



Colorado Human Trafficking Council

Overview

During the 2014 legislative session, the General Assembly passed and the Governor signed HB14-1273. This bill establishes a 31 person Human Trafficking Council (The Council) that represents a wide range of agencies including state agencies, law enforcement, prosecutors, NGOs, regional coalitions and task forces, legal services, victim service providers, academia, faith-based organizations, etc. The Council is housed under the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office for Victims Programs and is designed to:

1. Bring together leadership from community-based and statewide anti-trafficking efforts;
2. Build and enhance collaboration among communities and counties within the state;
3. Establish and improve comprehensive services for victims and survivors of human trafficking
4. Assist in the successful prosecution of human traffickers; and
5. Help prevent human trafficking in Colorado.

Tasks of the Council

The Council will be focusing on the requirements listed in the statute which include making recommendations to the Judiciary Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate on the following:

1. By January 1, 2016, make recommendations to the Judiciary Committees of the House and Senate concerning whether the General Assembly should:
 - a. Establish standards and a process for the certification of organizations that provide services to victims of human trafficking; and
 - b. Establish a grant program to which organizations that provide services to victims of human trafficking may apply for grants, including consideration of how such a grant program may be funded.
2. By January 1, 2017, (and each year thereafter), submit a report to the Judiciary Committees summarizing the activities of the council during the preceding year.
3. Make recommendations concerning any statutory changes that the council deems necessary to facilitate the prosecution and punishment of persons who engage in, and to protect the victims of, human trafficking.
4. Develop an implementation plan for a public awareness campaign to educate the public about human trafficking and place victims services contact information in places where victims of human trafficking are likely to see it.

5. Develop training standards and curricula for organizations that provide assistance to victims of human trafficking, for persons who work in or who frequent places where human trafficking victims are likely to appear, and for law enforcement agencies.
6. Identify best practices for the prevention of human trafficking, particularly for the prevention of child sex trafficking.
7. Collect data relating to the prevalence of, and the efforts of law enforcement to combat, human trafficking in Colorado. The Council shall annually report the data to the Judiciary Committees.
8. Research and pursue funding opportunities for the council.¹

Meetings of the Council

The Colorado Human Trafficking Council meets monthly and meetings take place on the fourth Friday of the month. Meetings are open to the public. The date and location of each meeting along with meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Council's website.

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The Council website provides a repository of information about the anti-human trafficking field. It includes: a state-wide calendar listing anti-trafficking events, meeting and trainings that are taking place across the state; the latest research and news about human trafficking; and information about regional anti-trafficking collaborations that have formed across the state to combat this crime. There is also a link to sign-up for the monthly e-newsletter, The Colorado Anti-Trafficking Insider in order to stay regularly informed about this issue.

Council URL: <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdps-prod/home/human-trafficking-council>

Report a Human Trafficking Tip

To report a human trafficking tip, there are two hotlines you can call:

The National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) at 1-888-373-7888 to report human trafficking nationally. To get more information or help, you may also text INFO or HELP to 233733 (BEFREE).

The Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking (CoNEHT) State Hotline at 1-866-455-5075 to report human trafficking in Colorado.

For mandatory reports of child abuse and neglect you are required to report child sex trafficking to the Colorado Child Abuse Hotline 1-844-CO-4-KIDS.

¹ C.R.S. § 18-3-505(4)(a)-(h).