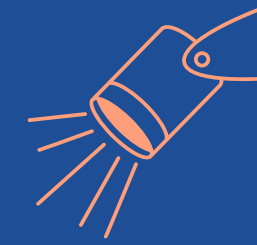


Kentucky

Kentucky Statewide Response to
Child Trafficking Initiative



KENTUCKY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Human Services (DCBS) Division of Protection and Permanency (DPP), in collaboration with Catholic Charities, CHES Solutions Group, state-contracted Private Child Placing (PCP) and Private Child Caring (PCC) providers, and other key partners, have worked collaboratively to implement this statewide project.

For their Improving Outcomes program, Kentucky identified the need to improve child welfare response to child trafficking.

WHAT IS IMPROVING OUTCOMES?

The Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking grant program supports state and tribal responses for children and youth victims of trafficking. This program is funded by the Office for Victims of Crime at the Department of Justice.

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Improving child welfare response

In response to legislative changes, the Kentucky team has worked to make updates to the child welfare reporting system to distinguish trafficking cases from neglect cases. When these changes were implemented, Kentucky developed reports that can be run monthly to track human trafficking cases and outcomes over time (including wellness, permanency, safety, and educational measures) captured as part of case management.

Increasing victim identification

The Kentucky team has increased the knowledge and the capacity of child welfare responders across the state. The Kentucky team developed and released a policy and protocol for screening and service planning that included a mandatory screening at certain timepoint/events. The Kentucky DCBS released a training that is mandatory for all DCBS staff and all child-serving staff at partner agencies who provide placement and treatment to youth in out-of-home care. The two trainings have been completed over 15,000 times. As a result, DCBS has seen an increase in identification of trafficking both at the screening schedule and outside of those times.

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