

## Juvenile Committee:

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# Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council

## JUVENILE COMMITTEE



### 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

*If you suspect a youth is a victim of trafficking, call the Delaware Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline*

*1-800-292-9582*

*Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families*



### 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

