

**State of Connecticut
General Assembly**



**Trafficking in Persons Council
2011 Annual Report**

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 **Kirsten S. P. Rigney**, Assistant Attorney General
- The Chief Public Defender, represented by **Deborah Del Prete Sullivan**, Legal Counsel
- The Chief State's Attorney, represented by **Tracey Kelley**, Witness Protection Coordinator
- Child Advocate of Connecticut, **Jeanne Milstein**
- The Commissioner of Children and Families, represented by **William Rivera**, Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs
- The Commissioner of Labor (no appointment made after previous appointee retired)
- The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, represented by **Barbara L. Geller**, Director of Statewide Services
- The Commissioner of Public Health, represented by **Olinda Morales**, Staff Attorney
- The Commissioner of Public Safety, represented by **Thomas Murray**, Sergeant, 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 **Beau Thurnauer**, Deputy Chief, East Hartford Police Department
- The Judicial Branch, represented by **Michael Mack**, Judge Trial Referee, Juvenile Court; **Linda J. Cimino**, Director, Office of Victim Services; **Cynthia Theran**, Assistant Director, Administrative Services, Court Support Services Division
- The Victim Advocate of Connecticut, represented by **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**, Executive Director, Connecticut Women's Consortium
- **Anna Doroghazi**, Director of Public Policy and Communication, Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services
- **Mario Thomas Gaboury**, Acting Dean and Professor, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice & Forensic Sciences, University of New Haven
- **Kara Hart**, Staff Attorney, Greater Hartford Legal Aid
- **Karen Jarmoc**, Interim Executive Director, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- **Shyamala Raman**, Professor, Saint Joseph College

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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 2011 calendar year.**

The Council and non-governmental organizations have provided services to 20 victims of human trafficking, and conducted 70 educational and public awareness trainings for 1,270 people in Connecticut.

State Agency Funded Activities

| Snapshot of State Agency Funded Activities 2011 | |
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| <u>Direct Services to Victims</u> Number of victims identified: 20 Adults: 3 Children: 17 Number of adult victims housed: 3 Funds spent for direct services: \$1,875 | <u>Public Awareness & Education</u> Number of trainings: 35 Number of training participants: 500+ Funds spent for education: \$8,297 |
| Total funds spent for this initiative: \$10,172 | |

The State Legislature allocated funding to the Office of Victim Services to provide housing and training. The Department of Children and Families has a unit committed to providing services to children who are victims of human trafficking.

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: 3 in the Stamford/Norwalk area

Funds spent for this initiative: \$1,875

Public Awareness & Education

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) identified 17 minor victims of domestic sex trafficking, and provided services to those children. DCF also conducted 35 trainings to over 500 individuals as follows: Department of Children and Families, AMR Ambulance, Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Manchester Police Department, Newington Ambulance, Norwich Foster Parent Support Group, Rockville High School, University of Connecticut Campus, Youth Continuum, adult and juvenile judges, public defenders, and prosecutors.

The Office of Victim Services (OVS) has contracts with non-governmental organizations to conduct regional community-based trainings. OVS reimburses the training expenses. The agencies

are as follows: **Barnaba Institute**, which provides services in New London and Windham; **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. Details regarding the conducted trainings are reported in the next section on *Non-Governmental Organizational Activities*.

Funds spent for this initiative: \$8,297

Non-Governmental Organizational Activities

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| Snapshot of NGO Activities 2011 |
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| Number of trainings: 35 | Number of participants in trainings: 770 |
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Barnaba Institute

The Barnaba Institute’s contract with OVS ended June 30, 2011.

Number of trainings: 13

Number of participants in trainings: 282

Training locations: Connecticut College, Middlesex Community College, Old Lyme High School, and Valley Regional High School.

The Connecticut Women’s Consortium

The Connecticut Women’s Consortium’s contract with OVS ended June 30, 2011.

Number of trainings: 5

Number of training participants: 113

Training locations: The Connecticut Women’s Consortium’s in-house training series.

International Institute of Connecticut

Number of trainings: 17

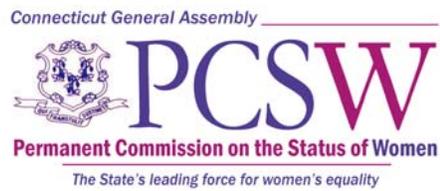
Number of training participants: 375

Training locations: Birmingham Group, Bridgeport Tabernacle Church, City of Bridgeport Police Department , Conference for Women of the United Church of Christ, Connecticut Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division – Bridgeport Juvenile Division, Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, Hospital of St. Raphael, Junta for Progressive Action, Mercy Housing and Shelter, Quinnipiac University, St. Joseph’s College, University of Connecticut, and Wheeler Clinic.

Women’s and Family Center for Meriden

This organization did not conduct trainings in 2011. Trainings will resume in 2012.

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