



# Trafficking in Persons in Australia

## Information session

**Mildura Thursday 26 May**

Trafficking in persons occurs in every region in the world, including Australia. Trafficking crimes tend to involve a person being recruited, transferred or kept, through some form of deception, fraud, violence or coercion, so that they can be exploited.

While people are generally familiar with the idea of “trafficking women for sexual purposes”, the reality is that trafficking occurs in a variety of industries, not just the sex industry. Men, women and children are known to be exploited for a wide range of purposes and in many industries, such as, domestic service, hospitality, agriculture, mining and construction.

The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) has been funded by the Australian Government to undertake an extensive program of research on trafficking in persons, aimed at supporting the Australian whole-of-government response. The AIC Trafficking in Persons Research program aims to identify and conduct research based on gaps in evidence relevant to Australia’s whole-of-government approach to combating people trafficking i.e. prevention, detection and investigation, prosecution and victim support. As a result, the AIC has become a national centre for the collection and analysis of information about trafficking from both government and non-government sources, which informs policy and public awareness of this issue.

The AIC invites you to attend ‘Trafficking in Persons in Australia: an information session’, an information session to be held between 10.00am and 12.00pm on Thursday 26 May 2011 at Quality Hotel Mildura Grand, Seventh Street Mildura.

The information session is tailored to a wide audience however, we would be happy to receive suggestions regarding issues related to people trafficking which are most relevant in your area. If you would like to attend the information session, please RSVP to Hannah Westropp-Evans, email [Hannah.westropp-evans@aic.gov.au](mailto:Hannah.westropp-evans@aic.gov.au) or telephone 02 6260 9251.