

# **ILLINOIS HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE**

**THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE IS CHARGED WITH CONDUCTING A STUDY OF THE GROWING PROBLEM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACROSS ILLINOIS. THE TASK FORCE'S RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- Developing a state plan to address human trafficking;
- Implementing a system for the sharing of human trafficking data between government agencies in a manner that ensures that the privacy of victims of human trafficking is protected and that data collection respects the privacy of victims of human trafficking;
- Establishing policies to enable State government to work with nongovernmental organizations and other elements of the private sector to prevent human trafficking and provide assistance to victims of human trafficking who are United States citizens or foreign nationals;
- Evaluating various approaches used by state and local governments to increase public awareness of human trafficking, including trafficking of United States citizens and foreign national victims;
- Developing methods for protecting the rights of victims of human trafficking, taking into account the need to consider the human rights and special needs of women and minors;
- Evaluating the necessity of treating victims of human trafficking as crime victims rather than criminals'; and
- Developing methods for promoting the safety of victims of human trafficking.

**MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE WILL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND WILL BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:**

- Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;
- Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- Three members of the Senate, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- A representative of the Chicago Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, appointed by the Governor; and
- The Director of the Department of State Police, or his or her designee.

**THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE WILL RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.**

**THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ITS FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2017.**