

## **Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery Educational Resources**

**National Human Trafficking Resource Center/Hotline: 1-888-3737-888**

**California Against Slavery:**

<http://californiaagainstsavery.org/>

California Against Slavery (CAS) is a non-profit, non-partisan human rights organization. Current goal: To pass a ballot initiative in 2012 to enact just and effective state laws to protect victims and prevent and prosecute the crime of human trafficking. In doing so, California will lead our nation in a historic movement to stop modern day slavery.

**The Campaign to Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking:** A coalition in 24 cities, regions and States comprised of NGO leaders, academics, students, law enforcement agents, and other key stakeholders who are committed to addressing the problem of human trafficking in their own communities.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/>

**Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, CAST:** Assists trafficked persons and works towards ending all instances of such human rights violations. It provides the momentum for survivors to plant the “seeds of renewal” that will give them the freedom to grow in the direction of their potential and dreams. <http://www.castla.org/>

**Demand Abolition** <http://www.demandabolition.org>

Demand Abolition supports the movement to end modern-day slavery by combating the demand for illegal commercial sex in the US. Conducting and disseminating research, educating policymakers, consulting with criminal justice professionals, and convening key stakeholders, Demand Abolition is catalyzing social change that reflects the dignity of all people.

**Department of Labor List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor:** The report describes the range of actions undertaken by the Department of Labor in response to the TVPRA mandates and contains a list of 122 goods from 58 countries believed to be produced by forced or child labor.

<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/ocft/PDF/2009TVPRA.pdf>

**End Child Prostitution Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes, ECPAT:** A global network of organizations and individuals working together to eliminate child prostitution, child pornography and the trafficking of child for sexual purposes. <http://www.ecpat.net/> ECPAT USA <http://ecpatusa.org/>

**Fair Trade USA:** The Fair Trade Certified™ Label guarantees consumers that strict economic, social and environmental criteria were met in the production and trade of an agricultural product. <http://www.transfairusa.org/>

**Free the Slaves:** Liberates slaves around the world, helps them rebuild their lives and researches real world solutions to eradicate slavery forever. <http://www.freetheslaves.net/>

**Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, ICCR:** Seeks a global community built on justice and sustainability through transformation of the corporate world by integrating social values into corporate and investor actions. <http://www.iccr.org/>

**The John Next Door** - The men who buy sex are your neighbors and colleagues. A new study reveals how the burgeoning demand for porn and prostitutes is warping personal relationships and endangering women and girls. <http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2011/07/17/the-growing-demand-for-prostitution.html>

**Not for Sale Campaign:** Equips and mobilizes activists to deploy innovative solutions to re-abolish slavery in their own backyards and across the globe. <http://www.notforsalecampaign.org/>

**Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force:** A collaboration of Law Enforcement, Non-Governmental Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, and the community. The purpose of the OCHTTF is to work together to protect victims, prosecute offenders, and prevent further perpetration of this crime in Orange County, CA. <http://www.egovlink.com/ochumantrafficking/>

**Polaris Project:** It is one of the largest anti-trafficking organizations in the United States and Japan, with programs operating at international, national and local levels. <http://www.polarisproject.org/>

**Short documentaries online on Human Trafficking and Slavery:**  
<http://www.endslaverynow.com/?goto=videos&section=resources>

**Stop Trafficking Anti-Human Trafficking News Letter:** Serves as a forum for exchange among religious congregations and their collaborating organizations: • to promote awareness regarding human trafficking; • to exchange best practices in advocacy for and empowerment of survivors of human trafficking; • to recommend actions to counter human trafficking. <http://www.stopenslavement.org/index.html>

**Super bowl 2012 and Sex Trafficking** - State lawmakers in Indiana are racing to pass sex trafficking laws ahead of the 2012 Super Bowl. - <http://afnap.org/content/state-lawmakers-work-to-pass-sex-trafficking-laws-before-2012-super-bowl/> - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNkgNP0PBhs>

**Task Forces on Human Trafficking and Slavery in the U.S.** - the U.S. Department of Justice has funded 42 jurisdictions and 36 trafficking victim services providers to form human trafficking task forces to identify and rescue victims of trafficking by proactively investigating such cases. These task forces bring together federal, state and local law enforcement and victim services organizations to investigate all forms of human trafficking and assist the victims. <http://www.nij.gov/journals/262/human-trafficking-task-forces.htm>

#### **Taskforces and NGO's in California**

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/WebPage/oeswebsite.nsf/Content/982D5892B5CF06238825768F006D9424?OpenDocument>

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** - <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/>

**UN.GIFT:** A Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking: Promotes the global fight on human trafficking, on the basis of international agreements reached at the UN. To date, 140 parties have signed the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons especially Women and Children. <http://www.ungift.org/>

## Slavery in the Global Supply Chain

**It could be in the clothing you wear, the food you eat, the materials used to build your house, your school, your car... Products made using slave labor, including the worst forms of child labor, exist throughout the modern industrial supply chain**

The International Labor Organization estimates that over 12 million persons world-wide are working in some form of forced labor or bondage and that more than 200 million children are at work, many in hazardous forms of labor. The most vulnerable persons – including women, indigenous groups, and migrants – are the most likely to fall into these situations and the current global economic crisis has only exacerbated their vulnerability. - The Department of Labor 2009

Today it is estimated that nearly 12.3 million people — equal to nearly one-third of California’s total population — are working in some form of forced labor worldwide. Of those, nearly 2.5 million people are estimated to have been trafficked.

At home, it is estimated that there are 10,000 forced laborers working in the US at any given time. The U.S. State Department estimates that between 14,500 and 17,500 victims are trafficked into the US each year. California is one of the top four destination states for trafficking victims in the United States. Over 500 victims from 18 countries were identified in California between 1998 and 2003.

Existing state and federal laws make human trafficking a crime, while providing various remedies and supports to victims. Yet, state and federal laws have done little to address the growing markets that consume products tainted with slavery and trafficking.

In September 2009, the US Department of Labor released its “List of Goods Produced by Child or Forced Labor.” The report found nearly 122 goods from 58 countries that are believed to be tainted with forced and/or child labor.

Undoubtedly, many of those goods are consumed in California with hundreds of billions of dollars of imports pouring into the state each year. California consumers and business—by the nature and scope of their purchasing power—are uniquely positioned to eradicate slavery and trafficking through their purchasing choices.

### What can one do?

- Watch and share this short documentary online: “Need”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DV1hQSt2hSE&feature=related>
- Animated 2 minute video on the global supply chain: “You Own Stuff Made by Slaves”  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=XTvyEa9c8Is#at=97](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=XTvyEa9c8Is#at=97)
- **Buy Fair Trade.** Fair trade certification is available at over 40,000 retail establishments in the US and allows consumers to vote for a better world with their dollars. [www.fairtrade.net](http://www.fairtrade.net)  
Promote Fair Trade <http://www.fairtradeprinciples.org/promote-fair-trade/>  
Fair Trade principles include:
  - Suppliers

- Fair Labor Conditions
  - Democratic & Transparent Organizations
  - Community Development
  - Environmental Sustainability
- **Contact your favorite retail and grocery stores**, toy companies, and designers to ask if, and how, they monitor their supply chains. Let them know that ethical business practices are important to you as their valued customer.
  - **Ask your employer** if you have a Corporate Social Responsibility Department or Division and ask them what they are doing to ensure that they have detailed information about their supply chain and ethical labor practices company wide.
  - Research Socially Responsible Investing (SRI): Find out if your pension funds are invested in socially responsible companies: <http://www.calvert.com/sri-kwyo.html>

### **Accomplishments:**

**The California Supply Chain Transparency Act of 2010 (SB 657) passed in September of last year.** This means that it requires large companies doing business in California to disclose the extent to which the company:

- . Uses 3rd party verification to evaluate and address human trafficking and slavery risks in product supply chains
- . Conducts independent, unannounced audits of suppliers to ensure compliance with company standards on trafficking slavery
- . Maintains internal accountability for employees and contractors failing to meet company standards on slavery and trafficking
- . Provides company employees and management training on mitigating risks of slavery and trafficking in supply chains

**So far, California is the only state in the nation that has passed such law!!**

Interfaith for Corporate Responsibility on slave labor:

[http://www.iccr.org/news/press\\_releases/2011/pr\\_slaveryinvestorstatement062711.php](http://www.iccr.org/news/press_releases/2011/pr_slaveryinvestorstatement062711.php)

*--Adapted from Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, CAST*

## Fight the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Child Sex Tourism (CST) is a form of trafficking and an organized multimillion-dollar industry with its own tour guides, websites, and brothel maps. In a report, The [U.S. State Department](#) estimates that as many as two million children are trapped in a global commercial sex trade. Victims are commonly linked by poverty and lack of opportunity.

ECPAT (Ending Child Prostitution and Trafficking) is a network of organizations and individuals working together to eliminate the commercial sexual exploitation of children around the world. Its mission is to ensure that children everywhere enjoy their fundamental rights, free from all forms of commercial sexual exploitation. It was created in 1991 by a group of NGO workers in Asia.

Nearly 300,000 children are at risk of sexual exploitation nationwide.. ECPAT USA protects children being trafficked to the US from other countries and those abused abroad by American sex tourists.

### How to get involved:

**Promote the CODE:** Take a stand against the sexual exploitation of children by helping ECPAT-USA fight child sex tourism and sex trafficking of children. The Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism, developed by ECPAT, sets a standard of responsible business practices that effectively deters child sexual exploitation. <http://ecpatusa.org/>

Every year an estimated 1.2 million children are forced into prostitution and pornography, many victims are isolated from the public, giving travel companies the distinct opportunity to identify and rescue them.

You can help in three ways:

1. Have your voice heard! Sign a letter- send or bring it with you when you travel. Drop it off at a hotel or tourist company to inform them about the Code. <http://www.cbisonline.com/page.asp?id=1017>
2. If you travel with a group or host a conference in a hotel, use your numbers to pressure the hotel to sign the Code.
3. [Patronize a Code signatory company:](#)



\*Hilton Worldwide will begin implementation in [Washington D.C.](#) and [Seattle, Washington.](#)

## How Can We Get Involved?

- **Symposium:** “Human Trafficking: The Child Slave” - Mt. St. Mary’s College on Saturday, March 10, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- **Encourage your pastor** to employ homilies and prayer services that are related to trafficking and slavery on the following dates:
  - National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (January 11)
  - International Women’s Day (March 8)
  - World Day Against Child Labor (June 12)
  - International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women (November 25)
  - Abolition of Slavery Day (December 2)
  - Universal Human Rights Day (December 10)
- Join forces with religious congregations and other organizations to promote awareness.
- **Educate ourselves and others** on how to recognize warning signs and patterns, and basic do’s and don’ts for working with survivors of trafficking, and how to work in collaboration with secular resources and leaders.
- **Raise awareness, volunteer, and advocate** for legislation that protects the rights of survivors
- **Join an anti-trafficking task force in your area** - Alliances between local law enforcement and community-based organizations which can assist with the prosecution of traffickers, help protect survivors of trafficking and prevent trafficking in your community.
- **Promote fair-trade** and denounce slave labor in product supply chains.
- **Watch and share short documentaries** online on Human Trafficking and Slavery:  
<http://www.endslaverynow.com/?goto=videos&section=resources>
- **Learn the National Human Trafficking Resource Center/Hotline:** 1-888-3737-888 and call when you suspect of someone being enslaved or trafficked.
- **Encourage hotels/motels** to take action to fight the commercial sexual exploitation of children. By establishing an ethical policy that specifically mentions the need to protect children from sexual exploitation and train personnel how to respond to such evidence. Urge them to sign ECPAT-USA Code of Conduct.

Recently the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph after months of collaborative conversation and planning were able to get with the St. Louis Millennium Hotel to sign and implement the six-point ECPAT-USA Code of Conduct at their gathering in St. Louis in July, 2011. By signing this code the Millennium Hotel now takes a stand against the sexual exploitation of children by helping ECPAT fight child sex tourism.