



**The members of the NY Anti-Trafficking Network have provided direct services to over 400 survivors of trafficking and advocated on issues of trafficking in persons since 2002.** As the first coalition in New York to engage in advocacy on issues relating to trafficked persons in New York, the Network aims to bring together the voices of those who have first-hand experience of the injustices of human trafficking, who work consistently to meet the needs of trafficked persons, and who advocate for a more humane and responsive policy towards trafficked persons. **Our membership currently includes over 90 organizations and individuals advocating on behalf of survivors of trafficking and other forms of violence.**

It is critical that state legislation be **comprehensive** in addressing criminal and civil remedies; **provide services and facilitate immigration and other benefits** for trafficked persons to which they have a right; and be **effective** in preventing the problem of human trafficking. **New York State legislation that addresses human trafficking must include the following protections:**

- *Includes identical definitions of “labor servitude” and “sexual servitude” that are tied to and correlate with current New York State law, and focuses on the crime of human trafficking.*
- *Provides for appropriate training of law enforcement and service providers.*

In order for this legislation to make an impact, it must provide resources to train those most likely to come into contact with survivors of trafficking on how to identify and assist them.

- *Ensures public benefits, including Crime Victims Board compensation, to survivors of human trafficking regardless of the trafficked person’s immigration status, cooperation during an investigation, or on the prosecution or conviction of the trafficked person's trafficker(s).*
- *Allows for credible evidence standard for victim determination towards eligibility for public benefits.*
- *Includes an immigration assistance provision that provides for necessary documentation from state and local law enforcement that will allow trafficked persons to seek federal benefits and immigration remedies.*

In order to apply for immigration relief or trafficking-related federal services, it is a requirement of the federal regulations that survivors of trafficking have proof that they are cooperating with law enforcement, or have made an attempt to do so (unless they are under the age of 18).

- *Allow trafficked persons to vacate criminal convictions that are related to their experience of having been trafficked.*
- *Contains a plan for residential services.*
- *Offers a survivor an independent private right of action, allowing a civil lawsuit against a trafficker.*

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