

WHAT IS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING?



- Human trafficking is a public health issue that impacts individuals, families, and communities. Human trafficking is a crime that involves compelling or coercing a person to provide labor or services, or to engage in commercial sex acts. The coercion can be subtle or overt, physical or psychological. Exploitation of a minor for commercial sex is human trafficking, regardless of whether any form of force, fraud, or coercion was used.
- Traffickers target at-risk populations, including individuals who have experienced or been exposed to other forms of violence (child abuse and maltreatment, interpersonal violence and sexual assault, community and gang violence) and individuals disconnected from stable support networks (runaway and homeless youth, unaccompanied minors, persons displaced during natural disasters).

SAFE HARBOR DOCKET



- The Safe Harbor Docket is a voluntary program for juveniles with delinquency charges who are identified as survivors of human trafficking or those identified as at-risk of becoming human trafficking victims. There are two Safe Harbor Tracks (Traditional and At-Risk) which each provide the same services and supervision. Participation on the docket lasts several months and consists of three phases. Phase progress and length of participation on the Docket is determined on an individual basis.



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SAFE HARBOR LIAISON

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DESTINY STARKS SERVES AS THE
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THE SAFE HARBOR DOCKET

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Location

THE SAFE HARBOR DOCKET IS
LOCATED ON THE **6TH FLOOR** OF
THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER.

Website

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

SAFE HARBOR DOCKET



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TRADITIONAL TRACK



- Intended for juveniles who are victims of human trafficking and the charges are related to their victimization. Juveniles who meet this standard have their complaint held in abeyance for up to 360 days and ultimately dismissed and sealed if the child completes all Court Orders. To be admitted on the Traditional Safe Harbor Track, a hearing is held before the Safe Harbor Docket Jurist to determine if the child meet the statutory requirements. If accepted, the case is transferred to the Docket.

AT-RISK TRACK



- Intended for juveniles who do not meet the criteria for the Traditional Track but are engaged in high risk behaviors and could benefit from the intensive services the Docket provides. To be admitted onto the Docket under the At-Risk Track, the juvenile is adjudicated delinquent before their assigned jurist and transferred to the Docket for Disposition or transferred to the Docket after already receiving a disposition. The juvenile is required to engage with the Safe Harbor Docket as part of their probation orders

RED FLAGS



Please consider these indicators as cause to refer youth for further assessment:

- Changes in behavior
- Hanging around older men/women or has a noticeable older boyfriend/girlfriend
- Inappropriate dress or behaviors on social media
- Chronic running away– patterns of multiple AWOLS from home for days at a time
- Suspicious jewelry and/or tattoos
- Signs of bruising or physical abuse from an unknown source
- Disconnected from family
- Frequent periods of unaccountable time
- Missing school, changes in grades, chronic truancy
- Has to report back to someone or ask permission to do things
- Has access to hotel keys and money
- Engaged in sexual situations beyond age appropriate norms
- STDs or frequent bladder or yeast infections
- Involved in ongoing delinquent behaviors
- Signs of trauma, fatigue, injuries, abuse depression
- Suspicion of sexual abuse incident
Fear/mistrust of law enforcement/social workers/CCDCFS
- Access to material things that the youth cannot afford such as new hairstyles/nails, new clothes or expensive gifts, new or multiple cell phones or online devices (especially upon return from AWOL)

REFERRALS



- Referrals may come from various sources, including; Jurists, court staff, probation officers, defense counsel, and prosecutors.
 - Upon receipt of the referral the Safe Harbor Liaison will interview the child/family to assess willingness to be reviewed for the docket.
 - Once there is agreement the Liaison will make a referral to the Rape Crisis Center to complete further assessment.
 - Rape Crisis will contact family/youth to complete assessment. The assessment results are then sent to the Liaison.
 - If appropriate, the Liaison will take steps to have youth enrolled, which may include requesting transfer of case to the Safe Harbor Docket.
 - A court date will be set.
 - Youth will be referred to case management
 - If youth is not appropriate, jurist declines to transfer or youth refuses entrance, the service recommendations from the assessment will be provided to assigned probation officer to engage youth in services.

SERVICES PROVIDED



- The Safe Harbor Docket provides enrolled youth with trauma informed, wrap-around support services to promote healing and empowerment. The services include
 - Trauma Informed Treatment Services
 - Case Management
 - Counseling
 - Mentoring
 - Educational Sessions
 - Community Involvement
 - Safe Space housing

