

Human Trafficking and Indiana Youth: Identification and Collaborative Support of Victims and Survivors

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Quick Facts Sheet for Youth and School Workers

Human Trafficking is a crime under federal and Indiana law

Federal: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA, 2000)

See: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/what-human-trafficking/federal-law>

Indiana: IC 35-42-3.5

Human Trafficking is considered child abuse in Indiana

IC 31-34-1-5

***Note: Any minor engaged in commercial sexual conduct** (includes stripping, lap dancing, production of pornography, and sexual services in exchange for something—anything--of value) **is a victim of sex trafficking.**

Things to Remember

- If you suspect a youth is experiencing human trafficking, call the DCS Hotline at 1-800-800-5556. Utilize the term human trafficking when making a report for the youth to receive a screening.
- Everyone is a mandated reporter! If YOU suspect, YOU report!
- Do not hesitate to reach out to local agencies or coalitions for resources, training, and assistance.

Indiana State and Nationwide Resources:

Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans (IPATH): Contact Kate-
(kkimmer@indysb.org)

Family and Youth Services Bureau: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb>

Polaris Project: <http://www.polarisproject.org/>

National Safe Place: <http://nationalsafeplace.org/>

Shared Hope International: <http://sharedhope.org/>

Survivor Lead Resources:

G.E.M.S.: <http://www.gems-girls.org/>

Wichita State Center for Combatting Human Trafficking (CCHT):

<http://combatinghumantrafficking.org/>



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Human Trafficking Quick Indicator Tool for Youth and School Workers

Use the term **human trafficking** to call and report this youth to DCS **1-800-800-5556** immediately to receive a screening and assessment for human trafficking if

ANY 1 of these 3 quick indicators are present.

- Youth admits to: commercial sex/other sexual exploitation; &/or being advertised on Backpage.com, other Social Media, or escort sites
- Frequent runaway (4+ times for 24+ hours each time)
- Extended runaway (2+ weeks; whereabouts unknown; demonstrating ability to meet their own needs independently)

Human Trafficking Red Flags

- Adult other than parent speaking for youth and is controlling
- Dating older men OR Older male in company of youth but not related, identified as 'boyfriend,' 'uncle,' etc
- Attempts to make contact with youth by persons other than parents/family
- Fake ID OR Someone other than youth has control of their identification
- Isolated (forbidden to/unable to contact family/friends leave without supervision)
- Lack of knowledge of a given community or whereabouts
- Unpaid/underpaid/ and/or age-inappropriate working hours (long hours/late hours—including domestic work)
- Past or current homelessness
- Tattoos or signs of branding (names, nicknames, symbols)
- Signs of "grooming" (nails, hair, shoes, provocative clothing that the youth cannot afford)
- Excess cash/electronics/valuables that cannot be explained
- Possesses multiple hotel room keys and/or cell phones, marbles, tokens or poker chips
- Youth is hypervigilant, expressing unwarranted paranoia/fear
- Youth is submissive or fearful – not speaking for themselves
- Bruises &/or broken bones in various stages of healing
- Scars, mutilations or infections
- Signs of drug abuse or symptoms of drug withdrawal

Refer this youth to DCS if you notice 3 or more of any of these red flags, as this may be a sign that the youth is being trafficked.

Educator Specific Red Flags

- Changes in behaviors or school participation
- Truancy or sleeping in class
- Becomes withdrawn, belligerent, aggressive, or volatile in the classroom
- Marked change in academic performance
- Exhibits sexual behavior that is high risk or inappropriate for his/her age
- Knowledge of the commercial sex industry and using lingo that should otherwise be unknown to them





This wheel was adapted from the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project's Duluth Model Power and Control Wheel, available at www.theduluthmodel.org

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