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Human Trafficking to be examined through Ocean County Library forum

TOMS RIVER—Human Trafficking generates \$35 billion annually worldwide and ranks as the second largest criminal activity, tied with arms dealing, according to the agency Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey.

Four Ocean County Library branches will host the program “Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and Prevention in New Jersey,” to examine the issue.

The program will provide an overview of human trafficking with an emphasis on the commercial sexual exploitation of children. It will include information about the scope of commercial sexual exploitation, risk factors for exploitation, indicators for identifying victims, state and national resources, and prevention strategies.

Presented by Prevent Child Abuse of New Jersey, the program will take place at the following locations at 6:30 p.m.

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These programs are funded through a community collaboration of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Ocean County Youth Service Commission, the Ocean County Health Department, the Ocean County Superior Court Juvenile Probation Division, the Ocean County Library, the Municipal Alliance Project and the New Jersey Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Free Professional Development hours are offered and beverages are available.

According to the NJ Human Trafficking Task Force nearly half of human trafficking involves prostitution. Other trafficking offenses include domestic servitude.

It is estimated between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the United States each year and 50 percent of them are children. Approximately 800,000 people are trafficked worldwide each year.

For more information about human trafficking visit www.NJHumanTrafficking.gov