

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY



Secretary /s/ Christina K. Daly

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Subject: Human Trafficking

Section: FDJJ - 1925

Originating Office: Office of the Secretary

Authority: Section 39.201(1)(a), 39.201(1)(b), Florida Statutes

Related References: FDJJ 1520- Employee Training
FS 985.115- Release or Delivery from Custody
Interoffice Memorandum: HTST Training Requirements and Acknowledgement Form

Purpose: This policy outlines the Department of Juvenile Justice's commitment to identify human trafficking victims within the care of the Department, refer them to appropriate community or Department service providers, and report any disclosure of human trafficking incidents to the Florida Abuse Hotline.

Offices Affected by the Policy: All programs within the Department of Juvenile Justice, including contracted programs.

POLICY STATEMENT:

- The Department of Juvenile Justice is committed to assessing the needs of youth brought into the Department's care, including assessing for possible involvement in human trafficking.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) shall improve the delinquency system's identification of human trafficking victims by screening for indicators of human trafficking victimization during the intake process at Juvenile Assessment Centers (JAC) and/or intake facilities.
- The Department shall ensure possible or confirmed victims of labor and/or sex trafficking are provided appropriate referrals to local community providers with experience working with youth victims of human trafficking when available or, for youth being detained, the most appropriate provider available. These referrals shall be made upon identification of a youth as a possible or confirmed trafficking victim and in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) when appropriate.

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- The Department will provide, encourage, and promote education and training programs for all Department employees and contracted staff for the purpose of identifying and/or serving youth who are victims of human trafficking.

PROCEDURES/MANUALS:

Procedures for this policy are accessible at the Department Policies internet page.