

15.114 Human trafficking -- Establishment of working group by the Office of the Attorney General -- Duties.

- (1) The Office of the Attorney General may establish a working group to address all aspects of human trafficking, including commercial sexual activity and forced labor or services.
- (2) If established, the working group shall be chaired by the Attorney General or his or her designee and may be composed of representatives from the following organizations:
 - (a) A Commonwealth's attorney or his or her designee appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (b) A county attorney or his or her designee appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (c) A United States Attorney or his or her designee from either federal district in Kentucky appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (d) The commissioner of the Department for Community Based Services or his or her designee;
 - (e) The commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice or his or her designee;
 - (f) The commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his or her designee;
 - (g) The commissioner of the Department of Criminal Justice Training or his or her designee;
 - (h) The commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police or his or her designee;
 - (i) A representative from the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (j) A representative from the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (k) A representative from a federal law enforcement agency that operates within the Commonwealth appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (l) The executive director of the Administrative Office of the Courts or his or her designee;
 - (m) Two (2) victim advocates, employed by a Commonwealth's attorney, county attorney, or law enforcement agency, appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (n) The following nongovernmental service providers who regularly provide services or advocacy to human trafficking victims, all appointed by the Attorney General:
 1. A community-based victim advocate;
 2. A community service provider;
 3. A health care professional;
 4. A mental health care professional; and
 5. A juvenile runaway or homeless shelter provider;
 - (o) The executive director of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky or his

or her designee;

- (p) A victim of sex trafficking appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (q) A victim of labor trafficking appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (r) A representative from the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence appointed by the Attorney General;
 - (s) A representative from the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs appointed by the Attorney General; and
 - (t) A college or university professor specializing in human trafficking appointed by the Attorney General.
- (3) Any working group created by the Attorney General shall meet at the call of the chair and make recommendations regarding:
- (a) Identification of human trafficking victims;
 - (b) Delivery of comprehensive services;
 - (c) Identification, investigation, and successful prosecution of offenders;
 - (d) Training criminal justice system professionals on trauma-informed practices;
 - (e) Collection of data to assess barriers to assisting victims of human trafficking;
 - (f) Facilitating collaborative decision making, coordinated planning, and cooperative implementation among agencies and relevant partners;
 - (g) Supporting the fair, efficient, and effective operation of the criminal justice system to improve public safety and homeland security while respecting the privacy of citizens;
 - (h) Allowing agencies to share appropriate information securely and efficiently; and
 - (i) Identifying gaps in the ability of the Commonwealth to adequately respond to human trafficking.

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