

Collaborative Model For Sex Trafficked Youth



DCS Training





We are committed to driving systemic change and implementing comprehensive, action-based solutions to prevent and end all forms of modern slavery.

Learn more about the *Combating Human Trafficking* program [here](#).



Combating Human Trafficking



Outreach to Vulnerable Populations – The Combating Human Trafficking program is pioneering new approaches to **best address and inform vulnerable populations** about the risks of human trafficking they may face, including through our [R.E.A.L. Friends Don't](#) online safety campaign.

Building Capacity Through Training and Technical Assistance – We offer **high quality, scenario-based human trafficking and prevention trainings** for a full range of stakeholders including investigators, prosecutors, service providers and mental health professionals in Arizona and across the country. We also offer **accredited online training for youth-facing service providers** through our [Certificate on Human Trafficking](#).

Bringing Changemakers Together – The **Global Consortium on Prosecuting Human Trafficking**, established in 2021 in partnership with Justice and Care, brings together expert prosecutors and advisors from around the world to build a vibrant practitioners' network, align on best practices, and develop specific, targeted policy recommendations.

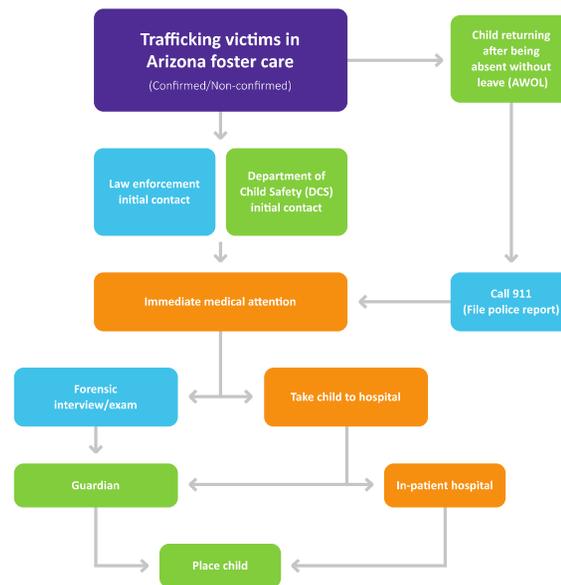
Advocating for Long-Lasting Solutions – Our team regularly shares data and provides technical expertise to **help shape national and international laws and policies**.

Overview of the Collaborative

Emerging best practice for minor victims of sex trafficking:



Arizona Human Trafficking Flow Chart



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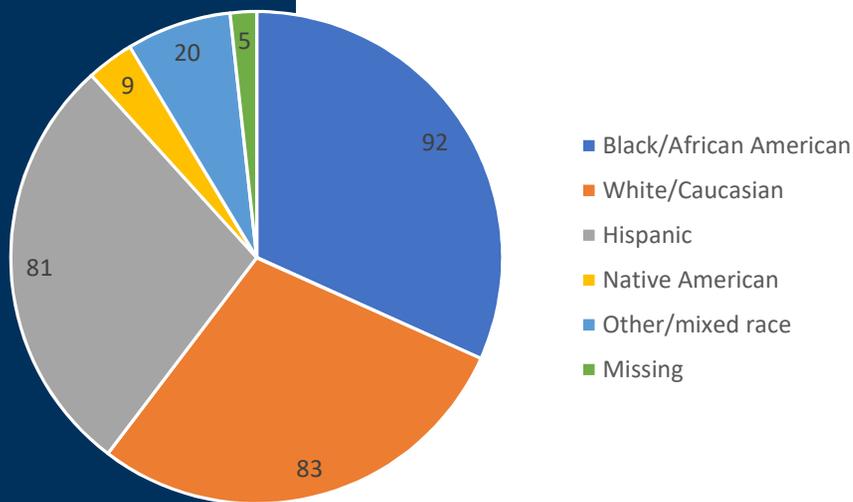
Circumstances of youth being referred to the Collaborative:

- Youth disclosure to a forensic interviewer, LE, therapist or specialist
- LE investigation or operation
- DCS identifies warning signs among youth or circumstances related to youth running away
- DCS investigation and/or home removal
- Screening from juvenile probation or other service providers

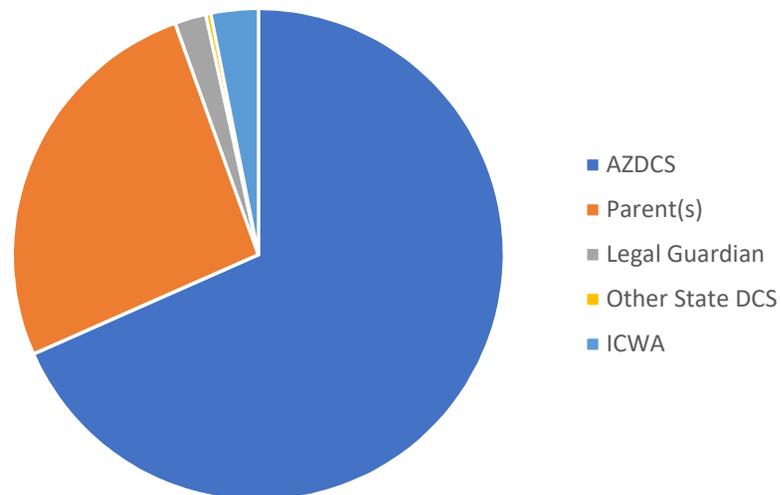
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Findings from 2020 Evaluation

Ethnicity of Child Sex Trafficking Victims



Guardian of Victims



Current Training

Web-based training available for all DCS staff developed by ASU STIR

- **Legal Definitions**
- **Dynamics of child sex trafficking**
 - **Recruitment locations and tactics**
 - **Grooming and trauma bonding**
 - **Means of control**
 - **Experiences in the life**
- **Typology of traffickers**
- **Impact of abuse**
- **Warning signs**
- **Supporting victims**
- **Reporting**
- **Arizona-based resources**

Collaborative Model & Trauma Informed Care

Build on previous learning using data, evidence-based practice, and experiential methods.

- **Human Trafficking Refresher**
- **How to access the Collaborative**
- **Behavioral & Mental Health Impacts of Trauma**
- **Stay or Go – empathy-building exercise adapted from Adelante Jovencitas**

What's Next

Ongoing collaboration with the DCS CReST Program

Goals:

- **Caregiver & Group Home Training**
 - Leverage learnings and data from 5 years of Collaborative to inform best practice and professional development
 - The target audience is foster families and therapeutic foster care
 - Skill-based, leveraging existing expertise and experience
 - Cultivate trusted adults equipped to support youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation
 - Increase the capacity of existing placements to provide trauma-informed care to youth
 - Broaden network of service providers able to effectively support healthier futures for survivors
 - Prevent further harm and exploitation of vulnerable youth

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