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Upcoming Events:

Festival Latino,
Columbus - August 8 and 9

LULAC 2015 Community
Awards Banquet,
Dayton -
August 8

Rights and
Responsibilities as a
Tenant, Columbus -
August 13

Self Sufficiency-
Economic
Empowerment, Lima -
August 14

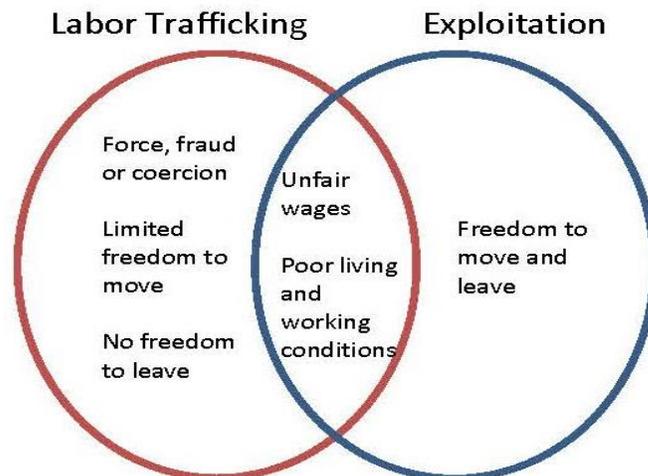
Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts

OCHLA is a member of Attorney General DeWine's Human Trafficking Commission, which includes elected and appointed officials, members of local, state, and federal law enforcement, public and private social agencies, religious groups, and schools. The commission meets regularly to understand the extent of the problem in Ohio, find ways to help victims, and discover how to investigate and prosecute traffickers.

Last month, OCHLA attended the commission's meeting and a labor trafficking workshop hosted by the FBI. Below is important information we received during our training that may be of benefit to you. To visit OCHLA's human trafficking resources webpage, [click here.](#)

Labor Trafficking

What is the difference between trafficking and exploitation?



Ohio Latino Health Summit, Columbus - August 14

Latino Health and Safety Fair, Columbus - August 15

West Interfaith Legal Clinic, Hilliard - August 18

Funding for Your Small Business, Columbus - August 19

Child Support Services Employers Workshop, Cleveland - August 25, 26, 27, 28

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Have you registered for the 2015 Ohio Latino Health Summit?

This year's Latino Health Summit will take place on August 14 at The Ohio State University, and features keynote speaker Dr. Elena Rios, President & CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association.

[Click here to register for this free event.](#)

Both are violations under the law.

Who are labor traffickers?

Individuals, groups, gangs, organized crime, businesses

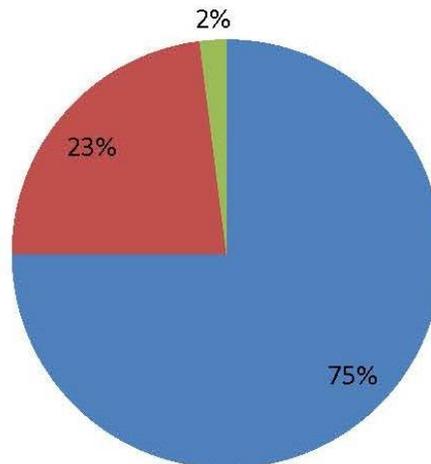
Common labor trafficking venues

Agriculture, restaurants, traveling sales crews, domestic work

The majority of agriculture trafficking victims are Latino:

Country of Origin

■ Mexico ■ United States ■ Central America



- 79% are male
- Average age: 33
- 58% are married, 51% are parents
- 53% are undocumented, 25% U.S. Citizen, 21% Legal Permanent Resident

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Red flags for exploitation and agriculture trafficking:

- Long hours, no breaks
- Underpaid or not paid
- Exposure to pesticides, harsh climate
- No safety training or equipment
- No access to drinking water
- Sexual harassment, assault
- Housing: no plumbing or access to laundry; multiple people sharing an apartment

Victim identification

- Isolation/guarded
- Fear
- Owes large debt
- Language barriers
- Undocumented/not in control of ID documents
- Confined to workplace or employer-provided housing

Potential immigration remedies for victims:

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) created two categories of non-immigrant visas for victims of trafficking and other serious crimes.

T visas are available to individuals who are victims of a severe form of trafficking.

U visas are available to individuals who are victims of certain crimes of violence. This may include victims of domestic violence, rape, felonious assault, fraud in foreign labor contracting, obstruction of justice, etc.

T and U visa benefits:

- Permission to live and work in the U.S. for 4 years
- May petition for qualified family members
- Potential path to citizenship after 3 years

The statute of limitations for human trafficking is 10 years.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

Since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) has received 2,787 calls from Ohio, accounting for 599 cases. As of 2015, NHTRC has received 175 calls from Ohio, and has opened 42 sex trafficking cases, 5 sex and labor cases and 5 labor cases.

For more information or to report a tip, call the NHTRC at 1-888-373-7888. The hotline is available 24/7, where bilingual Spanish-speaking Call Specialists are available. All communications with NHTRC are confidential.

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