

Human Trafficking of Children

Human trafficking is one of the most profitable crimes. It can and does happen anywhere – *even in Pennsylvania.*



It is often hidden within a community because traffickers use force, fraud, and threats to keep their victims silent. Human traffickers can be family members, business owners, neighbors, local officials, organized crime units, and even respected community members.

When children are trafficked, it is also considered child abuse under the PA Child Protective Services Law. In 2019 (the most recent data available), 34 substantiated cases of child trafficking occurred in Pennsylvania.

There are two primary types of trafficking:

- ▶ Labor trafficking happens when people are forced to work through the use of threat of serious harm, physical restraint, or abuse of legal process. Examples include being

forced to work for little or no pay; domestic servitude, such as child care, cooking, cleaning, etc.; and being forced to steal items, beg, or sell illegal drugs.

- ▶ Sex trafficking happens when people are forced to trade sex acts for something of value (such as money). Examples include prostitution, pornography, and sex tourism.

Warning Signs of Labor and Sex Trafficking of Children

The child:

- ▶ Is involved in the commercial sex industry or has a record of prior arrest for prostitution or related charges
- ▶ Has a very sexualized online profile
- ▶ Uses internet chat rooms or classified sites excessively

- ▶ Depicts elements of sexual exploitation in drawing, poetry, or other modes of creative expression
- ▶ Suffers frequent or multiple sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancies
- ▶ Lies about or is not aware of their true age
- ▶ Has no knowledge of personal data, such as but not limited to age, name, and/or date of birth
- ▶ Has no identification or identification is held by an unrelated adult
- ▶ Wears new clothes of any style or gets hair and/or nails done with no financial means
- ▶ Exhibits secrecy about whereabouts
- ▶ Has late nights or unusual hours
- ▶ Displays a tattoo that they are reluctant to explain
- ▶ Is in a controlling or dominating relationship
- ▶ Lacks control of own finances
- ▶ Exhibits hyper-vigilance or paranoid behaviors
- ▶ Expresses interest in or is in relationships with adults or much older men/women

Youth populations at risk for human trafficking include:

- ▶ Youth in the foster care system or who have a history of being involved in the welfare system
- ▶ Youth who are homeless or run away
- ▶ Youth who identify as LGBTQ+
- ▶ Youth who identify as Native or Aboriginal
- ▶ Youth with disabilities
- ▶ Youth with mental health or substance abuse disorders
- ▶ Youth with a history of sexual abuse
- ▶ Youth with family dysfunction

Want to Learn More?

Polaris operates the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline and provides education on both types of trafficking:
polarisproject.org

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children gives additional information on child sex trafficking:
www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking

Child Welfare Information Gateway has information from a nationwide child welfare perspective: www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/trafficking

The PA Office of Victim Services offers multiple resources for victims of human trafficking. Its human trafficking webpage can connect you to resources for legal, financial, and visa help:
pcv.pccd.pa.gov/HT/Pages/default.aspx

The PA Department of Human Services provides information from a PA state level (including annual report data):
www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov

Take a training on how to recognize and report all categories of child abuse in Pennsylvania, including child trafficking:
pafsa.org/mandated-reporter-training

If you suspect that a child is a victim of human trafficking,

report to ChildLine immediately by calling 800-932-0313 or (for mandated reporters) report online at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

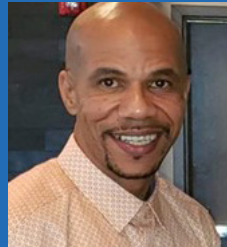


CBCAP Network: Special Thank You!

As we wrap up our fiscal year and look ahead to the next, we would like to thank all of our Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network agencies for the important and ongoing work they do each day. It is this work within each community that makes all the difference for children and families across Pennsylvania. PFSA is proud to host a network that creates positive impacts each and every day – **THANK YOU!**

✓ *Registration Now Open!* @ **PAFSA.ORG**

PA Child Abuse **PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM**



Corey
Best



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PFSA is excited to host its annual **PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium** on **September 22, 2021**. This will be a virtual event focused on providing expert-led presentations and breakout sessions on current topics and emerging trends within the field of child abuse prevention.

PFSA will host two keynote speakers during the virtual symposium.

First, PFSA welcomes keynote speaker **Corey Best**, who explores his view of partnering with parents, youth, and young adults and the adaptive value of investing in HOPE. Mr. Best's story is powerful, inspiring, and transformative.

PFSA also welcomes **Eliza Reock** as the event's second keynote speaker. Ms. Reock is the strategic advisor for child sex trafficking at the National Center for Missing and

Exploited Children (NCMEC). Ms. Reock will share insights and data on the growing issue of child sex trafficking, as well as new trends and responses from a national perspective. This presentation is sure to be educational and informative for all participants.

Finally, PFSA will host **four expert-led breakout sessions** that event participants can choose to attend throughout the afternoon. Topics include race, human trafficking and forensic interviewing, social media dangers, and online safety. To view the event agenda and presentation descriptions, visit our registration page!

Register now to get the early-bird pricing of \$115.

Additional details and instructions for accessing the virtual symposium will be forthcoming following registration.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Families in Recovery Train-The-Trainer

PFSA has scheduled two additional dates this calendar year for the Families in Recovery Train-the-Trainer (TTT) program. This research-based program is a great resource for parents, guardians, and caretakers recovering from substance use disorder. The program aims to teach healthy coping and parenting skills while balancing the needs of recovery.

Organizational trainers will be fully prepared to provide training after attending a two-day comprehensive session consisting of content, education, and application instruction of the curriculum. TTT contracts include ongoing technical assistance, program development, coaching webinars, and assistance with outcomes-driven data collection. TTT trainers come together with each other to share program implementation experience, ideas, and insights following initial training.

Cost: Please contact Justin Donofrio (jdonofrio@pa-fsa.org) for pricing.

Date: November 17 & 18, 2021 (*virtual*)

Time: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
(*half-hour lunch break*)

Register: You must pre-register for this virtual training by emailing Justin Donofrio, Program Services Manager, at jdonofrio@pa-fsa.org.



Mandated Reporter Training

PFSA has several options for you and your staff to receive training on how to recognize and report suspected child abuse. This training is for those mandated by law to report suspected child abuse, as defined in the Child Protective Services Law. Curriculum is approved by the Departments of Human Services, Education, and State and meets all requirements for mandated reporters to receive training in recognizing and reporting child abuse (including ACT 126).

Certificates are provided to the participants, and upon request, we will upload confirmation of your training to the Department of State or Education for CE fulfillments under ACT 31 and/or ACT 48.

New this year — this curriculum has also been approved for CLEs for attorneys!

LIVE IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL

Cost: Free

How to Register: Find and register for a virtual session here: <https://pafsa.org/mandated-reporter-training>

INDIVIDUAL ONLINE, ON-DEMAND

Cost: \$30

Take Anytime: <https://pafsa.org/on-demand-online-training>

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER (TTT)

This is an opportunity for organizations to develop their own quality, cost-efficient, in-house training program for employees on child abuse recognition and reporting. With the three-year contract, PFSA provides two days of initial instruction for approved applicants, reports CEs directly to PA Departments of State and Education, and offers ongoing technical assistance.

Cost: \$1,000 per trainer entering into a 3-year contract with PFSA (payment can be broken down by year — \$400/year 1, \$300/year 2, and \$300/year 3)

How to Register: You must pre-register for this training. Email Haven Evans at hevans@pa-fsa.org for the paperwork or to answer any questions.

Date: July 28 & 29, 2021 (Virtual)

Time: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. both days (including a half-hour lunch break)

Date: Sept 14 & 15, 2021 (Virtual)

Time: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. both days (including a half-hour lunch break)

Date: Nov 9 & 10, 2021 (Virtual)

Time: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. both days (including a half-hour lunch break)

#SupportPAKids

Support the cause, support PA kids! Consider giving a gift to PFSA to make a difference in the lives of PA kids and families. Your gift will advance the mission of PFSA to provide education, support, and training to make Pennsylvania safe for children. All donations help PFSA continue the successful delivery of training, development of educational materials, and ongoing support for community-based agencies. Visit pafsa.org to learn more about our services and to donate.

