

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST. LOUIS

CALL: **1(888)373-7888**

TEXT: **233733**

IN ST LOUIS COUNTY CALL: **1(866)371-8477**

## INDICATORS

### What you can do..



Educate yourselves and those around you about the problem of human trafficking. Encourage them to use fair trade projects and educate them that prostitution is not a victimless crime.



Be familiar with the phone numbers to call and use it if you see a situation you believe to be trafficking.



Lobby the state legislature and federal government for much needed laws to help victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Signs of mental and physical abuse, like disorientation and confusion.

Bruises in various stages of healing. Appearing fearful, timid, or submissive

Shows signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care.

Appears to be coached on what to say.

Living in unsuitable conditions and lacks personal possessions.

Lacks freedom of movement. Defers to the person they are with.

**Source: Department of Homeland Security**

## NCJW STL SUPPORTS FOUR CRUCIAL LAWS:

### ILLEGALIZE DESTROYING, CONCEALING, OR REMOVING SOMEONE'S IDENTIFYING DOCUMENTS

Currently, it is legal to take someone's passport and destroy it. In several states across the country, any person who engages in this form of exploitation will be faced with a class 5 felony; Missouri is not one of those states. This legislation is absolutely necessary to protect people from labor trafficking, and currently exists in nine states.

### CHANGE EXSISTING LAWS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO PROSECUTE TRAFFICKERS

Many guilty of trafficking are often charged with another crime that is easier to prosecute. This makes it difficult to track how many individuals are really trafficking as well and prevents victims from taking advantage of certain services.

### DEFINE SAFE HARBOR LAWS THAT PROTECT MINORS

Child victims of human trafficking are forced, induced, or coerced into providing labor, services, or commercial sex. A trafficked child may be compelled to engage in illegal activities. Instead of being treated as victims, children are often prosecuted as criminals.

### VACATE CONVICTIONS FOR TRAFFICKING-RELATED OFFENSES FOR SURVIVORS.

Survivors who were forced into crimes should have convictions cleared from their records. A criminal record creates a very real barrier for individuals seeking employment, education, housing loans, etc. A clean record will enable survivors to have a second chance in life.

18 states have survivor-centric statutes that protect survivors from being convicted on trafficking-related charges; Missouri is not one of them.

**NCJW<sup>®</sup> STL**

National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis

Need help finding your reps?  
[www.house.mo.gov](http://www.house.mo.gov)  
[www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov)

Contact Heather at  
[hsilverman@ncjwstl.org](mailto:hsilverman@ncjwstl.org) or  
314-993-5181 for more

