

March 16, 2011

The Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition (CMSHTC) invites you to our 5th Mid-Missouri training on addressing the problem of human trafficking. The training date is APRIL 29th, 2011.

What's the Problem - Since 2006 more than 150 individuals have been identified in our state as victims of human trafficking; some have been foreign-born, some have been U.S. citizens; some have been adults, some have been minors; some have been trafficked for forced labor, others for commercial sex. These individuals have been identified not only in Kansas City and St. Louis, but in communities around the state. Regardless of the specific circumstances, each case represents someone who has suffered a severe injustice and a violation of their personhood and their human rights.

Who Should Come - Effective action to recognize victims, to intervene and help individuals rebuild their lives, and ultimately to prevent trafficking requires a collaborative approach. Whether you are a school counselor, a local law enforcement officer, an emergency room clinician, a social worker, or another professional, you play an essential role in this effort. To eradicate human trafficking in Missouri and to empower survivors of this violence requires diverse skills and experience from many different sectors. If you have attended one of our earlier trainings (April 2010 or before), please join us again. This training is more in-depth with multiple presenters from different areas of expertise.

What You Will Learn - The purpose of this training is to equip you to identify human trafficking and to collaborate with other professionals to meet the needs of survivors. Trainers include Officer Tim Thomason and Sgt. Lloyd Simons [Columbia Police Department], Carrie Tyler [Human Trafficking Outreach Manager for Centro Latino and CMSTHC], Gail Reynoso [Victim Advocate with CARDV], Margaret Howard [Advocate for Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking], child welfare professionals, and board members of CMSHTC. Social Work contact hours available; P.O.S.T. credit pending.

Partnerships a Must - Although it can be challenging to create effective and mutually trusting partnerships among social services, health care, law enforcement, and community organizations, such partnerships are absolutely essential for an effective response to this difficult crime.

Where and When - The training will be on April 29th, 2011 at the Columbia Police Regional Training Center, Robert M. Lemone Building, at 5001 Meyer Industrial Drive, Columbia, MO. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.; training is from 9 AM to 5 PM. The cost is \$10.00 for the training. There will be a 75 minute break for lunch; we will have box lunches from Kaldi's available for those who wish to eat at the site (please let us know ahead of time so we can order enough lunches; lunch is \$10.00 additional). There are also some cafés a short drive from the training center.

Invite Others - When you receive this flier please post it and share with your co-workers. We would love to have any interested professionals benefit from this training. Please come and learn how to best serve members of your community who are without a voice!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth D'Agostino and Deb Hume, co-chairs
On behalf of CMSHTC Board of Directors



[Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition](#)
P.O. Box 30123, Columbia, Missouri 65205-0123

Please consider a contribution to support CMSHTC's work to end modern-day slavery in Missouri.
CMSHTC is a 501(c)3 organization. Your contributions are tax deductible.