

# FREEDOM NETWORK USA

TO EMPOWER TRAFFICKED AND ENSLAVED PERSONS

**Freedom Network (USA)**, which was established in 2001, is a coalition of 27 non-governmental organizations that provide services to, and advocate for the rights of, trafficking survivors in the United States. Since the enactment of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), Freedom Network (USA) members have worked closely with trafficked persons to ensure that they receive necessary services guaranteed under the TVPA and have also been engaged in monitoring implementation of the law.

Members of the Freedom Network (USA) have provided services to trafficked persons in some of the major trafficking cases in the United States to date and have actively promoted a human rights response to trafficking worldwide and in the United States.

## **The Mission of Freedom Network (USA) is to:**

**Ensure** that trafficked persons are treated as victims and not criminals, are able to have full access to justice, including the right to full compensation and restitution from the traffickers, and are provided with access to linguistically-appropriate and culturally-sensitive, victim-centered social, mental health, medical, legal, educational, vocational and other services.

**Increase** public awareness of the crime of trafficking through education, research, training and community outreach and organizing for the purpose of preventing trafficking and supporting the rights of trafficked persons.

**Engage** in advocacy at the local, national and international levels on behalf of trafficked persons and for full prosecution of all traffickers, including corporations and their subcontractors.

**Develop** local and national networks in the United States and to link with international networks in order to carry out these above activities.

## **Freedom Network Principles**

- All human beings have the right to live free from forced labor, slavery or servitude.
- All trafficked persons have rights, even if they are undocumented or hold false papers.
- All trafficked persons have the right to become empowered through the receipt of culturally-sensitive, victim centered services, support and training.

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**Freedom Network Training Institute on Human Trafficking (FNTI)** is a national training program. FNTI members recognized the critical need for training and technical assistance to law enforcement, community/service providers, refugee benefits issuing agencies on issues of human trafficking and modern day slavery. In 2003 the FNTI launched a comprehensive practical training curriculum which has trained well over 2,400 participants across the country and has helped increase awareness of human trafficking and participants' capacity to respond to human trafficking in their respective communities.

**Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery: Practical Tools for an Effective Response** is a comprehensive training which provides a solid foundation for participants to address issues of human trafficking in various contexts within the United States. The information contained in the FNTI training is based on the applied knowledge and methods of Freedom Network (USA). Freedom Network (USA) members have been on the forefront of the anti-trafficking movement, assisted over 2,000 trafficked and enslaved persons and collaborated with law enforcement and other agencies for more than 10 years on cases of human trafficking. This interactive training is designed to facilitate active learning through real-life examples, participatory exercises, illustrations, and case scenarios as well as by providing “best practices” hints from the experts working most closely on the subject of trafficking and slavery. The training curriculum provides over 10 hours of engaging information and all participants will receive a Freedom Network Tool Kit containing presentation slides, useful forms, a PowerPoint presentation, contact information and reference materials to supplement the training and help participants in assisting trafficked persons.

#### **Module 1: Dimensions of Human Trafficking and Slavery**

- Introduction to Human Trafficking and Slavery
- Overview of the Human Rights Approach to Assisting Trafficked and Enslaved Persons
- U.S. Government Response

#### **Module 2: Identifying Trafficked and Enslaved Persons**

- Key Elements of Trafficking and Slavery
- Case Scenarios

#### **Module 3: Providing Social Services**

- Human Service Needs of Survivors of Trafficking
- Case Management Tools
- Coordination of Human Services

#### **Module 4: Understanding the Legal Framework**

- The Basic Rights of Trafficked and Enslaved Persons
- Legal Assessment and Forms of Relief
- Criminal Prosecution of Traffickers
- NGO and Law Enforcement Collaboration

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