

Human Trafficking



DHHS Human Trafficking Home Page:

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What is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery.

Sex trafficking is recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for a commercial sex act that is induced by force, fraud, or coercion. When the victim is under 18, no force, fraud, or coercion is necessary.

Labor trafficking is recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

What the Department is doing to prevent Human Trafficking?

The Division of Children and Family Services partners with the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force (NHTTF) and is an active member of this team.

In the fall of 2016 the Department helped in the NHTTF effort of training more than 800 professionals across Nebraska. As of 2019, DHHS has trained more than 1,800 professionals and DHHS staff to recognize Human Trafficking, how to prevent this from happening to families we serve and Trafficking resources available to them.

The Division has updated policies to comply with the **Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act**.

The Department maintains strong working relationships with local, county and state law enforcement agencies to maintain the safety of children and families in our state.

Sex Trafficking Indicators

- Chronic missing/homeless youth
- Excess amount of cash in their possession (may be reluctant to explain its source)
- Hotel keys and key cards
- Lying about age/false ID
- Inconsistencies when describing and recounting events
- Unable or unwilling to give local address or information about parent(s)/guardian
- Presence or fear of another person (often an older male or boyfriend who seems controlling)
- Prepaid cell phone
- High number of reported sexual partners at a young age
- Sexually explicit profiles on social networking sites
- Injuries/signs of physical abuse (that they may be reluctant to explain)
- Inability or fear of social interaction
- Demeanor exhibiting fear, anxiety, depression, submissiveness, tenseness, nervousness
- Is not enrolled in school or repeated absence from school
- Does not consider self a victim
- Loyalty to or/and positive feelings toward pimp/trafficker

Labor Trafficking Indicators

- Family relationships not clear (may or may not present as formal guardian)
- Child may not be the child of "parent" in the home
- No evidence of legal guardian
- Works for "aunt" or "uncle"
- Excluded from family events (e.g., church, vacations, parties)
- Physically exhausted; works long hours
- Child is fearful of family he/she lives with
- Child is responsible for child care, elder care, or cleaning--often hidden as "chores"
- Does not have access to their personal identification documents (e.g., ID card, social security card, drivers license)
- Does not participate in normal age appropriate activities
- Working environment is the same as their living environment

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Information for Foster Parents

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Human-Trafficking-Training.aspx>

Foster Parents and Group Homes/Shelters have an important role in responding to Human Trafficking. The training videos will assist these providers in supporting youth and families when responding to human trafficking. The training is required for foster parents through [Nebraska Legislative Bill 225](#).

To receive credit as a Foster Parent or Group Home/Shelter provider, take the posttests after watching the training videos!

Reviewing this information will take about 1 hour of your time, but it could change a life!

To receive credit as a Foster Parent, take the posttest after watching the training videos:

1. Intro Video (6 minutes)

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Human-Trafficking-Training.aspx> or if having trouble you can access it at:
<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4470083/foster-youth-speaks-end-human-trafficking-foster-youth>

2. Watch the Training PowerPoint (39 minutes)

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Foster parents are important in keeping youth in foster care safe. This training will provide information about sex trafficking and labor trafficking, what the risk factors are, how to help prevent human trafficking and what resources are available to help.

3. Take and Submit the Foster Parent Post Test

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Human-Trafficking-Foster-Parent-Test.aspx>

Once the training has been completed:

1. Answer the posttest questions.
2. Be sure to include your first and last name and the 'home type', to receive credit for completing the mandatory training.

Submit the posttest form.

Screen shot or print off a copy when completed and bring to class.