



RMIAN's Human Trafficking Project

Human trafficking is a grave national and international human rights issue. In an attempt to combat human trafficking, Congress passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) in 2000. The TVPA defines a severe form of human trafficking as

(1) sex trafficking, in which a commercial sex act is induced by **force, fraud, or coercion*** or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; OR
(2) labor trafficking—the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of **force, fraud or coercion*** for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. Survivors of human trafficking may be found in tourism, hospitality, agriculture, construction, commercial sex, domestic service, and other industries.

*emphasis added

With support from the federal Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement, RMIAN, in partnership with Colorado Legal Services, the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking, Prax(us), and the Hispanic Affairs Project, assists survivors of human trafficking. RMIAN is also a founding member of the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking (CoNEHT). The Human Trafficking Project works in collaboration with RMIAN's Detention and Children's Programs to support detained immigrant adults and immigrant children who are survivors of human trafficking.

RMIAN's Human Trafficking Project offers free:

- Legal services for detained immigrant adults and immigrant child victims of human trafficking
- Coordination with providers of social services for victims of trafficking
- Holistic support for detained adult potential victims of trafficking, in collaboration with RMIAN's Social Service Project
- Trainings on human trafficking for service providers, law enforcement, children's advocates, juvenile justice and criminal court officials, and others on human trafficking
- Legal trainings for attorneys on T Visas and related forms of immigration relief

For more information about human trafficking or the services mentioned above, please contact Megan Hope, Human Trafficking Project Coordinator, at mhope@rmian.org or 303-433-2812, ext. 109.

If you suspect human trafficking, please contact:

the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking hotline at **1-866-455-5075**
or the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at **1-888-3737-888**.