

## **Human Trafficking**

### ***Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA)***

COVA offers services, training, and resources.

<http://www.coloradocrimevictims.org/human-trafficking-program.html>

### ***De-Bunking the Myths of Child Sex Trafficking in Colorado***

On October 4, 2018, we convened a group of health and human services experts to help educate the community on what child sex trafficking looks like in Colorado. Here, we de-bunk the five most common myths of child sex trafficking and share what we learned from this important.

Kempe Foundation (2018)

<http://yourhub.denverpost.com/blog/2018/11/de-bunking-the-myths-of-child-sex-trafficking-in-colorado/229175/>

### ***Federal Laws and Policies***

The resources in this section will help child welfare professionals, as well as those from related fields, to better understand the interplay of child welfare and human trafficking and to develop comprehensive responses that assist victims and potential victims.

Child Welfare Information Gateway

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/trafficking/federallaws/>

### ***Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking / Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking***

These organizations work together to operate a statewide hotline and provide resources, referrals and training across Colorado.

<https://combathumantrafficking.org/>

### ***National Human Trafficking Hotline***

1-888-373-7888

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/colorado>

### ***Preventing, Identifying, and Responding to Human Trafficking***

The growing awareness of human trafficking in the United States and abroad requires government and human services agencies to develop and implement effective policies and practices for identifying and serving. Child welfare agencies are often on the front lines of these changes as the first responders. Children and youth involved with the child welfare system due to abuse or neglect and then placed in foster care or group homes—as well as youth who are involved with the justice system or have run away, or become homeless, are often at higher risk of being trafficked.

Child Welfare Information Gateway

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### ***Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act***

This issue brief outlines the provisions of the SFA relating to older youth and suggests how courts can effectively implement them. There are four sections: (1) Older Youth Permanency, (2) Youth Engagement, Transition Planning, and Discharge Documents, (3) Normalcy, and (4) Youth Who Run Away from Foster Care. For each section, the brief outlines the basic legal requirements, discusses court implementation, suggests questions the court can ask, and gives strategies for attorneys and advocates to prepare youth for court and case planning so that they can experience the benefits of these provisions of the SFA.

Issue Brief, American Bar Association (February 2016)

[https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/child\\_law/youthengagement/SFA%20for%20Courts%20ABA%20February%202016.authcheckdam.pdf](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/child_law/youthengagement/SFA%20for%20Courts%20ABA%20February%202016.authcheckdam.pdf)

***Responding to Youth Homelessness: A Key Strategy for Preventing Human Trafficking***

An estimated 4.2 million young people (ages 13–25) experience homelessness annually, including 700,000 unaccompanied youth ages 13 to 17.<sup>1</sup> Many of those young people will become victims of sex or labor trafficking. Research from numerous studies have found trafficking rates among youth and young adults experiencing homelessness ranging from 19% to 40%.<sup>2</sup> Although the varying populations and methods of these studies do not allow for a definitive number, this means, using the lower end estimates, that about 800,000 of the youth and young adults who experience homelessness in a year may also be victims of sex or labor trafficking in cities, suburbs, rural communities, and American Indian Reservations across the country.

National Network for Youth (2018)

<https://www.nn4youth.org/wp-content/uploads/NN4Y-2018-white-paper-human-trafficking-WEB-1.pdf>

***sharedhope.org***

This website provides books, training materials, policy research, and a variety of programs to address human trafficking.

<https://sharedhope.org/>