January is #HumanTrafficking Awareness Month. The Institute is collaborating with its affiliates, the Florida Department of Children and Families, and other stakeholders to help better identify and work with survivors.

If you suspect a child is a victim, please call the Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE

**FACTS & FIGURES**

**Florida Ranks 3rd** in the U.S. for human trafficking prevalence.¹

Between 2011 and 2015, there were 4,413 TRAFFICKING ALLEGATIONS investigated in Florida, which were coded as SEX (58.3%), LABOR (5.7%), or UNSPECIFIED TRAFFICKING (40.5%).²

The FLORIDA ABUSE HOTLINE received 2,198 initial or subsequent reports of HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALLEGATIONS in SFY 2018-2019, approximately 1/4 of which were deemed verified as trafficking.³

To better meet the needs of these vulnerable youth, the Florida Legislature enacted the SAFE HARBOR ACT OF 2012 (F.S. STAT. § 409.1678), which encourages Departmental circuits to better address the needs of sexually exploited youth, including expansion efforts for short-term safe housing availability and use.⁴

**Florida Institute for Child Welfare Affiliates**

We have several affiliates who do human trafficking-related work. Learn more about their work in our affiliate directory: ficw.fsu.edu/affiliates

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**INSTITUTE SPOTLIGHT**

The Institute and affiliate CHRIS DROEBER  
University of South Florida College of Behavioral and Community Sciences have partnered with Voices for Florida to host a webinar:

**MULTI-LEVEL INTERVENTION FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF FLORIDA YOUTH.**

This webinar aims to educate viewers on youth trafficking in Florida by applying a multi-level (i.e., macro, mezzo, micro) lens; provide an avenue for connecting researchers, educators, and practitioners with human trafficking experts in Florida; and offer a media tool for educators to use in the classroom that exemplifies the multi-level complexity and collaboration regarding a pressing child welfare-related problem.

We will host this free, live webinar on JANUARY 28, 2020 and CEUs will be provided. More details to come! 

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² Unspecified trafficking type was coded as such because, prior to 2013, DCF used one allegation type, which did not differentiate sex and labor trafficking.


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