

Recommendations from the 2024 Kentucky Statewide Human Trafficking Data Report

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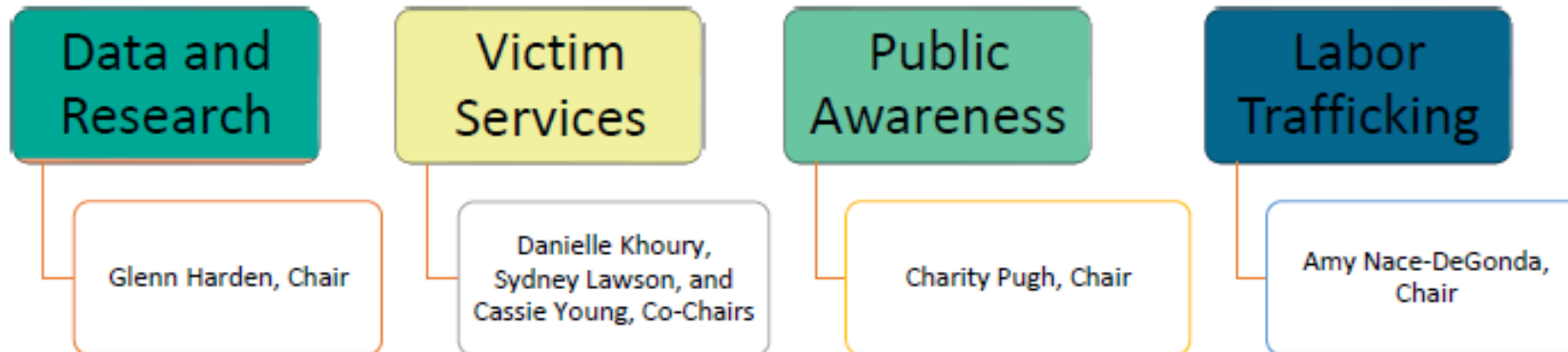
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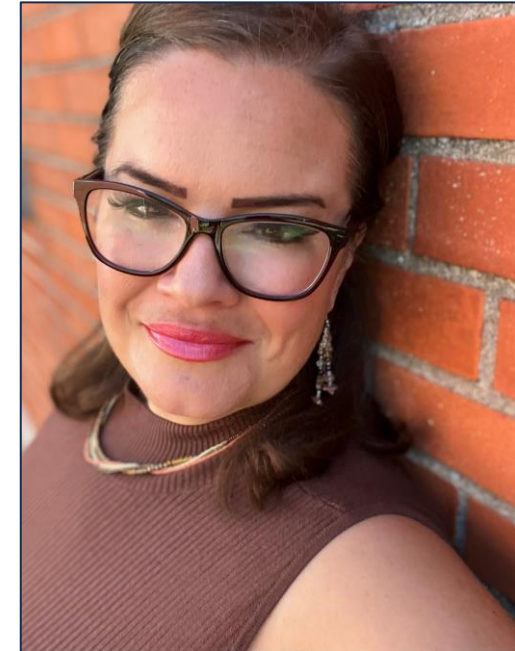
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Human Trafficking is a Public Health Issue

- Effects
 - On individuals and families
 - On society
- Causes
 - Individual factors
 - Environmental & social factors



Data Report Content

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A Comprehensive Report of Existing Multi-Disciplinary Data



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Report Recommendations

Building Capacity to Improve Prevention and Response to Human Trafficking in Kentucky Communities

Report Recommendations



- Increase institutional capacity through funded positions
- Increase community resilience through policy change
- Increase data collection, transparency, and reporting in anti-trafficking efforts
- Focus proactive law enforcement efforts on identified victims
- Prioritize survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive human trafficking training



- Increase and improve efforts to address labor trafficking
- Improve standards of care among service providers
- Support data-driven outreach and awareness efforts
- Increase efforts to address familial trafficking
- Prioritize language access in anti-trafficking efforts

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Regional and National Work

Kentucky's Participation in Anti-Trafficking Efforts with other States

Multi-State and National Activities



Collaborative Meetings

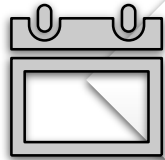


Capacity-Building Efforts



National Project Participation

ACF HHS Region 4 Human Trafficking Advisory Group



Began in 2016



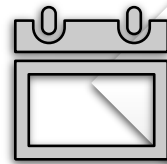
KY, NC, SC, TN, FL, GA, AL, MS



Historic and Future Work



National Human Trafficking Compendium



Began in 2017



State-level organizations



Quarterly Meetings

Child Welfare Collaborative



Limited to Child Welfare



25+ member organizations



Bimonthly Meetings

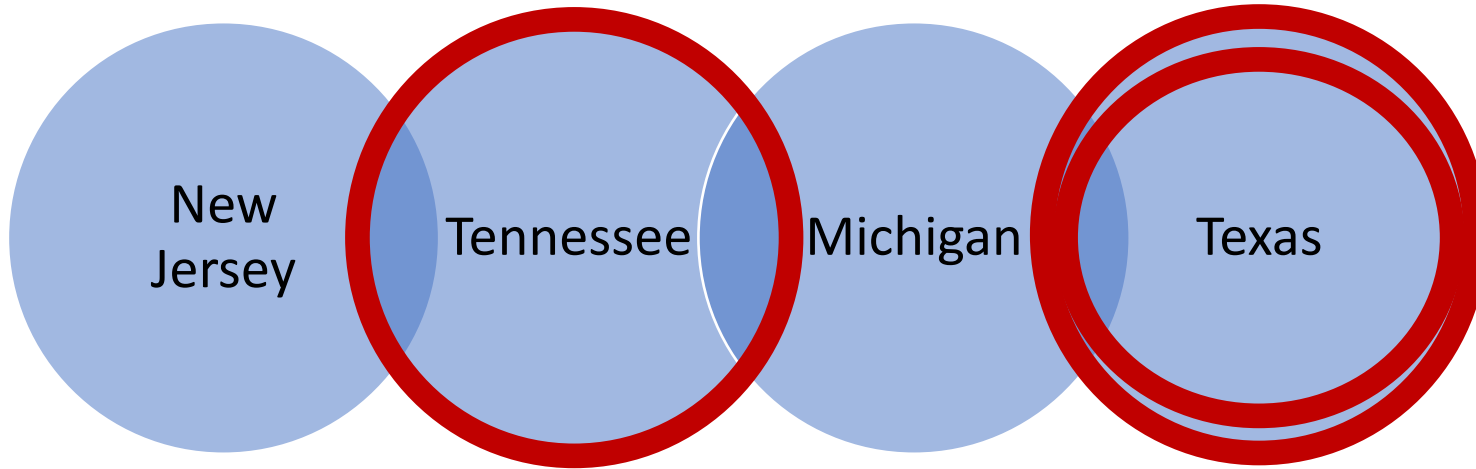
Guiding Principles for Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking

Guiding Principles



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National Standards of Care for Anti Trafficking Service Providers

Voices of Freedom:

An Oral History Reflecting on 20 Years of Responding to Human Trafficking

ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Office on Trafficking in Persons

*Story
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NATIVE AMERICANS

Best Practices and Recommendations to States

A report by the National
Advisory Committee on the
Sex Trafficking of Children &
Youth in the United States

“This National Advisory
Committee Report is
aspirational, providing
meaningful guidance that
will raise the bar in how we
address the sex trafficking
of children & youth in the
United States.”



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2024 National Labor Trafficking Conference

October 16-17, 2024 (fully virtual)

<https://thecoterieonline.com/laborconference>



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New Frameworks
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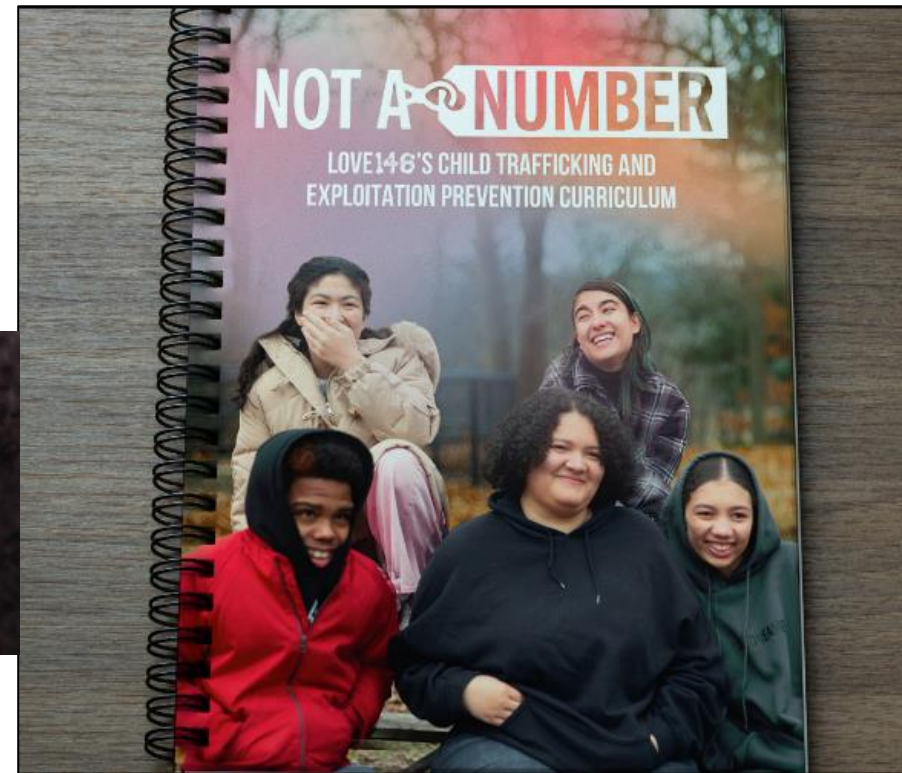
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Prevention Education

LOVE146
END CHILD TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION

NOT A NUMBER

Not a Number is Love146's child trafficking and exploitation prevention curriculum.



Kentucky Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking: Project Overview

System of Care

- Coordinated Approach
- Collaboration
- Appropriate Services
- Data Collection

Identification

- Standards of Practice
- Development of Screening Tool
- Training



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Report Data

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25 Typologies of Human Trafficking

In 2017, Polaris analyzed data collected from the National Human Trafficking Hotline and released a report of the 25 primary types of human trafficking that exist in the US. Each type has a unique business model, trafficker & victim profile, recruitment strategies and control mechanisms that facilitate that particular type of trafficking.

From sex trafficking within escort services to labor trafficking of farmworkers, the ways humans are exploited differ greatly. Each type has unique strategies for recruiting and controlling victims, and concealing the crime.

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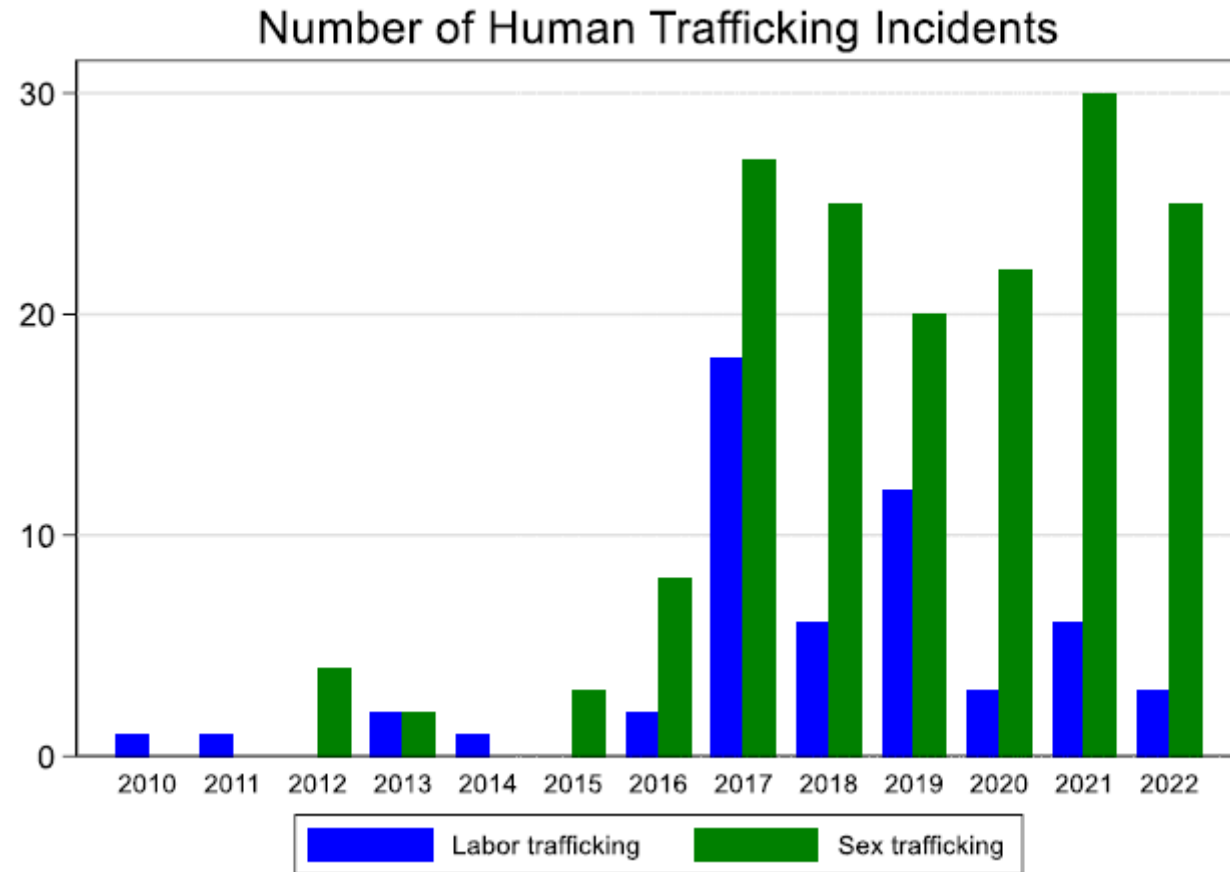
Escort Services • Illicit Massage, Health, & Beauty
Outdoor Solicitation • Residential Sex Trafficking • Domestic Work
Bars, Strip Clubs, & Cantinas • Pornography • Traveling Sales Crews
• Restaurant & Food Service • Peddling & Begging Agriculture &
Animal Husbandry • Personal Sexual Servitude
Health & 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

KY Human Trafficking Data: INVESTIGATIONS

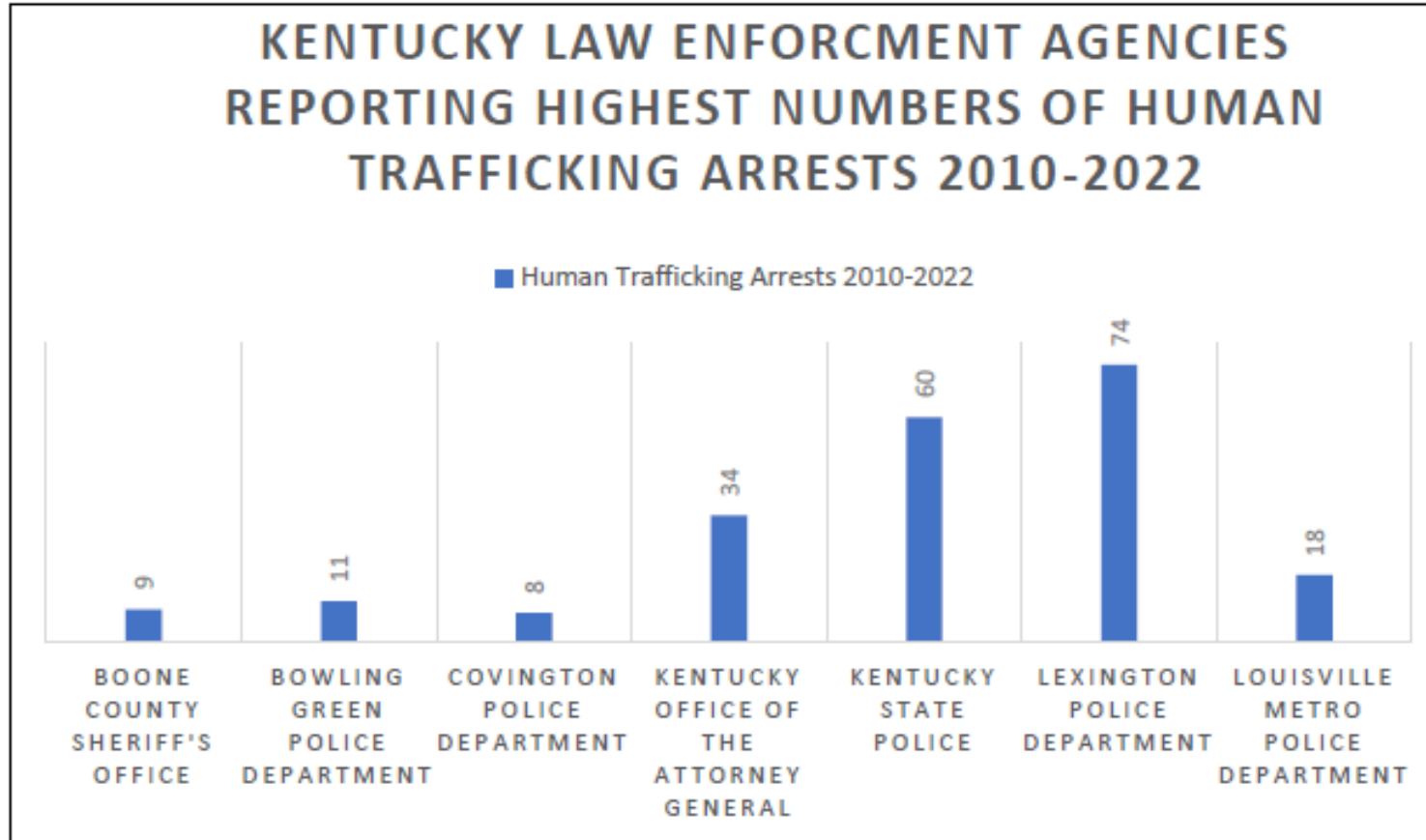
Uniform Crime Report

KRS	Code	Description	Level	Class
529.100	40100	Human Trafficking	Felony	C
529.100	40101	Human Trafficking (serious physical injury)	Felony	B
529.100	40102	Human Trafficking (victim u/18 YOA)	Felony	B
529.100	40083	Human Trafficking- Forced Labor	Felony	C
529.100	40091	Human Trafficking- Commercial Sex Activity	Felony	C
529.110	40104	Promoting Human Trafficking	Felony	D
529.110	40105	Promoting Human Trafficking (victim u/18 YOA)	Felony	C
620.030	02819	Failure to report victim of human trafficking (first offense)	<u>Misdem.</u>	B

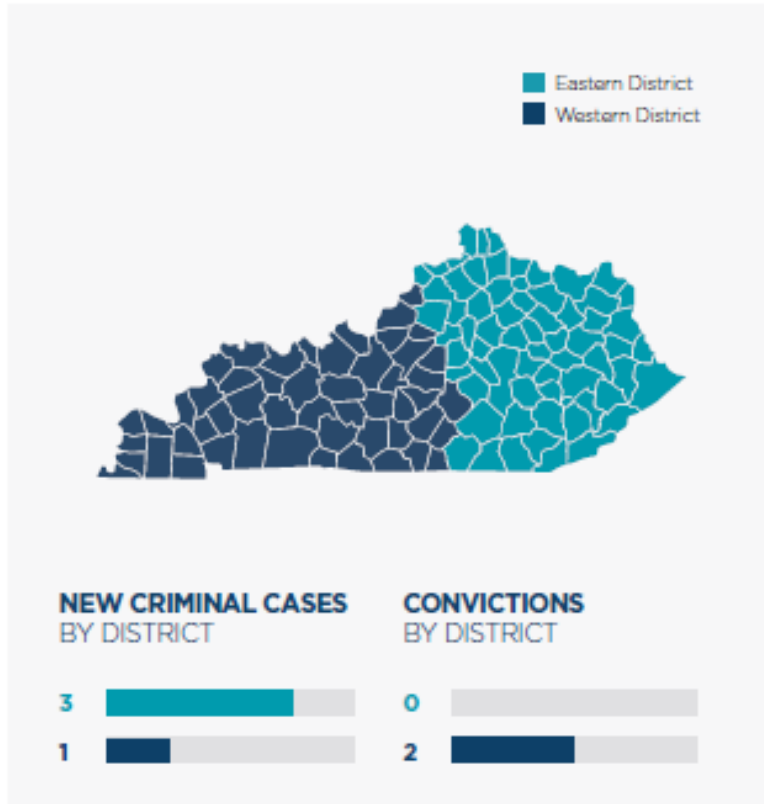
KY Human Trafficking Data: INVESTIGATIONS



KY Human Trafficking Data: INVESTIGATIONS



KY Human Trafficking Data: PROSECUTIONS



NEW CRIMINAL CASES:

Federal prosecutors in Kentucky charged **4 new criminal human trafficking cases** in 2019, ranking it 9th in the nation for number of new cases.

National new criminal cases: 145

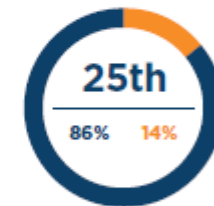
Sex Trafficking Forced Labor



ACTIVE CRIMINAL CASES:

Federal courts in Kentucky handled **7 active criminal human trafficking cases** in 2019, ranking it 25th in the nation for number of active cases.

National active criminal cases: 606



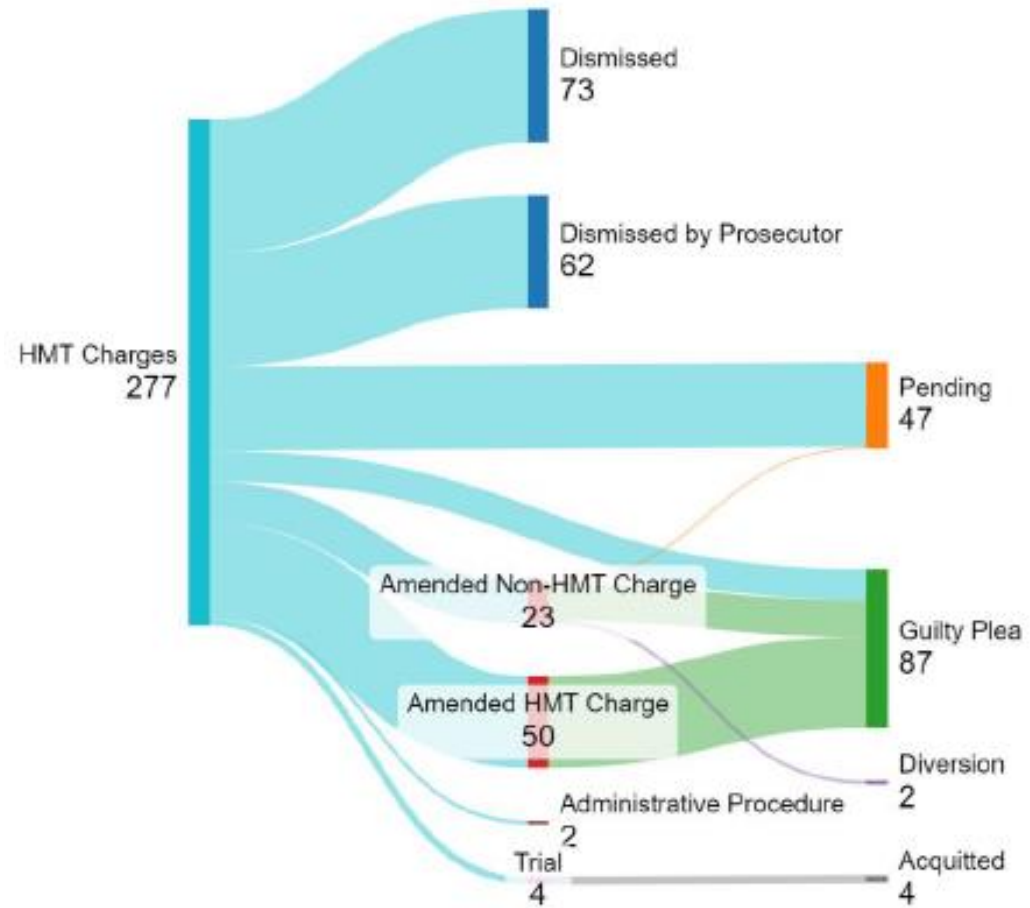
CONVICTIONS:

Federal courts in Kentucky convicted **2 defendants in human trafficking cases** in 2019, ranking it 35th in the nation for number of defendants convicted.

National convictions: 339

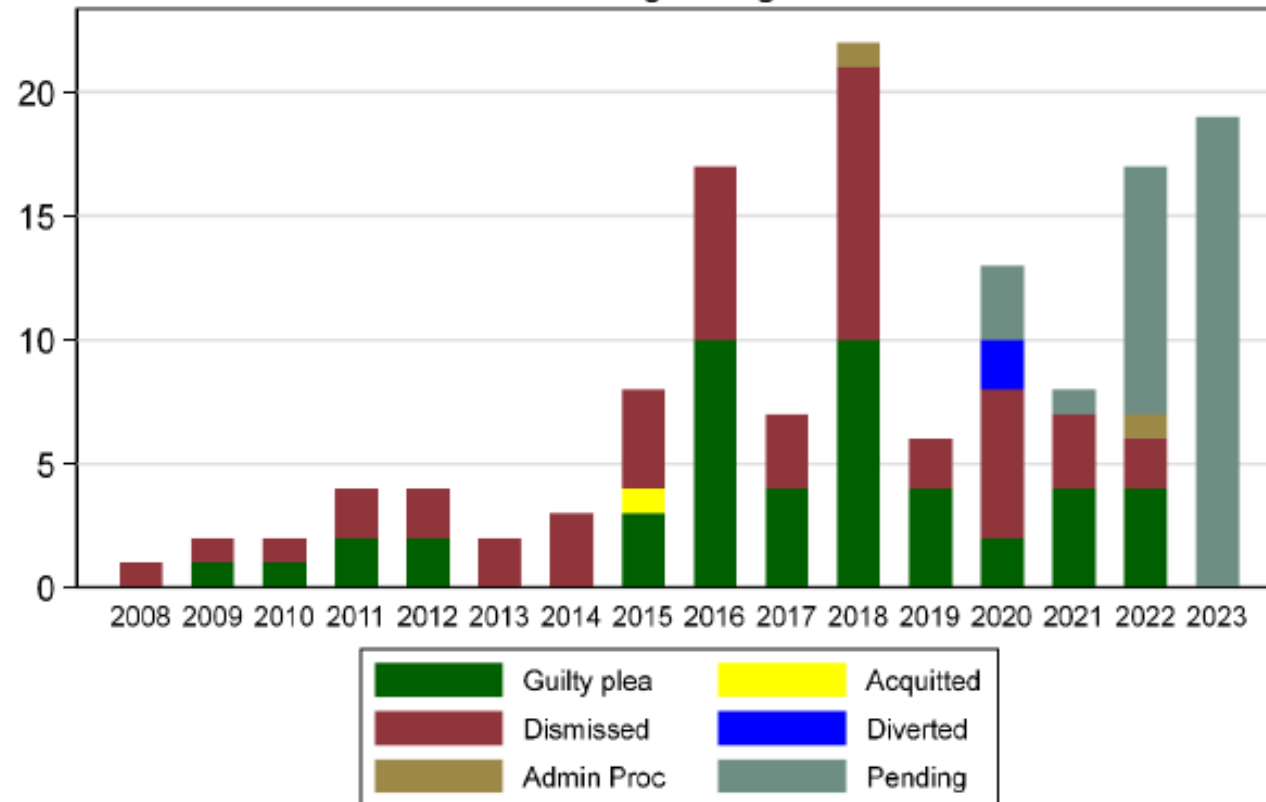


KY Human Trafficking Data: PROSECUTIONS



KY Human Trafficking Data: PROSECUTIONS

Case Outcomes by Year Initiated
with Human Trafficking Charges in Circuit Court



KY Human Trafficking Data: CIVIL CASES

Case Name	Date Filed	Case Type	Jurisdiction	Status	Notes
<i>Cruz v. Toliver et al.</i>	12/3/2004	Domestic Servitude	Western District of KY	Judgement for plaintiff granted in the amount of \$68,318; affirmed on appeal 11/2/07.	
<i>Sanchez v. Williams</i>	4/2/2010	Forced Labor (agriculture-tobacco)	Eastern District of KY	Settled 5/20/2011; case dismissed with prejudice.	Plaintiff had H-2A visa
<i>Riggs v. Hull</i>	12/24/2013	Sex (pled as forced labor)	Western District of KY	Judgement for plaintiff granted in the amount of \$8,023 (\$1,450 in damages and \$6,573 in attorney's fees).	Corporate defendant
<i>Chigangu v. Ndusha</i>	2/24/2014	Domestic Servitude	Eastern District of KY	Settled 3/14/2016; defendant agreed to pay \$69,000 to plaintiff; case dismissed without prejudice.	
<i>Cruz-Cruz et al. v. McKenzie Farms et al.</i>	5/28/2015	Forced Labor (agriculture-tobacco)	Eastern District of KY	Settled 9/5/2017.	8 Plaintiffs with H-2A visas
<i>Guitierrez-Morales v. Planck</i>	5/28/2015	Forced Labor (agriculture-tobacco)	Eastern District of KY	Settled 3/7/17; defendant agreed to pay \$10,800 to plaintiffs (split among plaintiffs) plus legal fees; case dismissed with prejudice.	9 Plaintiffs with H-2A visas
<i>Bernal et al. v. Coleman et al.</i>	7/12/2018	Forced Labor (agriculture-tobacco)	Western District of KY	Settled 9/4/19; case dismissed without prejudice.	2 Plaintiffs with H-2A visas

KY Human Trafficking Data: CIVIL CASES

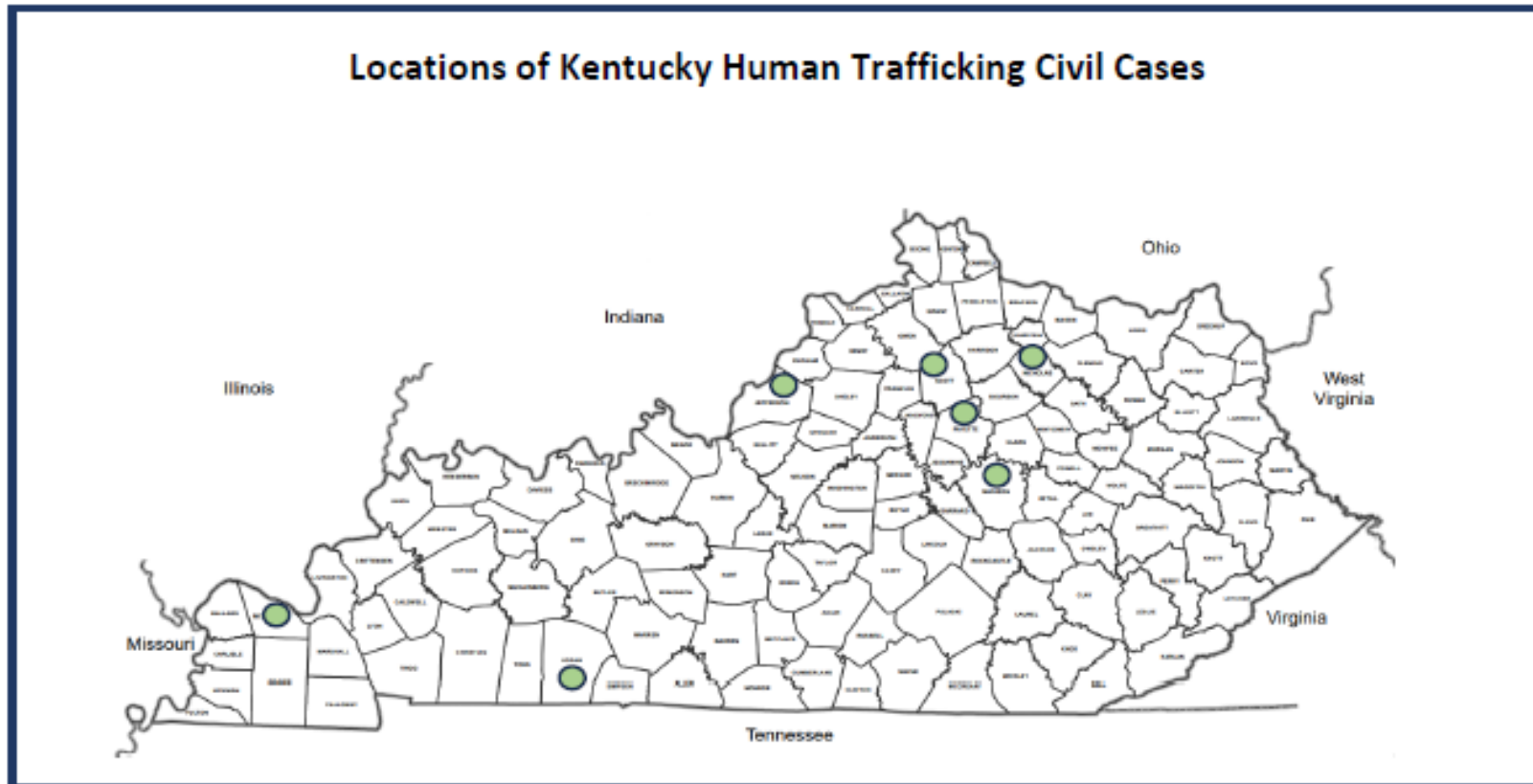
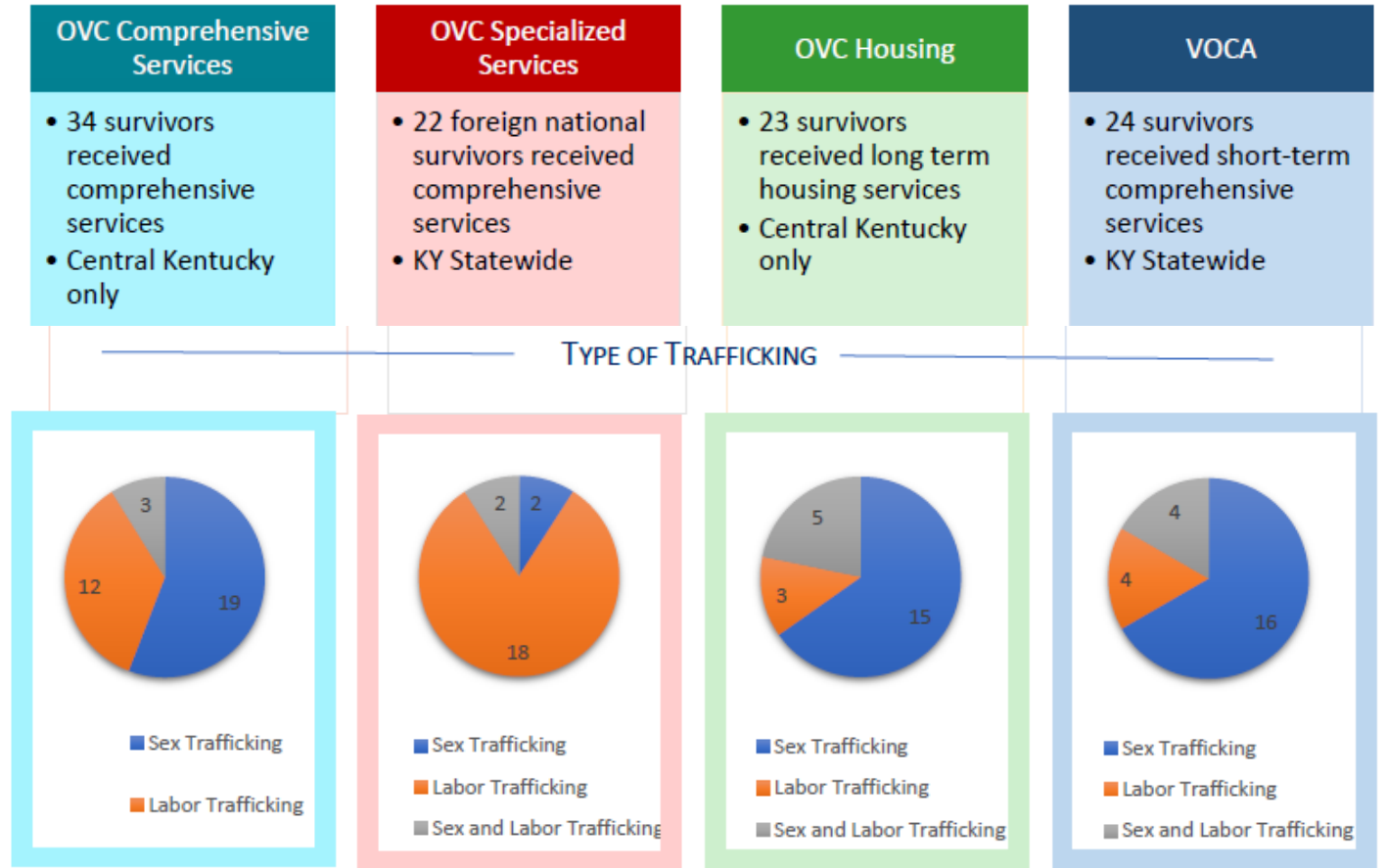


Image Source: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Kentucky Counties Map, 2023 (case locations added for this report)

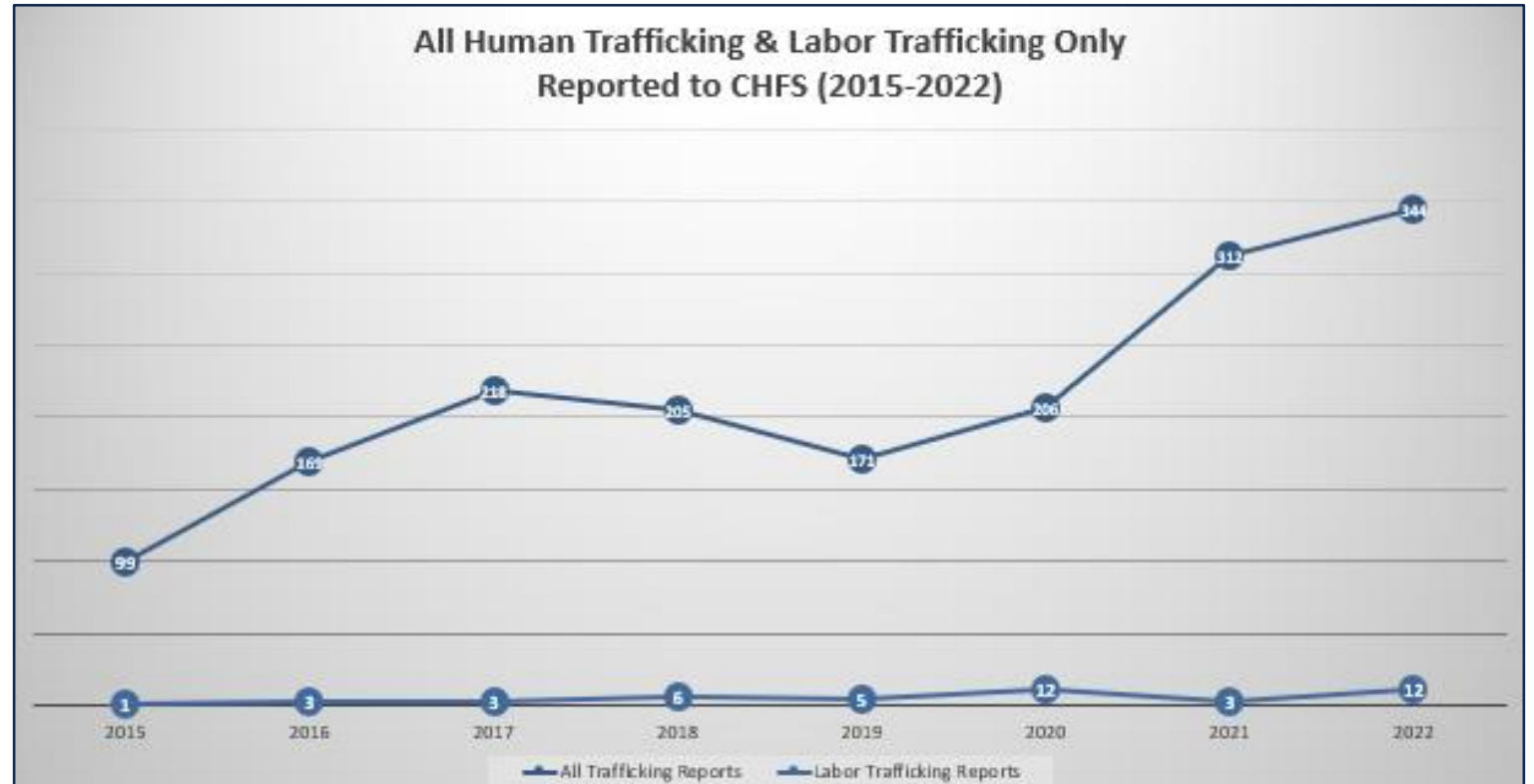
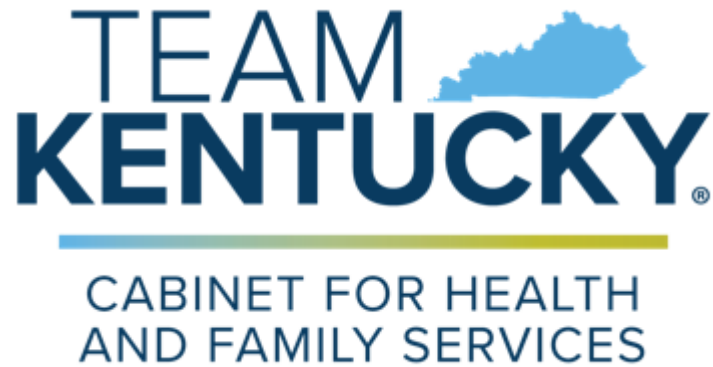
KY Human Trafficking Data: SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Data Source	Type of Data	2021	2022
Catholic Charities of Louisville ²⁰	Statewide Human Trafficking Specialized Services Data	85 survivors served (37-sex, 38-labor, 10-both) **40 foreign national survivors**	
Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services ²¹	Statewide Child Welfare Data	312 reports <i>3-labor</i>	344 reports <i>12-labor</i>
The Well of Lexington ²²	Lexington area Residential Specialized Services Data for Female-Identifying Survivors of Sex Trafficking	4 survivors served through residential housing services	9 survivors served through residential housing services
Refuge for Women ²³	Data for Residential Services to Women who Experienced Sexual Exploitation or Sex Trafficking	73- emergency housing; 7- long term and transitional housing	37- emergency housing; 16- long term and transitional housing
Natalie's Sisters ²⁴	Data for Drop-In Center Services to Women who Experienced Sexual Exploitation or Sex Trafficking	400+	500+
Safe Passage ²⁵	Mentorship and Support Services for Minors	17 youth	14 youth

KY Human Trafficking Data: SPECIALIZED SERVICES



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Source: 2015-2022 CHFS Child Trafficking in Kentucky Report to the Legislature, November 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022

KY Human Trafficking Data: SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Labor Trafficking Incidents Reported in Kentucky



Total Labor Trafficking Incidents Reported to CHFS = 45
(3% of all reports)

KY Human Trafficking Data: HIGH RISK POPULATIONS

H2A Visa Program and Workers

Youth Experiencing Homelessness & Youth Absent From Care

KY Human Trafficking Data: TRAINING

Kentucky Human Trafficking Training Data 2021-2022				
Organization	Training Topics	Number of Professionals Trained		TOTALS
		2021	2022	
Catholic Charities of Louisville	HT 101	78	506	584
	HT 201	170	100	270
	Guiding Principles for Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	253	168	421
	Survivor Engagement	232	38	270
	Labor Trafficking	30	100	130
	Data-Driven Outreach	0	32	32
	HT Screening and Identification Among Foreign Nationals in the United States and Specialized Services	122	496	618
	HT 101 Train the Trainer	0	5	5
	Labor Trafficking in the Seafood Industry	0	30	30
	Housing Services and Labor Trafficking	0	17	17
	HT Services: Housing Needs and Challenges	0	61	61
	Training Subtotal:			2,438

KY Human Trafficking Data: TRAINING

Kentucky Human Trafficking Training Data 2021-2022				
Organization	Training Topics	Number of Professionals Trained		TOTALS
KY Department of Community-Based Services	HT 101	0	2,681	2,681
	HT Screening and Identification	0	1,002	1,002
	Training Subtotal:			3,683
PATH	HT101	138	511	649
Multi-Disciplinary Training: KY Office of the Attorney General, Fayette County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, and Catholic Charities of Louisville	Case Study: Restaurant-based Labor Trafficking Investigation and Prosecution	31	0	31
Multi-Disciplinary Training: Louisville Metro Office for Women, La Casita Center, Louisville Metro Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods, Catholic Charities of Louisville, and Metro United Way	Human Trafficking Overview, Labor Trafficking Deeper Dive, Identification and Screening, Impacted Populations, Resources, Trauma-Informed Care, Guiding Principles for Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking, Survivor Engagement	0	55	55
TOTAL TRAINED:				6,856

KY Human Trafficking Data: AWARENESS



Image Source: Kentucky Office of the Attorney



Image Source: University of Kentucky, 2023

KY Human Trafficking Data: KY DERBY



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Kentucky Derby Media Coverage Excerpts

REUTERS

Corrected: Kentucky Derby a magnet for human trafficking, officials warn

By Dan Whitcomb
APR 23, 2017 4:46 PM EDT | UPDATED 5:00 PM EDT

WASHINGTON — Human traffickers are likely to prey on vulnerable young women and children at this year's Kentucky Derby, state and local officials warned on Monday, urging spectators to be alert to people with suspicious behavior or suspicious marks.

The Derby, the most prominent race in the United States, takes place this year on May 5 and is expected to draw more than 100,000 people to Louisville, Kentucky. Law enforcement officials said anti-human trafficking awareness has become a concern for the state's major sporting events, the same serious case. Multiple state and federal agencies are working to protect and support victims, sometimes even at the track.

Advocates warn about human trafficking during Derby season

By Olivia Rosoff
Published: Apr. 27, 2017 at 6:07 PM EDT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — There are some groups warning that the Kentucky Derby does not only bring race fans and money to the Bluegrass State, but also human trafficking.

Kentucky Derby season draws warnings of human trafficking

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS | The Associated Press
PUBLISHED: April 26, 2017 at 3:42 p.m. | UPDATED: April 26, 2017 at 4:09 p.m.

NEWS

Human trafficking is 'dark side' of Kentucky Derby season, group says

By Emma Austin
Courier-Journal
Published: April 27, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

APR 18 2017

Derby traffic

LOUISVILLE'S PREMIER EVENT PUTS POLICE AND ADVOCATES ON ALERT FOR HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING

By APRIL MARSHALL

AG urges Kentucky Derby-goers to be proactive in fight against sex trafficking

AG: Large sporting events see spike in human trafficking

Kentucky Derby Triggers Spike in Human Trafficking

By APRIL MARSHALL | NASHVILLE NEWS

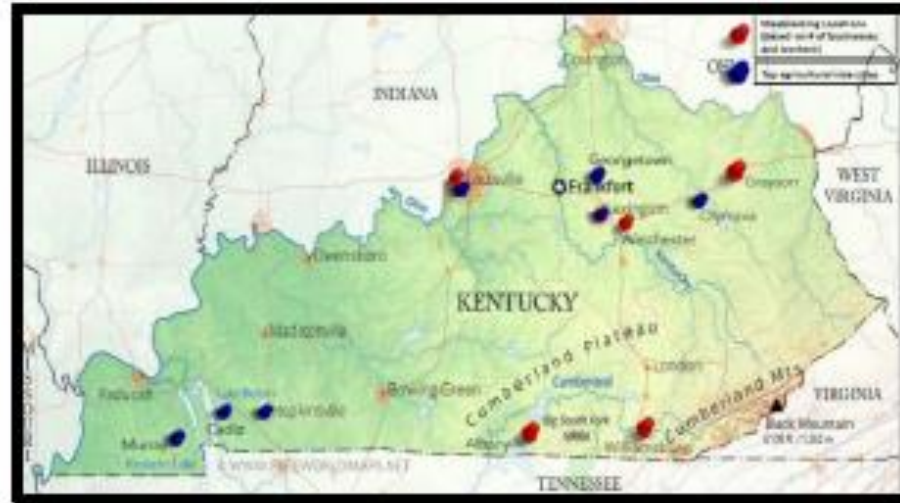
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Agriculture



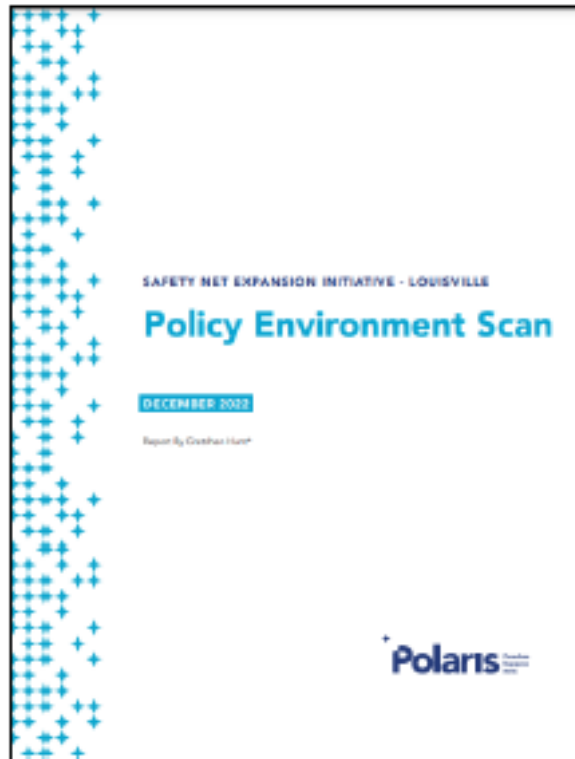
Meatpacking



Poultry



KY Human Trafficking Data: PREVENTION



Policy Recommendations:

- (1) Expungement of juvenile records
- (2) Increase supply of housing
- (3) Create more shelters or supportive housing
- (4) Support changes to the zoning code
- (5) Support new rental policies
- (6) Care after exiting foster care or juvenile justice
- (7) Youth housing ordinances

Communications Recommendations:

- (1) Education for decision-makers and service providers
- (2) Dispel misinformation
- (3) Educate landlords
- (4) Translation services
- (5) Involving cultural and language experts

KY Human Trafficking Data: PREVENTION

Prevention Education Data

Agency	Geographic Area	Youth Reached in 2021	Youth Reached in 2022	Totals
Catholic Charities of Louisville	Kentucky Statewide	121	62	183
Gate of Hope	Louisville Metro	0	44	44
Safe Passage, Link	Kentucky Statewide	800	691	1,491
			TOTAL:	1,718

KY Human Trafficking Data: PREVENTION

