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# RULE CHANGES & ADVOCACY STRATEGIES IN RESPONSE TO THE PREVENTING SEX TRAFFICKING & STRENGTHENING SAFE FAMILIES ACT

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# “THE ACT”

QUICK OVERVIEW

# PROVISIONS

- STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
  - Sex trafficking victims to law enforcement (2 yrs)
  - Missing youth to law enforcement (2 yrs)
  - Numbers of sex trafficking victims to US Dept of Health and Human Services (USDHSS) (3 yrs)
- FED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (USDHHS TO CONGRESS EACH YEAR)
  - Numbers of sex trafficking victims (4 yrs)
  - Numbers of runaways, including their risk of becoming sex trafficking victims (4 yrs)

# PROVISIONS

- STATE ACTION REQUIREMENTS

- Develop policies & procedures to identify, document, screen, & determine appropriate services for youth who are victims of, or at risk of, sex trafficking
  - Must for child welfare involved youth
  - May for all youth under 26 years
- Develop & implement protocols to locate runaway and missing youth
- Consult with foster youth age 14 and older in the development of or revision to his or her case plan



# PROVISIONS

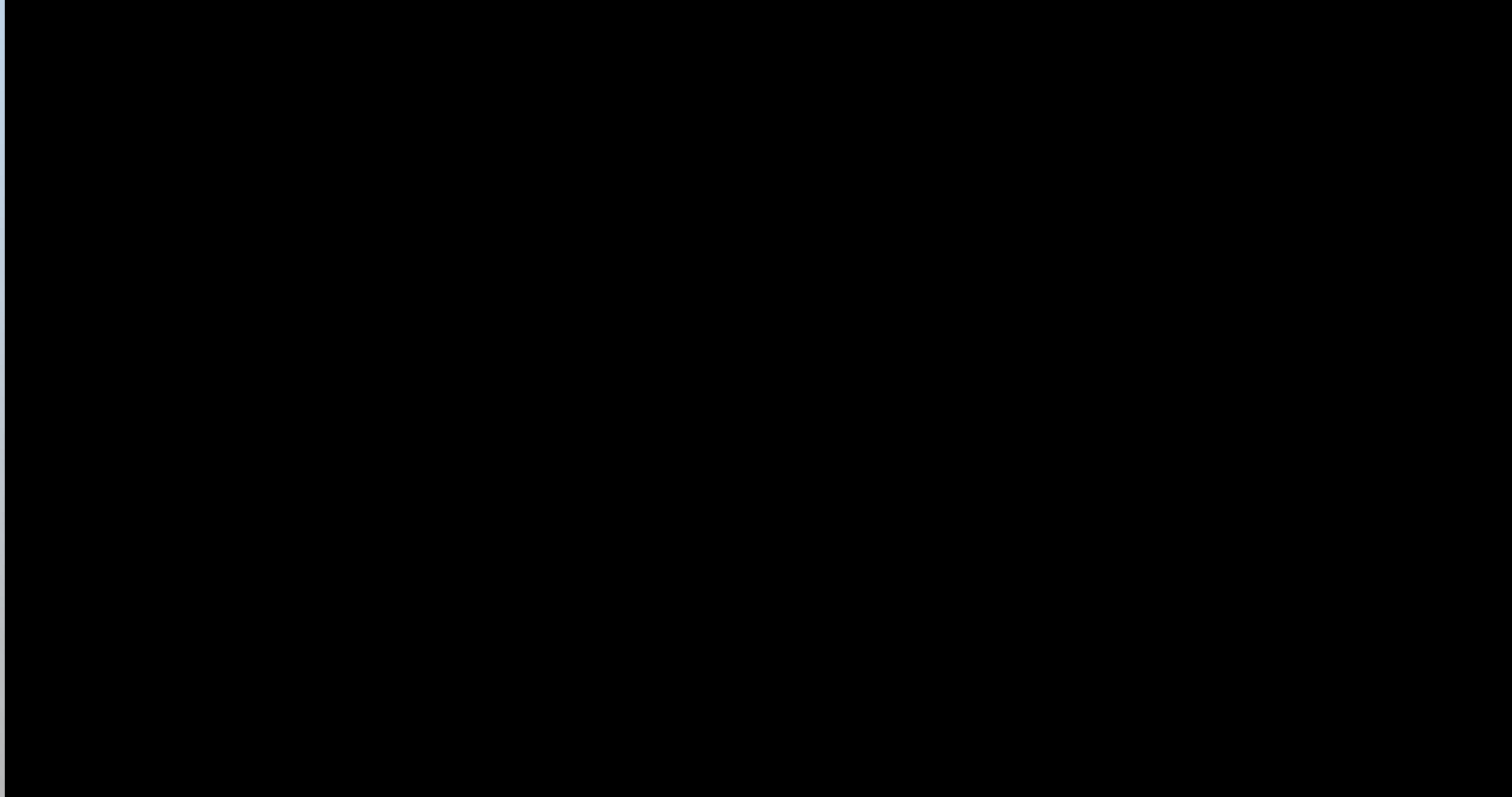
- STATE ACTION REQUIREMENTS CON'T
  - Eliminates APPLA as a permanency goal for children under 16 yrs (1 yr)
  - Provide foster youth aging out of care at 18 yrs (or older by state statute):
    - Birth Certificate\*
    - Social Security Card\*
    - Health Insurance Information (Affordable Care Act)
    - Medical Records
    - Driver's License or State ID card

\* Colorado Statute §26-5-101

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“AT RISK”

# SNAPSHOT OF THE TRAFFICKING LANDSCAPE



# TRAFFICKING STATISTICS

Second largest organized crime in the world – only illegal drugs are larger but human trafficking is also the fastest growing crime worldwide

The average age of entry into sex trafficking is 12-14 yrs

Traffickers target foster youth, homeless youth, and runaways

50% of trafficked victims are minors

60%-70% of sex trafficked youth are from the foster care system

1 out of every 3 runaways will engage in survival sex within the first 48 hours


Slaves are targeted, recruited, bought, and sold via the internet and dark net

The FBI reports that over 750,000 predators are online at any time





# IDENTIFYING AND SCREENING

- Foster youth are targeted by traffickers
  - Immigration
  - LGBTQ
  - Boys too
  - Homeless
  - Low level delinquency arrests/charges
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# KNOW THE SIGNS

- RELATIONSHIP
- FEAR
- ANXIETY/DEPRESSION/EMBARRASSMENT
- MALNOURISHMENT/FATIGUE/EXHAUSTION/DENTAL DAMAGE
- PHYSICAL SIGNS OF ABUSE
- BODY LANGUAGE
- TATTOO BRANDING
- HYPERVIGILANCE

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# DEVELOPING POLICIES, PROCEDURES, PROTOCOLS

# POLICY STRATEGIES

- Immigration
- LGBTQ
- Homeless
- Low level delinquency arrests/charges



# REASONABLE SERVICES

- CASE PLAN DEVELOPMENT
- COURT ORDERS
- LITIGATION







# EMERGING SERVICE AREA NEEDS

- Placement
  - Culturally competent & trauma informed counseling
  - Confidential medical & health services
  - Immigration status assistance
  - LGBTQ support services
  - Juvenile justice relief
  - Developmentally appropriate activities
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# SUPPORTING NORMALCY

- Health & Safety
  - Extracurricular
  - Enrichment
  - Cultural
  - Social
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# PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD

Meant to benefit youth not shift liability or responsibility

- What does this standard require?
  - Reasonable?
- Where are the boundaries?

Colorado needs to develop a statutory provision(s) for this standard

- States that already have it: California, Florida, Ohio, Utah, Washington

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# ADVOCACY STRATEGY

# LITIGATION ISSUES

- Reasonable Services
  - Agency has a responsibility to contract for appropriate services
  - Services should be tailored to the youth
  - May affect Agency funding so expect some resistance
- Juvenile Justice Reform
  - Arresting victims for prostitution
  - Arresting victims for other offenses
  - Detention of youth in jail



# PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD

- School Field Trips?
- School dance?
- Sports?
- Sleep-overs?
- Camp?
- Babysitters?
- Concert/Festival attendance?
- Media Exposure?
- Religious Services?
- Paintball?
- Zipline?
- Hunting?
- Hair Cutting?
- Circumcision?
- Dietary choices?
- Fashion?
- Make-up?
- Piercing?

# ADVOCACY AREAS

- Policy meetings to agree upon community standards
  - Collaborative efforts will likely require court participation
  - Be careful you don't agree to waive client's rights along the way
- Set boundaries by requesting Court orders where appropriate
  - Cultural considerations
  - Religious considerations
  - Bio-parents position
  - Agency responsibilities that should remain with the Agency

# RESOURCES

- [HTTP://WWW.NCSL.ORG/RESEARCH/HUMAN-SERVICES/PREVENTING-SEX-TRAFFICKING-AND-STRENGTHENING-FAMILIES-ACT-OF-2014.ASPX](http://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/preventing-sex-trafficking-and-strengthening-families-act-of-2014.aspx)
- [HTTP://WWW.GOZOE.ORG](http://www.gozoe.org)
- [HTTP://WWW.POLARISPROJECT.ORG](http://www.polarisproject.org)
- [HTTP://WWW.TRAFFICKINGRESOURCECENTER.ORG/](http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org/)
- [HTTP://WWW.REAWAKENHOPE.ORG](http://www.reawakenhope.org)
- [HTTP://WWW.STATE.GOV/J/TIP/RLS/TIPRPT/2015/INDEX.HTM](http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2015/index.htm)
- [HTTPS://WWW.BJA.GOV/PROGRAMDETAILS.ASPX?PROGRAM\\_ID=51](https://www.bja.gov/programdetails.aspx?program_id=51)
- [HTTPS://WWW.FACESS.ORG](https://www.faceess.org)
- [HTTPS://WWW.SLAVERYNOMORE.ORG](https://www.slaverynomore.org)
- [HTTPS://WWW.MILLIONKIDS.ORG](https://www.millionkids.org)

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