Human Trafficking in San Francisco: 2015 Year Data

Conclusions and Recommendations

1. Create a Standard Human Trafficking Identification Tool for Youth Serving Organizations to Use

Child sex trafficking is defined in state law as a form of child abuse. Protocol developed by the Family and Children’s Services Steering Committee requires all cases of CSEC to be reported to the child abuse hotline. The Memorandum of Understanding of the San Francisco’s CSEC Program can be found here: [http://sfgov.org/dosw/sites/default/files/SF%20CSEC%20MOU%20signed_0.pdf](http://sfgov.org/dosw/sites/default/files/SF%20CSEC%20MOU%20signed_0.pdf). If all agencies used the same criteria to identify CSEC and reported to Family and Children's Services, then we could use Family and Children’s Services' data as an unduplicated count on minor victims of trafficking. Accurate data can inform research and report on trends, demographics, and specific challenges in San Francisco. A standard identification tool would create a more accurate and consistent report.

2. Gather Information on Restitution for Human Trafficking Victims

Future reports would benefit from gathering information on how victims are helped in addition to how many cases agencies identify.

3. Expand the Task Force Membership to Other Service Providers Working with Labor Trafficking Survivors

It is likely that labor trafficking is more prevalent in San Francisco than is suggested by this report. Next year, the Mayor’s Task Force will reach out to more agencies that work with labor trafficking survivors for data that will better represent human trafficking in San Francisco.

4. Prioritize The Implementation of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Multidisciplinary Response Protocol by Members of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Steering Committee

Building on the Memorandum of Understanding for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children signed by thirteen agencies in 2015, agencies are required to develop individual policies to
implement the Memorandum of Understanding. Finalizing those policies and training agency staff on their implementation should be a priority for this year.