
Human Trafficking and the Child Welfare Population in Florida

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 | 2 pm to 3 pm ET

The [Center for Victim Research](#) invites you to attend our upcoming webinar, "Human Trafficking and the Child Welfare Population in Florida" on **Tuesday, March 26, 2019** from **2 to 3 pm ET**.

Trafficking victimization is under-identified, and research about children who are victims is needed to inform policy and practice. Research is particularly needed for those working in child welfare, since federal law imposes mandates on that system in preventing, identifying, and responding to human trafficking involving children and youth.

Florida's Department of Children and Families (DCF) has been recording allegations of human trafficking in its data tracking system since 2009, well ahead of many states. RTI International, an independent research institute, partnered with DCF in the largest study to-date of human trafficking within a child welfare population. The study uses DCF data for all children with allegations of child abuse and neglect maltreatments between 2011 and 2017 - more than 1 million children.

DCF's Human Trafficking Regional Coordinator, Sue Aboul-hosn, and RTI's Senior Health and Social Research Analyst, Deborah Gibbs, will share what the data from 8,044 allegations of human trafficking - of which 90% relate to sexual exploitation - reveal about the characteristics of children with human trafficking allegations.

This webinar will include:

- An overview of children who are the subject of trafficking allegations compared to children with other types of maltreatment;
- A discussion of children with trafficking allegations while missing from out-of-home placements;
- A comparison of children with sex trafficking and labor trafficking allegations; and
- An exploration of the estimated under-identification of trafficking victims.

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Webinar Presenters

Sue Aboul-hosn is the Human Trafficking Regional Coordinator for DCF, where she provides expert guidance to Child Protective Investigators and Case Management. She also develops and implements policies, procedures, and training that assist in identifying, documenting, and determining the appropriate services to victims of human trafficking. She is a contributing author to the academic textbook *Human Trafficking: A Systemwide Public Safety and Community Approach*.

Deborah Gibbs is a Senior Policy Analyst and Director of RTI International's Victimization and Resilience Research Program. She has led multiple current and recent studies of human trafficking for the US Department of Justice and the Administration for Children and Families. These studies include program evaluations, analyses of the characteristics of trafficked youth, an assessment of human trafficking within the child welfare population, and an effort to define and measure outcomes for victim service programs.



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