Highlights from the Mayor’s Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking

3rd Human Trafficking in San Francisco Report (2016 data)

Overall Trends

- In 2016, 18 public and non-profit agencies in the Task Force identified 529 survivors of human trafficking. It is important to note that the data is duplicated. To protect confidentiality, agencies provided aggregated, anonymous case counts, so it is possible that the same individual is counted by multiple agencies.
- Of the survivors with known ages, 24% are minors and 74% are under the age of 25.
- 46% are survivors of sex trafficking, 42% are survivors of labor trafficking, and 12% are survivors of trafficking where the type is unknown.
- Of the identified survivors with known ethnicity and race, 33% are African American, 22% are Latinx, 15% are Asian/Pacific Islander, 13.5% are White, 5% are Multi-Ethnic or Biracial, 1.5% are Native American, 1% are Middle Eastern, and 9% are unknown or other.
- Of the identified survivors with known gender, 62% are cisgender women, 4% are transgender women, 30% are cisgender men, 3% are transgender men, and 1% are gender non-conforming.

Accomplishments of the Task Force in 2016 and 2017

- Huckleberry Youth Programs launched the Huckleberry Action Response Team (HART), a 24-hour response to commercially sexually exploited youth;
- Department on the Status of Women commissioned an online human trafficking training with modules for staff of hotels, restaurants, and the public and collaborated with Stanford University to host the training for free on its online education platform;
- San Francisco Unified School District trained all staff on recognizing and reporting human trafficking in 2017, and added an educational unit on trafficking for middle and high school students;
- Bilingual workers hired by Department of Public Health for outreach to massage workers;
- San Francisco Environment expanded its Healthy Nail Salon program to include content on labor rights - to be implemented in 2018;
- Issued first-in-the-nation Prioritizing Safety for Sex Worker Policies at San Francisco Police Department and District Attorney’s Office to protect sex workers who report violence against them from arrest or prosecution.
Housing and Placements are an Unmet Need

- Transitional/permanent housing for all trafficking survivors, and out-of-home placements for foster care youth, were two of the top three unmet needs identified by service providers.
  - 29% of requests for transitional or permanent housing were unable to be fulfilled.
  - 47% of requests for out of home placements were unable to be fulfilled.

Industries in Which Trafficking Shows Up in San Francisco

- Domestic Work
- Escort Services
- Outdoor Solicitation
- Construction
- Hotels & Hospitality
- Restaurants & Food Service
- Agriculture & Animal Husbandry

Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth

- Agencies identified 77 minor survivors of sex trafficking and 131 transitional aged youth survivors (ages 18-24), for a total of 208 sexually exploited youth under the age of 25.
- 88% of identified Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth are cisgender girls and women, 2.5% are transgender girls and women, 1.5% are cisgender boys and men, and 8% are transgender boys and men.

The new collaboration between Family and Children’s Services (FCS) and the Huckleberry Advocacy Response Team (HART), run by Huckleberry Youth Programs, allows for unduplicated data for sex trafficking and at-risk cases those two agencies identify.

- The agencies together found 114 cases of youth categorized as “at risk,” “suspected,” or “known” for commercial, sexual exploitation.
- These agencies determined that 65 youth were known to be commercially, sexually exploited.