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**Trafficking in Persons Council  
2009-2010 Annual Report**

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**Teresa C. Younger, Chair**

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*The State's leading force for women's equality*

## **Trafficking in Persons Council Members and Designees**

### **State Officials**

- **Teresa C. Younger**, PCSW Executive Director and Trafficking in Persons Council Chair
- The Attorney General, represented by **Richard Kehoe**, Special Counsel
- The Chief Public Defender, represented by **Deborah Del Prete Sullivan**, Legal Counsel
- The Chief State's Attorney, represented by **Judith Rossi**, Executive Assistant State's Attorney and **Tracey Kelley**, Witness Protection Coordinator
- Child Advocate of Connecticut, **Jeanne Milstein**
- The Commissioner of Children and Families, represented by **Buck Gregory**, Program Director-Hotline
- The Commissioner of Labor, represented by **John A. McCarthy**, Legislative Liaison
- The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, represented by **Valerie Leal**, Women's Services Administrator and **Barbara L. Geller**, Director of Statewide Services
- The Commissioner of Public Health, represented by **Nancy Berger**, Director, Office of Multicultural and **Olinda Morales**, Staff Attorney
- The Commissioner of Public Safety, represented by **Lieutenant Lucien St. Germain** and **Sergeant Paul Killoran**, Connecticut State Police
- The Commissioner of Social Services, represented by **Sylvia Gafford-Alexander**, Program Director, Commissioner's Office, Special Projects and Multiculturalism
- The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, represented by **Chief Nicholas Guerriero**, Winsted Police Department
- The Judicial Branch, represented by **Michael Mack**, Judge Trial Referee, Juvenile Court; **Linda J. Cimino**, Director, Office of Victim Services; **Cynthia Theran**, Deputy Director, Court Support Services Division
- Victim Advocate of Connecticut, **Michelle Cruz** and **Hakima Bey-Coon**, Staff Attorney
- The African-American Affairs Commission, represented by **Glenn Cassis**, Executive Director
- The Commission on Children, represented by **Thomas R. Brooks**, Director of Policy and Research Analysis
- The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission, represented by **Werner Oyanadel**, Acting Executive Director

### **Public Members**

- **Cinda Cash**, Director, Community & Provider Relations, Connecticut Women's Consortium
- **Mario Thomas Gaboury**, Associate Dean and Professor, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice & Forensic Sciences, University of New Haven
- **Kara Hart**, Staff Attorney, Greater Hartford Legal Aid
- **Nancy Kushins**, Executive Director, Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services
- **Shyamala Raman**, Professor, Saint Joseph College
- **Jane F. Rodas**, Director, Project Rescue and Assist New Americans, International Institute of Connecticut
- **Erika Tindill**, Executive Director, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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The Trafficking in Persons Council (Council) consists of 26 members and is chaired and convened by the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) pursuant to C.G.S. §46a-170. The Council consults with government and non-governmental organizations to develop recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent trafficking, protect and assist victims, and prosecute traffickers; identifies criteria for providing services to adult trafficking victims and their children; and provides updates and progress reports on trafficking prevention efforts and victim assistance. The Council reports annually to the Governor and the Connecticut General Assembly; **this report is for the 2009 and 2010 calendar years.**

The Council and Non-Governmental Organizations have provided services to 170 victims of human trafficking, and conducted 227 educational and public awareness trainings for 12,285 people in Connecticut.

### **State Agency Funded Activities**

<b>Snapshot of State Agency Funded Activities 2009-2010</b>	
<u>Direct Services to Victims</u>	<u>Public Awareness &amp; Education</u>
Number of Victims Identified: 61	Number of Trainings: 84
Adults: 12	Number of Training Participants: 2,151
Children: 49	
Number of Adult Victims Housed: 12	
Number of Hotline Calls: 6	

The Council has worked on several initiatives to provide direct services to victims of human trafficking, enhance the infrastructure and raise public awareness. The State Legislature allocated funding to the Office of Victim Services to provide housing and training, and the Department of Children and Families has a unit committed to providing services to children who are victims of human trafficking.

**Hotline:** Per the Council’s recommendation, the Connecticut Judicial Branch entered into a contract with the 211 information and referral program to provide a dedicated hotline for trafficking victims. The contract was terminated after FY 2010 due to lack of usage. However, should a trafficking victim call 211, it will continue to provide information and resources to the victim.

*Number of Calls Received: 6*  
*Funds spent for this initiative: \$5,000.*

**Housing for Victims:** The Office of Victim Services contracted with the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence to provide shelter and services on a temporary basis, not to exceed seven days, basic needs such as clothing and prescriptions, and assistance with permanent living arrangements.

*Number of Victims Housed: 12 in or around Ansonia, Danbury, Enfield, and Middletown*  
*Funds spent for this initiative: \$7,553.*

**Public Awareness & Education:** The Office of Victim Services (OVS) developed and produced educational brochures in Chinese, English, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. In 2008, OVS certified the following agencies as “certified trainers,” to

conduct regional community-based trainings: **Barnaba Institute**, which provides services in New London and Windham; **Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services**, which provides services statewide; **The Connecticut Women's Consortium**, which provides services in New Haven and Litchfield Counties; **International Institute of Connecticut**, which provides services in Hartford, Tolland and Fairfield; and the **Women's and Family Center for Meriden**, which provides services in Meriden, Wallingford and Middlesex County.

The certified trainers conducted the trainings for the following organizations: Alliance for Living; American Association of University Women; Branford Hall Career Institute; Central Connecticut State University's Social Work class; Connecticut College; Connecticut Massage Therapists Association; Connecticut Mental Health Center, Hispanic Clinic; Connecticut State Police Academy; Connecticut Women's Consortium staff and volunteers; Department of Public Health's Public Health Nurse Conference; East Hartford High School; Fairfield University; Hartford Women's Soroptomist Society; Hispanic Center Greater Danbury; Infoline; Killingly High School; Middlesex Community College; New England School Nurses Conference; New London Lions Club; Niantic Rotary Club; Norwich Dioceses Women's Group; Norwich Free Academy; Norwich Youth Group; Office of Victim Services' Advisory Council; Operation Hope; Plainfield High School; St. John's Episcopal Church; Southern Connecticut State University's Sociology Club; Sprague Public Library, Teen Program; St. Mary's School; Trinity College Women's Center; University of Connecticut, Torrington Campus; University of New Haven; Valley Regional High School; Westbrook Public Library; Western Connecticut State University; Women and Families Center staff and volunteers; Women's Center of Greater Danbury; Women's Center of North Eastern Connecticut; Valley Regional; Yale New Haven Hospital Emergency room social workers; and YWCA New Britain.

*Number of Trainings: 64*

*Number of Training Participants: 1,631*

*Funds spent for this initiative: \$15,694*

**The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Activities:** DCF identified 49 minor victims of domestic sex trafficking, and provided services to those children. DCF also conducted 20 trainings as follows: trained 450 DCF Social Workers on intake and investigation response to human trafficking; trained 70 individuals on the role of congregate care nurses in identifying and referring child victims of domestic minor sex trafficking, and; collaborated with the Connecticut Coalition Against Trafficking to host and facilitate training from the Justice Research Institute on Providing Psychological Services to Child Victims of Human Trafficking.

*Number of Victims Identified: 49*

*Number of Trainings: 20*

*Number of Training Participants: 520*

## **Non-Governmental Organizational Activities**

### **Snapshot of NGO Activities 2009-2010**

#### Direct Services to Victims

Number of Victims Screened: 132  
Number of Victims Identified: 109

#### Public Awareness & Education

Number of Trainings: 143  
Number of Participants in Trainings: 10,134

A majority of the human trafficking services, public awareness, and education activities are conducted by non-governmental organizations. Below is a list of some of those activities.

#### **International Institute of Connecticut, Inc.**

##### **Project Rescue, Anti-Human Trafficking Program**

The International Institute of Connecticut is a non-profit, non-sectarian social service agency dedicated to the needs of immigrants, refugees and their families. Project Rescue is a program to serve victims of human trafficking and raise awareness about the issue of trafficking in persons, and is primarily funded under a grant from the Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime

*Number of Potential Victims Screened: 31*

*Number of Victims Identified: 10*

*Number of Trainings: 29*

#### Trainings and Community Outreach presentations on Human Trafficking

American Massage Therapy Association, CT Chapter, North Haven; AmeriCares Free Clinics, Stamford; Center for Sexual Assault Crisis and Education, Stamford; Central Connecticut State University Clinical Nursing Program; Connecticut State Police, Meriden; Department of Public Health, Hartford; Department of Public Health, Virtual Office of Public Health Nurses, New Britain; Department of Social Work Emergency Department, Fairfield University; Ferguson Library, Stamford; Hispanic Clinic of the CT Mental Health Center, New Haven; MidState Medical Center, Meriden; New England School Nurse Conference, Groton; Office of Victim Services Advisory Council, Wethersfield; Operation Hope, Affordable Housing and Clinical Team, Fairfield; Saint Luke's Parish, Darien; TRAINConnecticut Online Community; United Way of Connecticut, 211 Infoline Staff, Rocky Hill; University of Connecticut, Torrington; University of Connecticut, Institute for Puerto Rican and Latino Studies; University of Connecticut Law School Symposium, Hartford; University of New Haven Law Day, West Haven; Western Connecticut State University, Danbury; Women for Women International, University of Connecticut Stamford Chapter; and Yale New Haven Hospital.

#### Conferences and Other Collaborative Activities Regarding Human Trafficking

Convened first meeting for the Connecticut Coalition Against Trafficking, member of New England Coalition Against Trafficking, funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, in November 2009.

Convened meetings for the Connecticut Coalition Against Trafficking, member of New England Coalition Against Trafficking, funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, in February, June, August and October 2010.

Workshop for Mental Health Providers co-sponsored by the Department of Children and Families, International Institute of Connecticut and Paul & Lisa Program for the Connecticut Coalition Against Trafficking, Hartford, April 2010.

Intervention with Trafficked and Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth co-hosted by the Department of Children and Families, International Institute of Connecticut and Paul & Lisa Program for the Connecticut Coalition Against Trafficking, Middletown, October.

### **The Paul & Lisa Program, Inc.**

The Paul & Lisa Program Inc., has been the community's advocacy center for child and adult victims of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic human trafficking for 30 years. Its programs reach caregivers and professionals through our collaboration with schools, communities, and agencies throughout the state of Connecticut. Funding for 80% of the screenings was provided by the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch. Most of the 2009 outreach and training activities were funded by the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency. Funding for the 2010 outreach and training activities were funded through private donations and community grants.

*Number of Potential Victims Screened: 101 U.S. Born*

*Number of Victims Identified: 99 U.S. Born*

*Number of Trainings: 114*

*Number of Training Participants: 10,134*

### Understanding and Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

Connecticut Association of Foster & Adoptive Parents, Farmington; Department of Children and Families Adolescent Certification Program; Department of Children and Families, Certification Training; Department of Children and Families, In-service Providers; Department of Children and Families Investigations Unit, Hartford; Department of Children and Families Life Skills Providers, Middletown; Department of Children and Families, Residential Providers; Department of Children & Families, Staff; Eleanor House, Hartford; Eleanor House Residential Facility; Essex Child and Family; Gilead Community Services, Cromwell; Guilford Y&F Staff; Horizon House, Lebanon; Noank Baptist Group Homes, Ledyard; UCSEC College, Nursing students; University of Connecticut Women and Violence Class; University of Connecticut – Torrington; Waterford Country School, Quaker Hill; Women's World Conference, Gray Lodge Residential Facility; and Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut.

### Internet Safety Program for Adults

Assumption School; Bridges – A Community Support System, Inc.; The Country School Madison; Essex Library; First Presbyterian Church; Guilford Youth & Family Services; Joseph Melillo Middle School; Madison Youth & Family Services “Tweens Group of Moms;” New Haven Board of Education, Tile II Summer Parent Program for Parents; Platt Technical High School; St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church; Unitarian Church; Westbrook High School PTA; and Westbrook High School PTSO.

### Internet Safety Program for Students and Predator Awareness, 2009

Assumption School; Behavioral Health, LLC.; Children's Community School; The Country School; Cub Scout Troop Pack 475, Guilford; East Hartford Middle School; East Haven High School; E.C. Adams Middle School; E.C. Goodwin Technical High School; Girl Scout Troop, Clinton; Girl Scout Brownie Troop, Clinton; Haddam Killingworth High School; James H. Moran Middle School; John C. Daniels Middle School; Jonathan Law High School; John F. Kennedy Middle School; Joseph Melillo Middle School; Leonard J. Tyl Middle School; Middletown Adult Education; Middletown

Teen Life Conference; Montowese Elementary School; The Morgan School; Naugatuck High School; Norwich Technical High School; Plainfield Central School; Plainfield High School; Platt Technical High School; Pomperaug Alternative High School; Pulaski Middle School; Putnam Middle School; Ridge Road Elementary School; Saint James School; Sterling School; Teen Zone Self Esteem Group; Tolland High School; Valley Regional High School; Westbrook High School, Youth Awareness Day; Westbrook Middle School, Youth Awareness Day; Wilbur Cross High School; Windham Technical High School; and 4H Camp counselors.

#### Public Awareness

BLR Health Fair; Children's Trust Fund, Bridgeport; Children's Trust Fund, Killingly; Children's Trust Fund, Waterbury; Clinton Chamber of Commerce Family Expo; Clinton PTA; Department of Children and Families, Best Practices Group training; Department of Children and Families, Intervention w/ Trafficked & CSE Youth, Riverview Children's Hospital; Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Training, Hartford; Essex Professional Women Network, Essex; Lenny & Joe's; Paul & Lisa Health & Safety Day; Platt Tech High School; Salon Crimson, Old Saybrook; Soroptomist International of Farmington Valley; Canton Library; UHC Health Fair; V.S.Y.M.C.A., Westbrook; Westbrook Family Day, Westbrook; Women in Business, Essex; Women's Fund Raising Network; and Youth Program, New Haven.