



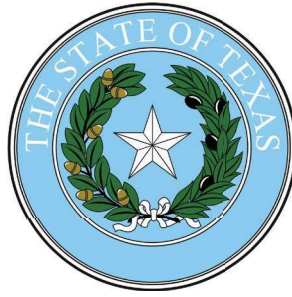
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Executive Summary

This Texas Coordinating Council 2024 Strategic Plan Report is submitted in compliance with Texas Government Code Section 402.034. The report is prepared by the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council (Coordinating Council) and highlights members' efforts and achievements in preventing human trafficking in Texas since publication of the December 2022 Strategic Plan Report.

Below are a few notable accomplishments of the Coordinating Council members contained in this report.

Office of Attorney General (OAG)

- For FY 2023-2024, assisted in disposing of 23 cases for a total of 292 years in prison, with two trials resulting in five life sentences for two defendants.
- Presented law enforcement-only training to law enforcement personnel and prosecutors in Lubbock, San Angelo, Portland, Victoria, and College Station.
- Presented human trafficking training sessions at DFPS Light the Way (2023 & 2024) and Attorney & Legal Support (2024) conferences, Conference to Combat Human Trafficking (2023), the Court Professionals Conference (2024), and Crimes Against Children conference (2024).
- 6,074 individuals attended OAG trainings for FY 23-24.
- Hosted a Human Trafficking Awareness Day event at the State Capitol, attended by State Representative Thompson and other allies in the fight against human trafficking.
- Four successful civil nuisance abatement suits in Montgomery and Williamson Counties against Illicit Massage Business (IMBs) that resulted in closures of the IMBs and one pending lawsuit against a Montgomery County IMB.
- Ongoing landlord engagement and investigation of 29 IMBs that have resulted in the closure of three in Williamson County, one in Montgomery County, two in Bexar County, one in Guadalupe County, and three in Travis County.
- OAG's Criminal Investigations Division Human Trafficking Unit (OAG-HTU) has conducted four IMB investigations to date, one of which resulted in the successful prosecution of a nuisance abatement suit; three remain ongoing.

Office of the Governor (OOG)

- Provided technical assistance and implementation support to 16 Care Coordination teams across Texas.
- Supported a robust, dedicated advocacy response for commercially sexually exploited youth through continued funding of 14 Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth (CSEY) Advocacy agencies covering 151 counties in Texas.
- Trained over 900 individuals on the Commercially Sexually Exploited-Identification Tool (CSE-IT).
- Implemented a new CSE-IT training specifically for law enforcement and criminal justice personnel.
- 14,917 total youth served across grantee programs, 1,098 youth admitted into Care Coordination, and 1,700 individuals trained on CSTT's strategies and mission.

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

- In FY 2023, DPS Special Agents recovered 297 human trafficking victims. 1,020 suspects were arrested for human trafficking related charges.
- In FY 2024 (through July 31), 387 human trafficking victims were recovered by DPS Special Agents. DPS arrested 874 suspects for human trafficking related charges.
- From July 17-18, 2024, DPS and numerous non-governmental organizations from the greater Austin area conducted a victim recovery operation that resulted in the identification/recovery of eight victims.

Health and Human Services (HHSC)

- In January 2022, HHSC launched a specialty license plate design contest. A licensed professional counselor from Houston submitted the winning design and as of February 2023, the specialty license plate is available to the public

on www.myplates.com. Not only does the specialty license plate bring awareness to human trafficking, but it also directs drivers to report suspicions of human trafficking to the iwatchtx.org website.

- In October 2023, HHSC completed a Sex Trafficking Needs Assessment with the Dallas Police Department and the University of Texas at Dallas. In February 2024, HHSC held a webinar for the public with over 300 attendees, where the findings and recommendations of the needs assessment were presented.
- As of June 2024, HHSC has approved over 118 human trafficking trainings for health care practitioners in accordance with Title 3 of Texas Occupations Code.

Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC)

- TABC created a human trafficking course for police officers, and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) approved the training under a TABC designation (TABC 193501).
- A Mission, TX woman was convicted of human trafficking in Federal Court. She received 30 years in prison. 40 victims were identified and 16 testified against her. The TABC permit she held to sell alcohol was cancelled as a result.
- A San Antonio, TX man was sentenced to 35 years in state prison for human trafficking. A 16-year-old victim from Amarillo was recovered. During an interview, three additional victims were identified. All victims were recruited over social media. Several TABC licensed Sexually Oriented Businesses were sanctioned or licenses cancelled because of this investigation.
- 60 TABC licensed locations were cancelled for human trafficking related complaints.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)

- Identified 55 suspected human trafficking cases for investigation, issued 110 residing on premises violations and 16 sexual activities violations, and assisted in closing seven IMBs in El Paso.
- Processed 20 cases involving unlicensed therapists, eight cases of sexual misconduct, 10 unlicensed establishment cases, and 17 cases of residing on premises, resulting in 14 license revocations.
- Conducted 44 training sessions with 729 attendees and developed intervention resources to identify trafficking indications in IMBs.

- Approved 250 cosmetology courses that include human trafficking awareness information. In addition to cosmetologists, health professionals must also complete a trafficking prevention training course before each license renewal, a requirement that affects over 400,000 licensees.
- The first emergency closure order under House Bill 3579 (88R) was issued on May 30, 2024, where the owner of eight massage establishments in Harris County agreed to permanently close all establishments and stop working as a massage therapist in Texas.

Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

- Since 2020, DFPS has provided human trafficking related training to over 52,455 internal and external partners.
- In FY 2023, DFPS released its second annual Light the Way End Human Trafficking – Human Trafficking Prevention Month Participation Guide. The Guide was disseminated to over 90,000 stakeholders, provided a variety of activities hosted by DFPS, and highlighted efforts and information from OOG and OAG.
- In FY 2023, DFPS hosted the fourth annual anti-trafficking conference: Light the Way End Human Trafficking 2024 Summit. With over 1,100 participants, the Summit featured a variety of Texas leaders and nationally recognized experts, including individuals with lived experience. Presenters covered a wide array of topics and conducted 56 unique sessions associated with anti-trafficking efforts.

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

- The TWC's State Monitor Advocate is collaborating with OAG, strengthening the referral process and raising awareness among the workforce solutions offices statewide.
- Monthly training sessions further empower these offices to recognize and respond effectively to this critical issue.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)

- TPWD continues to work to help prevent human trafficking by being proactive and networking with other agencies. TPWD Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers receive training to help identify possible human trafficking events, and training on the Interdiction for the Protection of Children.
- Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers continue to participate in the annual Crimes Against Children Patrol Operation. This operation is part of a DPS-led Interdiction for the Protection of Children program with multiple law enforcement agencies participating.

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

- In school year 2022-2023 TEA developed “No Trafficking Zone” rules and signage templates for school districts, describing warning signs of the human trafficking criminal offense. These are located on TEA’s website and were created pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 37.086.
- Production of continued yearly webinar series covering legislative updates, resources, reporting, and current trends. During the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, over 500 people participated in this webinar series.
- Collaboration with Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas (CACTX) to produce training program on prevention of child abuse that a school district may use for staff development as outlined in Texas Education Code Section 38.004.
- TEA leads a Statewide Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Workgroup comprised of cross-agency members who work to address the development of policy guidance, resources, tools, and training. This workgroup supports local education agencies (LEAs) with implementation of child abuse and neglect, including human trafficking prevention, awareness, and related requirements.
- Created a “To the Administrator Addressed (TAA) promoting Human Trafficking Awareness Month” that was sent out to all districts (January 2024).
- TEA has a free online virtual learning course: “Prevention and Awareness: Human Trafficking of School-Aged Children | Texas Gateway” available to support LEAs.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

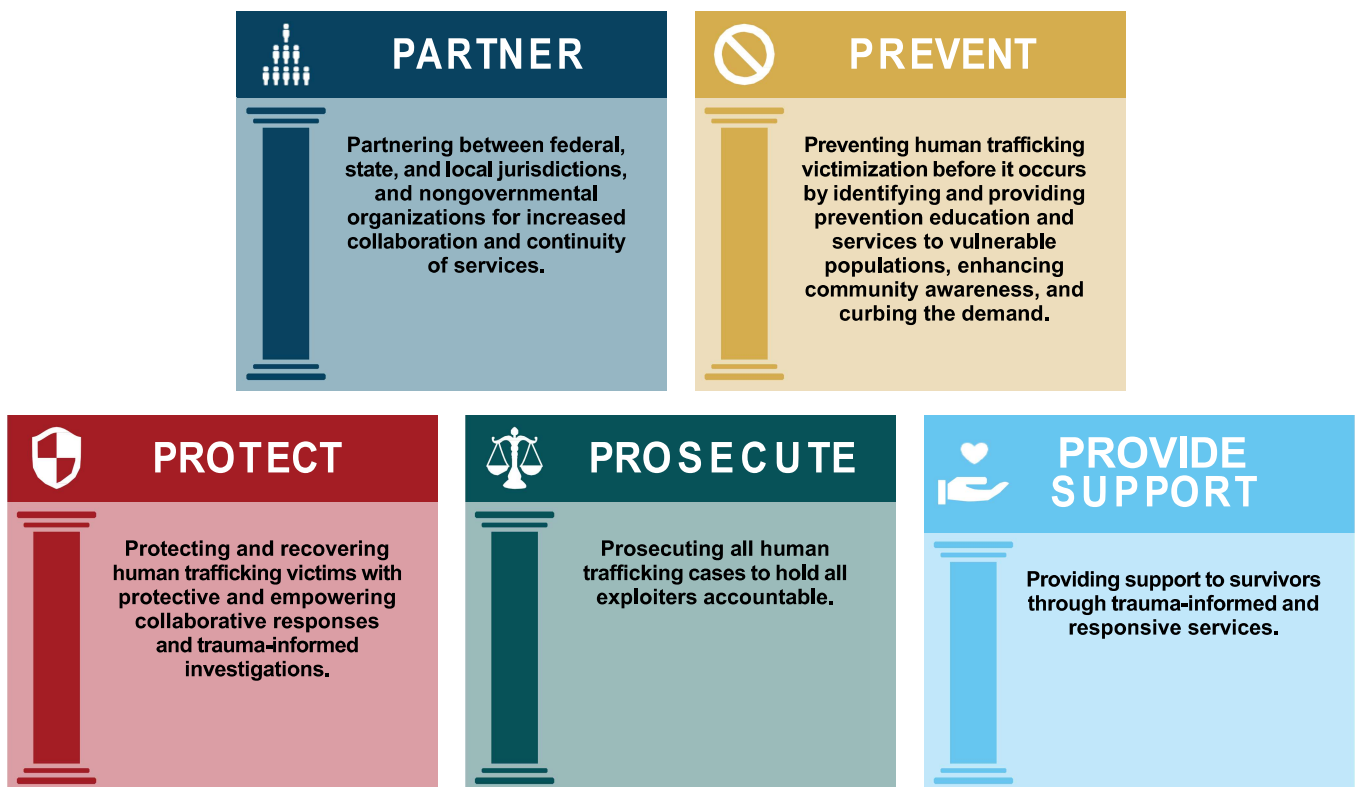
- TxDOT was proudly added to the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Taskforce and Coordinating Council.
- TxDOT revamped its human trafficking awareness training and produced a five-minute outreach awareness video to engage TxDOT’s 13,000 employees.

Background

The 2020 Strategic Plan: “Charting an End to Human Trafficking in Texas” was submitted to the Texas Legislature in May of 2020. The intention was to provide a plan of action for state agencies to prevent and combat human trafficking and coordinate programs and services to achieve the following goals:

1. Eliminate redundancies
2. Ensure the use of best practices
3. Identify and collect data regarding the efficacy of programs and services
4. Coordinate the expenditure of state funds allocated to prevent human trafficking

Additionally, the 2020 Strategic Plan provided an inventory of human trafficking prevention programs and services and a framework for assessing the human trafficking landscape in Texas centered around the following five pillars.



Infrastructure, Appropriations and Expenditures, and Agency Budgets

Infrastructure

Through combined efforts of multiple state agencies, Texas has built a statewide infrastructure to combat human trafficking from many different angles.

Office of the Attorney General

OAG serves as the presiding officer of both the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force (Task Force) and the Coordinating Council. The Human Trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime Division (HTTOC) was established in 2016 to investigate and prosecute human trafficking crimes, pursue civil remedies against those who profit from human trafficking, and conduct training throughout the state. Assisting in OAG's fight against human trafficking are the Consumer Protection Division and Crime Victim Services Division.

Office of the Governor

The Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT) in the Public Safety Office was established by the 84th Legislature (2015) to coordinate a holistic response to child sex trafficking. The team also administers grant funding for first responders and service providers.

Department of Public Safety

DPS, the state's largest law enforcement agency, houses victim services programs, the Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) Program, and the iWatchTexas Program.

Health and Human Services Commission

The Texas Human Trafficking Resource Center connects HHSC staff, healthcare providers, stakeholders, and potential victims to local, state, and national resources to identify and help people affected by human trafficking.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

TABC is the third largest state law enforcement agency. TABC is dedicated to investigating violations of public safety, with human trafficking as its number one priority. TABC investigators work to identify and recover victims who may be trafficked at TABC licensed businesses, arrest the traffickers, and shut down the establishment.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

The passage of House Bill 3579 enhanced TDLR's efforts to eliminate trafficking in the industries it regulates. The agency identified indicators of trafficking to assist field inspectors and enforcement investigators in performing their duties. TDLR's compliance team provides training to staff, performs outreach with law enforcement and non-governmental organizations, and assists in interventions, prevention, and victim support throughout the agency.

Department of Family and Protective Services

The Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Division of DFPS strives to serve children and youth by strengthening continued compliance with all federal and state human trafficking mandates, developing best practices in the prevention of trafficking, and improving DFPS capacity to identify, report, recover, and support victims of trafficking in their restoration journey.

Texas Workforce Commission

The TWC Office of Investigations investigates child labor complaints and conducts on-site compliance inspections of employers, which may identify concerns requiring additional investigation by state and federal partners.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Game Wardens and Park Police Officers take part in law enforcement efforts to deny, disrupt, and capture individuals involved in human trafficking.

Texas Department of Transportation

TxDOT created informational materials on human trafficking, including wallet cards, posters, flyers, and quick-reference guides for TxDOT vehicles, safety rest areas, travel information centers, and transportation hubs.

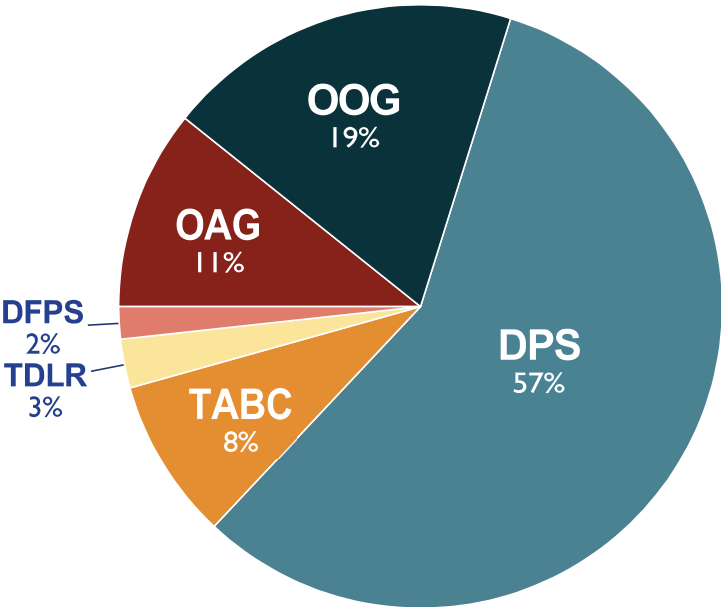
Texas Education Agency

TEA created the Texas RISE to the Challenge training module as a resource for those working in education. The purpose of the module is to assist and equip educators in meeting the training requirements on reporting child abuse and neglect, including trafficking of a child.

Appropriations & Expenditures

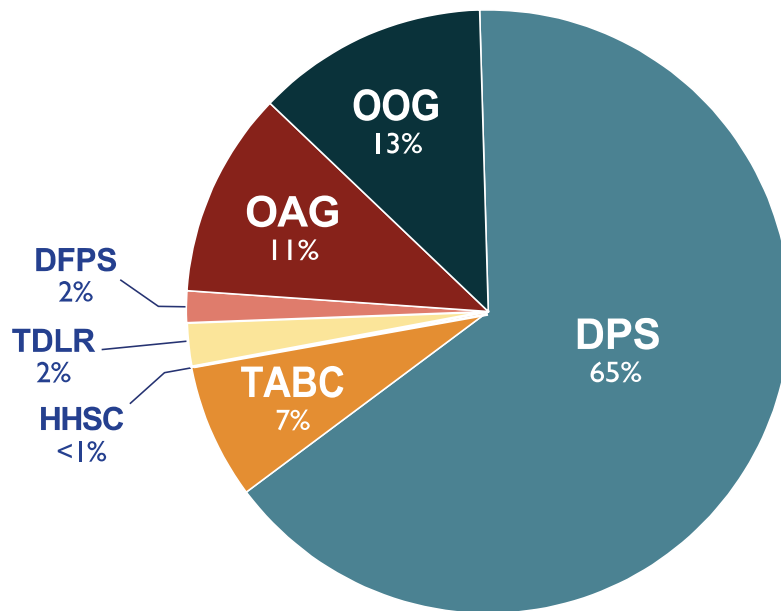
Coordinating Council member agencies provided information on appropriations and expenditures for fiscal years (FY) 2022 through 2024 below. Note that although HHSC, TWC, TPWD, TEA, and TxDOT do not receive direct appropriations for human trafficking efforts, HHSC and TxDOT provided an estimated fiscal year expenditure for human trafficking-related activities to provide a more accurate assessment of overall state expenditures for human trafficking prevention.

Figure 1. Chart and Table of Human Trafficking Appropriations *FY 2022 - 2024*



	FY 2022 Appropriations	FY 2023 Appropriations	FY 2024 Appropriations	Totals by Agency
OAG	\$3,104,547	\$3,104,547	\$3,104,547	\$9,313,641
OOG	\$5,587,650	\$3,580,650	\$5,587,650	\$14,755,950
DPS	\$16,797,013	\$11,053,121	\$16,797,013	\$44,647,147
HHSC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TABC	\$2,509,247	\$2,575,115	\$2,575,115	\$7,659,477
TDLR	\$756,152	\$756,152	\$1,511,967	\$3,024,271
DFPS	\$511,252	\$640,010	\$819,601	\$1,970,863
TWC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TPWD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TEA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TxDOT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$29,265,861	\$21,709,595	\$30,395,893	\$81,371,349

Figure 2. Chart and Table of Human Trafficking Expenditures *FY 2022 - 2024*



	FY 2022 Expenditures	FY 2023 Expenditures	FY 2024 Expenditures	Totals by Agency
OAG	\$2,786,840	\$2,753,850	\$3,104,547	\$8,645,238
OOG	\$3,261,755	\$3,160,633	\$2,576,072	\$8,998,460
DPS	\$16,797,013	\$11,053,121	\$16,797,013	\$44,647,147
HHSC	\$52,026	\$187,400	\$89,949	\$329,376
TABC	\$1,836,754	\$2,135,145	\$1,832,600	\$5,804,499
TDLR	\$623,831	\$513,017	\$990,736	\$2,127,584
DFPS	\$430,438	\$553,191	\$465,856	\$1,449,485
TWC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TPWD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TEA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TxDOT	\$0.00	\$2,203.00	\$0.00	\$2,203.00
TOTAL	\$25,788,658	\$20,358,560	\$25,856,773	\$72,003,992

Agency Human Trafficking Budgets

Coordinating Council agencies provided the following fiscal year budget estimates:

	Budgeted 2023	Budgeted 2024	Budgeted 2025	Requested 2026	Projected 2027
Office of the Attorney General	\$3,124,739	\$3,225,704	\$3,225,704	\$3,225,704	\$3,225,704
Office of the Governor	\$3,580,650	\$5,587,650	\$3,587,650	\$6,087,650	\$4,087,650
Department of Public Safety	\$11,053,121	\$16,797,013	\$11,053,121	\$16,797,013	\$11,053,121
Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission	\$2,609,173	\$2,575,115	\$2,575,115	\$2,575,115	\$2,575,115
Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation	\$756,152	\$1,511,967	\$1,489,931	\$2,617,680	\$2,513,099
Department of Family & Protective Services	\$640,010	\$819,601	\$753,205	\$853,546	\$853,546
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	\$150,252	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

All Amounts Represent Base Level



State efforts to eradicate human trafficking require robust collaboration among multiple systems, stakeholders, and organizations to develop and strengthen key partnerships. Partnerships are a necessary foundation for all anti-trafficking work. Without an effective partnership, the other four pillars from the 2020 Strategic Plan cannot be successful.

Notable efforts are included below:

- On July 15, 2024, OAG and Allies Against Slavery entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU), permitting important data sharing. OAG, pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.305, is required to collect human trafficking-related data from DPS and law enforcement agencies in counties with 50,000 or more residents. The MOU permits OAG to provide this data to Allies, which, in turn, can utilize their Lighthouse platform to analyze and visualize the data. Ideally, the result will provide a better understanding on human trafficking trends in Texas, leading to improved prevention efforts, among other things. Additionally, this partnership allows Allies to safely store the OAG-collected data.
- Collaboration and cooperation with Council members and local law enforcement are key components of the Partner pillar. OAG HTTOC Division's civil section successfully collaborated with TDLR enforcement attorneys and field agents to assess and close IMBs suspected of human trafficking. In addition to TDLR's assistance, the civil section worked alongside the San Antonio Police Department, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Houston Police Department, and Austin Police Department in combatting IMBs.
- TDLR staff serve on the advisory board of Texas A&M International University's Center to Counter Human Trafficking (CCHT). The mission of the CCHT is to "support communities of practitioners in the fields of healthcare and education, alongside their partners in trauma care, law

enforcement, policy, and academia, as they work to liberate vulnerable persons from conditions of coercive exploitation in Laredo and its environs." CCHT creates innovative, accessible training resources for healthcare professionals and educators to help them identify and support human trafficking victims. TDLR's participation includes attending advisory board meetings and training sessions and offering guidance on curriculum development for the healthcare professions TDLR regulates. TDLR's Anti-Trafficking Team (ATT) collaborates with the United States Small Business Administration initiative against human trafficking, leveraging their combined expertise and resources. It aims to focus small businesses on prevention and reporting, addresses disaster-related trafficking risks, and integrates disaster response to ensure the reporting of suspected incidents.

- TWC partnered with the Texas Workforce Investment Council and OOG's CSTT to develop a program to serve victims of sex trafficking ages 16-25. The objective of this project is to test the program model, analyze outcomes, and disseminate findings to facilitate replication in areas of critical need. Funding for this program is provided through the Texas Talent Connection grant program.
- TPWD works closely with other agencies in the sharing of information and participating in multiple operations. One operation includes the Crimes Against Children Patrol Operation. This is a DPS-led interdiction program that includes the participation of multiple state agencies. During these operations TPWD Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers patrolled rural areas and state parks, expanding the reach of the DPS effort.
- TEA collaborated with CACTX to produce a training program on prevention of child abuse that a school district may use for staff development as outlined in Texas Education Code Section 38.004 (set to release Fall 2024).

The Task Force is an example of a successful collaborative multidisciplinary body aimed at coordinating anti-human trafficking efforts across local, state, and federal levels. It is a communication hub, drawing together state and regional coalitions and providing coordination, consistent messaging, and sharing of best practices. The Task Force's statutorily-mandated-member organizations include state agencies, local law enforcement agencies, district and county attorneys, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Collectively, these organizations focus on educating the public about human trafficking, identifying victims and providing services, and ensuring traffickers are investigated and prosecuted.

¹ Lighthouse is an online tool developed and operated by Allies Against Slavery. From victim screening information to impact measures, Lighthouse is a powerful software tool that uses the latest security protocols to aggregate and share data securely. Lighthouse is funded in part through a grant from OOG.



Pillar Two PREVENT

The Prevent pillar focuses on programs and services aimed at stopping human trafficking before it happens. Human trafficking misinformation, especially via social media channels, often interferes with prevention efforts. Texas must continue to effectively identify and adjust existing prevention programs, trainings, and services to meet changing needs.

Recent successes include:

- The TWC, OOG, and Texas Workforce Investment Council partnership recognizes the importance of economic empowerment in reducing vulnerabilities by bringing together Local Workforce Development Boards with the DFPS's Foster Youth Transition Centers and Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth (CSEY) Advocates for program development. The goal of the Texas Employment Empowerment Model for Disenfranchised Youth and Young Adults pilot program is to:
 - Deter repeat victimization of sex trafficking victims and prevent victimization of foster youth in transition centers through training, employment, and support.
 - Assist vulnerable youth and young adults by helping them navigate the workforce system from intake through gaining and maintaining employment.
 - Cultivate and increase the number of Texas employers who are committed to providing employment opportunities for these populations.
 - Through a tailored process, led by a training and employment navigator, individuals have an increased chance of finding and maintaining employment. Youth transitioning from foster care and CSEY, two groups historically identified as high-risk for victimization, are the focus of this program. Program referrals are from OOG's CSTT, CSEY advocates, and TWC-funded advocates in the foster youth transition centers. An additional project partner includes 3Strands Global Foundation, which assists individuals facing economic barriers through reintegration programs.
- Participating workforce locations include Workforce Solutions Dallas, Alamo, North Central, and Gulf Coast. These workforce locations provide support in activities such as resume writing, career goal setting, career exploration, skills assessments, and interviewing skills. Additional support services include rent assistance, transportation assistance, gas cards, housing assistance, interview and/or work clothing assistance, parenting classes, and access to mental health services.
- To date:
 - 444 individuals were served by the training and employment navigator through this program.
 - 45 individuals are actively participating in job readiness services and/or training.
 - 61 participants gained employment.
 - 224 employers committed to hiring and supporting participants.
 - 38 training sessions were held to inform employers about supporting these special populations.
- TWC's Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker (MSFW) program monitors and facilitates outreach and delivery of employment and support services for the MSFW population. As a supply state for MSFWs, Texas acknowledges the increased risk of both labor and sex trafficking that exists for the MSFW population. Additionally, recent revisions to regulations require outreach to a majority of MSFWs across the state. MSFW outreach and Workforce Solution (WFS) office staff receive recurring training on identifying human trafficking victims, what to do when human trafficking occurs, specifically when labor trafficking is suspected, and identifying and engaging with community-based organizations that provide services to the MSFW population. During program year 2022, 10,552 Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers were contacted and provided informational and support services. During outreach and contact with the this population, outreach staff and WFS offices distribute literature regarding workers' employment rights and information on how to file a complaint.
- TEA hosted a webinar series aimed at school staff to learn more about legislative updates, labor trafficking, internet and social media awareness, and understanding the process after a report of child abuse or neglect is made. Other Coordinating Council members such as OAG and DFPS participated in these webinars.

- In school year 2022-2023, TEA developed “No Trafficking Zone” rules and signage templates for school district use that describes warning signs of the human trafficking criminal offense. These are located on TEA’s website. In January 2024, TEA promoted human trafficking awareness month in all school districts by creating a “To the Administrator Addressed” letter and hosting a webinar on Child Labor Trafficking. TEA collaborated with CACTX to produce training program on prevention of child abuse that a school district may use for staff development as outlined in Texas Education Code Section 38.004. TEA has a free online virtual learning course: “Prevention and Awareness: Human Trafficking of School-Aged Children | Texas Gateway” available to support local education agencies (LEAs).
- TxDOT partnered with Cecilia Abbot, the First Lady of Texas, OOG’s Commission for Women, and DPS at the Texas Capitol to educate the public on human trafficking and support survivors.
- HHSC has approved 127 trauma-informed, evidence-based human trafficking prevention courses for licensed health care practitioners, and HHSC’s HEART training is successfully completed by an average of 8,000 licensed practitioners per month.
- OOG-grant-supported programs, which include PROTECT (3Strands Global Foundation), Texas Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, and Texas CASA, served 14,917 youths.
- OAG-HTTOC civil section engaged with property owners to highlight human trafficking red flags, as well as the steps the property owners can take to prevent human trafficking on their properties and in their communities.
- In 2023, pursuant to House Bill 2313 (88R), OAG-HTTOC began implementation of Transportation Network Company (TNCs) training programs for all rideshare employees in Texas. OAG-HTTOC coordinated with Uber, Lyft and other rideshare companies to develop and share human trafficking awareness training across the state. TDLR regulates TNCs and oversees this initiative.
- OAG-HTTOC produced and published on its website a commercial lodging training video and human trafficking signage in December 2021. Since 2023, 7,289 people have viewed it.
- Numerous Coordinating Council and Task Force members and supporters gathered on January 15, 2024, at the Texas Capitol for Human Trafficking Awareness Day. There, State Representative Senfronia Thompson, Allies Against Slavery CEO, John Nehme, and OOG Director of Trafficking and Sexual Violence Prevention Programs, Hillary England, recognized the collective efforts of all stakeholders and actors in their fight to end human trafficking in Texas.
- DFPS is a designated member of and participates in the Texas Sexual Assault Survivors’ Task Force (SASTF) and its subcommittees. SASTF’s charge and work supports assessments of prevention efforts that can inform human trafficking prevention efforts.
- In FY 2023, the DFPS Human Trafficking Division coordinated, developed and/or provided quality human trafficking training to over 12,385 individuals of which 7,115 (57%) were DFPS staff and 5,270 (43%) were community partners. To reduce vulnerabilities in the foster and child welfare systems, DFPS hosted Texas Alliance for Child and Family Services and Texas Center for Child and Family Studies in FY 2023, which presented on Reducing Elopement Using Strengths-Based Approaches to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth. This webinar provided an insight on the scale and prevalence of youth running away from care, the link between elopement and commercial sexual exploitation, the push and pull factors that cause youth to run, and how to utilize strengths-based approaches to reduce these behaviors.
- TDLR Initiatives
 - Anti-Trafficking: TDLR developed a new measure which identifies the total number of inspections completed with inspector-observed indicators of potential human trafficking. This measure will help to emphasize efforts to address human trafficking within its regulated industries and to report those efforts to the legislature.
 - Field Inspections: TDLR promoted four field inspectors to Anti-Trafficking Inspectors (ATI). In FY 2023, Field Inspections referred 18 inspections to enforcement for prosecution. In FY 2024, 37 inspections were referred for enforcement. Most of these referrals involved individuals residing and/or sleeping on the premises.



Pillar Three PROTECT

For victims attempting to leave a trafficking situation, as well as those who have escaped and are at risk of re-exploitation, safety is enhanced and increased when law enforcement is able to identify and arrest both traffickers as well as commercial sex buyers.

Significant accomplishments include:

- On May 9, 2023, Midland DPS Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Special Agents assigned to the Human Trafficking Unit conducted Operation Lost Souls East. The goal was to locate and recover children reported missing in Midland and Ector Counties. Law enforcement personnel from nine separate agencies collaborated to locate and recover children reported missing. Assisting agencies included Texas Highway Patrol, Homeland Security Investigations, Odessa Police Department, Midland Police Department, Midland and Ector Counties Sheriff's Offices, United States Marshal Services (USMS), Midland and Ector ISD Police Departments, and Midland and Ector County District Attorney's Offices. Also assisting were various civilian entities, DFPS/CPS, Harmony Homes Children's Advocacy Center, Midland Rape Crisis Children's Advocacy Center, DPS Victims Services, Midland County Juvenile Probation Office, and Midland Memorial and Odessa Medical Center Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. The operation resulted in a total of 30 children being recovered. The youngest child recovered/located was 13 years old. 18 knock-and-talks were conducted, nine schools were visited, one search warrant was executed, one arrest warrant was served, one forensic interview was conducted, and one victim of sexual assault was identified.
- On May 21-22, 2024, Midland CID Special Agents, assigned to the Midland Human Trafficking Unit, conducted Operation Lost Souls Permian Basin. The goal of the operation was to locate/recover children who were reported missing in Ector and Midland Counties, with multiple law enforcement personnel from multiple agencies assisting. As a result, 53 children were recovered, three arrests were made, and one stolen vehicle was recovered.
- DPS conducted a Crimes Against Children Patrol Operation during May 24-26, 2024. As a result, 246 DPS troopers conducted 2,659 traffic stops, during which they reviewed the missing person status of 121 children via the National Crime Information Center and checked the sex offender registration of 13 individuals. CID Special Agents recovered two juvenile human trafficking victim and 12 DPS CID Special Agents conducted 30 sex offender compliance checks.
- On July 17-18, 2024, DPS and numerous NGOs from the greater Austin area conducted Operation Rose Rescue - La Cuarta, a victim-centered trauma informed approach to human trafficking operations. The operation resulted in the identification/recovery of eight victims, to include one juvenile victim, and one arrest.
- Coordinating Council members continued to develop multi-disciplinary Care Coordination Teams (CCT) across the state to consistently meet the immediate and long-term needs of young victims. "Care coordination" describes collaboration between OOG's CSTT, CACTX, and DFPS to develop a statewide process to coordinate services for child sex trafficking victims. The care coordination process begins at the initial recovery or identification of a child victim by law enforcement.
- OOG supported a robust, dedicated advocacy response for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth through continued funding of 14 CSEY Advocacy agencies covering 151 counties in Texas. OOG also trained over 900 individuals on the CSE-IT and implemented a new CSE-IT training specifically for law enforcement and criminal justice personnel.
- OAG-HTTOC created a free multi-day training specifically targeted to law enforcement and prosecutors. This training includes best practices on victim-centered investigation and effective prosecution, among other topics. Training locations were Lubbock, San Angelo, Portland, Victoria, and College Station with 1,325 attendees across all sessions.
- Legislation passed during the 88th Legislative Session in 2023:
 - Child Grooming, Texas Penal Code Section 15.032, which "makes it a crime to knowingly act or attempt to persuade, induce, entice, or coerce a child under 18 to engage in conduct that would constitute, or would make a party to, a crime under Chapter 43 (Public Indecency) or a sexual crime under Chapters 20A (Trafficking of Persons), 21 (Sexual Offenses), or 22 (Assaultive Offenses)." (Special thanks to the Texas District and County Attorney's Association, a Task Force member, for this rather concise description).

- DPS will now flag a registered sex offender's driver's license if their reason for registration is a human trafficking conviction. This requirement is found in Texas Transportation Code Section 521.057.
- TDLR implemented a multi-faceted distribution strategy to address IMBs by collaborating with criminal justice, civil, and NGOs. TDLR developed processes to ensure that complaints received from consumers or other entities that include indicators of human trafficking are reviewed with the due priority they require. TDLR enhanced communication between divisions and collaboration with the OAG to address IMBs. TDLR partnered onsite with DPS and the following police departments: Houston, Dallas, Austin, and El Paso, and other law enforcement agencies, as well as NGOs which offer services to both self-identified and unself-identified victims.
- TDLR structured a new initiative to rapidly connect identified victims with NGOs on-site at IMBs and provide them with immediate crisis assistance. For potential victims, this initiative plants seeds of opportunity by connecting them with NGOs that offer a safe exit, relocation, and long-term support to reduce vulnerabilities. Additionally, TDLR's ATT developed specialized interactive trainings for NGOs to overcome the unique challenges and barriers in assisting potential victims in IMBs. This comprehensive training includes on-site support at IMBs and covers 13 additional topics relevant to working with IMB victims. In FY 2024, six NGOs received this training. TDLR's ATT conducted 21 IMB training sessions for law enforcement agencies across Texas.
- DFPS's Special Investigations Division is leveraged to conduct sex/labor trafficking investigations within DFPS's jurisdiction; partner and conduct joint investigations with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; and support Child Protective Services with the expedient recoveries of children missing from DFPS care. Of the 1,164 (3.7%) unique children and youth in DFPS care who were missing at some point during FY 2023: 1,016 (87%) were located by the end of the same fiscal year. In the Spring of 2023, Bexar County Special Investigations Division partnered with USMS which conducted Operation We Will Find You (OWWFY), the first national missing child operation in coordination with the USMS Sex Offender Investigations Branch and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). OWWFY efforts focused on geographical areas with high clusters of critically missing children. The Bexar County operation yielded strong success with 31 recoveries of which 14 were children missing from DFPS care.
- DFPS Statewide Intake (Abuse Hotline) established procedures to provide DPS, local law enforcement, and local children's advocacy centers information received on human trafficking concerns, and other child abuse/neglect reports, that fall both inside and outside of DFPS's jurisdiction. DFPS Special Investigators work on complex, high-profile and high-risk DFPS cases, including human trafficking investigations that require joint investigation with local law enforcement and DPS.
- DFPS continues to lead the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Region VI Human Trafficking Workgroup that includes Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and New Mexico. The Workgroup's goals are to optimize collaboration, conserve resources, and minimize duplication of efforts amongst partners and other ACF regions as it relates to individuals up to age 24 who are victims of or at risk of becoming a victim of human trafficking.



Pillar Four PROSECUTE

Successful prosecution of offenders is a key component in the fight against human trafficking. There are many challenges to prosecuting human trafficking cases, several of which arise from the nature of the victimization. Victims may not self-identify, may not cooperate with law enforcement, and may fear law enforcement.

Successful human trafficking-related criminal prosecutions occurred throughout Texas, and the following are the Coordinating Council Members' accomplishments:

- Since last report, OAG-HTTOC has resolved 76 human trafficking and sexual assault/sexual exploitation cases (children and adults) in 25 counties. OAG criminal prosecutors have assisted local prosecutors in securing 23 convictions for a total of 292 years in prison, with five life sentences, detailed below. Currently, OAG prosecutors have a total of 45 pending cases in 15 counties, providing a voice to 55 victims in the criminal justice system.
- A Midway, TX father was sentenced by a District Court in Madison County to three life sentences after being convicted of trafficking his daughter for sex as well as two counts of sexual assault of a child. This case was prosecuted by the Madison County District Attorney's Office with assistance from OAG-HTTOC.
- A Leon County man received two life sentences for aggravated kidnapping and trafficking of a child victim he forced into his car on the streets in Houston. The conviction was a joint effort by the Leon County District Attorney's Office and OAG-HTTOC.
- Successful TABC investigations and prosecutions:
 - A Mission, TX woman was convicted of human trafficking in Federal Court. She received 30 years in prison. 40

victims were identified and 16 testified against her. The TABC permit she held to sell alcohol was cancelled as a result.

- A San Antonio, TX man was sentenced to 35 years in state prison for human trafficking. A 16-year-old victim from Amarillo was recovered. During an interview, three additional victims were identified. All victims were recruited over social media. Several TABC licensed Sexually Oriented Businesses were sanctioned or licenses cancelled because of this investigation.

Often under-appreciated forms of prosecution are the use of civil legal actions and regulatory powers possessed by Coordinating Council members.

While OAG does not have original jurisdiction to prosecute criminal cases, it does have original jurisdiction in civil enforcement cases. The Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 140A provides OAG with the authority to pursue civil litigation against sex and labor traffickers or enterprises when trafficking was committed for financial gain. Remedies under this chapter include civil penalties, costs, reasonable attorney's fees, and injunctive relief.

The operation of an IMB can be considered a common nuisance under the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 125.002. This section gives OAG the authority to file suit against the property, the business, or the landowner to abate the nuisance. In 2020, OAG established a Landlord Engagement Program to utilize this authority. This program addresses the growing problem of IMBs in Texas, and it is a collaborative partnership between OAG, local law enforcement, and TDLR.

As part of the program, the landlord is notified by letter of the illegal activity and requested to take steps to abate the nuisance. If illegal activity continues, OAG can file a civil suit. Illegal activity found at a location after a landlord has been notified can provide prima facie evidence in a nuisance abatement suit that the landlord knowingly tolerated the activity and did not make reasonable attempts to abate the nuisance.

Since 2023, the OAG-HTTOC Landlord Engagement Program has contacted 29 landlords in seven counties with 10 voluntarily terminating their leases with IMBs. OAG-HTTOC filed four civil nuisance abatement lawsuits against landlords and property owners that do business with IMBs that have not cooperated with the OAG-HTTOC in the IMB closure. Ultimately, three of those suits settled with a closure of the business, and one is still pending.

Significant regulatory action by Coordinating Council members:

- TDLR Enforcement Division massage therapy violations resulting in disciplinary actions:

Violations	2023	2024	Grand Total
Allowing Unlicensed or Expired Therapists to Work	13	7	20
Sexual Misconduct	3	5	8
Unlicensed Massage Establishments	5	3	8
Unlicensed Massage Therapists	2	0	2
Allowing Individuals to Reside on the Premises	13	4	17

- TDLR, on May 30, 2024, issued the first Emergency Order, authorized by House Bill 3579 (88R), against a massage establishment suspected of human trafficking. This order halted operations at the massage establishment for a period of six months and led to the agreed revocation of eight establishment licenses in Harris County held by the same massage establishment owner.
- TABC cancelled 60 licenses at locations this reporting period for human trafficking-related complaints.

Legislation assisting the prosecution of human trafficking-related cases passed during the 88th Legislative Session in 2023:

- Trafficking a disabled individual is now punished the same as trafficking a child under Chapter 20A, Texas Penal Code.
- Trafficking, causing serious bodily injury, using or exhibiting a deadly weapon, or by strangulation is now a first-degree felony.
- Trafficking within 1,000 feet of a college or university now subject to the aggravated first-degree punishment range of 25-99 years or life in prison.
- Compelling Prostitution was also amended to criminalize causing a disabled individual to commit prostitution, negating the need for the state to prove force, threat, coercion, or fraud.



Texas is working to increase services to effectively address the complex trauma and unique challenges that trafficking victimization brings.

Significant accomplishments include:

- Since 2021, Texas has been promoting the use of iWatchTexas, a state funded reporting system operated by DPS. House Bill 3721 and Senate Bill 1831 (87R) required the addition of iWatchTexas reporting information to be added to human trafficking signs.
- Specialized Advocacy Case Management Programs like the CSEY Advocacy programs funded by OOG are nonprofit agencies that employ advocates who provide individualized 24/7 crisis-response and ongoing long-term trust-based relational support to youth under the age of 22. CSEY advocates are dispatched by first responders immediately upon recovery of a survivor and provide a variety of services including: crisis response, basic needs, personal support, case management, advocacy, and legal support. Currently, 14 CSEY Advocacy agencies are funded, covering 151 counties in Texas.
 - 14,917 total youth served across grantee programs.
 - 1,098 youth admitted into Care Coordination.
 - 1,700 individuals trained on CSTT's strategies and mission.
- OAG includes a training session for law enforcement and prosecutors on "Victim Centered and Trauma Informed Response to Human Trafficking" provided by investigators of OAG-HTU and OAG-HTTOC prosecutors with first-hand experience. Since 2022, this training has been provided in five regions across Texas.
- To date, OAG has signed MOUs with TDLR, DPS, and Allies Against Slavery to facilitate more effective human trafficking data collection and sharing.
- DFPS hosted the fourth annual anti-trafficking conference: Light the Way End Human Trafficking 2024 Summit. With over 1,100 participants, the Summit featured a variety of Texas leaders and nationally recognized experts including individuals with lived experience. Presenters covered a wide array of topics, in 56 unique sessions, associated with anti-trafficking efforts. DFPS invites all disciplines, from all levels of experience, to participate, collaborate, and help increase awareness, prevention, identification, restoration, and justice in the fight to end human trafficking. The goal of the Summit is to elevate the understanding and knowledge of DFPS staff and key partners on the complexities and impact of human trafficking on children and youth to include the lifelong needs to support restoration.
- In April 2023, DFPS hosted the 2nd Annual Texas Care Coordinator's Convening in partnership with CACTX and OOG-CSTT. The Convening brought together the robust group of statewide CSEY-CCT Leaders to discuss successes and new directions for Texas in Care Coordination. Both First Lady Cecilia Abbott, and DFPS Commissioner Muth spoke on the importance of tackling the complex issue of trafficking. DFPS remains a committed partner in the development of local CCTs across Texas.
- DFPS has established MOUs with CSEY Advocate Agencies, which establish protocols and outlines the working relationship for the identification of and provision for coordinated services to victims of commercial sexual exploitation. CSEY Advocate Agencies with approved MOUs have met DFPS requirements and are able to serve children, youth, and young adults in any DFPS stage of service.
- TDLR's ATT hosts quarterly IMB focus meetings with law enforcement personnel and NGOs. These meetings aim to provide sustained support, offer continued training opportunities, and enhance collective efforts. To foster an ongoing exchange of insights and strategies, these meetings will serve as a platform for sharing tips and addressing challenges.
- HHSC has approved 127 trauma-informed, evidence-based human trafficking prevention courses for licensed health care practitioners, and HHSC's HEART training is successfully completed by an average of 8,000 licensed practitioners per month.
- DFPS partners with OOG-CSTT, CACTX, and local Children's Advocacy Centers to develop CCTs, the Texas Logic Model, and partnerships with CSEY advocate agencies.

Appendix A: Inventory of Coordinating Council Human Trafficking Programs, Campaigns and Trainings

Office of the Attorney General

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Prosecutions • Civil Suits • Investigations • Training/Outreach • Policy
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Prosecutions • Civil Suits • Investigations • Training/Outreach • Policy
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Blue Sand Project • Wear Blue Day
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Blue Sand Project • Wear Blue Day
Trainings	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented a Human Trafficking Training to Boysville, INC in San Antonio • HTTOC in collaboration with the DPS and the Task Force conducted a free one-day training on human trafficking to Texas Anti-Gang center members in Houston • Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice Josh Reno and Sergeant Dara Bailes spoke at a panel at the Conference to Combat Human Trafficking in Houston • Presented virtually to the International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference on Proactive Approaches for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors to Human Trafficking • Presented virtually to Texas Juvenile Justice Department on familial labor trafficking cases • Conducted a social media and human trafficking training for Voice of Hope and advocacy partners in Lubbock at the 2022 Sex Trafficking Educational Summit • Participated in the 2022 Office of Interprofessional Education Fall Symposium panel discussion on human trafficking hosted by Texas Tech University • Provided a training on human trafficking to healthcare professionals at The Colony ER Hospital in Denton County • Presented a human trafficking training to MD Anderson employees via Zoom • HTTOC and HTU provided a Human Trafficking Prevention Training to law enforcement officers, support staff, and prosecutors in Lubbock

FY 2023 <i>cont.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented a human trafficking training at the Texas Criminal Justice Information User's Group Conference in Kerrville Participated in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Trafficking in Persons' Human Trafficking Leadership Academy Design Summit Presented a human trafficking training to Rule ISD Presented the basics of human trafficking to students at the University of Saint Thomas in Harris County Presented a human trafficking 101 training to TxDOT employees Provided human trafficking education and training to Eastland community members Presented an 88th Legislative update to the Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking in Austin Presented a Human Trafficking 101 and Human Trafficking and Social Media presentation at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department Conference in Georgetown Presented a State of the State presentation at the Alamo Area Coalition Against Trafficking in San Antonio Presented a Human Trafficking 101 presentation to the Highway Emergency Response Organization (HERO) in San Antonio Presented a State of the State on Human Trafficking presentation at the DFPS Light the Way Summit Presented a human trafficking training at the CSEY Summit for the Bastrop Center for Child Protection Provided Human Trafficking updates from the 88th Legislative session for the OOG's Child Sex Trafficking Webinar <p>Total Number of Trainings: 27</p> <p>Total Number of People Trained: 1,810</p>
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented at the Big Country Human Trafficking Coalition via TEAMS HTTOC and HTU provided a Human Trafficking Prevention Training to law enforcement officers, support staff, and prosecutors in San Angelo Provided a Human Trafficking 101 training to the Division Director, Regional Division Director, Regional Lead Attorney, and several other members of the OAG Child Support Division in Austin Presented a Human Trafficking 101 presentation to HERO in Austin Met with 11th grade students from the Houston Academy for International Studies to give a Human Trafficking 101 presentation via Teams Provided a Human Trafficking and Social Media training presentation to the North Austin Chapter of the National Charity League in Austin Provided a training on how human trafficking cases are prosecuted at the DFPS Attorney and Legal Support Professionals Conference in San Antonio Provided a Human Trafficking Training to the Austin County Juvenile Probation in Bellville Presented a Human Trafficking 101 and Human Trafficking and Social Media presentations to the Region 7 Education Service Center in Kilgore Presented a Human Trafficking Training at the Child Welfare Training Conference in Killeen Presented a Human Trafficking Training to the Texas Education Agency in Austin Provided a Brady and Morton Act training to the OAG Criminal Investigations Division in Austin Provided a Miranda Warning training to the OAG Criminal Investigations Division in Austin Presented a Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Legislative Update presentation to the Texas Education Agency Webinar Presented a Barriers to Prosecution of Human Trafficking Cases presentation at the 2023 Conference to Combat Human Trafficking Presented an Effective Legislation presentation at the 2023 Conference to Combat Human Trafficking

FY 2024 <i>cont.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTTOC and HTU provided a Human Trafficking Prevention Training to law enforcement officers, support staff, and prosecutors in Portland • Provided a Human Trafficking Training to the Children Advocacy Center in Houston • Presented a What Family Judges Need to Know about Human Trafficking at the 2024 Family Justice Conference in Austin • Completed a question and answer discussion with Links via Zoom • Presented a Human Trafficking training to Abilene Christian University in Abilene • Presented a Human Trafficking and Social Media presentation to the Harmony Home Children’s Advocacy Center in Odessa • Presented a Trauma Informed Response presentation to the Harmony Home Children’s Advocacy Center in Odessa • Presented a IMB presentation to the Harmony Home Children’s Advocacy Center in Odessa • Provided a Human Trafficking Training to the Tarrant County 5 Stone Taskforce in Fort Worth • Presented several training sessions at the E-Intro for Special Investigations Conference Training in Fort Worth • Provided a Human Trafficking Training to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Waco • Provided a Human Trafficking Training at the Safety 1st Conference: Making School Safe Event in Richardson • Provided Human Trafficking, Juvenile 101 and Interrogation presentations to the Austin Police Department • Presented a “The Legislature, the Bar, and You – What changed and what to do about it” presentation to the Office of Attorney General in Austin • Participated in the Human Trafficking Panel for Texas Association of Addiction Professionals in Austin • HTTOC and HTU provided a Human Trafficking Prevention Training to law enforcement officers, support staff and prosecutors in Victoria • Presented a Human Trafficking Training at the 2024 Court Professionals Conference in Dallas • Provided a Human Trafficking Training at the South Central Texas Hotel Owners Conference in San Antonio • Provided a Human Trafficking Training for the Mexico Delegation on the Law Enforcement and Security Exchange Program Trafficking and Transnational Crime Study Tour • Provided a Human Trafficking Training for the DFPS Child Protective Services in San Antonio • Provided a Human Trafficking Training for The Net in Fort Worth • Presented several human trafficking sessions at the 2024 Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas • Presented at the 2024 DFPS Light the Way Summit in Corpus Christi • Provided a Human Trafficking Training for North Texas Children Advocacy Center in Decatur and Lewisville <p>Total Number of Trainings: 69</p> <p>Total Number of People Trained: 4,264</p>
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Office of the Governor

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Sex Trafficking Team
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Sex Trafficking Team
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can You See Me? • GRACE Day of Prayer to End Human Trafficking • Wear Blue Day • Texas Blue Sand Project
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRACE Day of Prayer to End Human Trafficking • Wear Blue Day • Texas Blue Sand Project
Trainings	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of CSTT Strategies • Commercial Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool (CSE-IT) User Training • Presentation on Care Coordination and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth (CSEY) Advocacy • Legislative Updates • Webinars featuring subject matter experts in anti-trafficking work • Total number of trainings: 41 • Total number of people trained: 1,892
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of CSTT Strategies • Commercial Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool (CSE-IT) User Training • Commercial Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool (CSE-IT) User Training for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Personnel • Presentation on Care Coordination and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth (CSEY) Advocacy • Legislative Updates • Webinars featuring subject matter experts in anti-trafficking work <p>Total number of trainings: 28 Total number of people trained: 1,495</p>

Texas Department of Public Safety

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interdiction for the Protection of Children iWatch
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interdiction for the Protection of Children iWatch
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Human Trafficking Hotline TxDOT Human Trafficking Awareness National Human Trafficking Awareness Day DHS Blue Campaign National Missing Children's Day National Crime Victims' Rights Week Crimes Against Children Patrol Operation Solicitation Operations Victim Recovery Operations
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Human Trafficking Hotline TxDOT Human Trafficking Awareness National Human Trafficking Awareness Day DHS Blue Campaign National Missing Children's Day National Crime Victims' Rights Week Crimes Against Children Patrol Operation Solicitation Operations Victim Recovery Operations
Trainings	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking Training to DPS Law Enforcement Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training to Law Enforcement <p>Total Number of Trainings: 10 Total Number of People Trained: 500</p>
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking Training to DPS Law Enforcement Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training to Law Enforcement <p>Total Number of Trainings: 10 Total Number of People Trained: 500</p>

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking Resource Center Health Care Practitioner Training Program Provider Guidebook - Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in Texas HEART Training Sex Trafficking Needs Assessment, City of Dallas Stop Human Trafficking Donation Account Stop Human Trafficking Specialty License Plate
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking Resource Center Health Care Practitioner Training Program Provider Guidebook - Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in Texas HEART Training Sex Trafficking Needs Assessment, City of Dallas Stop Human Trafficking Donation Account Stop Human Trafficking Specialty License Plate Responding to Sex Trafficking in the Greater Dallas Area: A Needs Assessment (Webinar)
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Employee Charitable Campaign - Domestic Victims of Trafficking Stop Human Trafficking Specialty License Plate Design Contest Stop Human Trafficking Specialty License Plate Sale
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Employee Charitable Campaign - Domestic Victims of Trafficking Stop Human Trafficking Specialty License Plate Sale
Trainings	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking Prevention Training was provided to licensed healthcare practitioners in Texas as a condition of their license renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Number of Trainings Approved: 107 Total Number of People Trained: Information may be available by each of the 11 health care licensing boards <p>Total Number of HEART training completions: 132,364</p>
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking Prevention Training was provided to licensed healthcare practitioners in Texas as a condition of their license renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Number of Trainings Approved: 127 Total Number of People Trained: Information may be available by each of the 11 health care licensing boards <p>Total Number of HEART training completions: 190,472</p>

Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Human Trafficking Investigations Connecting Human Trafficking Victims to Services Advanced Undercover/Human Trafficking School for TABC Agents
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Human Trafficking Investigations Connecting Human Trafficking Victims to Services Advanced Undercover/Human Trafficking School for TABC Agents
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable
Trainings	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TABC Human Trafficking/Undercover School - Approximately 25 internal TABC Agents <p>Total Number of Trainings: 1 Total Number of People Trained: 25</p>
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TABC Human Trafficking/Undercover School - Approximately 25 internal TABC Agents <p>Total Number of Trainings: 1 Total Number of People Trained: 25</p>

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosecutions • Enforcements • Field Inspections • Training and Technical Assistance • Victim Resources • Public Awareness
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Prosecution • Enforcement • Field Inspections • Training and Technical Assistance • Victim Resources • Public Awareness
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear Blue Day • Stop Human Trafficking
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear Blue Day • Stop Human Trafficking • Human Trafficking Awareness Signs for Barber Shops, Salons, and Massage Establishments. • Social Media Posts • Blue Heart Campaign
Trainings	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented at DFPS Light the Way End Human Trafficking Summit 2023 <p>Total Number of Trainings: 1 Total Number of People Trained: 100</p>
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted a training on Illicit Massage Business and Regulatory Inspection for Dallas Police Department • Conducted a training on Illicit massage Business and Regulatory Inspection for Lake Jackson Code Enforcement • Presented an overview of IMB investigations and Emergency Orders at the San Antonio STOP Task Force • Presented an overview of IMB inspections, investigations, and Emergency Orders at the Houston Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance Task Force • Conducted a training on IMB Indicators and Regulatory Inspection for OAG HHTOC Division • Conducted a Training on Human Trafficking and IMB Indicators for TDLR Enforcement Division • Conducted a Training on Human Trafficking and IMB Indicators for TDLR Field Inspection Division • Conducted a training on human trafficking recruitment and IMB indicators for the TDLR Field Inspection Division • Presented on Human Trafficking 101 and IMB for AISD Counselor and Licensed Mental Health Professionals • Conducted a Training on Recognizing IMBs and Administrative Investigations for Fort Bend County • Conducted a training on IMB Indicators and Regulatory Inspection for Round Rock Police Department • Conducted a training on IMB Trends and Regulatory Inspection for Pflugerville Police Department • Conducted a Training on IMB Trends, Indicators, Victim Assistance and Eligible Services, and Regulatory Inspection for DPS Austin

FY 2024 <i>cont.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted a Training on IMB Trends, Indicators, Victim Assistance and Eligible Services, and Regulatory Inspection for Amarillo Police Department • Conducted a Training on “Understanding Asian Culture in the Context of IMBs” and Regulatory Inspections and Investigations for Houston Police Department Differential Response Team • Conducted a Training on “Understanding Asian Culture in the Context of IMBs” and Regulatory Inspections and Investigations for Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office • Conducted a Training on “Understanding Asian Culture in the Context of IMBs” and Regulatory Inspections and Investigations for Boerne Police Department • Conducted a training on IMBs Indicators and Regulatory Investigations for Killeen Police Department • Conducted a training on IMBs Indicators and Regulatory Investigations for Lubbock Police Department • Conducted a Training on “Understanding Asian Culture in the Context of IMBs” and Regulatory Inspections and Investigations for Plainview Police Department • Conducted a training on IMB Trends and Regulatory Inspection for Coryell County Sheriff’s Office • Conducted a training on IMBs Indicators and Regulatory Investigations for Wichita Falls Sheriff Department • Conducted a Training on Human Trafficking Recruitment for TDLR Enforcement Division • Conducted a Training on IMB Overview and Victim Support for Unbound Now Austin • Conducted a Training on IMB On-Site Victim Assistance for Unbound Now Austin • Presented ‘Stranger, Danger?’ Child Sex Trafficking Awareness Training at TDLR • Presented ‘Stranger, Danger?’ Child Sex Trafficking Training for Parents at TDLR • Conducted a Training on IMB Victim Services and Support for Regional Victim Crisis Center • Conducted a Training on IMB On-Site Victim Assistance for Red Oaks and Key 2 Free • Conducted a Training on IMB Overview for Red Oaks • Conducted a Training on IMB On-Site Victim Assistance for Asian Family Support Services of Austin and Austin Police Department Victim Services • Presented an Overview of IMB and TDLR at Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking • Presented an Overview of Anti-Trafficking Effort for TDLR Education & Examination Division • Presented an Overview of Human Trafficking 101 for TDLR Customer service Division • Conducted 4 Trainings on “Understanding Asian Culture in the Context of IMBs” for TDLR Anti-Trafficking Inspectors and Investigators • Conducted Global Human Trafficking Training for Presented at TDLR • Conducted a training on IMBs Indicators and Regulatory Investigations for Anderson County Sheriff’s Office • Conducted 2 training on IMBs Indicators and Regulatory Investigations for Travis County Precinct 2 Constable’s Office <p>Total Number of Trainings: 43</p> <p>Total Number of People Trained: 629</p>
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Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Division
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Division
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light the Way to End Human Trafficking Human Trafficking Prevention Month Faith IN Action 2023 Summit Wear Blue Day Blue Lights in Texas GRACE Week of Prayer to End Human Trafficking National Missing Children's Day
Trainings	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Based Care Human Trafficking Leadership Training Coordinadores de apoyo de la fundación contra la trata de personas para niño vigilar DFPS Human Trafficking Protocol and CSE IT User Training DFPS Human Trafficking Protocol and CSE IT Overview Training DFPS Human Trafficking Training Featuring OAG Be the One in the Fight Against Trafficking DFPS Protocol for Care Coordination Overview Dissecting Family-Facilitated Child Sex Trafficking Trends Domestic Familial Trafficking Stark Realities and Service Provision Evolution for Care Coordination: The Texas Logic Model Faith-Based Champions Family Facilitated Child Sex Trafficking Foundations of Human Trafficking Child Protective Investigations and Child Protective Services Foundations of Human Trafficking Child Protective Investigations and Child Protective Services – Professional Development Foundations of Human Trafficking for Child Care Investigations How to Effectively Meet the Needs of Male Survivors Human Trafficking and DFPS Human Trafficking Basics Human Trafficking Foundations for Child Watch Support Coordinators Improving Frontline Practices to Better Serve Survivors of Human Trafficking: The Guiding Principles Light the Way End Human Trafficking 2023 Summit (56 distinct sessions) Perpetuating Injustice & Inequity: Evolving Human Trafficking Prevention and Service Delivery through a 2Gen Approach Prevention of Human Trafficking through the Child Welfare System Pursuing Medical Forensic Assessments for Family-facilitated Child Trafficking Survivors Reducing Elopement Using Strengths-Based Approaches in CSEY Reducing Vulnerabilities for Sex Trafficking

FY 2023 <i>cont.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 3 Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth Advocates • Region 5 Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth Advocates • Region 6 Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth Advocates • Reg 8 and 11 Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth Advocates • Stark Realities of Domestic Family-Facilitated Trafficking and service provision (Guiding Principles) • Tackling the Issues of Human Trafficking with Dr. Tonya Stafford Manning • Texas Education Agency - Reporting • The Dynamics of Family-Facilitated Child Sex Trafficking: What you need to know. • The Future of Healing: Hope Beyond Trauma • Understanding Buyers is the Key to Stopping Demand • Unpacking the Complexities of Human Trafficking <p>Total Number of Training Categories: 36</p> <p>Total Number of People Trained: 12,385</p>
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Texas Workforce Commission

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child and Labor Law Investigations • Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program - Outreach and Prevention • Human Trafficking Navigator Program • Texas Talent Connection Grant Program
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child and Labor Law Investigations • Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program - Outreach and Prevention • Human Trafficking Navigator Program • Texas Talent Connection Grant Program
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAG Be the One video - Encouraging All Staff to Review • Human trafficking Posters and Notices - Know the Signs Posted in Workforce Solution Offices • Know the Signs: Signage, Outreach, and Prevention/Education
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAG Be the One video - Encouraging All Staff to Review • Human trafficking Posters and Notices - Know the Signs Posted in Workforce Solution Offices • Know the Signs: Signage, Outreach, and Prevention/Education
Trainings	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of Staff who work with Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of Staff who work with Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crimes Against Children Patrol (2 operations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 547 TPWD Officers utilized during operation 249 traffic stops 3,200 non-traffic stops Number of Children Rescued: 1
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crimes Against Children Patrol (2 operations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 628 TPWD Officers utilized during operation 649 traffic stops 12,673 non-traffic stops Number of Children Rescued: 1
Trainings	
FY 2023 & 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking -3270- to TPWD Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers <p>Total number of trainings: 2</p> <p>Total number of People Trained: 104</p>

Texas Education Agency

Programs	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking of School Age Children and Youth Prevention and Awareness Work Group
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Trafficking of School Age Children and Youth Prevention and Awareness Work Group
Campaigns	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable
Trainings	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting Child Abuse including Human Trafficking Webinar Trends in Trafficking Prevention: Exploring the Health TEKS and other resources Technology and Trafficking Panel Discussion: Child Abuse Prevention Month
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Updates Child Labor Trafficking After the Report: Screening & Investigation Internet & Social Media Safety Awareness

Texas Department of Transportation

Programs	
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Human Trafficking Prevention WorkgroupAdded TxDOT to the Task Force and Coordinating Council
Campaigns	
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On the Road to End Human TraffickingWear Blue DayPartnered with OAG and several state legislators on event at the Texas Capital
Trainings	
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Updated Human Trafficking Awareness CoursePartnered with OAG and presented 'Human Trafficking Awareness 101' webinar

Appendix B: Legislative Recommendations

Proposal	Statute	Background
Modify Penal Code Sections 20A.02(a)(7), (8), Trafficking of Persons, to include “regardless of whether the actor knows the age of the child or whether the actor knows the victim is disabled at the time of the offense”	Penal Code Sections 20A.02(a)(7), (8)	This amendment would provide prosecutors and jurors the tools needed to overcome age and disability hurdles in the prosecution of cases. Similar language already exists in Penal Code Section 21.02, Continuous Sexual Abuse.
Fix Possession of Child Pornography statute because conflicting bills were passed during the 88th Session. Also, the statute’s use of “videotape or film” should be changed to the already defined term of “visual material”	Penal Code Section 43.26	This change will reconcile the most effective parts of SB 1527 and SB 129 passed last session to hold suspects accountable based upon the volume of child pornography they possess, as well as make it clear that digital media is included.
Modify Penal Code Section 43.021, Solicitation of Prostitution	Penal Code Section 43.021	During the 88th Session, an amendment was added that requires the person to whom the fee is paid to be under 18 to qualify as solicitation of a minor. This means when a fee is paid to an overage pimp in exchange for sex with a minor, the enhancement is no longer available. This proposed language reverts back to the prior statute.
Adds a new Penal Code section relating to Continuous Promotion of Prostitution	Penal Code Section 43.042	Related Penal Code sections have an offense for continuous commission of the crime. This new section allows prosecution if a person commits Promotion of Prostitution that is 30 or more days in duration. The offense will be a 1st degree felony.
Modify Code of Criminal Procedure relating to Hearsay Statements of Certain Abuse Victims	Code of Criminal Procedure Article 38.072	This amendment allows admission of hearsay outcry statements of a child younger than 18 years of age and makes it clear that the age of 18 is consistent across all circumstances. It also allows the courts to admit multiple outcry statements.

Proposal	Statute	Background
Modify Code of Criminal Procedure Article 38.37, Evidence of Extraneous Offenses or Acts, to include all cases, not just cases involving children	Code of Criminal Procedure Article 38.37	This modification will allow evidence of extraneous offenses to be admissible for all victims under Penal Code Chapters 21, 22, Section 25.02, Section 43.25, Section 20A.02, Section 20A.03, and Section 23.05.
Amend Penal Code Section 38.17, Failure to Stop or Report Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child, to allow wider prosecutions for failure to report	Penal Code Section 38.17	This expands the offenses for which someone can be prosecuted for failure to report. It also extends the statute of limitations, which hinders effective prosecution because of delayed outcries. Punishment is increased to a 3rd degree felony.
Add Office of Court Administration (OCA) to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council	Government Code Section 402.034	Having OCA on the Council will improve communications, cross agency reporting requirements, and assist with the accurate collection of human-trafficking data.
Add human trafficking identification training for tattoo and piercing studios, and barbers and cosmetologists	Health and Safety Code Chapter 146; Occupations Code Chapter 1603	These professionals may encounter victims in their studios, shops, or salons. An emerging trend is that suspects use tattooing as a type of branding. Victims may be left alone, creating rare opportunities for an outcry. Training increases awareness.