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## PATH EDUCATION

### Did you know? See something, Say something

Kentucky law requires mandatory reporting of child abuse, neglect, and dependency (KRS 620). Reports are typically made to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The Cabinet, in turn, will investigate the allegation and is sometimes required to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency. Disclosure of abuse/neglect may result in a criminal investigation, arrest, and prosecution of the abuser, although the primary purpose of Kentucky's mandatory reporting laws is to get protective services to the person being abused.

**Any person** who has reason to believe a child is dependent, neglected, or abused must report this to the Cabinet, the state or local police, or the local prosecutor's office.

It should be noted that, in order for a situation to trigger the mandatory reporting law, there usually must be a specific relationship between the child and the abuser. The abusive person must be a parent, a guardian, a person exercising custodial control or supervision, or a person in a position of authority or special trust defined [here](#).

Additionally, any child suspected of being trafficked must be reported to the Cabinet. This would include labor trafficking (procured through force, fraud, or coercion) or any instance in which a minor is involved in commercial sex activity (prostitution, participation in the production of obscene material, or engaging in a sexually explicit performance).

If a person 21 years of age or older commits an act of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or prostitution upon a child less than 16 years of age, that also must be reported to the Cabinet.

Disclosures or evidence of abuse, neglect, or dependency of a child will result in a report being made and an investigation being pursued.

**The CHFS abuse hotline is: 1-877-597-2331**

# PATH IN THE FIELD

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## *Scarlet Hope*

PATH was pleased to provide training to staff at Scarlet Hope on September 19th. Scarlet Hope started 15 years ago in Louisville serving women in the adult entertainment industry. Today there are 7 Scarlet Hope branches across the country. All of its' programs are developed and pioneered at the founding site, here in Louisville. From there, Scarlet Hope replicates its' model of ministry to its' other sites in stages based on each city's contexts and needs.



On September 20th, PATH joined the University of Louisville Women's Center to present a Human Trafficking 101 workshop. This interactive workshop on human trafficking and prevention was conducted by PATH Board president and UofL Women's Center Program Coordinator, Jamieca Jones and Dr. Theresa Hayden, PATH Board treasurer.

Vulnerable college students need to be aware of the tactics predators use and alert college faculty and staff need to know the signs of trafficking as well. Thanks to Jamieca and Theresa, UofL is getting the right education.



On September 27th, Dr. Theresa Hayden, PATH Board treasurer, presented Human Trafficking 101 to students in an advanced nursing community health class at Bellarmine University. Nurses and healthcare workers are on the front lines of seeing trafficking in action and need to know how to recognize it. Thank you to Bellarmine's School of Nursing for recognizing the significance of this training.

Joining PATH for this presentation was Jennifer Twyman of VOCAL-KY. VOCAL-KY builds power among low-income people affected by HIV/AIDS, the drug war, mass incarceration, and homelessness in order to create healthy and just communities. They accomplish this through community organizing, leadership development, advocacy, direct services, participatory research and direct action.



## **PATH IN THE BOARDROOM**

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, let's meet our wonderful board members, Dr. Patricia Bautista-Cervera and Mariela Ramirez.

## In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month

### MARIELA RAMIREZ EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR



Mariela Ramirez was born in La Plata, Argentina and studied Public Health at the University of La Plata. She then lived in Chile and graduated from the United Nations with a degree in Population. In 1984, she moved to the United States with her husband and two children. In Louisville, she started working with the Sisters of Loretto for peace and justice, becoming a co-member in 2008. She was on the board of the Thomas Merton Foundation, Sister Cities International, as well as other non-profit organizations. Her work in different countries in Latin America pushed her to learn more and she went back to school and earned her BA in Latin America and Latino Studies from the University of Louisville. Her major interest is in education as a way to promote positive changes.



# PATH AND YOU



Thursday, Sept. 15th was Give For Good Day - One of PATH's largest fundraising days of the year. We raised over \$3100 to help us continue our mission of education and awareness. Our deepest thanks to board member, Mariela Ramirez, for providing \$1300 in match money and to all our generous donors.

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