

Sponsored by the Center for Family and Community Ministries, the Baylor University School of Social Work is pleased to announce a workshop entitled "Human Trafficking and Immigration: Key Issues of Our Time" to be held the morning of Friday, April 11, 2008. This workshop was created with the intent of beginning informing the community on what is now commonly referred to as "modern day slavery" - human trafficking. Human trafficking is the exploitation of an individual using force, fraud, or coercion, for commercial sex or labor. With the U.S. recognized as the second most popular destination country in the world for victims of this crime, most of whom are women and children, and 25% of all identified victims in the U.S. found in Texas, this is an issue that deserves attention. Attendees will gain an understanding of how victims are often recruited and controlled, as well as what their needs are upon rescue.

Since many victims do come from other countries, it is also important to have an understanding of particular issues related to immigration. Therefore, this workshop will provide attendees with information on benefits and services that are available to trafficking victims, as well as to immigrants who are victims of other violent crimes. Additionally, those who are present will receive basic information regarding immigration law and status processes for immigrants, as well as services that immigrants often need and how some organizations are working to meet those needs.

Speakers include Kate Roche, MSW, who is the Chair of the Central Texas (Austin area) Coalition Against Human Trafficking Coalition, Shannon MacCleery, Staff Attorney for Catholic Charities of Central Texas, and Richard Muñoz, Attorney & Director of the Immigration Service and Aid Center (ISAAC).

The event is open to the general community, but those who might encounter possible trafficking victims or who work with immigrant populations, such as those employed in healthcare, law enforcement, victim services, churches, and legal services are especially encouraged to attend. The cost of the workshop is \$30 for professionals and practitioners, \$20 for the general public, and \$10 for Baylor School of Social Work field instructors and task supervisors. The event is free for current Baylor students. Those interested in attending the event, may go to the Baylor School of Social Work website - [www.baylor.edu/social\\_work](http://www.baylor.edu/social_work) - and click on events, where there is a registration form that may be filled out online or printed out, completed and mailed.