

### Human Trafficking - Real in 2016

Human trafficking is the world's fastest growing criminal enterprise and is an estimated \$32 billion-a-year global industry. It is a form of modern day slavery that profits from the exploitation of our most vulnerable populations. Attorney General Harris is focused on combating the pervasive issue of human trafficking in California and has made it one of her top priorities.

In March 2014, Attorney General Harris released *Gangs Beyond Borders: California and the Fight Against Transnational Organized Crime*, the first comprehensive report analyzing the current state of transnational criminal organizations in California. In recent years, transnational criminal organizations and affiliated domestic gangs have expanded from drug and firearm trafficking to the trafficking of human beings. From cross-border tunnels for transporting victims to domestic recruiting of vulnerable populations in our local communities, these criminal organizations have set aside traditional rivalries to set up commercial sex rings that profit from the sale of human beings, in particular young women and girls.

### > SEX TRAFFICKING STATISTICS

Human sex trafficking generates billions of dollars in the U.S. every year.

Department of Justice has identified the **TOP 20** human trafficking jurisdiction in the country:



Source: U.S. Department of Justice, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Attorney General Harris' 2014 report on transnational organized crime followed her earlier work in creating a Human Trafficking Work Group and the release of a report, *The State of Human Trafficking in California*, which outlined the growing issue of this crime in the state and noted that 72% of human trafficking victims whose country of origin was identified are American. Attorney General Harris' 2012 and 2014 reports emphasize the importance of statewide collaboration – amongst law enforcement, non-profit service providers, and the public – in fighting the scourge of human trafficking. The perpetrators of human trafficking have become more sophisticated and organized, requiring an equally sophisticated response from law enforcement and its partners to disrupt and dismantle their networks.

**PCIRC's Rape Crisis Staff has been trained in recognizing the signs, offering the needed assistance in getting free help & counseling. If you or someone you know is involved with human trafficking, now is the time to put a stop to it. For more info, please call the Plumas Rape Crisis Program Manager, Kathleen O'Bryant, today at 530.283.5515**

### From The Director's Desk

This month PCIRC highlights its Plumas and Sierra Rape Crisis Centers (RCC) through a special public presentation on "Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Awareness & Identification." This one day training takes a hard look at the reality of today's fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world. Some basic statistics:

- At least 20.9 million adults and children are bought and sold worldwide into commercial sexual servitude, forced labor and bonded labor.
- About 2 million children are exploited every year in the global commercial sex trade.
- Almost 6 in 10 identified trafficking survivors were trafficked for sexual exploitation.
- Women and girls make up 98% of sex trafficking victims.
- Some victims are as young as 11 years of age

If you think this is a problem that "other states or countries" are experiencing, please consider this sobering fact: ***In Sacramento, the problem of young girls being trafficked is massive because of the confluence of I-80, I-5, and Highway 99. With Quincy being centrally located between Nevada and the Bay Area, California is an easy place for human trafficking victims, just because of the waters and highways. There are even residential brothels operated by traffickers.***

A heavy subject, but one that all of us can strive to remedy through awareness, outreach and action. Want more info? Please contact Kathleen at the Plumas Rape Crisis Center today: 530. 283. 5515. In Sierra County, please call the Sierra S.A.F.E at 530. 993. 1237.

**Pre-register for the presentation: 5390. 283. 5515**

*"The commercial sexual exploitation of children is the most hidden form of child abuse in North America today. It is the Nation's least recognized epidemic."* - Richard Estes, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Work Center for Youth Study.

**Johanna A. Downey, Executive Director, PCIRC**



### HAPPENINGS

- Aug 10 CASA Orientation**  
5:30-6:30pm
  - Aug 12 Tailgate Food C.A.N. Distribution** 9am-12-noon
  - Aug 17 Community Supper**  
Methodist Church
- Thursdays:**  
Quincy Certified Farmers' Market across from PCIRC (591 Main St.)  
*PCIRC Has a Booth each Thursday*

- Saturdays:**  
Weekly Farm Stand at Five Foot Farms

## Tailgate Food Giveaway

**St. Johns Catholic Church**  
176 Lawrence St.  
Quincy

**Aug 12, 2016**

**9 AM - 12 Noon**

**Open to any Plumas County Low Income Residents**

**FREE**

### FREE SUMMER MEALS IN QUINCY!

Monday through Friday

For Anyone under the age of 18-years

**BREAKFAST ends July 8th:**

Pioneer Campus, 175 N. Mill Creek Road

**8:30am to 9:00am**

**LUNCH ends August 19th:**

Pioneer Campus, 175 N. Mill Creek Road

**12:30pm to 1:00pm**

Sponsored by the Plumas Unified School District Summer Meals Program



Need help stretching your food budget?

You may qualify for **CalFresh**.

To learn more, please stop by and see us at 591 West Main Street-Quincy or call the office at **530.283.5515**.

Drop-in Assistance Services include:

- \*Application Help
- \*Eligibility Prescreen
- \*Appeals Assistance
- \*Required Verifications
- \*Interview Preparation
- \*Helpful Materials
- \*Questions Answered
- \*Recertification Help



### BEATING THE HEAT

*On a mild day of 80-degrees, in 10-minutes the inside of a vehicle can rise to 99-degrees; in 20-minutes, 109-degrees; and in 60-minutes - 123-degrees!*

A child's body heats up 3 to 5 times faster than that of an adult. Heatstroke can occur when the core body temperature reaches 104-degrees and internal organs begin to shut down. Once the body reaches 107-degrees, the person dies. Symptoms can progress to flushed dry skin and vomiting to seizures, organ failure, and death. Every week in the US a child dies from being left alone in a car. Most were forgotten by the parents and were younger than 2-years of age. Remember these tips:

**NEVER leave a child in a motor vehicle alone!**

**Leave Reminders:** Leave a briefcase, purse with the child for your final destination.

**Lock Your Car!** Keep your car locked when not in it so children are unable to get in.

**If You See A Child Alone...CALL 911 ! Save a Life-Save a Child!**



### CASA Volunteer Orientation Wednesday, Aug 10th 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Court-Appointed Special Advocates are specially trained volunteers who are appointed by a judge to advocate for an abused, neglected, or abandoned child.

Find out how **YOU** can make a difference in a child's life.

Orientations are presented at **591 Main Street, Quincy**  
**For more information, call Chris at 530.283.2227.**

PCIRC's "24/7 Dads" Program is still in full swing with new classes starting this Summer!



Call **530.283.5515** today and we'll help you access FREE resources to be a great Dad!



### PCIRC Satellite Offices

**Feather River College**

F R C Food Pantry  
Quincy Campus- Student Services  
Call 530.283.5515 for hours

#### PORTOLA:

Portola Family Resource Center  
165 Ridge Street  
Monday-Thursday: 9am-5pm

#### INDIAN VALLEY/GREENVILLE

Indian Valley Resource Center  
209 Crescent Street  
Monday-Thursday: 9am-2pm

#### CHESTER

Chester Resource Center  
Opening Soon