

## ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERIVCES, ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CODES, ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ASSEMBLY PUERTO RICAN/HISPANIC TASK FORCE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

<u>SUBJECT</u>: Services for Victims of Human Trafficking

PURPOSE: To review available services for victims of human trafficking.

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:00 am Roosevelt Hearing Room C Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor Albany, NY 12247

Human trafficking is major problem in New York State as well as nationally. In 2015 New York State enacted the Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act which aimed in part to improve the State's awareness and treatment of human trafficking victims. In addition the Assembly has passed legislation that would make services for trafficking victims more accessible and require law enforcement personnel who encounter a victim to advise him or her about the availability of assistance through legal and social service providers. The Assembly would like to examine the effects such legislation has had on current service delivery models and gain a better understanding of the additional programs and services that may be needed to better address the complex needs of trafficking victims.

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