

## **Stop Human Trafficking – Community Forum Series 2009 Issues for Discussion at February 24 Forum**

### **Legislation**

- L-1 Local statutes and ordinances may be lax.
- L-2 NC Protection of Trafficking Victims Bill may need updating.
- L-3 Citing trafficking as the charge. Wording of bill includes 'force, fraud, coercion', which are difficult to prove.
- L-4 Prevent trafficking victims from entering or exiting the USA
- L-5 Keep potential trafficking victims, particularly minors, in their home country. Missing social structures contributing to vulnerability in 'supply' countries

### **Law Enforcement**

- LE-1 Identification of potential trafficking situations; "getting info up front".
- LE-2 Safekeeping of victims as witnesses for prosecution.
- LE-3 Establishing trust from victims quickly; i.e. "getting victims to speak".
- LE-4 Difficulty in tracking constant movement of trafficking operations.
- LE-5 Stopping traffickers with victims at points of entry into state, county, or city.

### **Prosecution**

- P-1 Cross jurisdiction issues.
- P-2 Securing admissible evidence to charge 'johns'.
- P-3 Reducing length of time to bring a trafficking case to trial.
- P-4 Award of 'damages' to victims