

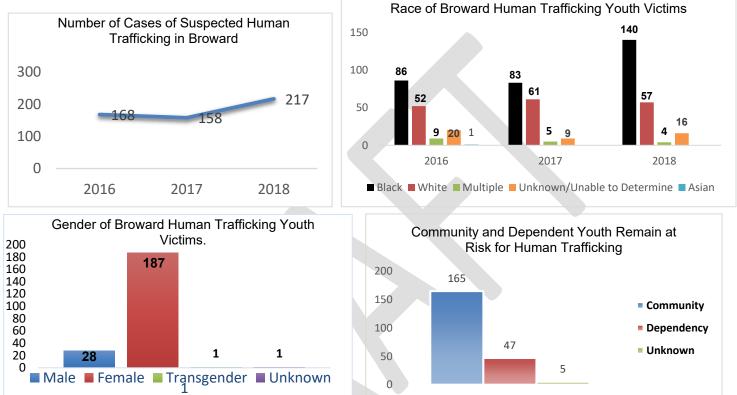
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TURN THE CURVE REPORT **STOP TRAFFICKING & RESCUE SURVIVORS (STARS)** 

## **POPULATION RESULT: Broward youth will be free from Human/Sexual Trafficking.**

#### INDICATOR





\* Data provided by Department of Children and Families, Child Protective Investigations Section – Broward Sheriff's Office

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# **STORY BEHIND THE CURVE**

- There is a significant increase in the number of HT/CSEC reports over the last 3 years in Broward County.
- The number of minors reported for human trafficking has increased in Broward County.
- It has been identified that the average age of human trafficking cases in Broward range between 12-16 years old. In 2018, majority of the victims were identified as girls.
- Awareness and collaboration between Department of Children and Families and Department of Juvenile Justice has increase within the past 4 years of identifying youth entering the juvenile justice system.
- The majority of the children identified victim of human trafficking are children of color.
- Community children are at a higher risk than children in dependency or other care.
- There have been positive trends over 4 years of DJJ Broward administering the HTST
- Since March 2015 through March 31, 2019, there have been 1845 HTST completed by JAC/DJJ. The findings were 720 (39%) were male youth, 1,125 (61%) were female youth, 899 (49% of total screenings) calls were made to the Florida Abuse hotline based on findings of Not Sure, Likely Is, or Definitely Is or as prompted by HTST risk factors. There were 523 (58% up from high of 46% during 2018) of those calls were accepted by the Florida Abuse Hotline
- In 2018, the Broward County Nancy J Cotterman Center (NJCC) was funded by the Department of Juvenile Justice and Broward County Government and created an Anti-Human Trafficking Community Outreach Program (AHTCOP). This program provides empowerment groups to youth that reside in Broward County. As of May 2019, this program has provided 135 empowerment groups to youth atpromise or youth engaging in human trafficking. These groups included 430 unduplicated youth. AHTCOP has participated in BSO/CPIS MDT Staffings, dependency and delinquency court hearings, school meetings, FSBT staffings, family team meetings, suitability assessments, DJJ Multidisciplinary staffings, and Girls Court. AHTCOP is currently providing groups at the following locations: NJCC, PACE, Lilac Group Home, ACTS Group Homes, Covenant House, Lippman Youth Shelter, Detention Center, Alpha & Omega Group Homes, Women in Distress, BSO Diversion, Memorial Outpatient Program, SOS Villages, Broward County Public Schools and Sequel Youth Treatment Center.

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PARTNERS

#### Actual

- Children's Services Council of Broward County
- Broward Sheriff's Office-JAC/JAT, CPIS, SID
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Department of Children & Families
- FBI
- ChildNet
- The Chrysalis Center
- Gerena and Assoc.
- Pace Center for Girls
- Henderson Behavioral Health

- Smith Community Mental Health
- Nancy J Cotterman Center/SATC
- Legal Aid
- Attorney General's Office
- 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Florida
- 17<sup>th</sup> Office of State Attorney
- Public Defenders Office
- Banyan Health
- Covenant House

#### Potential

 Florida International University – Center for Women's and Gender Violence Prevention

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- Private Sector
- Hospital Districts
- Local Churches
- 211 Broward
- Nova Southeastern University
- Plantation PD
- SunServe
- DHS/ICE
- Law Enforcement Agencies

# BEST IDEAS - WHAT WORKS

- PSA- Directed at Youth, Social Media Sites, hotel workers, 7-Elevens, truck stops •
- Create a statewide resource manual
- Training w/Youth Awareness connect with cyber training done by AG's office •
- Caregiver Awareness
- Training on identification for Law Enforcement, Courts, Medical staff, GAL, 1st responders schools and local churches.
- Safe Harbor multi-disciplinary staffing.
- Use of Human trafficking Screening Tool by Department of Children and Families and Department of • Juvenile Justice.

DMST MAT

- JAC—DJJ Pilot Project
- Medical, Psychological, Psycho-sexual, Substance Abuse , Psycho-education Profile
- Use Motivational Interviewing, trauma informed care and CBT when working with victims.
- **Regulating Treatment Strategies**
- Creation of mentoring and support groups to support survivors of human trafficking (Parent & Youth). •
- Use of life coaches and peer advocates to work with survivors.
- Appropriate Residential Placement
- **Ongoing Medical Treatment** •

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- Targeted Case Management
- Identify educational needs survivors
- Trauma/sexual specific therapy for survivors
- Wrap Around services to include TF-CBT, mentoring/peer advocacy with continued outreach during runaway episodes, and individualized service plans
- Recruiting of foster homes for HT identified youth.
- Expedited access to safe harbor shelter and residential when indicated.

# **ACTION STEPS**

- Establish PSA Workgroup, Resource Manual & Training Workgroups with contact person at each agency
- Maintain partnerships with GAL, law enforcement, court system, medical/first responders, foster care agencies, community SA/MH/BH providers, schools & private sector for training and awareness
- Identify gaps of services in Broward toward creating programming/continuum of care, outreach (and research fidelity) of out of county CSEC specific service programs and attempt to secure funding to meet needs of victim survivors within Broward
- Broward State Attorney Task Force?

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- DJJ kicked off the use of the Human trafficking screening tool during March 2015.
- Created multi-disciplinary teams toward securing appropriate services for identified youth and meeting Safe Harbor/legislative requirements
- Developed assessment tools to pilot and analyze data for youth.
- Training provided to LE, First Responders, CPIS investigators, Guardian Ad Litem, Community Programs, foster care providers, GALs, School Social Workers, general public, health care and behavioral health professionals and students/youth
- Participation in Outreach activities such as 33311 girls focused event.
- Created trauma support groups and trauma specific treatment specific to HT victimization
- Created partnerships, identified community programs to provide case management and trauma focused HT specific care/gender specific care, established referral stream for secure Safe House shelter placements outside of Broward
- HT/CSEC court Process