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Human Trafficking - Modern Day Slavery Conference

Saturday, August 27, 2016, 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

LBCIL Signal Hill Center, 2399 California Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755

The Long Beach Community Improvement League (LBCIL), the oldest anti-poverty organization in the City, is honored to announce its collaboration with other prestigious service providers such as the **Los Angeles County Psychological Association (LACPA)** and the **Iranian Psychological Association of America (IPAA)** to present our first Human Trafficking Workshop.

Through this collaboration, we emphasize the role of psychologists and their social responsibility in ending human trafficking that victimizes thousands of innocent children every day all around the globe. For the first time a well-known community based organization is partnering with other mental health organizations to bring the attention to human trafficking as a modern-day slavery problem that has unfortunately affected many communities and victimized children of all races and ethnic backgrounds.

LBCIL has always been a pioneer, since its inception in 1964, in serving the community with its much-needed services with an array of innovative social and educational programs. In 2004 it expanded its services to the sister City of Signal Hill in the heart of Las Brisas Housing Project. This time, LBCIL has taken a historic step by partnering with the mental health community to bring awareness to a silent epidemic that has unfortunately become a billion dollar business.

LBCIL and its partners, LACP and IPAA, will offer a three-hour workshop presented by well-known psychologists with expertise in the field. Survivors of Human Trafficking have been invited to provide powerful testimonials about their struggles as victims of this despicable crime. Members of law enforcement also have been invited to provide valuable knowledge and first-hand information about the dreadful reality of human trafficking.

The conference will emphasize the role of psychologists and their social responsibility in ending human trafficking and helping victims and survivors through public awareness campaigns, education and advocacy. It will cover the subject matters such as: Prevalence and risk of violence and the physical, mental, and sexual health problems associated with human trafficking; the social, economic, legal, physical, and psychological impacts of human trafficking; and how to help survivors cope.

Our sincerest thanks to our elected officials, law enforcements, survivors of human trafficking, presenters, partners, and other entities that help with this event to bring awareness to this social disease. We especially wish to thank the City of Long Beach Human Dignity Program for their great assistance.

Admission is free but R.S.V.P. is required. For more information please check: LBCIL: www.lbcil.org, IPAA: www.myipaa.org, LACPA: www.lapsych.org or email admin@lbcil.org or call 562.951.3500.

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