

# CoNEHT

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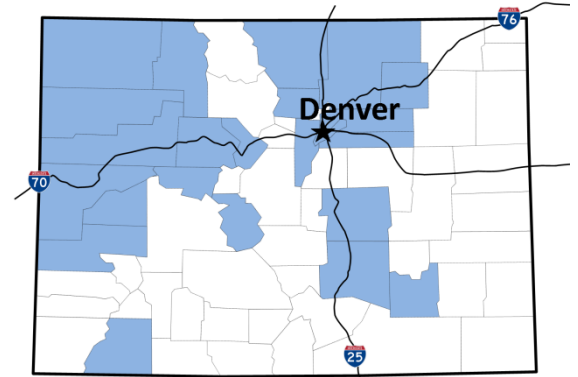
### Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking

#### What is human trafficking?

- Human trafficking is a severe form of exploitation of another person involving force, fraud or coercion for labor or sexual purposes.
- Trafficking does not require transportation of a person(s) across state or country borders, and may involve U.S. citizens and foreign nationals.

#### What does human trafficking look like in Colorado?

- Between 2008 and 2014, CoNEHT members provided services to **437+ potential and confirmed labor and sex trafficking victims** (both domestic and foreign-national) throughout Colorado, representing **42 countries of origin**, including the United States. The counties highlighted in blue are the locations where exploitation and/or human trafficking took place.
- During 2013, the CoNEHT hotline received a total of 115 calls for tips, referrals, and/or services.



#### Forms of Severe Exploitation in Colorado: Identified Through the Colorado Project to Comprehensively Combat Human Trafficking (2013)

Labor Trafficking in CO	Sex Trafficking in CO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debt bondage to recruiter or coyote</li> <li>• Involuntary servitude; arranged marriages</li> <li>• Migrant and agricultural labor, H2 programs</li> <li>• Construction; hospitality (hotels)</li> <li>• Domestic work and child care</li> <li>• Restaurant work</li> <li>• Child labor; magazine crews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prostitution; escort services</li> <li>• Exotic dancing</li> <li>• Arranged marriages</li> <li>• Interstate sex trafficking</li> <li>• Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)</li> <li>• Family members pimping out children for sex</li> </ul>

#### Red Flags for Human Trafficking

- A highly controlled work setting, failure to pay wages, or forced work to pay a debt
- Withholding of personal identification documents
- Threats of, or actual verbal, physical, or sexual abuse by an employer, e.g. refusal to treat work-related injuries
- Forced illegal activity for profit, especially involving LGBT, foreign national and other at-risk youth (e.g. prostitution, drug selling, door-to-door sales)

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1-866-455-5075 to report tips or seek resources.

- Mistreatment of relatives or children involving restriction of movement, domestic servitude, servile marriage and/or forced illegal activity

## What is the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking?

The Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking (CoNEHT) formed in 2005 as a statewide collaborative of organizations that support the mission *to provide a safe and appropriate environment for trafficked persons and comprehensive care sensitive to their unique needs*. CoNEHT was created to streamline services for all victims of trafficking in Colorado. Our goals include:

### Identifying Trafficked Persons:

- **CoNEHT Hotline:** Toll-free, 24/7, statewide hotline serves as a referral source to agencies most appropriate to assist in specific human trafficking situations. Language interpretation and translation services are available to assist in the most culturally appropriate way possible.
- **Direct Outreach Initiatives:** CoNEHT members work directly with target populations throughout Colorado in which trafficking has occurred or may occur. Such efforts include: street outreach to youth and adults experiencing homelessness, migrant farm worker outreach, and detention center outreach.

### Responding to Service Needs of Survivors:

- Streamlined, coordinated case management to meet basic needs of survivors (food, clothing, shelter, etc.)
- Legal remedies for domestic, foreign national adults and minors and their families. Includes pursuing “certification” as a victim of trafficking through T visa or continued presence
- Long-term survivorship opportunities and resources, including workforce development, higher education, residential treatment, transitional housing



## CoNEHT Members

CoNEHT is a growing statewide network and the following member agencies provide a variety of services to trafficked persons:

- Colorado Legal Services (statewide)
- Esther House (Denver Metro Area)
- Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado
- Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (statewide)
- Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming)
- Prax(us) (Denver Metro Area)
- Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (statewide)
- Street’s Hope (Denver Metro Area)
- Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA)

**Do you or your organization provide support services for trafficked persons, or are you interested in doing so?** For more information on joining CoNEHT, contact [ColoradoNEHT@gmail.com](mailto:ColoradoNEHT@gmail.com).

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