Connecticut’s Response to Child Trafficking
Introduction

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Trafficking from a National Perspective

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<th>Federal Law – Trafficking Victims Protection Act</th>
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<td>provision, obtaining, patronizing, soliciting,</td>
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<td>or advertising of a person for a commercial</td>
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<td>sex act, in which a commercial sex act is</td>
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<td>induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in</td>
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<td>labor or services, through the use of force,</td>
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<td>fraud, or coercion for the purpose of</td>
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<td>subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage,</td>
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<td>debt bondage, or slavery.</td>
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### Action-Means-Purpose (AMP) Model

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*Additional actions that constitute sex trafficking, but not labor trafficking, include patronizes, solicits, and knowingly advertises.*

**Neither force, nor fraud, nor coercion are required to be shown for minors under the age of 18 induced into commercial sex acts.*
Over 42,000 Human Trafficking Hotline Cases Identified & Responded To [12/2007-5/2018]
12,900+ HT Cases Involving Minors

- **Sex Trafficking Cases**: 10,383
- **Labor Trafficking Cases**: 1,427
- **Sex & Labor Trafficking Cases**: 409
- **Other/Not Specified Cases**: 738
### Top 5 Venues for Trafficking of Minors

#### Sex Trafficking
- Internet-Based Commercial Sex
- Hotel/Motel-Based Commercial Sex
- Residence-Based Commercial Sex
- Pornography
- Street-Based Commercial Sex

#### Labor Trafficking
- Peddling Rings
- Traveling Sales Crews
- Begging Rings
- Domestic Work
- Restaurant/Food Service
Connecticut’s Response to Trafficking

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Definitions

- **Department of Children and Families (DCF)** – CT state child welfare agency
- **Human Antitrafficking Response Team (HART)** – statewide partnership addressing child trafficking
- **Human Trafficking Task Force** – The Task Force with oversight from the USAO consists of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers and prosecutors who triage and investigate human trafficking leads
- **Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)** – is the exchange of any sex act of a minor (child under 18) for anything of value, in the U.S.
- **Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT)** - Multi-disciplinary teams (MDT) comprise of professionals involved in investigating cases of child abuse and neglect, prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases in court, and provision of treatment services to victims
- **Child Advocacy Center (CAC)** – the safe, child focused setting in which the supports and services are offered to the children and non-offending parent or caregiver
Connecticut Structure
Connecticut Flow Chart – Call into Careline

- Call into Careline
- Report to HART Director
- Report to Regional Liaison(s)
- Local Law Enforcement
- Call into Careline
- Report to HART Director
- HART Liaison Provides Consult
- Linked to Specialized Services
- HART Director Reviews and Includes Partners
- Human Trafficking Task Force (USAO)
- Multidisciplinary Team(s)
Connecticut Flow Chart – Request for HART Consult

- Request for a HART Consult (active DCF Cases)
  - HART Director Reviews
  - HART Liaison Provides Consult

- Human Trafficking Task Force (USAO) & Local Law Enforcement
- Multidisciplinary Team(s)
 Trafficking Legislation in Connecticut

• Minors under the age of 18 cannot be arrested for prostitution

• Victims of DMST are guaranteed an affirmative defense, and have the right to vacate related juvenile records

• Victims of DMST can be classified as “uncared for” in order for DCF to provide services

• Suspected cases of DMST shall be reported to the DCF Careline (800-842-2288)

• DMST cases are to be addressed through Multi-disciplinary Teams (MDTs)

• Buyers paying to sexually abuse a child can be charged with Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor; this crime is a Class B felony when the child being purchased is age 15 to 17 and Class A felony when the child is under the age of 15
Referrals by Year
January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2017
n=846

Number of Referrals
Number of Boys
Number of Girls
Number of Transgendered
2017 Race/Ethnicity

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HART Response and Resources

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Department of Children & Families
HART Case Example

• 17 year old female
  • DMST Victim
• No Law Enforcement Involvement
  • Attorney would not consent for youth to engage in services
• Youth was arrested and detained multiple times and ended up on Juvenile Parole
DCF Regional HARTs

Walk a mile in my shoes...

You know my name, not my story. You’ve heard what I’ve done, Not what I’ve been through. See what I see, hear what I hear, Feel what I feel. Then maybe you’ll understand Why I do what I do.
Regional HART Response

Area Office → Case referred to HART Liaison to complete DCF HART Decision Map → Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Child Advocacy Center (CAC) → Services and Support Offered to Meet Individualized Needs → Individualized Goals Achieved → DCF Case Closes

Consultation with the Human Trafficking Task Force, if needed

Case may be triaged with the Area Office HART Team
• **Youth Awareness**: 45 to 60 minute Youth Awareness presentation to educate youth ages 12 to 18 on child trafficking; can be done in assembly format

• **Not a #Number**: 5 session prevention curriculum developed by Love 146 on Human Trafficking for girls, boys and LGBTQI youth, ages 12 to 18

• **My Life My Choice**: 10-session Exploitation Prevention Curriculum designed to change girls’ (ages 12 to 18) perceptions of the commercial sex industry, as well as build self-esteem and personal empowerment

• **Survivor Care – Rapid Response**: Rapid Responses are one-time interventions designed to target the unique risk factors and needs of individual youth who have been identified as confirmed victims, or highly suspected victims of human trafficking

• **Survivor Care – Long Term**: Love146’s Survivor Care Therapeutic Case Management Program journeys with and provides support services to youth who are confirmed survivors of human trafficking
Existing Resources in CT

• Foster Care: there are Therapeutic Foster Parents who are trained to provide support and placement for youth at high risk and/or confirmed victims of DMST in CT

• Mentoring: there are DMST trained mentors in CT

• Wilderness School: specialized events in partnership with Love146/ Survivor Care

• Connecticut’s Provider Network: providers are trained on child trafficking, service provision is based on the need of each individual youth
Collaboration in CT: Child Advocacy Centers and MDTs

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Connecticut Children’s Alliance
Child Advocacy Centers and Multi-disciplinary Teams

• What is a MDT?
  • Multi-disciplinary teams (MDT) comprise of professionals involved in investigating cases of child abuse and neglect, prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases in court, and provision of treatment services to victims.

• What is a CAC?
  • The safe, child focused setting in which the supports and services are offered to the children and non-offending parent or caregiver.

• What is the purpose of this model?
  • To ensure better collaboration
  • Reducing the risk of breakdown in communication
  • Ensure the system set up to protect and respond to kids doesn’t revictimize them by reducing duplication of services and work to achieve a best practice response
CACs and MDTs in CT

• How many CACs and MDTs?
  • 10 Child Advocacy Centers
  • 17 Multi-disciplinary Teams

• What does this mean?
  • Every abused child in CT has access to the comprehensive and collaborative response no matter where they live.

• What are there 10 CACs and 17 MDTs?
  • Some of our CACs collaborate with 1 MDT and 2 CACs collaborate with more than 1 MDT. This formula was created based on several variable including our judicial districts, DCF districts as well as population.
CAC Standards

- Multi-disciplinary Team
- Cultural Competency and Diversity
- Forensic Interviews
- Victim Support and Advocacy
- Medical Evaluation
- Mental Health
- Case Review
- Case Tracking
- Organizational Capacity
- Child-Focused Setting
How does the Children’s Advocacy Center Model Work?
MDT/ CAC and Child Trafficking Cases

**CAC and MDT Structure**

- MDT and Coordinator
- Child Advocacy Center

**CAC and MDT Structure for Cases**

- MDT and Coordinator
- HART
- Task Force
- Child Advocacy Center
MDT/ CAC and Child Trafficking Cases

• Legislation Updates:
  • Public Act (14-186) Mandated an MDT Response be made available to all victims of child trafficking
  • Public Act (17-190) Updated the Child Advocacy Center and MDT case criteria and services standards

• Outcome Measurement System (OMS) Data:
  • A satisfaction systems designed to gather information from caregivers and MDT partners to better inform our systems response
2016- As a member of a Multi-disciplinary Team in CT, I have a clear understanding of my role addressing cases of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST).

2017- As a member of a Multi-disciplinary Team in CT, I have a clear understanding of my role addressing cases of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST).
In 2016:
• 46% of MDT partners felt there were enough services to support DMST victims in CT
• 56% of MDT partners felt they had a clear understanding of the system set up to respond to DMST victims in CT

In 2017:
• 71% of MDT partners felt there were enough services to support DMST victims in CT
• 81% of MDT partners felt they had a clear understanding of the system set up to respond to DMST victims in CT
2016 - As a caregiver I feel I have enough information and services to support my child after our visit to the CAC.

Agree: 436
Disagree: 175
N/A: 171

2017 - As a caregiver I feel I have enough information and services to support my child after our visit to the CAC.

Agree: 721
Disagree: 109
N/A: 34
HART Response and Case Experiences

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HART Case Example

• 16 year old female

• DMST and Kidnapping Victim

• Strong Law Enforcement Response

• Youth was referred to MDT and completed a Forensic Interview

• Creative with respect to how youth was supported during the process (i.e. psychiatric hospital, service providers, clinical supports present directly before and after Forensic Interview, etc.)
Youth Perspective

Samantha Lowry
ICF
Youth survivors had a fear of law enforcement and expressed that their limited exposure was due to a lack of trust and negative experiences with being treated as criminals. Victims did not see police as a place for help.

Comfort was paramount! Survivors desired a balance of rules and comfort given the important role that service providers play in their lives. The youth emphasized that an honest opinion was needed along with a longer term support system. The adults in their lives changed often and bonds were frequently broken.

The message to Judges was to look beyond what is on paper and listen to the survivor’s perspective. Youth wanted to be more involved in the process and to speak directly to the Judge. “Judges typically lock up youth,” which youth were open about and cited as the reason to continue running.

Survivors overwhelmingly agreed that they did not have a say in the types of services received, nor did they feel in control of their own lives/care.
Youth Survivor Perspective

How did youth survivors obtain knowledge about Human Trafficking?

The places and people that taught these young survivors about human trafficking included:

- School presentations/programs
- Therapy/Therapists
- Hospital staff
- Service providers

However, there was a striking disconnect between recognizing the term and understanding the various forms of human trafficking and how they relate to what the youth were experiencing.

75.0% of youth survivors had some prior knowledge of what the term “human trafficking” meant before their disclosure.
One survivor who was identified through a police sting shared that she had not heard of the term “human trafficking” until she was “caught in the sting” and officers explained the circumstances at the scene.

Several stories were shared where youth could have been identified sooner if the people in their lives had a better understanding of human trafficking.
Youth Survivor Perspective

What types of services did youth survivors receive?

A wide range of programs, organizations, behavioral health services, and trainings: in-home programs, probation, family therapy programs, detention facilities, the role of the Department of Children and Families from their viewpoint, Not a Number, My Life My Choice, involvement of school programs, and a variety of other systems and supports that provided some type of service.

Based on comfort of survivors

Victim Service Provider, Love146:
Known for the care backpacks and comforting staff that were “highly involved in [their] care.” This was the only service that was described as long-term and unbounded, which youth found to be gravely important.

Based on safety of survivors

Secure Detention Facility:
Strict adherence to the rules and attentiveness to the youth’s needs, it was not a desired location according to survivors. Secure facilities made the youth feel more like victims and were similar to the control exerted by their traffickers.
Youth Survivor Recommendations

**#1: AWARENESS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

1. Educate youth in schools through service providers or awareness events to help with reintegration into the school system and help eliminate bullying.

2. Youth survivors also suggested that law enforcement should have more awareness of the needs of sex trafficking survivor that is treatment focused and trauma-informed.

3. Survivors wanted parents and foster parents to become more comfortable and open to talking about bad situations, involved in their daily lives, and encouraging of healthy environments.

"More awareness, even for those not in the life. Like for bullies. They’ll call me whore. I’ve had that happen to me... so, AWARENESS THAT PEOPLE ARE VICTIMS.”
Youth Survivor Recommendations

#2: ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES

Service providers should utilize a variety of methods to connect victims and at-risk youth with services so that a multitude of victims can be reached.

Service providers need a more pronounced social media presence

Half of the youth survivors suggested that service providers should have a more of a social media presence such as Facebook, Snapchat, blogs, websites, TED Talks, and apps for teens.

Law enforcement should become an immediate resource for survivors

The youth survivors felt that law enforcement should be an available resource to them, however, a few of the youth had prior experiences where they had not been treated respectfully by police.
Youth Survivor Recommendations

**#3: COMPASSION AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**

Love146 was the model program. The program and staff that did not judge, asked for the youth’s opinion, and offered unconditional support.

- Service providers should put less pressure on the survivors to talk right away and especially in group settings. Alternatively, more survivor-led services and support groups that allowed survivors to talk with one another.
- Judges were also described as being less supportive of victims and another entity that was unwilling to allow the victim to speak about his/her experience.
- Referrals should be more inclusive of the survivors’ thoughts and concerns, especially younger survivors who tended to feel like their voices were not heard.
- For law enforcement there should be survivor-led trainings on trauma-informed responses and sexual exploitation to allow police to make more meaningful connections with victims.

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Youth Survivor Demographics

**Gender:**
- 100% Female

**Age:**
- 15 years old (12.5%)
- 16 years old (50.0%)
- 17 years old (37.5%)

**Race:**
- White (62.5%)
- African American (12.5%)
- Hispanic (12.5%)
- Multiethnic (50.0%)
- Caucasian (12.5%)
- Puerto Rican (12.5%)

**Ethnicity:**
- White (62.5%)
- Black (12.5%)
- Multiracial (25.0%)

**Location:**
- Western (1)
- Central (3)
- Eastern (3)

*One Youth Survivor did not specify where in Connecticut she was from.*
Expansion and Statewide Training Initiatives

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Connecticut Curriculums

- Introduction to DMST in Connecticut
- Introduction to Human Trafficking in Connecticut for Law Enforcement (POST Certified)
- Introduction to DMST in Connecticut for Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking of Boys & Male Bodied Youth
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING DAY 1 - Understanding commercial sexual exploitation of children and domestic minor sex trafficking
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING DAY 2 - Working with youth at risk of CSEC/DMST as well as Labor Trafficking by helping Staff understand and engage with child victims
- Fostering in the best & hardest of times: Helping foster parents care for high risk kids and child victims of commercial sexual exploitation
- Youth Awareness on DMST
- Youth Prevention - Not a #Number (Love146 [https://love146.org/] )
Statewide Awareness Efforts
2016 to Present

• Reported Trainings:
  • General Training Sessions – 305
    • Individual Attendees – 7,440
  • Law Enforcement Training Sessions – 55
    • Officer Attendees – 1,120
  • School Training Sessions – 52
    • Student Focused – 33
    • Teacher Focused – 19
  • Youth Awareness – 761 youth
  • Not a #Number (youth prevention)
    • 93 groups with 572 youth

• Annual Conference
TO PREVENT THE EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN we must reach them before traffickers do.

Love146: [https://love146.org/notanumber/](https://love146.org/notanumber/)

Youth Prevention Curriculum

12 Not a #Number Facilitator Trainings in CT to date (3-days)
Approximately 117 facilitators in CT educating youth (5-sessions)
More than 15 Training of Trainers (TOT) Courses
- 2 full days each
- Classroom Teach Back
- Live Teach Back

152 Trainers Statewide
87 Trainees to complete Live Teach Back
Faculty Meetings Annually
- Review what is working and what is not working
- Newest research, data, etc.
- Curriculum Updates

HHS ACF Pre and Post Surveys
Training Evaluation

Samantha Lowry

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Awareness of Sex Trafficking Surveys

Surveys collected from October 2014 through June 2017

4,865 total surveys from 97 training events

2,448 surveys before the training (Pre-tests)

2,417 surveys after the training (Post-tests)
Demographics: Trainee’s Field of Work (n=2,286)

- Education: 30%
- Child Welfare: 14%
- Service Provider: 11%
- Law Enforcement: 9%
- Juvenile Justice: 2%
- Community Member: 1%
- Legal Community: 1%
- Other*: 28%

*Common "Other" responses include “Student,” “Mental Health,” “Clinician,” and “Nurse.”
Demographics: Trainee’s Position at Current Organization (n=2,255)

- Teacher: 15%
- Law Enforcement Officer: 12%
- Mental Health Provider: 11%
- Caseworker: 9%
- Counselor: 5%
- Foster Parent: 4%
- Local-Level Supervisor/Administrator: 4%
- Child Protective Investigator: 3%
- Foster Care Provider: 3%
- Probation Officer: 2%
- Nurse: 2%
- Victim Advocate: 1%
- Doctor: 1%
- Other*: 30%

*Common “Other” responses include “Student,” “Paraprofessional,” and “Social Worker”
Demographics: Gender & Years of Experience

Gender
(n=2,411)

Female 75%
Male 23%
Other/Transgender 1%

Years of Experience
(n=2,075)

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Constructs:

- **Level of Knowledge** *(e.g. risk factors, definitions and terminology)* — 12 items rated on a scale of 1 to 5; Maximum potential score = 60

- **Beliefs** *(e.g. victim culpability)* — 4 items rated on a scale of 1 to 10; Maximum potential score = 40

- **Level of Comfort** *(e.g. self-efficacy, confidence in practice)* — 6 items rated on a scale of 1 to 10; Maximum potential score = 60

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1. **What is your level of knowledge about the items below?**

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2. **What are your beliefs about the items below?**

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3. **With your current level of experience, how comfortable do you feel about your ability to do the following?**

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<td>Have a conversation with a youth to identify if s/he is currently being sexually exploited, or is at risk of sexual exploitation</td>
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## Preliminary Scores (n=1,504)

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<td>Average Comfort</td>
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<td>6.1 Very Comfortable</td>
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* Indicates the difference between means is statistically significant, p<.05  
** Indicates the difference between means is statistically significant, p<.01
## Level of Knowledge by Field of Work

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Summary of Findings

- Significant difference between pre- and post-training across all three constructs
- Knowledge, beliefs, and level of comfort all changed positively
- Some survey items had lower ratings on surveys following the training:
  - Knowledge of agency’s process for identifying sex trafficked youth
  - Knowledge of agency’s referral process
  - Knowledge of services available in community to treat sex trafficked youth
  - Level of comfort with directly asking youth if s/he is trading sex for money, survival needs, or other items of value
Collaboration with Polaris

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Polaris
NHTH HOTLINE DATA

- **Total Signals to the National Hotline from CT**
  - 1,455 [All Time]
  - 190 [2017]
- **Total Signals from Minors from CT**
  - <3
- **Total HT Cases in CT**
  - 289 Cases [All Time]
  - 59 Cases [2007]
- **Total HT Cases involving MINORS**
  - 104 [All Time]
    - Sex Trafficking – 81
    - Labor Trafficking – 9
    - Sex and Labor – 5
    - Other/Not Specified - 6
  - 18 [2007]
Top 6 Venues for Trafficking of Minors in CT

- Internet-Based Commercial Sex (9 cases)
- Hotel/Motel-Based Commercial Sex (8 cases)
- Escort Service/Delivery Service (6 cases)
- Illicit Massage/Spa Business (5 cases)
- Residence-Based Commercial Sex (4 cases)
- Pornography (4 cases)
National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) – safe space for CT callers to get assistance and support.

CALL 1-888-373-7888

TEXT “BeFree” (233733)

LIVE CHAT humantraffickinghotline.org

24/7 • Toll free • Confidential • 200+ languages
In 2012, Thorn completed a survey of U.S. citizen sex trafficking survivors and learned that many believe SMS to be the safest mode of communication and prefer to use SMS when reaching out for help.
NHTH – Stages of Change

Source: Mundt et al (9).
Polaris & Connecticut Collaboration

- 24 HR Response Protocols for the National Human Trafficking Hotline
  - Law Enforcement
  - Service Providers
- Resource for Hotline Data & Trends
- Cross-Jurisdictional Service Referrals and LE Reporting/Connections
National HT Referral Directory

Build the Safety Net
- Referrals for Hotline Signaler’s: Potential Victims/Survivors, Friends/Family Members, Law Enforcement, NGO’s & Allied Partners, etc.

Help Vet New & Existing Organizations

Encourage organizations to apply to be a part of the directory – Application Form on Website

This is not an exhaustive list of anti-trafficking organizations in the United States.
Strengths, Challenges, and Next Steps

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Department of Children & Families
Strengths

- HART partnerships with public and private entities across the State
- Survivor Informed
- Centralized intake line, specifically Careline
- Wealth of training resources for professionals, communities, and youth; consistent language, portable and free
- Partnerships with child protection, MDTs, HT Task Force, etc.
- Specialized services
- School-based curriculums
Challenges

- **Cases that cross state lines and/or recovery of youth out of home state**
- **Victim Service Barriers:**
  - Confidentiality/Privilege
  - Resources (data driven), funding, Trauma Informed (out of home, secure placements) foster homes, etc.
- **Partner Resources – Law Enforcement, Dept. of Labor**
- **Legislation – definition does not align with TVPA**
- **Underserved Populations (boys, LGBTQI)**
- **Labor Trafficking**
Next Steps

- Strengthen partnership with Polaris (multi-state, out of state)
- Strengthen Legislation to fully align with the TVPA
- Strategic Partnerships to ensure youth services and increased positive outcomes
- Finalizing our MDT Response Protocol (statewide)
- Statewide assessment of labor trafficking
- Data collection processes (data elements and federal requirements)
Special Thanks to the Administration for Children and Families
• HART: https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/HART/Home
• National Human Trafficking Training & Technical Assistance Center: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/nhttac
• Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center: https://www.ovcttac.gov/
• Child Welfare Information Gateway: https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/trafficking/
• Polaris: https://polarisproject.org/
• Typology Report: https://polarisproject.org/typology
• National Human Trafficking Hotline: https://humantraffickinghotline.org/
• National Human Trafficking Referral Directory (Application Form): https://humantraffickinghotline.org/training-resources/referral-directory/apply
• National Hotline Statistics: https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states
• Center for States: https://capacity.childwelfare.gov/states/
Thank you for joining us! Questions?

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