members of MHTTF and DHMH to develop human trafficking training and informational material to disseminate to staff.

Raising awareness on the issue is a huge undertaking which MSDE intends to implement in phases. When teachers and other educators encounter behavioral problems or signs of abuse, they consult counselors and administrators who make reports to DHR. Accordingly, MSDE is providing specialized training for Pupil Personnel Workers (PPWs), Health Services, Psychological Services and Counselors. To further raise awareness, MSDE will implement trainings for supervisors and superintendents. MSDE equips their teachers, as mandatory reporters, through new teacher trainings or back-to-school trainings for returning teachers. MSDE is working with the task force to develop appropriate trafficking identification and response curriculums by the 2014 school year. MSDE will also compile a webinar to account for the volume of staff that require training.
An important class of MSDE staff who work with children also include support workers such as custodians, food service workers, and other staff in whom students may confide. MSDE will also provide training to this group. Based on its ability to coordinate parents and students, MSDE also plans to coordinate with parents and students through Parent Teacher Associations, school assemblies, and the Maryland Association of Student Councils.

IV. 2013 Maryland Human Trafficking Legislation

In 2013, Maryland passed the following legislation to support the fight against trafficking:

**House Bill 713: Criminal Procedure - Seizure and Forfeiture - Property Used in Human Trafficking**
House Bill 713 authorizes asset forfeiture of real property or vehicles used or intended to be used in human trafficking. It also authorizes forfeiture of cash found at or near the scene of an arrest for violations of human trafficking, receiving earnings of a prostitute, abduction of child under 16, child pornography and sexual solicitation of a minor. Proceeds from the forfeited assets will be distributed to the general fund of the state or a political subdivision, depending on the seizing authority. This bill will take effect October 1, 2013.

**House Bill 933: Crimes – Human Trafficking of Minor – Defense of Ignorance of Victim’s Age**
This bill prevents a defendant from asserting a defense that the offender did not know the age of the minor victim. This bill will take effect October 1, 2013.

In 2013, advocates fought for the following legislation that did not pass:

**House Bill 943: Criminal Law – Child Kidnapping and Prostitution - Penalty**
*Status: This bill received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee*
This bill raises abduction of a child under 16 to a felony and raises the fine to $10,000–$15,000, an amount equal to the human trafficking fine. An enumerated purpose of the crime of abduction is for prostitution—prostitution of a child is sex trafficking and therefore should be penalized at the same severity level as the offense of human trafficking. Human trafficking is currently a felony level offense in Maryland.

**House Bill 1188/Senate Bill 215: Criminal Law – Human Trafficking – Victims Under Age 21**
*Status: This bill passed the Senate but was never brought to a vote in the House Judiciary Committee*
This bill establishes that the current statutory prohibition and penalties for human trafficking of a minor apply to a victim who is younger than 21 years old.

**House Bill 1056: Police Training – Human Trafficking – Sensitivity and Awareness**
*Status: This bill received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee*
This bill authorizes the Police Training Commission to require specified training on human trafficking laws, as well as sensitivity and awareness training to recognize trafficking victims.
V. Resource Directory

The Victim Services Subcommittee of MHTTF has compiled a comprehensive resource directory to assist state agencies, providers, and members of the public in serving victims of trafficking. This resource is available on the Maryland Community Services Locator website at http://www.mdcsl.org/avjsc/csl_locators.asp and on GOCCP’s website at http://goccp.maryland.gov/victim/humantrafficking.php.

The following directory is a list of organizations and agencies that are actively involved in either victim services or public awareness activities to address human trafficking in Maryland:

**Araminta Freedom Initiative**

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**Information about organization/agency:**
Araminta’s mission is to awaken, equip and mobilize the Church and the community to end human trafficking in the Baltimore area. As Araminta ceases all active and passive participation in the many forms of the exploitive sex industry, Araminta will engage in the:

1. prevention of the sexual exploitation of minors;  
2. systemic economic deterrence of the business of human trafficking;  
3. intervention and rescue of those held against their will; and  
4. provision of aftercare initiatives that provide healing and wholeness to victims.

Araminta awakens through Action Nights that are held quarterly as well as through the Education and Awareness Team that is training administrators, counselors, educators, parents, and medical professionals. Through the AEM Training, volunteers are equipped to engage in our mission. Certified volunteers are then invited to join one of the teams; AEM Training, Church Awareness, Education and Awareness, Systemic Economic Deterrence, Prayer Team or as an advocate or mentor while partnering with TurnAround, Inc.

**Ayuda**

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Ayuda is the DC Metropolitan area’s leading provider of multilingual legal and social assistance for low-income immigrants in the areas of human trafficking, immigration, domestic violence, and family law. Ayuda’s human trafficking program offers comprehensive case
management and legal representation to foreign-born persons trafficked for the purpose of forced labor or commercial sex who reside in Maryland, DC, and Virginia. Ayuda assists trafficking survivors to secure basic needs, including housing, food, and clothing, access medical and mental health services, and connect to community resources.

Resources available from organization/agency for victims
1. Legal and social services for human trafficking survivors in Maryland, DC, and Virginia
2. Walk-in immigration consultations (call for days/times/fee)
3. Community presentations and trainings for service providers and community members on human trafficking.

_Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc._

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Baltimore Child Abuse Center (BCAC) is a private non-profit 501(c)3 children’s advocacy center. BCAC is the oldest children’s advocacy center in Maryland, and a chartered, accredited member of the National Children’s Alliance and the Maryland Children’s Alliance. BCAC’s mission is to provide all reported victims of child sexual abuse and assault in Baltimore and their non-offending caregivers with a multidisciplinary team response, forensic interviews, medical treatment, family advocacy, and referrals for mental health services in a supportive, child-friendly setting with a goal of preventing future abuse. All interviews are digitally recorded. BCAC operates an onsite medical clinic staffed by a pediatrician board certified in General Pediatrics and Child Abuse Pediatrics, who performs forensic medical exams for the children interviewed at BCAC. After-hours on-call forensic interviewers are available to provide services at area hospitals for acute cases of sexual abuse and assault, as well as for other investigations involving children. In 2011, BCAC began conducting forensic interviews and providing treatment referrals for child victims of sexual trafficking in collaboration with TurnAround’s Anti Trafficking Unit.

Resources available from organization/agency for victims
1. Forensic Interviews by trained licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor or psychologist for children 17 years old and younger and upon request for adults.
2. After-hours, on-call services for acute sexual abuse and assault cases as well as sexual trafficking cases, in which forensic interviewers will respond to BCAC or the appropriate hospital to conduct the interview.
3. Medical examinations for non-acute cases.
4. Family advocate support services as needed, including making referrals and assisting with connection to mental health services for the child and family.
5. Mental health services, including crisis counseling and treatment groups.
6. Community outreach, including training and prevention.

**Criminal Injuries Compensation Board**

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The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board assists the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Secretary in enhancing services to victims of crime by providing compassionate care and mitigating the impact on victims by providing financial assistance in the aftermath of criminal victimization.

**The Family Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute, Outpatient Program**

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The Kennedy Krieger Family Center Outpatient Mental Health Program is located at the Kennedy Krieger Institute Fairmount Campus and provides mental health evaluation and treatment services to children, adolescents and families who experience or may be at risk for trauma through physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, domestic and community violence.

**Resources available from organization/agency for victims**

1. Mental health evaluation and treatment services

**Federal Bureau of Investigation – Victim Assistance Program**

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The mission of the Office for Victim Assistance (OVA) is to ensure victims of crimes
investigated by the FBI are afforded the opportunity to receive services and notifications as required by the law, and which will improve their ability to cope with the impact of the crime. Assistance is provided by the FBI’s Victim Specialist, who can refer victims to other types of programs and services, such as emergency housing, counseling, medical assistance, support groups and credit counseling.

**Homeland Security Investigations – Victim Assistance**

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HSI investigates allegations of human trafficking of both foreign and US-born victims and works closely with other federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to further these investigations. HSI also maintains attaché offices in forty-seven countries, which can be utilized to assist in the investigation of transnational criminal organizations involved in human trafficking.

HSI recognizes that severe consequences of human trafficking continue even after the perpetrators have been arrested and held accountable. HSI’s Victim Assistance Program helps coordinate services to help human trafficking victims, such as crisis intervention, counseling and emotional support both during and after the investigative process.

**Resources available from organization/agency**

1. Criminal Investigations  
2. Victim advocacy/crisis intervention/assistance  
3. Law enforcement certification and Continued Presence, when appropriate  
4. Human trafficking outreach and training for investigators and the community.  
5. Human Trafficking Publications

**International Rescue Committee**

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The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is an international non-profit organization working
in 42 countries offering help and hope to refugees and others uprooted by conflict and oppression. IRC also helps resettle refugees admitted into the United States through its Maryland offices in Baltimore and Silver Spring. IRC also assists foreign national victims of trafficking, asylees, Cuban and Haitian parolees and special visa immigrant holders achieve self-sufficiency.

Resources available from organization/agency for victims

1. IRC’s services to foreign national victims of trafficking include comprehensive case management, employment services, referrals for health screenings and federal program (food stamps and medical assistance).
2. IRC also works in partnership with Baltimore City Community College and Montgomery College to provide job training courses and English classes.

**Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.**

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(410) 951-7750

Website: www.mdlab.org

Legal Aid is a statewide non-profit organization that provides free legal services to low-income residents of Maryland. Legal Aid has offices around the state serving every county in Maryland and Baltimore City. Legal Aid offices primarily provide advice and representation in the areas of domestic or family law, consumer and housing, administrative law (benefits including social security, medical assistance, food stamps, unemployment, disability), some employment and education law. Legal Aid also has a child advocacy unit which is court-appointed to represent a majority of children in the foster care system in Maryland, a migrant farmworker project which represents workers in Maryland and Delaware, an elder law project, foreclosure prevention project and legal hotline. Due to current federal funding restrictions, Legal Aid cannot represent undocumented individuals unless they are victims of domestic violence or human trafficking. All clients are required to go through an intake process to receive services.

**Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

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Maryland Coalition against Sexual Assault’s (MCASA’s) mission is to help prevent sexual assault, advocate for accessible, compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence, and work to hold offenders accountable. MCASA works on the following areas that connect with anti-trafficking efforts in Maryland: public policy, education, community outreach, technical assistance and legal services (see Sexual Assault Legal Institute).

**Maryland Crime Victims’ Resource Center**
Crime Victims' Resource Center is a non-profit organization that provides an array of services for clients (from referrals to legal representation), all free of charges.

Resources available from organization/agency for victims
1. Legal services
2. Court accompaniment
3. Referrals
4. Therapy services
5. Assistance with crime victims' rights
6. Identity theft counseling

Maryland Department of Juvenile Services

The Maryland Department of Juvenile Services has partnered with TurnAround, Inc. to implement a screening tool to flag youth within detention who are at high-risk for sex trafficking or currently being exploited. Survivors of sex trafficking within DJS are connected to specialized services provided by TurnAround within detention. Additionally, an individualized and ongoing service plan is established for youth who return to the community including case management, shelter, groups, safety planning, advocacy, and therapy.

Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF)

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The Maryland U.S. Attorney’s Office makes it a priority to combat human trafficking. The US Attorney’s Office’s goal is to work with state, federal and private agencies to discover and rescue victims of human trafficking while identifying and prosecuting offenders.

MHTTF was formed in 2007 by the Attorney General of Maryland, the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and is chaired by five committees. The task force aims to create a heightened law enforcement and victim service presence in the community. MHTTF law enforcement efforts include establishing roving operations to identify victims and traffickers, deputizing local law enforcement to assist in federal human trafficking investigations, and providing training for law enforcement officers. MHTTF also seeks to deter human trafficking through outreach to persons who might be victimized by traffickers.

Maryland Rescue and Restore Coalition

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Founded in 2009, and representing the State of Maryland under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Rescue and Restore initiative, the Maryland Coalition works to educate and engage citizens and community groups in Prevention, Education, Advocacy, and Intervention to bring an end to human trafficking.

The Coalition’s efforts concentrate on:

1. Promoting awareness of human trafficking in an effort to reduce incidences of new victimization and increase identification of existing victims;
2. Facilitating prevention of human trafficking by educating potential victims, encouraging moral and just conduct, ministering to perpetrators, and advocating for fair trade and values-based economics;
3. Participating in advocacy efforts to promote an equitable and just legal system;
4. Launch specific Intervention programs in an effort to rescue and rehabilitate those who are at the highest risks of victimization or offending.

The Coalition’s mission is to empower at the citizen level. The Coalition work with local agencies and individuals to establish affiliates in each Maryland county and college campus across the state, educating and equipping them to lead anti-trafficking efforts in their respective areas. Particularly emphasis is directed at reaching schools, colleges, and target industries. All persons, faith-based congregations, nonprofit, and government agencies are welcome to be a part of the Coalition.

**Maryland Stop Modern Slavery**

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Maryland Stop Modern Slavery is a community action group to support the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) Victims & Public Services Committee. Stop Modern Slavery seeks to combat modern slavery, which is the exploitation of individuals through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for the community to participate in the fight against human trafficking/trading by supporting the work of the MHTTF.

**National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**

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Established in 1984, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) is the leading nonprofit organization in the U.S. working with law enforcement, families and the professionals who serve them on issues related to missing and sexually exploited children. As part of its Congressional authorization, NCMEC has created a unique public and private partnership to build a coordinated, national response to the problem of missing and sexually exploited children, establish a missing children hotline and serve as the national clearinghouse for information related to these issues.

NCMEC plays a vital role in the Innocence Lost National Initiative by being a clearinghouse for information obtained from the public and Electronic Service Providers about children being exploited through sex trafficking; providing analytical and technical assistance services to law enforcement investigating these cases; and dedicating case management support for missing
children victimized through sex trafficking. NCMEC operates the CyberTipline, which receives leads and tips regarding suspected crimes of sexual exploitation committed against children. This includes exploitation of a child by traffickers, children being sold for sex online, and other forms of child sexual exploitation. Child Sex Trafficking Team analysts working on these reports support law enforcement agencies that are working to identify and recover children in the United States who have been victimized through sex trafficking. Case management teams within NCMEC’s Critical and Runaway Unit provide technical assistance to law enforcement and provide support to the missing child’s family.

If you have information regarding possible child sexual exploitation, please call 1-800-THE-LOST or make a report at www.cybertipline.com.

**National Human Trafficking Resource Center – Polaris Project**

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Website: www.traffickingresourcecenter.org

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) works to improve the national response to protect victims of human trafficking in the United States. NHTRC is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. The NHTRC takes reports of potential cases of human trafficking, connects callers with anti-trafficking resources in their area, and provides training, technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources. Contact the NHTRC to report a tip; to connect with anti-trafficking resources in your area; or to request training and technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources. The NHTRC is operated by Polaris Project and funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and other supporters.

**Safe House of Hope**

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Safe House of Hope’s mission is to help victims of sex-trafficking become an active part of a healthy community through education and training, and to provide support for the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of these victims. Safe House of Hope operates a drop-in center that provides victims with the space to be connected with resources, services and basic needs. Free medical care is provided by Healthcare for the Homeless. Safe House of Hope conducts street outreach in Brooklyn, Brooklyn Park, The Block, and other Baltimore City and
Baltimore County locations several times a week and provides a 24/7 talk/hotline to help clients connect.

**Resources available from organization/agency for victims**

1. Trauma therapy and small group workshops.
2. Drop-in space for women to interact with other women who have/have had the similar problems and trauma.
3. Provide a healthy breakfast and/or lunch, and take a bag lunch home for clients.
4. Provide free clothing, hygiene products, coats, and household items.
5. GED and work training.
6. Client advocates work in group and one–on–one settings to meet the clients’ current needs and strive to empower them to make and attain new goals.
7. 24/7 Talk/help line.
8. Free Medical Care at Drop in – Thursdays (call first to insure HCH is in).
9. Housing Referrals and household set up help.
10. Emergency Response Team 24/7.
11. Human Trafficking Education & Prevention Classes on and off site.
12. Prevention school education classes and prevention parenting classes.

**The Salvation Army**

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(410) 685-8878 (Emergency Shelter for Families)  
Website: www.uss.salvationarmy.org

The Salvation Army Baltimore Area Command offers homeless shelter and feeding programs, boys and girls clubs, emergency assistance for food, eviction prevention, and energy assistance.

**Resources available from organization/agency for victims**

1. Emergency Shelter for Families (Call 410-685-8878)  
2. Emergency Food  
3. Toys, clothing for children at Christmas  
4. Spiritual Counseling if wanted (conducted by Pastoral Care of The Salvation Army)

**Sexual Assault Legal Institute**

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The Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) provides direct legal services for survivors of sexual assault and abuse, and legal training and technical assistance for rape crisis centers and other
professionals working with survivors. SALI is a statewide program and serves both children and adults. It is part of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA).

Resources available from organization/agency for victims
1. Legal services for survivors for any legal issue related to the sexual assault/abuse, including peace orders/protective orders, immigration (including U and T visas), employment, education, civil rights, family law, crime victim rights, and other matters.
2. Training and technical assistance for programs working with survivors, including presentations on civil legal needs of sexual assault survivors, sexual crimes and victim rights in the criminal justice system, and legal issues for sexual crimes victims who are under 18.
3. Input into MCASA’s public policy advocacy, including advocating before the Maryland General Assembly.

_Tahirih Justice Center_

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The Tahirih Justice Center works to protect immigrant women and girls from gender-based violence through legal services, advocacy, and public education programs. In Baltimore City, they provide immigration legal services to foreign-born survivors of sex trafficking.

_TurnAround, Inc. – Anti-Trafficking Program_

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TurnAround’s Anti-Trafficking Program is dedicated to empowering survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation with the tools and specialized services necessary to achieve healing and self-sufficiency. TurnAround provides trauma-informed comprehensive services from emergency response to ongoing support to survivors.

Resources available from organization/agency for victims
1. Emergency and Crisis Response (24/7);
2. Intensive and Ongoing Case Management;
3. Victim Advocacy Program;
4. Peer Support Groups;
5. Drop-in Center Support and Services;
6. Individual, Group and Family Trauma-Informed Therapy.
The Women's Law Center (WLC) was established in 1971 to meet the legal needs of women, especially in the area of family law and in the workplace. Through impact litigation and public education, WLC founders hoped to eliminate discrimination and unfair practices. Through their Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project (MEDOVI) WLC assists foreign born victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in obtaining legal status in the United States. Through their Protective Order Advocacy and Representation Projects (POARP) WLC assists victims in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Carroll County to obtain civil orders of Protection against their abuser. Beginning in September, 2013, the WLC will represent victims of human trafficking in efforts to vacate convictions arising from being trafficked.
If you see something, say something.

If you see someone in immediate danger, call 911.

If you see signs of human trafficking, call:
National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) Hotline: 1-888-3737-888
TurnAround Hotline: 410-828-6390