



Department of
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Efforts to Address Human Trafficking**

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Governor Kasich signed Executive Order 2012-06K in March 2012, which introduces state agencies to coordinate services and treatment for victims of human trafficking.

The Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force provided recommendations to the Governor and explained: "Human trafficking – the illegal trade of human beings for reproductive slavery, commercial sexual exploitation, and forced labor – is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises worldwide and is on pace to surpass the drug trade in less than 5 years. Ohio is not immune to this scourge. Each year an estimated 1,078 Ohio children become victims of human trafficking and 3,016 more are at-risk for exploitation."

DYS has been included in the effort to prevent and address this social problem. Training is being rolled out to provide staff with a better understanding of the signs of human trafficking, its impact on victims, and our agency's role in dealing with this issue. There are different levels of training that will be required of DYS staff. You will be notified regarding which training is appropriate for your position.

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