Child Trafficking Leadership Team

2026 Report Back to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

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COALITION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY & TRAFFICKING

From Response to Prevention

Building a public health approach by preventing the conditions where exploitation thrives.

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FROM	TOWARD
Response after trafficking is identified →	Prevention and early intervention
CSEC focus only →	Sex trafficking + labor trafficking + forced criminality
System-based entry →	Multiple pathways to support
Measure activity and compliance →	Measure safety, stability, health, and well-being
Youth as recipients of services →	Youth as partners and leaders
Criminal-legal response as primary intervention →	Public health + community + appropriate legal system involvement

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We have made significant progress

- **30,000+** people trained since 2021
- 307 Classes + 40 Training Topics
- 568 Advocacy Services Referrals since October 2023
- 624 CSEC impacted youth seen by DPH's foster care medical program
- 5 CBOs using SB 794 funds to serve justice involved survivors through DYD
- 419 LAUSD schools reached across 80 districts
- 100% of PEP parents report increased understanding of trafficking, their child, and how to connect with them.

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We are learning about what works

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Prevention works when youth can access support *before* a crisis.

1. Relationships + Resources = Intervention

Trusted adults, peers, families, advocates, schools, and community providers create pathways to safety.

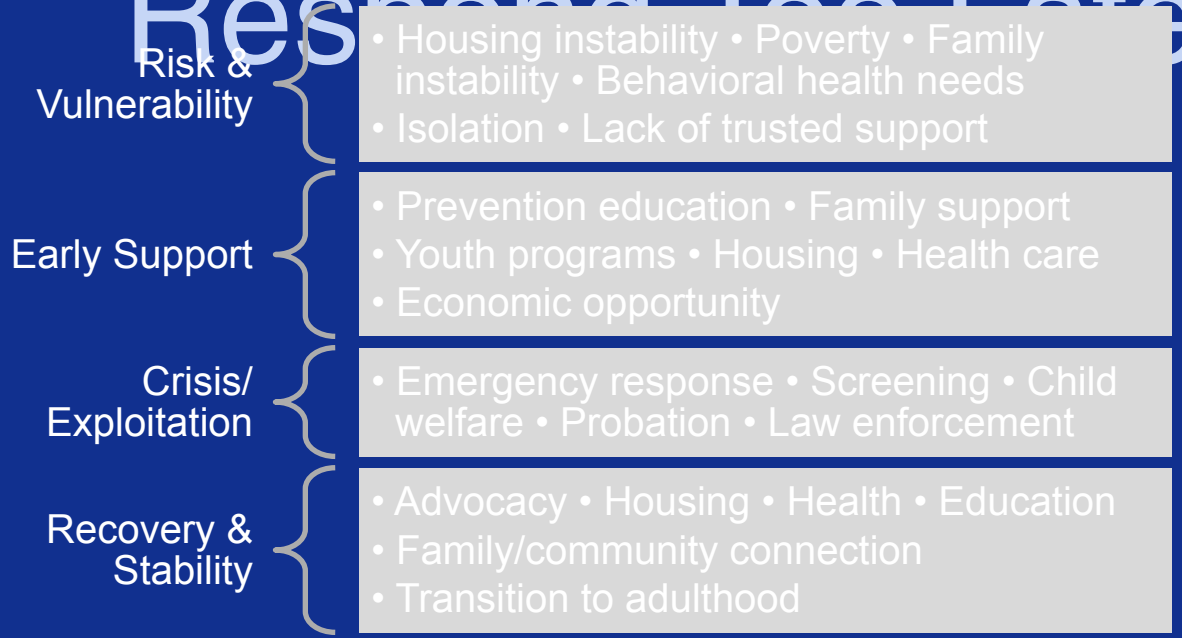
2. Timing Matters

The earlier we address housing instability, economic insecurity, family stress, behavioral health needs, isolation, and other vulnerabilities, the greater the opportunity to prevent exploitation.

3. Many Front Doors

A young person should be able to reach support through a school, health provider, community organization, youth program, family support, housing program, or other trusted setting, not only after entering a County system.

The Biggest Gap: We Respond Too Late



Our strongest infrastructure is concentrated *after* children have been harmed.

The Opportunity: Move more county resources upstream, before crisis and system involvement.

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The Next Phase: Building Prevention Infrastructure

1. Create Multiple Community Pathways to Support

Make is possible for youth and families to access help without the gateway of system involvement.

2. Invest in Economic Stability

Expand the supports that address poverty, housing instability, family stress and separation, education, and employment.

3. Make Prevention Universal

Build prevention education and early intervention into schools, health care, youth-serving systems, and community settings.

4. Measure What Matters

Develop shared countywide outcomes focused on safety, stability, health, connection, and conditions in which young people thrive.

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Opportunities for Board Leadership

- Resource Prevention – Not Only Response
- Protect Community Capacity
- Hold Systems Accountable for Youth-Centered Outcomes
- Reduce Unnecessary System Involvement

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Our question should no longer be only:
“How effectively are we responding to trafficking?”

It should also be:

“Are we creating the conditions in which fewer young people experience exploitation—and in which those who do can become safer, healthier, and more connected without unnecessary system involvement?”

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