

Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (AHTC)

A multi-disciplinary team of law enforcement and victim service providers.

AHTC Contact Info:

Email reportht@arkansas.gov

Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline Contact Info:

Phone number 1-800-482-5964

Website mandatedreporter.arkansas.gov

General Information about Tools

Child Rapid Indicator Tool "Rapid Child ST Tool"

The indicators help to determine whether a child may be a victim of sex trafficking, or is at risk of being a victim of sex trafficking. These factors are to be considered as a means to determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe the child is a victim or at risk of being a victim, in which case a more comprehensive assessment of the child's experiences and service needs is required.

Child Sex Trafficking Indicators Tool "Child ST Tool"

This tool is used in the identification of victims of sex trafficking and children and youth at risk of sex trafficking. The tool is to be used as a more comprehensive assessment of risk and victimization when any one or more indicator is recorded on the Child Rapid Indicator Tool.

General Human Trafficking Tool "General HT Tool"

The indicators help to determine whether a person may be a victim of human trafficking, or is at risk of being a victim of human trafficking.

HIPAA PRIVACY RULE

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Healthcare professionals should be mindful of the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

Human trafficking can be reported without divulging individually identifiable information. For example, you could report the gender and age of the individual and type of trafficking but not the date of service.

Question: Is a healthcare professional (HCP), covered by HIPAA, permitted to disclose protected health information (PHI) in the case of a suspected HT victim?

Answer: Yes, the HCP, covered by HIPAA, is permitted to disclose PHI in the case of a suspected HT victim under the following conditions:

(1) With the patient's permission, or

(2) If the patient does not give permission, then reporting is only permitted under specific exclusions or exemptions defined by HIPAA:

(2a) Mandated reporting: the reporting must be made only to the legal entity authorized to receive these reports and should include a disclosure of only the information required under mandated-reporting laws.

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(2b) Imminent danger of patient or staff: The HCP is directed to make decisions in "good faith" and may disclose PHI when "it is felt to be necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public" (DHHS, 2013b, p. 94).



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RAPID INDICATOR TOOL

To Identify Children Who May Be Sex Trafficking Victims or Are At Risk of Being a Sex Trafficking Victim

The following is a list of some red flags that indicate a child may be a sex trafficking victim or is at risk of being a victim of sex trafficking.

If the child has already disclosed sex trafficking, this tool does **not** need to be completed.

Do not directly ask the child or family the questions. This is not a questionnaire.

The child may be a victim or is at risk if the answer is "Yes" to any of the indicators below:

Section 1 Identification and Demographic Information

Date Completed: Day: Date: Time:

of persons with child? Reason completing tool?

Name of Child:
 Age/DOB: Sex of child: Place of Birth:

Completed By:
 Agency: Contact Number:

Child's Address (If Known):

[Map it](#)

(Address, City, State, Zip code)

Section 2 Rapid Indicator Tool

The information about the indicators below is to be collected through interactions with a child and the routine process of investigation or case work.

Child's History/Background Answer Yes, No, or Unknown	Selection	Score
Are there signs of child abuse of a sexual nature and reason to believe that the child, or parent/guardian of the child or other person(s) facilitating the abuse, was given or promised anything in return for the sexual abuse?	Select	0
Is there reason to believe there are photographs, social media posts, or other recordings of instance(s) of sexual abuse of the child?	Select	0
Has the parent/guardian been a victim of trafficking or is there concern that the parent/guardian has been a victim?	Select	0
Does the child have a history of multiple runaways/AWOLS or episodes of homelessness/couch surfing in the past? (Family homelessness should not be counted).	Select	0
Does the child have tattoos that show, imply, or suggest ownership and/or that he or she does not have an explanation for? (e.g., daddy's girl, property of someone's name, symbols, etc.)	Select	0
Does the child have or has he or she previously had a significantly older boyfriend or girlfriend who is controlling and/or the child appears to be afraid of?	Select	0
Does the child have a history of multiple or chronic sexually transmitted infections, or pregnancies/abortions, or report multiple anonymous sexual partners?	Select	0
Does the child have money, a cell phone, hotel keys, or other items that he or she does not have the resources to obtain and cannot account for?	Select	0
Has a gang affiliation been disclosed, reported, or suspected?	Select	0
Is someone else other than the child's parent or guardian in control of his or her identification or passport?	Select	0
Do you have any other reason to believe the child may be a sex trafficking victim?	Select	0

Rapid Indicator Cumulative Score (# of Yes) 0

Section 3	Decision Matrix
0	<p>No Risk Indicators and no other screening is needed, unless new information is learned, the child's circumstances change, the child returns from being missing, abducted, or absent without consent, or a new CACD/CPS investigative case is opened for the child.</p>
1+	<p>Child is "At Risk" Follow agency's procedures. If practical, complete the Child Sex Trafficking Indicators Tool. Contact Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (phone, email, tip form). Email Document to reportht@arkansas.gov</p>



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CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING INDICATORS TOOL
 To be used for the comprehensive screening

This tool is to be used as a more comprehensive assessment of risk and victimization when any one or more indicators is recorded on the Rapid Tool.

Do not directly ask the child or family the questions. This is not a questionnaire.

Section 1 Identification and Demographic Information

Date Completed: Day: Date: Time:

of persons with child? Reason completing tool?

Name of Child:
 Age/DOB: Sex of child: Place of Birth:

Completed By:
 Agency: Contact Number:

Child's Address (If Known):
 (Address, City, State, Zip code)

Section 2 Child Sex Trafficking Indicators Tool

The information about the indicators below is to be collected through interactions with a child and the routine process of investigation or case work. The tool should be completed based on the information already gathered as part of the investigation or in the case record.

Child Meets the Federal Definition of a Child Sex Trafficking Victim - ONE or more of these Indicators: Answer Yes, No, or Unknown	Selection	Score
Child reports engaging in commercial sex act(s) (a sex act where something of value is received).	Select	0
Child reports he/she has been prostituted or trafficked.	Select	0
There are photos or videos of the child being victimized and/or being used to advertise the child for sexual purposes (Escort sites, etc.)	Select	0
Law Enforcement refers child instead of arresting for prostitution, or does arrest for prostitution.	Select	0
Child reports trading sex for a place to stay, food, drugs, or anything of value.	Select	0
Child reports being involved in the sex industry (working in strip clubs, private sex parties, etc.)	Select	0
Someone witnesses the child engaged in a commercial sex act.	Select	0
Youth over 18 is engaging in prostitution or commercial sex acts due to force, fraud, or coercion.	Select	0

High-Level Indicators - ONE or more of these indicators		
Answer Yes, No, or Unknown	Selection	Score
Associating with adults or other children/youth who are being prostituted, or are known to be involved with trafficking and/or exploitation.	Select	0
Being seen in exploitation hotspots, i.e., known houses or recruiting grounds.	Select	0
Pattern of street homelessness and staying with someone believed to be sexually exploiting the youth.	Select	0
Multiple AWOLS, runaway or being kicked out (3+) .	Select	0
Being taken to clubs and hotels by adults or older peers.	Select	0
Disclosure of serious sexual assault and then withdrawal of statement.	Select	0
Abduction and/or forced imprisonment, not allowed to freely move about.	Select	0
Child discloses or someone reports the child being moved around for sexual activity.	Select	0
Disappearing from the "child welfare system" with no contact or support.	Select	0
Use of slang trafficking terms (e.g., calling romantic partner "Daddy" or "Mommy," talking about "the life," "the game").	Select	0
Is someone else there than the child's parent or guardian in control of his or her identification or passport?	Select	0
Recruiting peers into exploitation.	Select	0
Tattoos that he/she is reluctant to explain, especially if they show ownership (names, dollar signs, symbols, acronyms) or other types of branding, like cutting or burning.	Select	0
Unexplained hotel keys.	Select	0
Child Discloses or someone reports that child offered to have sex for money or other payment and then ran before sex took place.	Select	0
Being groomed and/or sexualized on the internet, contact with strangers on the internet and/or sexual risk taking on social media, such as Facebook, Escort Sites, Zoosk, Craigslist.	Select	0
Medium-Level Indicators - ONE or more of these indicators		
Answer Yes, No, or Unknown	Selection	Score
Getting into cars with unknown adults.	Select	0
Child under 13 engaging in sexual activity.	Select	0
Known history of prior sexual abuse or sexual acting act.	Select	0
Having an older boyfriend/girlfriend, especially if he or she appears controlling; youth appears fearful of boyfriend/girlfriend at times.	Select	0
Not attending school; concerns regarding school attendance.	Select	0
Staying out overnight with no explanation multiple times and/or regularly coming home late or going missing.	Select	0
Unaccounted money or goods, including mobile phones, drugs and alcohol, or other person supplies these goods/money to child/youth.	Select	0
Multiple sexually transmitted infections, pregnancies and/or multiple miscarriages or abortions.	Select	0
Gang member or association with gangs or neighborhood groups.	Select	0
Someone else other than the child's parent or guardian was in control of immigration to U.S.	Select	0
Overt sexual dress.	Select	0
Does not know his/her address and/or has moved multiple times.	Select	0
Chronic alcohol and/or drug use by youth.	Select	0
Youth's story does not make sense - inconsistencies, the narrative doesn't fit	Select	0

Child Sex Trafficking Indicator Cumulative Score (# of Yes)	0
Child Meets the Federal Definition of a Child Sex Trafficking Victim Score (# of Yes)	0
High-Level Indicators Score (# of Yes)	0
Medium-Level Indicators (# of Yes)	0

Section 3	Decision Matrix
0	No Risk Indicators and no other screening is needed, unless new information is learned, the child's circumstances change, the child returns from being missing, abducted, or absent without consent, or a new CACD/CPS investigative case is opened for the child.
1+	Child Meets the Federal Definition of a Child Sex Trafficking Victim Child needs to be documented as a trafficking victim. Contact Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-482-5964 or visit mandatedreporter.arkansas.gov . Follow agency's procedures. Contact Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (phone, email, tip form). Email Document to reportht@arkansas.gov
1+	High-Level Indicators Child exhibits indicators that are commonly associated with sex trafficking, which causes serious concerns. Child needs to be documented as high-level of indicators Child needs to be closely monitored and needs intensive case management services to address current or prevent future trafficking. Follow agency's procedures. Contact Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (phone, email, tip form). Email Document to reportht@arkansas.gov
1+	Medium-Level Indicators Child exhibits significant indicators that may indicate sex trafficking. Child needs to be documented as medium-level of indicators Child should be more closely monitored and provided services that may address current or prevent future trafficking. Follow agency's procedures. Contact Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (phone, email, tip form). Email Document to reportht@arkansas.gov



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING INDICATORS TOOL
 To Identify Individuals Who May Be Human Trafficking
 Victims or Are At Risk of Being a Human Trafficking Victim

The following is a list of some red flags that indicate a person may be a human trafficking victim or is at risk of being a victim of human trafficking.
 If the person has already disclosed human trafficking, this tool does **not** need to be completed.
Do not directly ask the person or family the questions. This is not a questionnaire.
The person may be a victim or is at risk if the answer is "Yes" to any of the indicators below:

Section 1 Identification and Demographic Information

Date Completed: Day: Date: Time:

of persons with subject? Reason completing tool?

Name of Subject:
 Age/DOB: Sex: Place of Birth:

Completed By:
 Agency: Contact Number:

Subject's Address (If Known): [Map it](#)
 (Address, City, State, Zip code)

Section 2 Human Trafficking Indicators Tool

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Human Trafficking Indicators - Person may be experiencing: Answer Yes, No, or Unknown	Selection	Score
Is with a person who speaks for them.	Select	0
Is unsure of day, date, month, year.	Select	0
Moves frequently.	Select	0
Not in control of personal identification.	Select	0
Doesn't know where they live.	Select	0
Story doesn't make sense; seems scripted.	Select	0
Not allowed to come and go at will.	Select	0
Wears the same clothes over and over.	Select	0
Seems afraid to answer questions.	Select	0
Works long hours; exhausted; hungry.	Select	0
Someone else controls their money.	Select	0
Odd living/work space (may include tinted windows, security cameras, barbed wire, people sleeping/living at worksite).	Select	0
Can't move freely; attached to someone.	Select	0
Owes a debt to employer.	Select	0

Labor Trafficking Indicators Answer Yes, No, or Unknown	Selection	Score
Hired for a different job based on false promises.	Select	0
Fearful of employer or supervisor.	Select	0
Isolated from family; fears family harm if they quit.	Select	0
Lives where they work; can't choose where to live.	Select	0
Owes employer money and can't pay it back.	Select	0
Abnormal work hours; no breaks or vacations.	Select	0
Boss makes them lie about their job duties.	Select	0
Multiple people living in a cramped space: housekeeper, sales crew, live-in help.	Select	0

Sex Trafficking Indicators Answer Yes, No, or Unknown	Selection	Score
Works in the commercial sex industry: escort, exotic dancer, "prostitute," "massage."	Select	0
Signs of having sex with multiple people.	Select	0
Has pimp: male, female, boyfriend, husband.	Select	0
Tattoos or branding of ownership.	Select	0
Uses language of the sex industry.	Select	0
Inappropriate clothing for venue or weather.	Select	0
Physical abuse, drugs/alcohol, malnourished.	Select	0

Human Trafficking Indicator Cumulative Score (# of Yes)	0
Human Trafficking Indicators Score (# of Yes)	0
Labor Trafficking Indicators Score (# of Yes)	0
Sex Trafficking Indicators (# of Yes)	0

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1+	<p>Human Trafficking Indicators Person exhibits indicators that are commonly associated with human trafficking. Person should be more closely monitored and provided services that may address current or prevent future trafficking. Contact Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (phone, email, tip form). Email Document to reportht@arkansas.gov</p>
1+	<p>Labor Trafficking Indicators Person exhibits indicators that are commonly associated with labor trafficking. Person should be more closely monitored and provided services that may address current or prevent future trafficking. Contact Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (phone, email, tip form). Email Document to reportht@arkansas.gov</p>
1+	<p>Sex Trafficking Indicators Person exhibits indicators that are commonly associated with sex trafficking. Person should be more closely monitored and provided services that may address current or prevent future trafficking. Contact Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (phone, email, tip form). Email Document to reportht@arkansas.gov</p>