



Child Trafficking Prevention Education

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What is Human Trafficking?

Under both federal and Florida law, trafficking is defined as the transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing or obtaining of another person for transport; for the purposes of forced labor, domestic servitude or sexual exploitation using **force, fraud and/or coercion.**

Human trafficking is modern slavery.

The Facts

- Florida is third in the nation for reported human trafficking cases.
 - In 2018, there were 767 human trafficking cases reported in Florida. Of those cases, 149 were minors.
- Every Florida citizen is a mandated reporter and failure to report suspected child abuse to DCF is a third degree felony.
- The average ages of a trafficked youth are 11-13 years old.

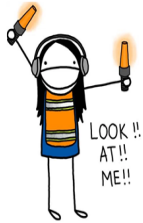
Who are the victims?



An honor student



Academically weak student



A student looking for attention



A student athlete



A student with perfect attendance



An absent/truant student

DOE Child Trafficking Prevention Efforts

- In 2014, Child Human Trafficking document was the first resource tool at FDOE. The tool was disseminated statewide to all school district superintendents.
- DOE developed a Human Trafficking webpage to help inform educators and other citizens on how to recognize and report human trafficking, to highlight training materials, and feature state and national resources. fldoe.org/schools/healthy-schools/human-trafficking.shtml
- Since 2014, human trafficking prevention professional development for teachers and administrators of health education content has been provided through the annual Healthy Schools Summer Academy.

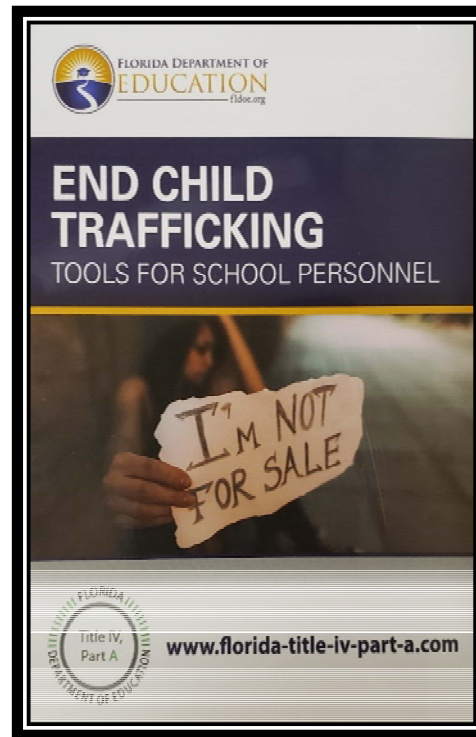
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- Presented at numerous annual state conferences for school nurses, content area teachers and supervisors, school resource officers, and the PTA.
- Partnered with DOE School Transportation to develop an anti-trafficking information to integrate into the Florida School Bus Operator Training Manual and developed the *Driving out Trafficking* brochure.
- Provided presentation at the Florida School Transportation Supervisor Spring Training.
 - Afterwards trained over 8,000 school transportation operators and monitors.
 - Distributed the *Driving out Trafficking* brochure.

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- In 2017, DOE partnered with the DOH's School Health Services Program to conduct the Child Human Trafficking Awareness survey for school health staff. Over 700 school nurses and unlicensed staff responded.
- Professional development provided for school nurses at the Florida Association of School Nurses annual conference since 2016.
- Provided trainings, presentations and resources to school district personnel, students and parents.
- Developed the End Child Trafficking guidebook with QuickSeries Publishing.
 - Disseminated 10,000 copies of the first edition in 2017.
 - Second edition is currently available.

End Child Trafficking Guide Booklet



What can school personnel do?

- Educators can add anti-trafficking resources to the media center, website and newsletters.
- School personnel can frequently remind students that the school a safe environment for every student and adults can remain open to student self-reporting.
- Post and keep anti-trafficking signs visible.
- School personnel must report suspicious activity to school administrators, transportation supervisors and law enforcement.
- School personnel can visit/join local anti-trafficking taskforce.
- Pursue other training opportunities.
- Share training and awareness materials with co-workers and family.

What can educators do?

- Develop or adopt human trafficking curricula and modules for inclusion in specific courses.
- Include publications on human trafficking in the library system.
- Develop school clubs, student groups and extracurricular activities that raise awareness on human trafficking.
- District Transportation Services can develop, post and keep anti-trafficking signs visible on school buses.
- Encouraging school personnel to visit/join local anti-trafficking taskforce.
- Feature anti-trafficking messages in school announcements, newsletters and memos/letters to parents.
- All school staff need to be aware of indicators and how to respond safely.

What can parents do?

- Know your child's screen names and passwords, *even if you have your child write them down and put them in a sealed envelope*. If anything happens, you will be able to access your child's accounts to trace their communications.
- Use the parental control settings on your computer to check the Internet history. Look for warning signs in your children, such as: *mood swings and anxiety; new friends who are significantly older; and new gifts, pre-paid credit cards, clothes or cell phones that you did not purchase*.
- Let your children know that they can talk to you, or a trusted adult, about anything that makes them uncomfortable.
- Create a trust network *with your children* in case of emergency.



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