

# Florida's Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force

## **Florida's Statewide Task Force on Human Trafficking:**

In 2009, the Florida Legislature created a Statewide Task Force on Human Trafficking under the auspices of the Department of Children and Families. This Task Force is co-chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families and the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights developed a strategic plan to serve as a road map to implement strategies to address human trafficking in Florida. The Task Force will review the strategic plan by October 1, 2010, and will issue its final review of the strategic plan by January 2011. The Task Force will be abolished July 1, 2011.

## **The law named nine governmental members to the Task Force. The members, or their designees, serve as follows:**

- George H. Sheldon, Secretary, Department of Children and Families (Co-Chair)
- Gerard Bailey, Executive Director, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (Co-Chair)
- Anne Gannon for Alex Sink, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Financial Services
- Lt. Charles Delgado for Charles Bronson, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Emery Gainey for Bill McCollum, Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs
- Jan Davis for Ana M. Viamonte Ros, State Surgeon General, Department of Health
- William Shepherd, Statewide Prosecutor
- Cornelius Brownlee for Derick Daniel, Executive Director, Florida Commission on Human Relations
- John Powell for Charlie Liem, Interim Secretary, Department of Business and Professional Regulation

## **The following sheriff and police chief were appointed by the Governor, as required under the law:**

- Gerald Monahan, Jr., Chief of Police of the City of Port Orange
- Mike Scott, Sheriff of Lee County

**The following eight non-governmental organization members were required by statute to serve on the Task Force and they or their designees serve as follows:**

- Terry Coonan, FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights
- Ana Vallejo, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
- Julia Perkins, Coalition of Immokalee Farm Workers
- Luz Nagel, Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking
- Suzy Cop, Florida Freedom Partnership
- Kathlyn Mackovjak, Gulf Coast Legal Services
- Jennifer Dritt, Florida Council Against Sexual Violence
- Nina Zollo, Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**The Governor made the following five appointments ex officio per the legislation:**

- Michael McAuliffe, State Attorney, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
- Walter A. McNeil, Secretary, Department of Corrections
- Grace O'Donnell, Major of Special Victims' Bureau at Miami-Dade Police Department (retired)
- Maria Lorts Sachs, State Representative, District 86
- Floy Turner, AMBER Alert Liaison, Fox Valley Technical College

# Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force Committees

## 1. Criminal Justice Committee

**Chairperson:** John Powell Department of Professional Regulation

- Identify existing training, the requirements for participation, and the availability
- Develop recommendations for content and frequency of training for local and state law enforcement agencies
- Develop recommendations for content and frequency of training for judges and prosecutors

## 2. Law and Public Policy Committee

**Chairperson:** Maria Lorts Sachs, House of Representatives

- Identify legislation being developed, such as Florida Safe Harbor Act
- Develop plan for creation of Statewide Trafficking database

## 3. Resource Committee

**Chairperson:** Terry Coonan, Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

- Identify existing training resources, coalitions, workgroups and task forces as well as social services programs dealing with human trafficking or providing services to victims
- Identify gaps in services and programs
- Create an electronic directory of resources that can be shared and put on websites

## 4. Education, Training and Public Awareness Committee

**Chairperson:** Ana Vallejo, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center

- Create a strategy for a statewide human trafficking education and awareness campaign.
- Develop list of resource people or groups to assist with the campaign.
- Develop budget needed for implementation.

## 5. Special Populations Committee

**Chairperson:** Jan Davis, Florida Department of Health

- Identify gaps in service and education pertaining to special populations such as minors, runaways, disabled, non-English speaking, and immigrants
- Identify services to refugee populations already in place