



Approved Curricula in the Training of Child Trafficking in CT

Introduction to Child Trafficking in Connecticut: This curriculum is designed to enhance an individual's understanding of Child Trafficking. The training assists participants in identifying victims of Child Trafficking as well as receiving tips on how to best respond and support identified trafficking victims. Participants will learn definitions, federal and state legislation related to human trafficking, prevalence of Child Trafficking in CT, pathways to victimization, warning signs, impact to the victims, and who are the buyers/exploiters of this crime. The training is 2 ½ hours and materials utilized are videos and PowerPoint. CEU's are available.

Introduction to Human Trafficking in Connecticut for Law Enforcement (POST Certified): This curriculum is similar to the one outlined above with the exception that it is geared for police offices (both municipal and state) and other law enforcement personnel. A special videos has been developed to assist law enforcement with identifying victims of human trafficking during routine traffic stops. This training is 2 ½ hours and materials utilized are videos and PowerPoint.

Introduction to Child Trafficking in Connecticut for Emergency Medical Services (EMS): This curriculum is similar to the ones outlined above with the exception that it is geared for emergency medical services personnel (Paramedics, EMT's, and First Responders). EMS specific information and resources are included to assist EMS with identifying victims of human trafficking during emergency responses in the community. This training is 1.5 hours and materials utilized are videos and PowerPoint. CE's and CEU's can be provided.

Child Trafficking of Boys & Male Bodied Youth: This curriculum is designed to enhance an individual's understanding of Child Trafficking with emphasis on boys and male bodied youth. The training assists participants in identifying boys and male bodied youth victims, understanding the unique warning signs and the impact on this population. Participants will learn definitions, federal and state legislation related to human trafficking, prevalence of Child Trafficking in CT and who are the buyers/ exploiters of this crime. The training is 2 ½ hours and materials utilized are videos and PowerPoint. CEU's are available.

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking – Day 1 : This course provides a framework for understanding the complex issue of CSEC and DMST by providing essential information to assist with recognizing the risk factors and red flags for youth and children and a framework for responding in a well-prepared and collaborative way. Tactics of exploiters will also be reviewed to assist with understanding the dynamics of exploitation. This course explores the prevalence of these cases in Connecticut and nationally. Information provided will include State and Federal laws as well as interventions, resources, protocols and supports within the Department. This is a full day training (6 hours) and is delivered by lecture with videos and activities. CEU's are available. This training is offered in the DCF TA.

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking – Day 2: This course is designed to further participants' knowledge and will look at youth's risk factors and how to determine the level of risk as it pertains to CSEC/DMST. Utilizing the stages of change model when determining interventions and next steps for youth and providers will be explored. In addition, the roles of the Department, providers, law enforcement, as well as other systems in addressing the problem will be examined. This course will conclude with strategies and interventions that have been implemented in efforts to service the CSEC/DMST population. This is a full day training (6 hours) and is delivered by lecture with videos and activities. CEU's are available. This training is offered in the DCF TA.

Fostering in the best & hardest of times: Helping foster parents care for high risk kids and child victims of commercial sexual exploitation: This course is designed for foster parents covering 4 modules:

- 1) Working with High Risk Kids- what makes a child high risk and at risk for what?
- 2) Using the Stages of change to Understand and Connect – change is a process, what are the Stages of Change and how can I use the stages of change to better understand and stay connected?
- 3) Support & Resources for Fostering Survivors of Severe Physical and Sexual Abuse – forms of sexual violence including DMST, practice using the Stages of Change and support and resources available to children and families.
- 4) Building & Maintaining Caregiver Resiliency – what do I do to keep myself and my other family members emotionally and physically, secure and healthy while caring for high risk kids?

This is 3 full days of training (6 hours each day) and is delivered by lecture, videos and activities.

********Please contact Linda Lukin at linda.lukin@ct.gov if you are interested in any of the above trainings.***

Youth Specific Curriculums

Youth Awareness on Child Trafficking:

The Connecticut's HART developed a 45-minutes Youth Awareness presentation to educate youth ages 12 to 18 on child trafficking. This curriculum was vetted with youth across the state to ensure the content was impactful and relevant to youth of this age range. The Youth Awareness presentation is a one-time educational opportunity to raise awareness with the ultimate goal of providing the Not a #Number prevention groups to smaller groups of youth. Contact Linda Lukin at linda.lukin@ct.gov if you are interested in requesting this training.

Youth Prevention - Not a #Number

Love146's Prevention Curriculum, *Not a #Number*, is an interactive five-module curriculum designed to teach youth how to protect themselves from human trafficking and exploitation through information, critical thinking, and skill development. The program integrates a holistic view of the issue by focusing on respect, empathy, individual strengths, and the relationship between personal and societal pressures that create or increase vulnerabilities. Through open conversations, engaging activities, the use of media, and opportunities for disclosures, participants find ways to move beyond awareness to behavioral change. For a preview of *Not a #Number*, visit www.love146.org/curriculum-preview.