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SEEN News & Announcements

*Please join us for the next
SEEN Advisory Meeting*

March 7, 2011

2:00-4:00 pm

989 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston MA

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Welcome SEEN Case Coordinator!

SEEN is pleased to introduce our new Case Coordinator, Rebecca Dufur. Becky is a recent graduate of Suffolk University Law School and has a masters degree in psychology focusing on addictions. Since 1997, she has been working in mental health and medical research. She looks forward to using her skills to facilitate team collaboration on behalf of exploited youth and to aiding in our data collection efforts.

To contact Becky or make a SEEN referral:

Call 617.779.2145 or email rebecca.dufur@suf.state.ma.us

An Act Relative to Safe Harbor for Exploited Children

On Friday January 21st, State Representatives Liz Malia and Martin Walsh filed Safe Harbor legislation for Massachusetts: An Act Relative to Safe Harbor for Exploited Children. The bill [House docket # HD2838 and Senate docket # SD01658] is supported by the Office of Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley and the Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) Coalition.

To view the MA Safe Harbor bill that was filed, please [click here](#).

Massachusetts's law currently requires juveniles arrested for prostitution to be treated as delinquents and therefore subject to penalties including secure confinement. This juvenile justice response is re-traumatizing, does not recognize the child's

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CSEC in the Local News:

Today's Slavery
A unified effort to end human
trafficking

[Boston Globe Editorial](#)

*A Man Gets 25 Years for
Role in Sex Ring*
"A Dorchester man was
sentenced yesterday to 25
years in federal prison for
his role in a vicious
prostitution ring that
trafficked teenage girls from
Maine to Florida."

[Boston Globe Article](#)

victimization, and does not provide access to services to aid in their recovery.

Safe Harbor legislation will:

- provide a way to remove victims of sexual abuse from the criminal justice and juvenile delinquency systems and provide them with specialized services;
- recognize exploited youth as victims rather than criminals or delinquents;
- reinforce that mandated reporters must file a report of suspected abuse and neglect (51A) on behalf of child victims of commercial sexual exploitation; and
- allow for a team of professionals to come together and cooperatively assess the specialized needs of exploited youth.

Massachusetts joins New York, Illinois, Connecticut, and Washington in taking a stand to protect victims of commercial sexual exploitation instead of charging them criminally.

An Act Relative to Commercial Exploitation of People

On Thursday January 20th, Attorney General Martha Coakley was joined by Suffolk District Attorney Daniel F. Conley and a coalition of legislators, law enforcement officials, and advocates to file "An Act Relative to Commercial Exploitation of People." The bill, co-sponsored by Senator Mark Montigny and House Judiciary Chairman Eugene O'Flaherty, would for the first time establish human trafficking for sexual servitude or labor as a crime in Massachusetts. (Massachusetts is one of only five states in the country that does not have a human trafficking law.)

For more information about the bill, [click here](#).

For media coverage of the announcement click on the following links: [Boston Globe](#), [WBUR](#), [The Metro](#), and [The Boston Herald](#).

***Pair Wins Appeal in
Prostitution Case
Panel finds teen was not
induced***

[*Boston Globe Article*](#)

***Human Trafficking Hard
to Control***

[*Channel 5*](#)

***Suspect Sought in Child
Prostitution
Investigation***

[*WMUR 9*](#)

National News:

CNN report:
"Selling the Girl Next Door"
[Article & Video](#)

California:
*"Sara Kruzan
granted clemency by
Governor Arnold
Schwarzenegger"*
[Article](#)

SEEN REFERRALS

**To Contact the SEEN
Case Coordinator for
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make a referral:
617.779.2145**



Audrey Porter of My Life My Choice testifying at AG's Press Conference
(Photo Boston Metro)

Upcoming Training:

My Life My Choice has an open training on February 16th.

To register, please contact Shannon Holt at sholt@jri.org.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

January 11, 2011 (1-11-11) was National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Representatives of the SEEN Coalition, together with partners from the Family Justice Center of Boston ([Boston Police Human Trafficking Unit](#), [Suffolk County DA's Office](#), [My Life My Choice](#), [Kim's Project](#), and the [Boston Public Health Commission](#)), visited the North and South transit stations during morning rush hour to raise awareness about trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Wearing t-shirts that read "End Demand 1 by 1," volunteers distributed a pamphlet addressing myths such as "Women choose to get involved in prostitution" and "Prostitution is a victimless crime." The pamphlet urged commuters to identify prostitution as victimization and suggested action that each of us can take to address human trafficking.

To view the pamphlet [click here](#).



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of suffolk county

The Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) is a groundbreaking partnership among more than 35 public and private agencies who believe that only genuine collaboration can yield positive outcomes for exploited youth. SEEN operates on a community-wide response model that is built upon mutual understanding and trust, and the belief that youth empowerment and offender accountability are not mutually exclusive.

For More Information on SEEN [click here](#)