

Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force – Subcommittee on Education & Awareness

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The members of the subcommittee on Education and Awareness have met three times, on March 12, April 9, and April 30, to review and discuss recommendations on how to improve education and awareness on the issue of human trafficking in Illinois. The subcommittee was chaired by Char Rivette, Executive Director of Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, and chair of the Illinois Children's Justice Task Force. The members consisted of experts around the state who provide services to victims of human trafficking, who advocate legally and socially on behalf of victims, and who engage in education and awareness activities for trafficking as well as sexual assault and child abuse. A full list of the members is attached.

The Subcommittee respectfully submits the following recommendations:

- 1) **Create the Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force** with seed money for at least three years. Currently, the Legal Aid Society at Metropolitan Family Services, has taken on this role in a non-official capacity. Since they have already initiated said taskforce, although unfunded and without state authority, it is recommended that they be given the authority to act officially in this capacity. We recommend that funding and oversight of the task force be allocated to the Attorney General's Office and should have some authority and responsibility to inform the Governor and general assembly of the activities of the state. They should form a connective body with all the local task forces in the state. The Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force shall also have the responsibility of organizing and implementing the education and awareness activities and strategies outlined in this document. They will also have the responsibility for creating an informative website with all the local task force information, information on relevant and accurate resources, and information on organizations that provide education, awareness, and services regarding human trafficking. The Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force shall also be the conduit to other states' initiatives as well as federal initiatives, and will drive policy statewide.
 - 1a) Compose list of relevant and accurate local and national sites for data and resources, and keep this list current on a searchable website. Attached is a list composed by the Subcommittee.
 - 1b) Coordinate the work of local task forces within the state, ensuring consistency, providing technical assistance, and identifying gaps and redundancies. Attached is a list of the locally-run human trafficking task forces composed by Subcommittee.
 - 1c) Track and keep current a list of existing organizations that conduct education and/or awareness about human trafficking, with information about catchment area, capacity and audiences. Attached is a table created by the Subcommittee Members.
 - 1d) Create standards for organizations who provide education, awareness, and services to victims of human trafficking.
 - 1e) Work within the guidelines outlined by Polaris (<https://polarisproject.org/>) which is a nationally recognized collective of knowledge and best practice in the field of human trafficking.
 - 1f) Create the education and training materials (as indicated below), using members of the short-term task force as advisors.

2) **Focus education and training efforts on potential interveners and industries rather than generalized awareness.** Education and training should be focused and include information on a) the fact that human trafficking exists in their industry and what constitutes human trafficking ; b) ways to recognize if it's happening; and c) what to do if they suspect a person is being trafficked. Education should include various modalities such as a webinar, a website to access, and printed materials. A hotline number should be created/provided in all materials. Materials should be posted in various locations where potential victims and interveners would have access.

3) **Create education initiatives geared specifically toward potential interveners:**

3a) According to various studies and reports, top venues and industries in which trafficking victims are most commonly exploited include domestic work, agriculture, retail/small business, hospitality, massage parlors and spas, begging, escort services, and via online ads. The Polaris Project compiled a report on the 25 types of human trafficking, which is included as appendix. Therefore the subcommittee recommends focusing on education and awareness in these industries. 3b) Additionally, the Subcommittee identified that individuals who are most vulnerable are undocumented immigrant populations, youth in care or otherwise involved with DCFS, individuals with histories of sexual abuse, and other marginalized individuals. The following interveners were identified as being prioritized for focusing education initiatives: law enforcement, school personnel, health-care providers, child welfare staff, child care providers, residential staff, foster parents, and all those classified as mandated reporters under ANCRA.

3c) The Subcommittee identified other potential interveners who interact frequently with industries within which human trafficking occurs. Examples include plumbers, electricians, food and alcohol distributors, inspectors, licensing bodies, OSHA, and Department of Labor.

3d) Education on human trafficking should be added to existing required training curriculums wherever possible and relevant for mandated reporters and law enforcement, mental health professionals, teachers, medical professionals, and others working with vulnerable youth and adult populations. This includes inclusion of this topic in foundation training for DCFS workers, child welfare workers, and PRIDE training.

3e) Education materials should be created and offered in a webinar and printed materials.

4) **Enact Legislative Changes to Increase Education and Awareness of Human Trafficking.**

4a) Review any and all current legislation which requires education and training on reporting, responding to, or intervening with, sex crimes, child abuse, or sexual health and make amendments to include sex and/or labor trafficking as relevant (eg. Erin's law, mandated reporter training, etc.)

4b) Create legislation that state business licensure requirements include the creation of codes of conduct, policy and awareness training on labor and sex trafficking. This would include posting awareness materials, and creating policy on identification and reporting trafficking.

4c) Require awareness training for state health inspectors, OSHA, Department of Labor, licensing inspectors, and other relevant government regulators, on signs of human trafficking in the relevant industries (restaurants, hotels, construction, and agriculture) and how to respond if they suspect trafficking.

4d) Require residential facilities to participate in education and awareness of human trafficking as a requirement for licensure.

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Illicit Massage, Health, & Beauty
Outdoor Solicitation
Residential
Domestic Work
Bars, Strip Clubs, & Cantinas
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Traveling Sales Crews
Restaurants & Food Service
Peddling & Begging
Agriculture & Animal Husbandry
Personal Sexual Servitude
Health & Beauty Services
Construction
Hotels & Hospitality
Landscaping
Illicit Activities
Arts & Entertainment
Commercial Cleaning Services
Factories & Manufacturing
Remote Interactive Sexual Acts
Carnivals
Forestry & Logging
Health Care
Recreational Facilities