Juvenile Committee:
Trenee Parker, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, Director, Division of Family Services – Chair

Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council

Legislative Charge

- No specific legislative charge; The Council convened the Juvenile Committee to ensure Delaware’s response to youth who may be victims of trafficking continues to focus on access to appropriate resources and educational opportunities within a specialized system of care.

Highlights

- A screening tool (Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool CSE-IT) has been selected and approved. Training and implementation is projected to occur Fall 2021.
- Youth human trafficking awareness training is being developed for all DSCYF staff.
- Intensive data collection efforts provide accurate data for analysis and trend observations.

Next Steps

- Strengthen training and increase opportunities for foster parents to receive training on identifying youth victims of trafficking.
- Explore ways to expand the service array for in-state services for victims which includes a search of best practices for trauma-informed services for post residential treatment.
- Summarize and report out on findings and recommendations regarding services for juvenile trafficking victims.
- Continue to change the language around how victims are described (i.e. refer to victims as being “exploited” and not “trafficked”).
- Produce juvenile trafficking infographic semi-annually and determine additional data that may be helpful to provide/monitor.
- Work on developing an awareness program for at-risk youth served in facilities within DSCYF. The Committee will look at existing resources to see if an appropriate program currently exists.
- Make training available to other systems on identifying signs of trafficking in juveniles.

If you suspect a youth is a victim of trafficking, call the Delaware Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 1-800-292-9582
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