



Pitt County Coalition Against Human Trafficking Minutes

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Good News

- A. **PCCAHT WEBSITE:** It is up and each coalition agency should check to be sure their link is included. If not, please forward your website and Facebook Link to Melinda, so she can add it.
- B. **CHARLOTTE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** Pam spoke at the Charlotte Against Human Trafficking and learned they have lots more resources but don't have an active coalition.
- C. **FEDERAL GRANT FOR JUSTICE CENTER:** Maria reported that the Center for Family Violence Prevention received a Federal Grant to explore the establishment of a Family Justice Center in Pitt County. This is a model where numerous agencies would be housed together to facilitate support of victims of domestic violence and other crimes, instead of having to travel to numerous locations. Such a model already exists in High Point & Ashville. Maria also shared they received another grant that will ensure Legal Assistance for clients who have issues that Legal Aide can't cover, such as custody.

Rapid Response Team Report

Juliana has 13 clients; 10 women all sex trafficking and 3 men all labor trafficking. Females are 18-50 years old. When Juliana was on the National Human Trafficking Hotline rotation for five days there were 5 N.C. sex trafficking calls, including a 15, 16-year-old and one transgender victim. It was difficult to find housing for the victims, especially families with children and the transgender victim. She needs diapers for the children newborn to 20 lbs. Next Rapid Response Team Meeting is Wednesday, October 3.

Human Trafficking Cases (SEE HANDOUT)

Pam reviewed the handout of August Cases and highlighted the August 7 one in Raleigh which Scott Robert Daly is charged. He was previously convicted as a sex offender, so was listed on the registry.

Training Opportunities (SEE HANDOUT)

Pam highlighted the free September 23 “Emerging Issues in Immigration and Child Adult Welfare Law” at the Cooperative Extension Center here in Greenville, as an excellent opportunity to educate ourselves about the law. She also pointed out Stewards of Children in this same room this afternoon. Please tell Kia if you plan to come so there will be enough books.

19 Days of Prevention Campaign

No one from the committee was present, so Pam reported that the committee is sponsoring a community read of *Nobody's Girl* by Barbara Amaya in collaboration with BRACE at their Chat & Chew no shame book group. The book discussion will be both Friday November 8, noon at McAlisters Deli and Saturday November 9, 9:30-11:30 at Great Harvest Bread. Email Kia Glosson or Melinda if you wish to be included in either group.

Speaker: Vicki Dahlia, Survivor and Author

Vickie Dahlia shared her knowledge about human sex trafficking from her personal experience. She was trafficked by her military father to pedophiles until she grew breasts! She reminded us not to be fooled by families that present well, as hers did, like at church. And the invisibility of appearing normal. Vicki recommended *Scared Selfless: My Journey from Abuse and Madness to Surviving and Thriving* by Michelle Stevens, who was sex trafficked starting at 8 years old. Besides sharing her own story, Vicki brought her book: *The Long Shadow of Darkness: A Season of Remembering and Healing* which some of us purchased.

Announcements:

Check out the [BRACE podcast](#) that PCCAHT members Melinda Sampson (NC Stop Human Trafficking) and Bonnie Jean Kuras (TEDI Bear) facilitate.

Circle of Security Parenting Series

8-week program beginning Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.

TEDI BEAR CAC, 2303 Executive Circle, Greenville

To register, email Bonnie Jean Kuras at kurasb18@ecu.edu

Stewards of Children training

Thursday, Sept 19, 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans Street, Greenville, NC Meeting Room A

Register: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/tedibear/soc-registration.cfm>

Latino Festival

Sept 21, 11-5pm, Greenville Town Common

To have a table: amexcan@amexcanncc.org

Emerging Issues in Immigration and Child Adult Welfare Law

Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

C Cooperative Extension, Pitt Co. Center

403 Government Circle Greenville NC 27834

This training is free and will discuss paths to legal status for immigrant parents, caretakers and children involved in the child welfare system; public benefits and eligibility for immigrants and mixed-status families; family separation and issues facing detained minors; housing immigrant and mixed-status families; overview of child protective services and issues involving immigration and undocumented people in the criminal justice system. To register, visit

<http://www.legalaidnc.org/give-help/cle-calendar/immigration-and-child-and-adult-welfare-law>

Domestic Violence Impact Luncheon

Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Greenville Convention Center, Greenville Blvd.

Allen Thomas will be talking about his experience with domestic violence. To register, email

dviimpact@c4fvp.org

BBQ, Bluegrass & Brew

7-9 pm, Oct 11

[More info and tickets here](#)

Daughters of Worth

Masquerade Ball

Oct 18, 6pm, Location TBA

We are going to have food, door prizes and talk about being your true authentic self. These events are open to community and community partners – we invite you to have a table and information available.

Human Trafficking 101

Wednesday, November 6, 10-12 noon

Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans Street, Greenville

Light supper served

Register at <https://ht101november.eventbrite.com>

Next Meeting:

October 17, 9:30 a.m.

Sheppard Memorial Library, Meeting Room A

Erin Roberts from ECU Family counseling will be the speaker.

Next BRACE (Building Resilience and Courage to Excel) is Tuesday, Sept. 24, 8:30 breakfast at Boys & Girls Club on Fire tower Road.