

Did You Know?

- Legislation passed in July requiring DCBS to investigate allegations of human trafficking, including sex trafficking and forced labor.
- Under federal and state laws, sex trafficking includes any commercial sex (prostitution, pornography, or stripping) involving a minor and does not require force, fraud, or coercion if the victim is under 18. The commercial exchange may be money, drugs, shelter, food, jewelry, gifts, or other items of commercial value.
- DCBS investigates a report of human trafficking involving a minor regardless of whether the alleged trafficker is the parent, custodial guardian, or non-caretaker.
- All human trafficking reports must be initiated within one (1) hour of receipt and worked jointly with law enforcement (SSW interviews the perpetrator only with law enforcement present).
- SSW consults with the Child Protective Services Branch within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of the report.

For more information, please see [SOP 2.15.9](#).

