

IBCR NEWS BRIEF

Welcome to another edition of our informal newsletter, *IBCR NEWS BRIEF*, which is published on an occasional basis to share with you some of the happenings and developments at the IBCR.

These newsletters aim to bring you up to date on our successes, projects, introduce you to some of our collaborators and summarize for you our more important meetings. We hope that you will once again enjoy this relaxed and easy-to-read bulletin that gives you an open window into the everyday world of the IBCR.

Direct help for frontline workers from the IBCR...



On June 3rd, the IBCR launched its new *Toolkit for the Protection of Child Trafficking Victims or those at Risk of Being Victims*.

This information kit was designed to **assist those working on the frontlines with child trafficking victims and those at risk of being victims** by providing pertinent information, intervention methods and important contacts. These workers have repeatedly expressed the need to be better informed on the issue of trafficking in general and on existing practices for **intervention** at the regional, national and international levels. The idea for this Toolkit came from a desire to share existing information and to increase the collaborative process, whether between workers and the IBCR, or between the workers themselves.

By increasing the circulation of useful and relevant information, the toolkit will have a significant impact on the implementation of measures to identify and protect child victims of trafficking or those at risk of being victims. It will create a better understanding of this vulnerable population, which will improve measures and allow for expedient and efficient intervention.

The Toolkit contains two components. First, there is a **brochure** which gives a brief yet complete overview on the problematic of human trafficking, an analysis of the current situation, and legislation in place. It also gives the signs to recognize a victim and lists important resources, such as those for judicial assistance, emergency aid or support. The second component of the Toolkit is an **information folder**. It expands on the themes from the brochure, giving in-depth perspective on the issue of trafficking. For instance, it explains trafficking within the Canadian context, distinguishes between the drafting children for trafficking and trafficking itself, gives the profile of a trafficker, explains the various types of recruitment, and provides numerous relevant examples.

With this new toolkit, the IBCR's Child Trafficking Project aims to fulfill one of its major objectives: to provide information on trafficking that will ease and accelerate the identification of child victims of trafficking or those at risk of being victims, and provide resources to turn to when in need of support.

You can receive a copy of the Toolkit by making a written, telephone or e-mail request to the International Bureau for Children's Rights. Here is the necessary contact information:

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There's power in knowledge!

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