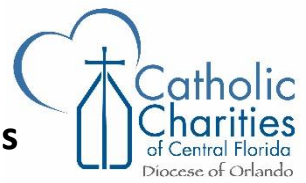




Diocese of Orlando Florida

Educators' Guide for Human Trafficking

Assessment, Actions and Reporting Protocols



Proactive, Ongoing Actions

- Keep open communications with child and parents
- Demonstrate trust with every child
- Create a safe environment for every child
- Show compassion
- Assure confidentiality – Exceptions:
 - Immediate safety, health or abduction danger
 - Threat to self, child or others
- Ongoing education at age-appropriate levels
- Continue looking for risk & victim signs

Assessment Process

Risk Signs

- Declining grades
- Depression
- Unusual temper
- Smoking, drug & alcohol use
- Bullying – giving & receiving
- Physical, sexual, emotionally abuse
- Family abuse/neglect/unclean, hungry
- Bad behavior, including illegal activity
- Running with the “Wrong Crowd”
- Too much access to social media
- Secret friends, older boy & girl friends
- Homeless, runaway, throwaway
- Child may want unusual contact

Victim Signs

- Telling lies, secrets
- Drug & alcohol use
- Excessive cash
- New expensive cloths
- Lying about age, fake ID
- Inappropriate social media use
- Secret cell phone
- Secret friends
- Much older girl/boy friends
- Injuries, signs of abuse
- Change of character
- Branding, jewelry, tattoos
- Fearful, submissive, nervous, won't talk
- Unusually quiet, fearful with an individual

Action Protocols

Immediately Report an Emergency (Child safety, injury, abduction)

- Secure child in a safe place & give first aid, if possible
- Call **911**
- Call the Florida Department of Children and Families (FDCF) hotline at **800-962-2873** (Required by Florida law)
- Prepare documentation of observations, actions & risk signs/victim signs

Report Suspected Victims – Anonymous – No proof required

- Call FDCF at **800-962-2873** – same as child abuse number (Required by Florida law)

More Resources:

- National Human Trafficking Hotline – **888-373-7888**
- Florida Abolitionist Hotline – **407-504-1319**