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## **Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth**

Human Trafficking Training Series

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# Objectives

- Become familiar with definitions, terminology, and federal guidance specific to sex trafficking of children and youth
- Increase knowledge of vulnerabilities, risk factors, and protective factors for children and youth
- Become familiar with Kentucky state laws and data related to sex trafficking of children and youth
- Expand understanding of prevention and intervention options for working with children and youth who have experienced sex trafficking

# Definitions and Terminology

Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth

# Common Terminology



## Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth

Defined in federal law under the TVPA

This is the terminology we will primarily use



## Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

Often used interchangeably with “Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth” or “DMST”, which is not accurate or recommended practice.

Not defined in federal law. Includes child sex trafficking but is used frequently for a broad range of activities that may not be prosecuted for sex trafficking.



## Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)

Often used interchangeably with “Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth” or “CSEC”

Typically refers to sex trafficking involving children born and raised in the US.

# Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth: Definitions



## Sex Trafficking

***The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion or **in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age** (emphasis added)***

The term “**commercial sex act**” means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.

22 U.S.C. § 7102, Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act. (2000). Sec. 201–103, 106th U.S. Congress.  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-106hr3244enr/pdf/BILLS-106hr3244enr.pdf>

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (2021), Definition of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.  
<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/programs/commercial-sexual-exploitation-children> , reference to 18 U.S.C. § § 1591, 2251, and 2423(c)



## Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

Refers to a range of crimes and activities involving the sexual abuse or exploitation of a child for the financial benefit of any person or in exchange for anything of value (including monetary and non-monetary benefits) given or received by any person.



# Federal Laws

## Trafficking Victims Protection Act (2000, reauthorized 9 times, last in Jan 2019)

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended, defines “severe forms of trafficking in persons” in 22 U.S.C. § 7102 (11)

## Prevention Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (2014)

Amended title IV-E with provisions to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care through focused policies and procedures, specialized services, and reporting.

## Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (2015)

Amended CAPTA and requires training for child protective services workers and authorizes specialized training programs for other child-serving professionals specific to child trafficking.

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Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2019). Responding to child victims of human trafficking. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau, <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/traffickingresponse.pdf>

# Methods of Control

**Force:** sexual assault, physical assault, confinement, forced drugging

**Fraud:** false and deceptive offers of employment, relationship, better life

**Coercion:** threats of serious harm; shame tactics; any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause victims to believe that failure to perform an act would result in harm to them or loved ones; threats related to abuse of the legal process



Polaris. (2010). *Human trafficking power and control wheel*. Adapted from the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project's Duluth Model Power and Control Wheel. <https://www.acesdv.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Human-Trafficking-PowerControl-Wheel.pdf>

# Sex Trafficking: Definitions and Terminology

## Dated Language

- Pimp
- Buyer
- John



- Runaway
- Juvenile

## Preferred Language

- Exploiter
- Trafficker



- Missing Child
- Child
- Youth
- Survivor

# Additional Definitions and Terminology

## Missing Child

Any individual less than 18 years of age whose whereabouts are unknown to such individual's legal custodian

## Absent from Care

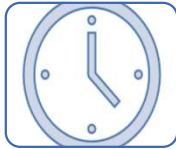
Instead of referring to children as “runaways” consider using more intentional, accurate language such as “absent from care”.

At that moment, their whereabouts are unknown by the agency/individual(s) responsible for their care.

42 USCS § 5772 Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare; Chapter 72. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Missing Children, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2009-title42/pdf/USCODE-2009-title42-chap72.pdf>

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# Children and Youth Absent from Care



Most children/youth are gone for only a week or less when they are absent from care, but many are gone for a month or more.



Reasons children/youth may be absent from care include:

- Needing to have contact and maintain connectedness with families or friends
- Feeling unsafe or uncared for in their placement
- Wanting more freedom and autonomy than the placement can offer them



While absent from care, children/youth are at high risk of:

- Being sexually or physically victimized
- Engaging in antisocial or harmful behavior
- Using drugs or alcohol
- Experiencing sex or labor trafficking

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Children's Bureau, ACF (2020) Responding to Youth Missing from Foster Care, [https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/missing\\_youth.pdf](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/missing_youth.pdf)

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# National Data on Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth



Over a 3-year period, the majority of likely child sex trafficking victims among missing child reports to NCMEC were female (94%) and between 15-17 years of age (84%) (FY 2017-2019).



Sex trafficking incidents among homeless youth: Female Youth- 20%, Male Youth- 11%, LGBTQ Youth- 24%, Youth in Foster Care-18%



Children and youth reported to be experiencing sex trafficking were on average missing from care for 40 days per missing incident, compared to other children and youth who were missing from care an average of 35 days per missing incident. CS0

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. (2020). *Children Missing from Care: 2019 Update*.  
[https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/missingkids/pdfs/CMFC%202019%20FINAL\\_030620.pdf](https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/missingkids/pdfs/CMFC%202019%20FINAL_030620.pdf)

Source: Murphy, Laura, Labor and Sex Trafficking Among Homeless Youth: A Ten City Study, Loyola University (2016), Retrieved online:  
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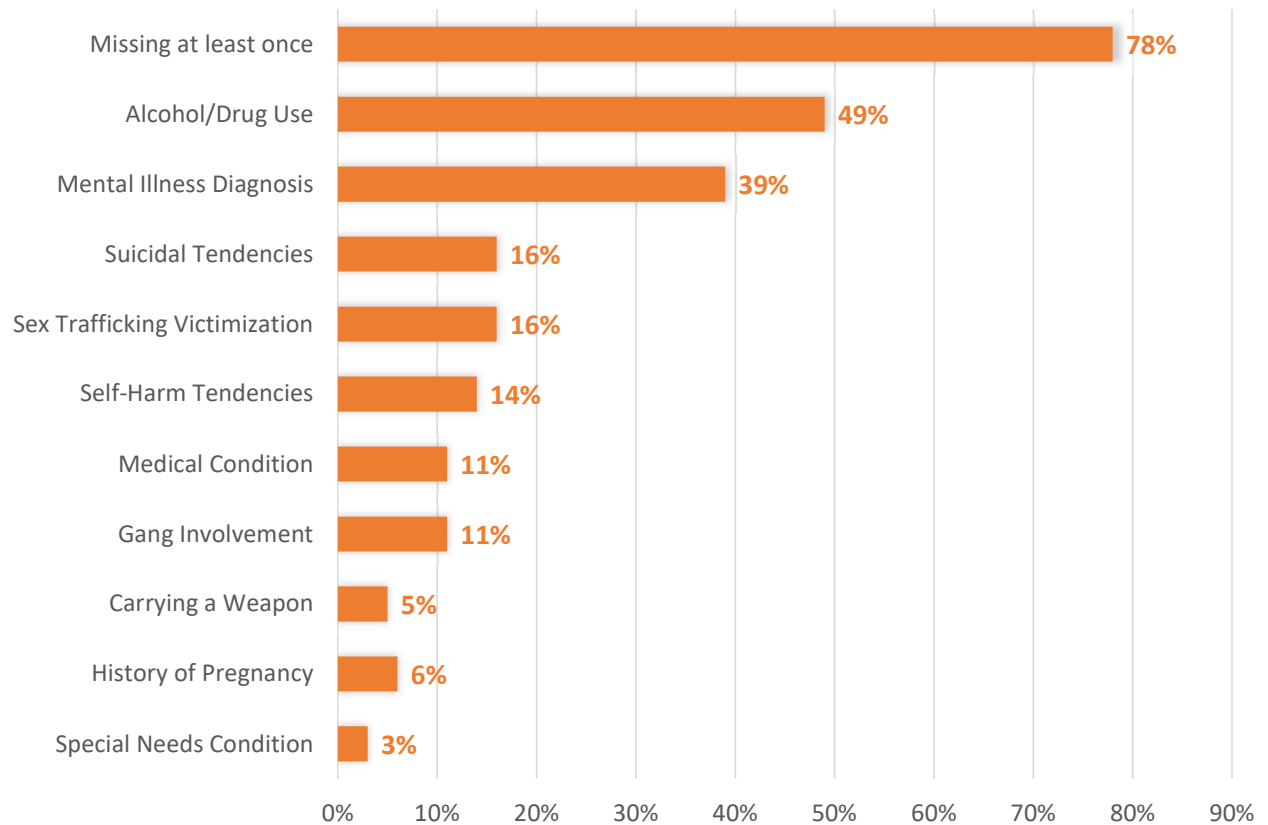
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# Children Missing from Care Report: Most Common Endangerments Reported

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

FY 2017-2019

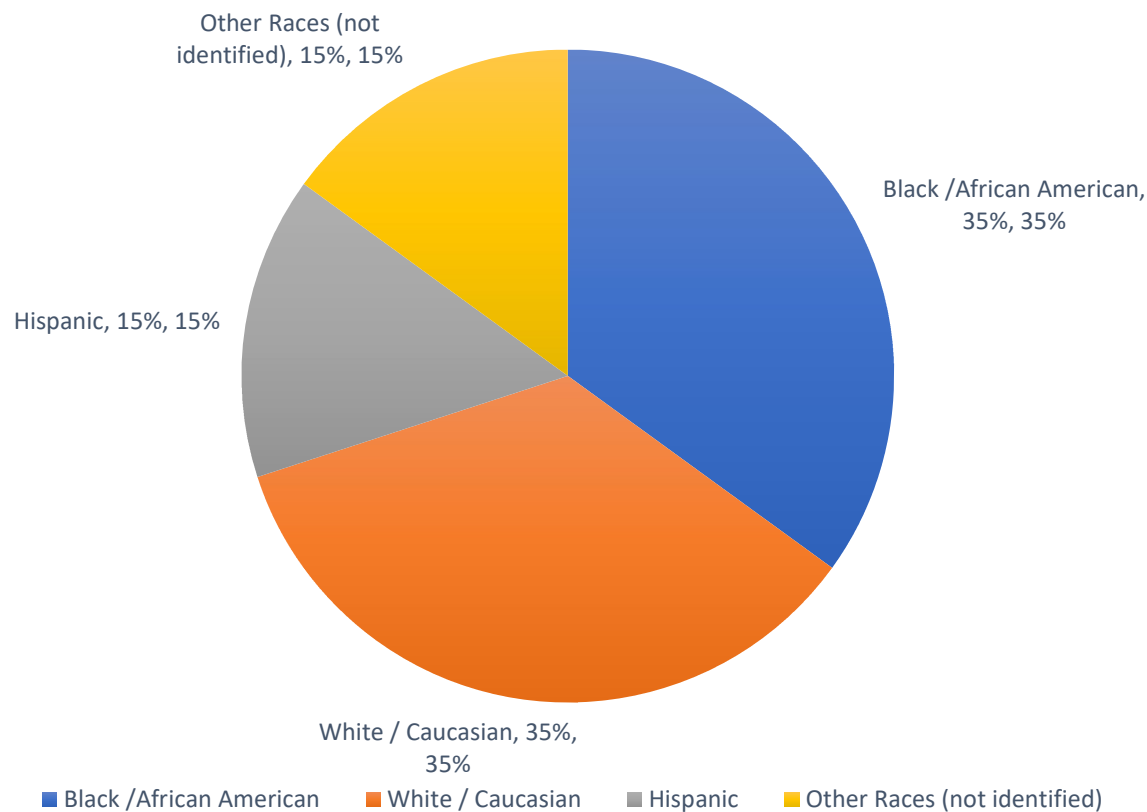


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# Children Missing from Care Report: Reported Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth by RACE

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

FY 2017-2019

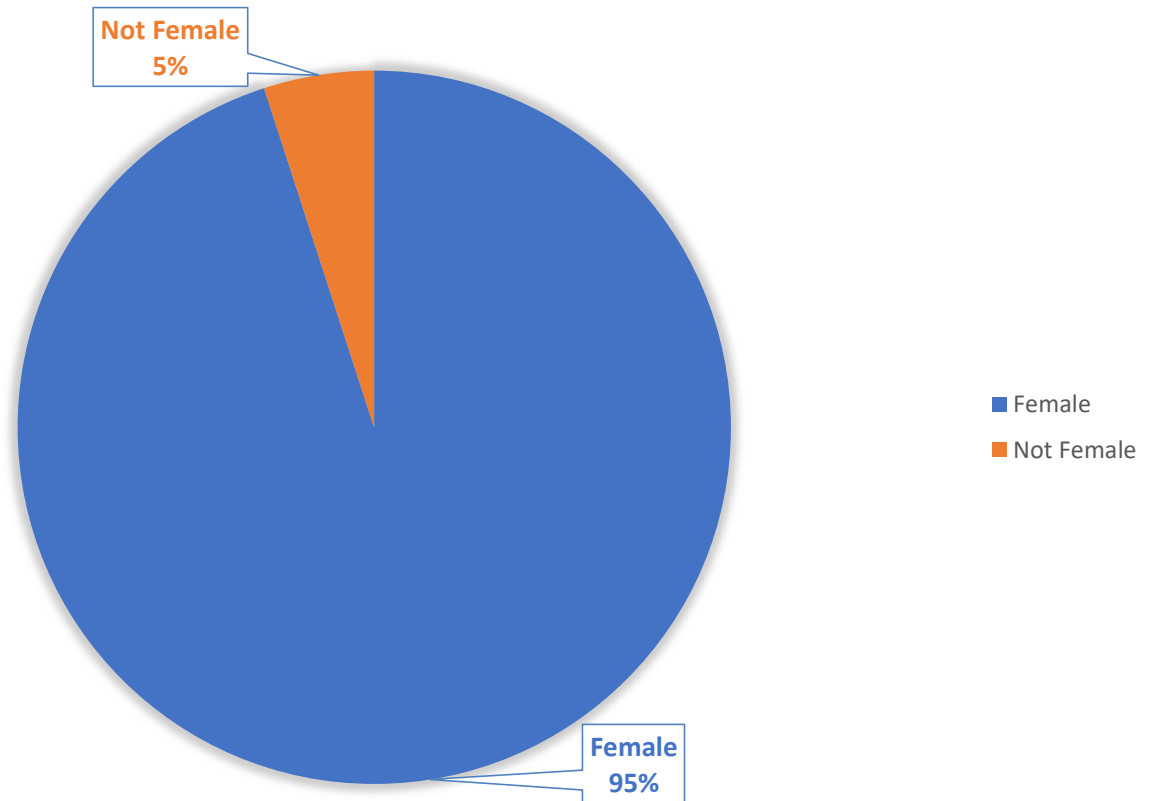


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National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

FY 2017-2019



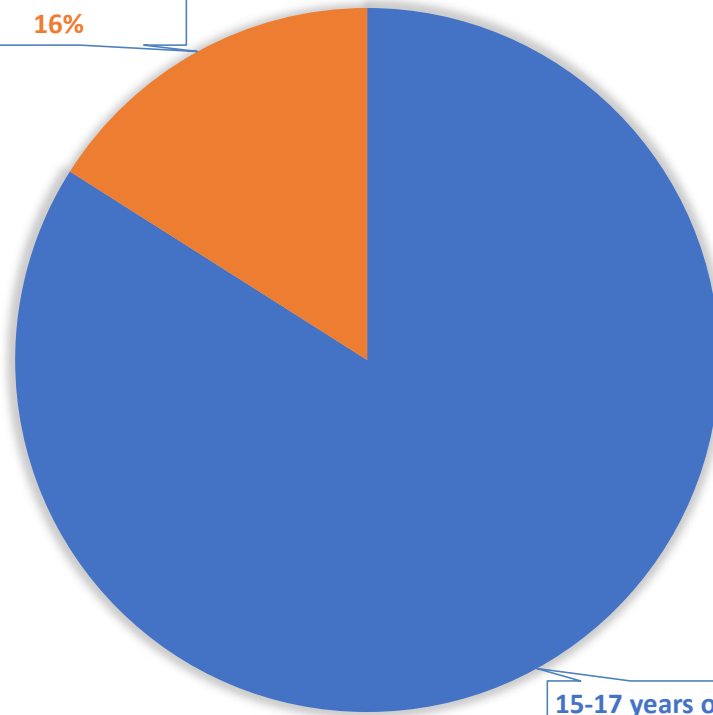
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# Children Missing from Care Report: Reported Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth by AGE

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

FY 2017-2019

Younger than 15 yrs old  
16%



- 15-17 years old
- Younger than 15 yrs old

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. (2020). *Children Missing from Care: 2019 Update*.  
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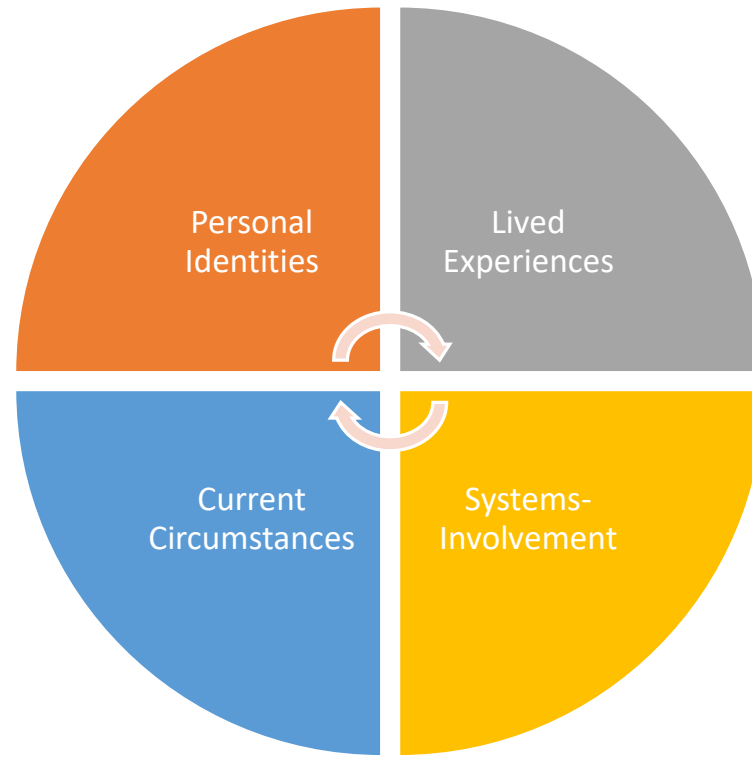
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# Increased Risk Among Children and Youth



# Risk Factors Among Youth Experiencing Homelessness



Family and Youth Services Bureau (2020). ISSUE BRIEF- Human Trafficking Prevention: Strategies for Homeless and Runaway Youth Settings, available online

# Protective Factors for Children and Youth

## Individual Factors

- Social Connections
- Emotional Competence
- Nurturing Relationships
- Presence of a Supportive Adult
- Increased Self-Confidence

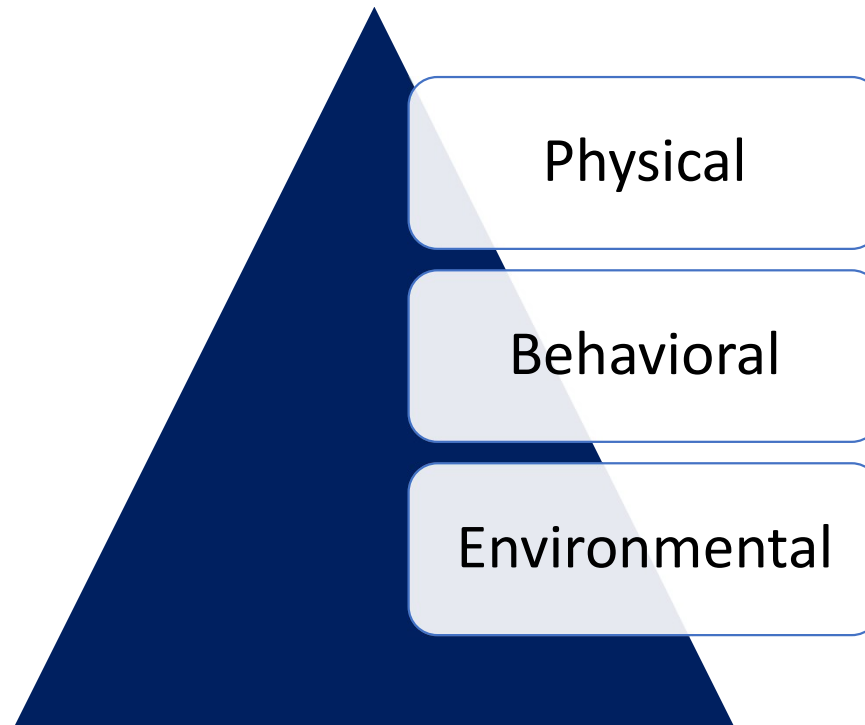
## Family Factors

- Connections to Community Resources
- Parenting Skills
- Parenting Resilience
- Concrete Support for Families

Chisolm-Straker, M. et al. (2018). A supportive adult may be the difference in homeless youth not being trafficked. *Children and Youth Services Review, 91*, 115–120.



# Potential Indicators of Trafficking



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# Tactics Used to Control Children and Youth



University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research, Cole, J., Anderson, E. (2013), "Sex Trafficking of Minors in Kentucky," <http://www.cdar.uky.edu/CoerciveControl/docs/Sex%20Trafficking%20of%20Minors%20in%20KY.pdf>

# Kentucky State Law

Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth

# KRS Human Trafficking Crimes

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**Human Trafficking (KRS 529.010):** refers to criminal activity whereby one or more persons are subjected to engaging in:

- a) Forced labor or services; or
- b) Commercial sexual activity through the use of force, fraud, or coercion ***except that if the trafficked person is under the age of eighteen, the commercial sexual activity need not involved force, fraud, or coercion*** (emphasis added)

**Crime of Human Trafficking (KRS 529.100):** A person is guilty of human trafficking when the person intentionally subjects one or more persons to human trafficking

**Promotion of Human Trafficking (KRS 529.110):** A person is guilty of promoting human trafficking when the person intentionally:

- a) Benefits financially or receives anything of value from knowing participation in human trafficking; or
- b) Recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides or obtains by any other means, or attempts to recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain by any means, another person knowing that the person will be subject to human trafficking

Kentucky Revised Statute (2020), Kentucky General Assembly, KRS 529.010, KRS 529.100, KRS 529.110, accessed online:  
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# Safe Harbor : Services, not Criminalization

- **Prohibits prosecution of anyone under 18 for prostitution** or loitering for prostitution and requires law enforcement to report those cases to CHFS as possible victims of HT. KRS 529.
- Prohibits charging for or finding guilt for **status offenses** related to conduct arising out of the HT of the child unless it is later determined child was not a victim of HT. KRS 630.125.

Kentucky Revised Statute (2020), Kentucky General Assembly, KRS 529.010, KRS 529.100, KRS 529.110, accessed online:  
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=39397>

# Safe Harbor: Police Response

- Permits **law enforcement** to take a child victim of HT into protective custody, similar to sexual abuse cases, after making mandatory report to Cabinet. KRS 529.
- Example: KSP responds to a call that a girl is going from cab to cab at a truck stop, with a suspicion she is involved in commercial sex. The officer responds, briefly interviews the victim, contacts the Cabinet to make a report and request assistance.

Kentucky Revised Statute (2020), Kentucky General Assembly, KRS 529.010, KRS 529.100, KRS 529.110, accessed online:  
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=39397>



# Human Trafficking Victims Rights Act (HTVRA) Safe Harbor

- Child victims of human trafficking should be treated as victims, not criminals.
  - Requires a report to CHFS if there is reasonable cause to believe a child is a victim of human trafficking (forced labor or commercial sex) .
  - Adds human trafficking to the mandatory reporting statute for child abuse.
  - The case is required to be treated as a **dependent, neglected, or abused (DNA)** case regardless of whether the perpetrator was a parent, guardian or someone exercising custodial control or supervision. KRS 620.030 (3).

Kentucky Revised Statute (2020), Kentucky General Assembly, KRS 529.010, KRS 529.100, KRS 529.110, accessed online:  
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=39397>

# Safe Harbor : The Cabinet Response

## **Cabinet for Health and Family Services must:**

- Provide assessment, treatment, housing, and services to the child as a victim of HT and treat the child as a DNA child. KRS 620.040 (1) (b).
- Proceed with the case in accordance with DNA statutes regardless of whether the perpetrator was a parent, guardian or someone exercising custodial control or supervision. KRS 620.040 (1).
- Respond to the report of human trafficking of a child within four to twenty four hours by treating it as a high-risk case, like a report of sexual abuse

Kentucky Revised Statute (2020), Kentucky General Assembly, KRS 529.010, KRS 529.100, KRS 529.110, accessed online:  
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=39397>

# Safe Harbor: Human trafficking investigations

- Child human trafficking cases involving commercial sexual activity shall be investigated by multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs).
- Human trafficking advocates may now be a part of MDTs.  
KRS 431.600 (1).

Kentucky Revised Statute (2020), Kentucky General Assembly, KRS 529.010, KRS 529.100, KRS 529.110, accessed online:  
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=39397>

# Uniform Crime Report

KRS	Code	Description	Level	Class
529.100	40100	Human Trafficking	Felony	C
529.100	40101	Human Trafficking (serious physical injury)	Felony	B
529.100	40102	Human Trafficking (victim u/18 YOA)	Felony	B
529.100	40083	Human Trafficking- Forced Labor	Felony	C
529.100	40091	Human Trafficking- Commercial Sex Activity	Felony	C
529.110	40104	Promoting Human Trafficking	Felony	D
529.110	40105	Promoting Human Trafficking (victim u/18 YOA)	Felony	C
620.030	02819	Failure to report victim of human trafficking (first offense)	Misdem.	B

Kentucky State Police (2020), *Kentucky Uniform Crime Reporting Codes*, accessed online: <http://kentuckystatepolice.org/crime-traffic-data/>

# Survivors of Sex Trafficking have Rights in Federal and State Law

- Right not to be imprisoned or detained for underlying offenses, unless
  - Detention is least restrictive alternative
  - Necessary for safety
  - Poses threat to community safety
- Victims should not be held culpable for crimes that were committed as a direct result of their victimization
- Communications between trafficking victim and trafficking counselor are privileged.

22 U.S.C. § 7102, Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act. (2000). Sec. 201–103, 106th U.S. Congress.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-106hr3244enr/pdf/BILLS-106hr3244enr.pdf>

Kentucky Revised Statute (2020), Kentucky General Assembly, KRS 422.295(c), KRS 431.063, KRS 529.010, KRS 529.100, KRS 529.110, accessed online: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=39397>

# Child Trafficking Response

- Child Victims Protection Act / Safe Harbor
- Mandatory Report to CHFS
- Criminal investigations may be federal or state
- Screenings provided by DCBS, AOC/CDWs and DJJ

Kentucky Revised Statute (2020), Kentucky General Assembly, KRS 529.010, KRS 529.100, KRS 529.110  
accessed online: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=39397>

# Kentucky State Law on Children Absent from Care

- Assess a child's experiences while absent from care
- When child that has been missing is located, the social worker must do the following:
- Interview the child within 48 hours of their return to evaluate the following:–Factors that contributed to the child's disappearance–The child's current level of functioning–The child's experiences while missing–Screening for human trafficking victimization while absent from their placement

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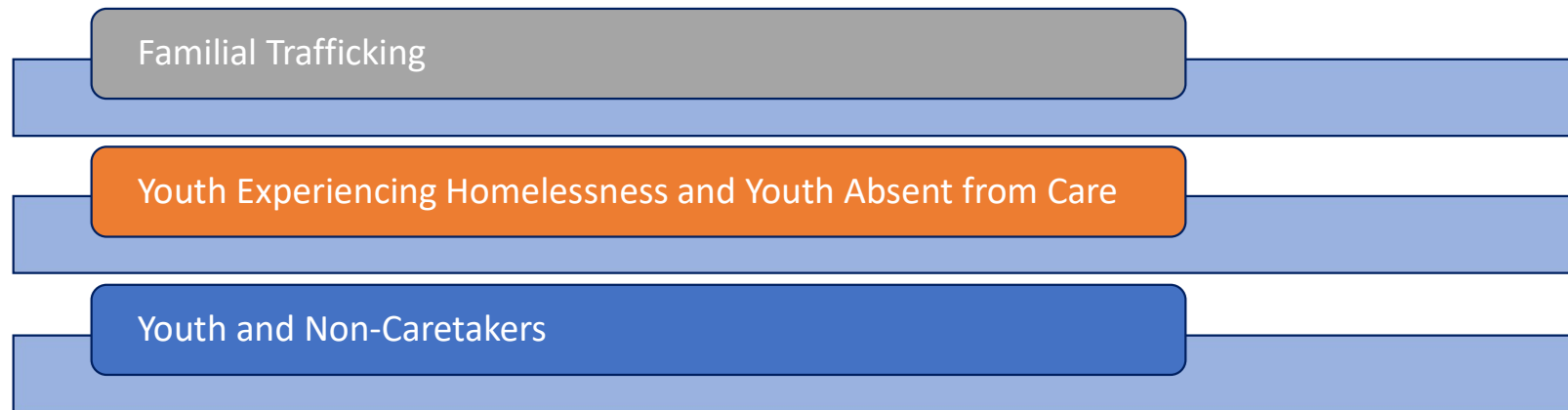


# Kentucky Specific Data

Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth

# Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in Kentucky

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# Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth: Presentation

A child in DCBS custody leaves to live with their boyfriend who asks them to have sex with his friends to pay the rent.

A mother “rents” her children to her drug dealer, providing sexual access to them, to support her drug addiction.

A child is taught to play the “money game” by their caretaker who arranges appointments to “play the game”.

An unaccompanied minor seeking asylum in the United States was sexually assaulted during her travel to the US and told it was part of the “fee” she owed for entry into the country.

A youth experiencing homelessness engages in oral sex in exchange for a bus ticket.

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A minor is friends with an older couple who offers to introduce them to friends of theirs who will pay for different sex acts with the minor, with a small fee paid to the couple for setting up the meetings.

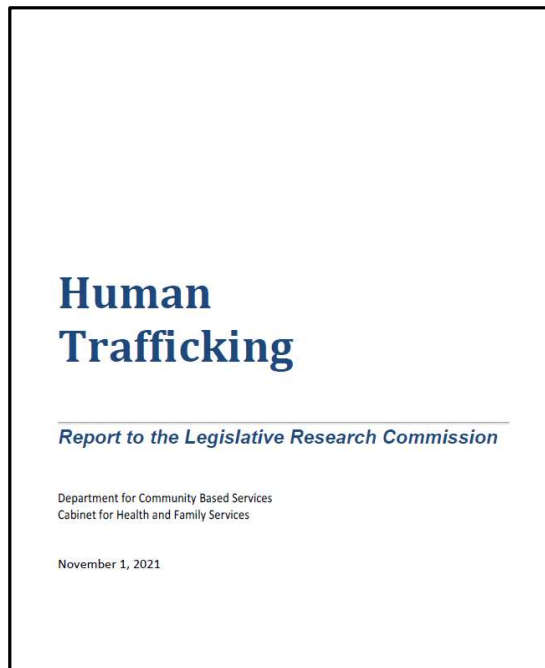
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# Child Trafficking Incidents Reported

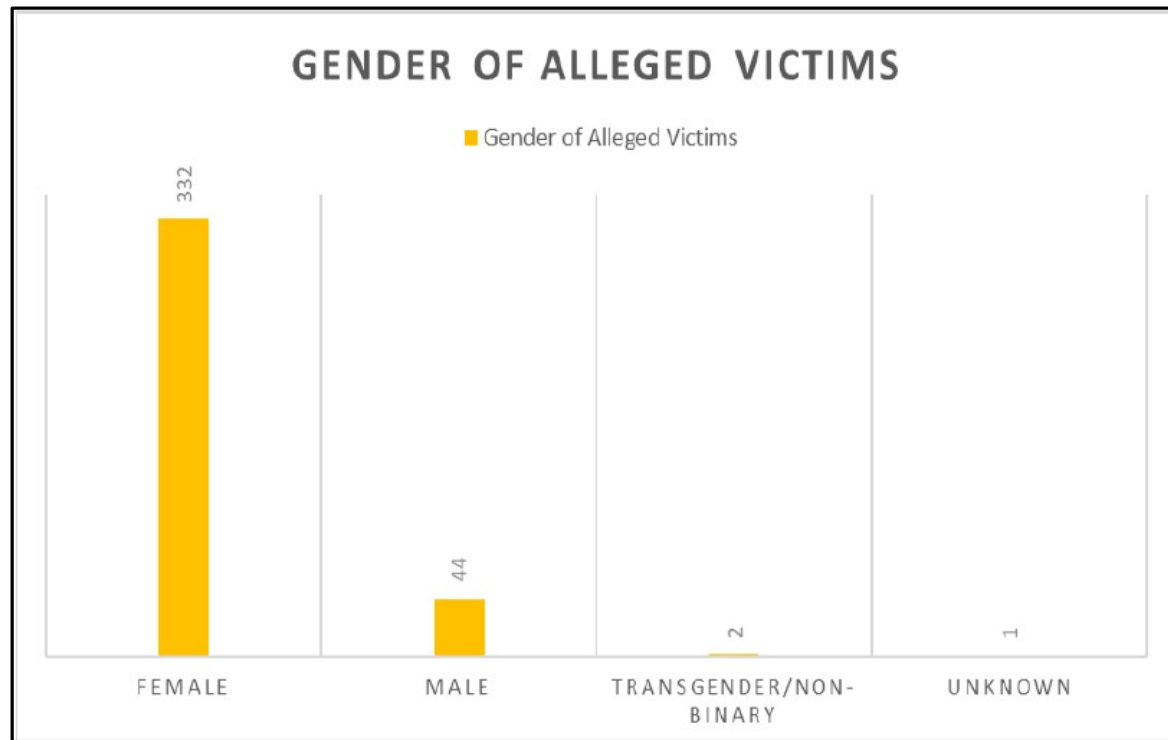
CHFS 2021 Report on Child Trafficking in Kentucky



Source: 2021 CHFS Child Trafficking in Kentucky Report to the Legislature, November 2021

# Child Trafficking Demographics

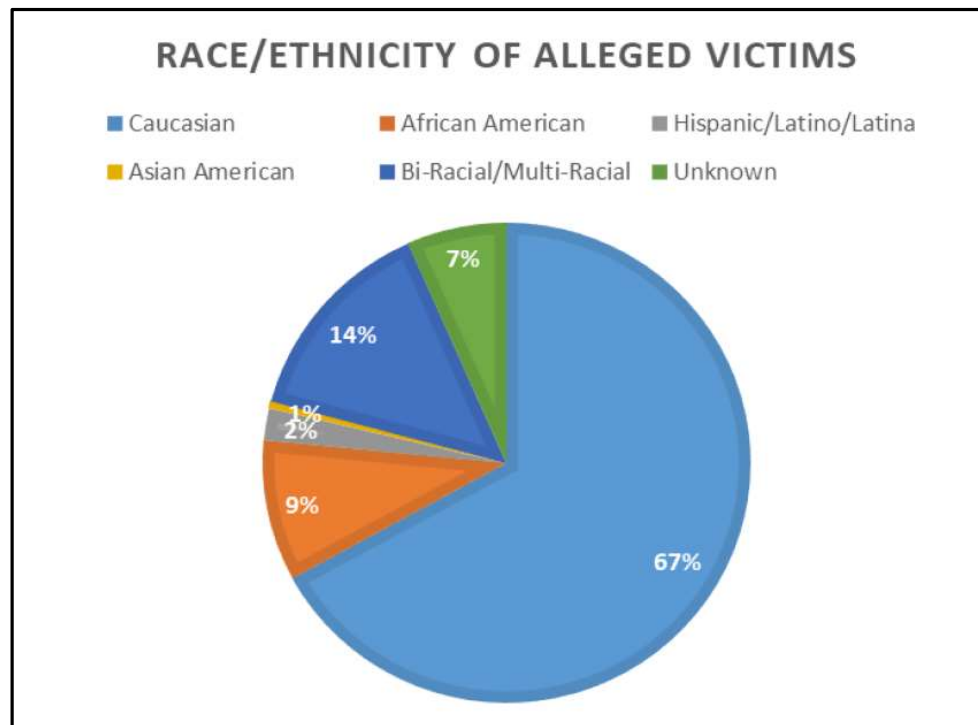
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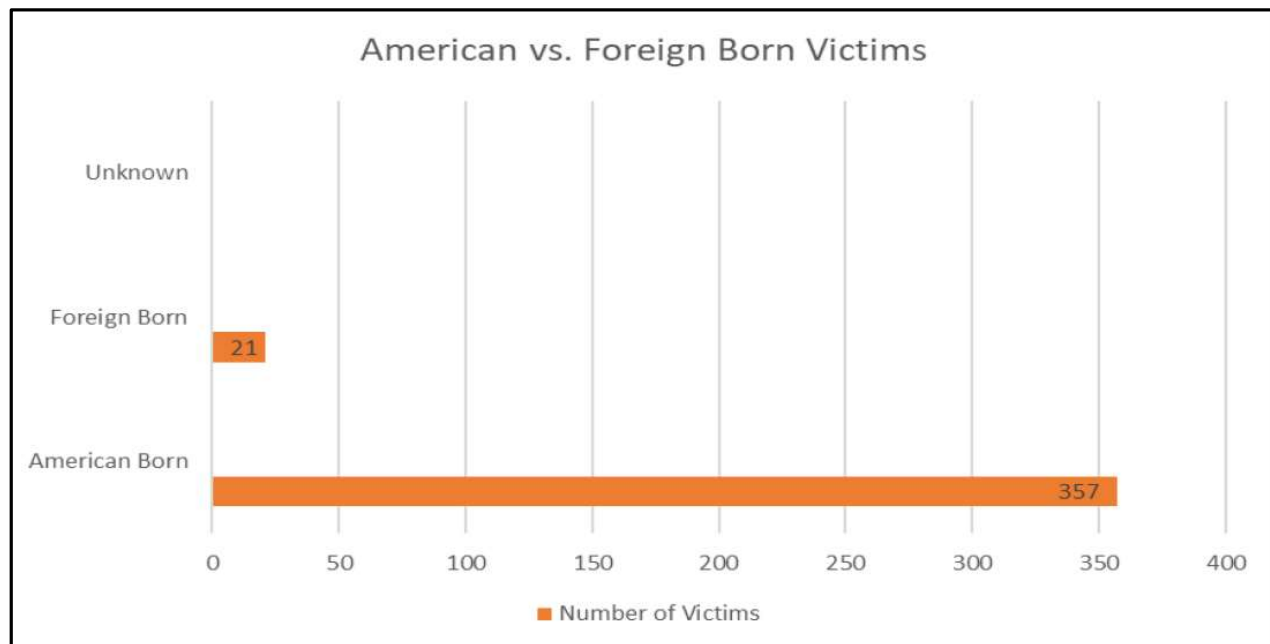


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# Child Trafficking Demographics

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# 2021 Case Details

CHFS 2021 Report on Child Trafficking in Kentucky

## 2021 Human Trafficking Investigative Findings

Caretaker		Non-Caretaker	
Substantiated	35	Human Trafficking Confirmed	43
Unsubstantiated	70	Human Trafficking Not Confirmed	103
Pending	61	Pending	75
Unable to Locate	2	Unable to Locate	2
No Findings	0	No Findings	1
Total	168	Total	224

Source: 2021 CHFS Child Trafficking in Kentucky Report to the Legislature, November 2021

# Revictimization and Prevention

Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth

# Levels of Prevention

Primary- Occurs before victimization

Secondary- Crisis intervention in midst of victimization

Tertiary- Longer term intervention post victimization

Adapted from Department of Health and Human Services. (2019). *The levels of prevention*. <https://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/levels-prevention>

Adapted from Family and Youth Services Bureau (2020). ISSUE BRIEF- Human Trafficking Prevention: Strategies for Homeless and Runaway Youth Settings, available online

# Build Protective Factors

- Flexible, client-first, “non-linear” programs
- Informing youth of their rights
- Job skills training
- Healthy and unhealthy relationship curriculum
- Integrating discussion about social media
- Safety planning and harm reduction
- Support network building

Family and Youth Services Bureau (2020). ISSUE BRIEF- Human Trafficking Prevention: Strategies for Homeless and Runaway Youth Settings, available online

# Professional Engagement

- Integration of prevention into local Task forces and coalitions
- Partnering with groups serving homeless and runaway youth
- Building capacity on the intersections of human trafficking among runaway and homeless youth
- Ensuring prevention education materials are not re-traumatizing or exploitative
- Court intervention
- Promoting prevention in rural and tribal areas
- Increasing awareness of youth absent from care

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# Intervention

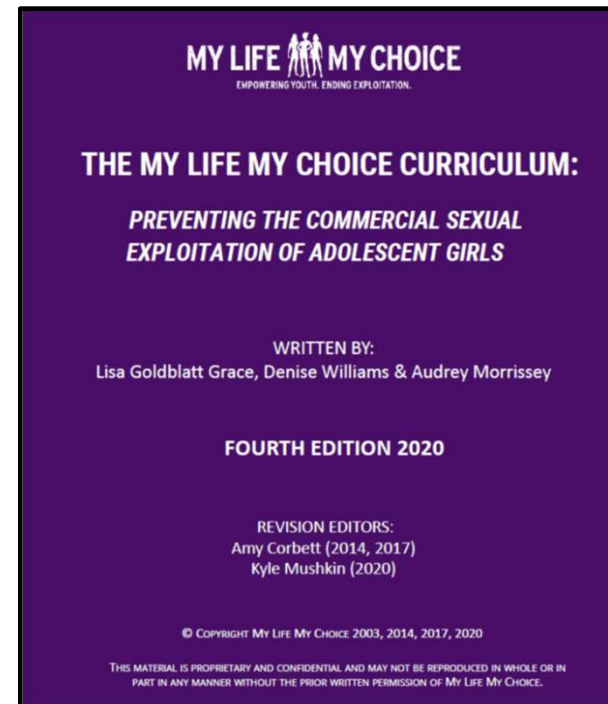
Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth



# Prevention Education for Female-Identifying Youth

## My Life My Choice

- Developed by the Justice Resource Institute in Boston in 2002
- Groups typically have 5-12 participants, ages 12-18
- Participating youth have either a history of sex trafficking or have been identified as at-risk
- Two Group Facilitators: Clinician and Survivor Mentor
- Groups meet once a week for 10 weeks
- MLMC is a VOCA-funded project in Kentucky provided through Catholic Charities of Louisville



What is one thing you learned from the MLMC prevention education classes?

*"That you can't always tell who people are just by looks"*

*"Pimps come in all shapes and sizes and once that one time happens, it's so easy to get into the life"*

*"I learned that I am a leader and that people look up to me"*

*"I learned how to say no to a pimp"*

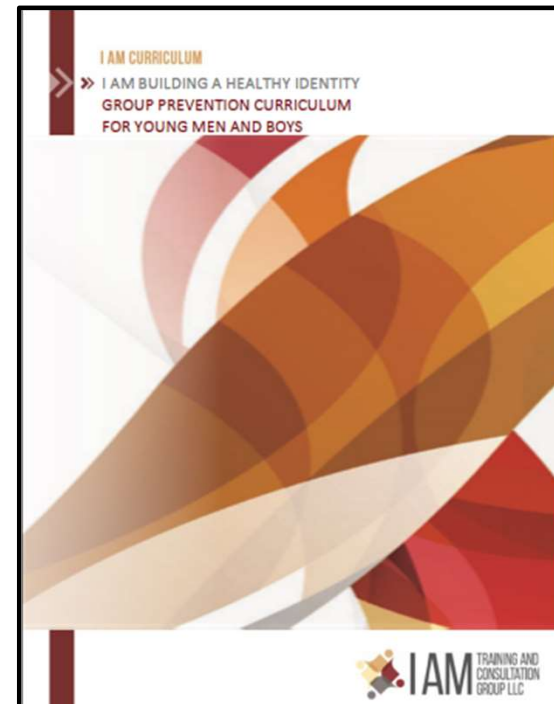
Source: Catholic Charities of Louisville, Quotes from MLMC Group Participants at Dept. of Juvenile Justice Facilities

Catholic Charities of Louisville, Bakhita Empowerment Initiative (2020) Prevention Education Report, available online: <https://cclou.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Prevention-Education-Report-1.pdf>

# Prevention Education for Male-Identifying Youth

## I AM Building a Healthy Identity

- Developed by Stefania Agliano and Bryan Hall in Hartford, Connecticut
- Groups typically have 5-12 participants, ages 12-18
- Participating youth have either a history of sex trafficking or have been identified as at-risk
- Two Group Facilitators: Both Clinicians
- Groups meet once a week for 10 weeks
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### **“Respect Her”**

Question: How does your mom know you respect her?

I give her hugs and listen to her and that is how I show her respect.

Question: Why does she deserve your respect?

Because she has has always been there for me.

Source: Catholic Charities of Louisville

Catholic Charities of Louisville, Bakhita Empowerment Initiative (2020) Prevention Education Report, available online: <https://cclou.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Prevention-Education-Report-1.pdf>

# Considerations when Talking with Children and Youth about Sex Trafficking and Exploitation

- **KEEP IN MIND:** You never know when you may get a disclosure
- It's important to be present
- Be mindful not to force anything
- Wait for forensic interview
- Follow written policy and protocol

# Recommended Services for Survivors and Those at Risk of Trafficking

- Victim-centered approach
- Coordinated services for both the survivor and their family
- Trauma-informed services
- Safety Planning
- Therapeutic Services
- Advocacy
- Legal Services

Source: Greenbaum J, Crawford-Jakubiak JE. Child sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation: health care needs of victims. *Pediatrics*. 2015;135(3):566-74. <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/135/3/566>

# Least Restrictive Placement

- The level of DCBS involvement will be individualized and in correlation to the assessed safety and risks of the child.
- Children who have been or are at risk of being trafficked should be placed in the most appropriate, least restrictive placement type.
- Caregivers must be mindful that trafficking causes a severe breakdown of confidence and trust for survivors. Caring for and parenting survivors of trafficking requires patience, awareness and skill. Caregivers should be empathetic and non-judgmental in their approach as the trafficked youth establishes safe relationships and learns to trust.

# Community Based Resources

- Accessible Service Array
  - service systems that acknowledge and are responsive to the youth's circumstances and experiences
- Wraparound Services
- Collaboration and Coordination

Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2017). *Human trafficking and child welfare: A guide for child welfare agencies*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau.



# Service Intervention: Connecting to Resources

- KY Dept. for Community-Based Services
  - Child Protection Branch
  - Out of Home Care Branch
- Catholic Charities of Louisville
  - Bakhita Empowerment Initiative
  - Family Support Services
  - Immigration Legal Services
  - Migration and Refugee Services
- Children's Advocacy Centers
- Local Task Forces and Coalitions

# Eligibility Letter Request Process

If you are working with a minor who is a foreign national and you CSO have concerns that they may have experienced forced labor or commercial sex at any point in their life, [submit a referral through the Shepherd Case Management System Visit disclaimer page](#).

OTIP Child Protection Specialist:  
202-205-4582

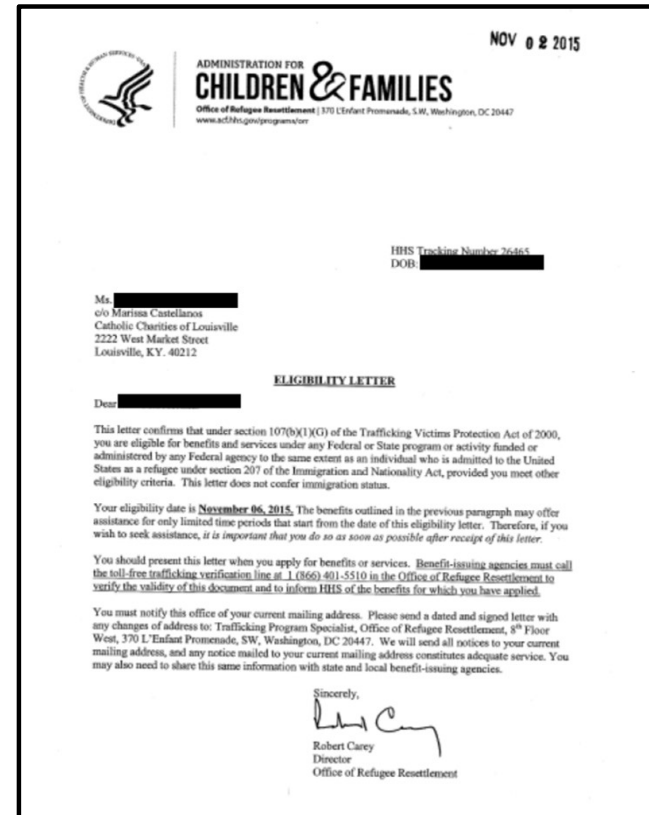


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ACF Office on Trafficking in Persons (2021), Eligibility Letters, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/victim-assistance/eligibility-letters>

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# National Human Trafficking Hotline

A graphic for the National Human Trafficking Hotline. It features a dark blue header with the text "NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE" in white. Below this, there are three contact options: "CALL 1-888-373-7888" with a phone icon, "TEXT 'BeFree' (233733)" with a text message icon, and "LIVE CHAT humantraffickinghotline.org" with a laptop icon. To the left of these options, it says "24/7 • Toll free", "Confidential", and "200+ languages". At the bottom, there is a light blue bar with the text "GET HELP • REPORT TRAFFICKING" in dark blue.

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