CPS Screening Tool for Child Sex Trafficking

Child's Name:		Date of Birth:		Screening Date	
CPS ACESS Investigation Case #					

The purpose of this tool is to provide indicators to assist in the identification of child trafficking victims, assist in identifying children who *may* be suspected of trafficking, and provide guidance on next steps. Always use a sensitive, trauma informed approach when having conversations regarding this topic, while avoiding the implication of shame or blame on the child. **PLEASE DO NOT ASK ANYTHING BELOW DIRECTLY TO CHILD.**

CONFIRMED VICTIM OF SEX TRAFFICKING	**If you check yes to one or more of the questions in this section, this child has been identified as a CONFIRMED sex trafficking victim. Immediately make an oral report to DCFS Child Abuse Hotline (1-855-452-5437) and select Option 4 to report a CONFIRMED sex trafficking victim.**

YES	NO	
☐	☐	Child reports participation in a sexual act in exchange for shelter, transportation, drugs, alcohol, food, money or other items of value. Child need not have actually received the thing of value.
☐	☐	There are photos or videos of the child being used to advertise the child for sexual purposes (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Craigslist, gaming platforms, escort listings etc.)
☐	☐	Child reports being involved in the sex industry (in strip clubs, escort services, private sex parties, child states they're involved in "prostitution" etc.)
☐	☐	Someone witnessed the child engaged in a commercial sex act (a sex act where something of value is received or promised).
☐	☐	Law enforcement, U.S. Attorney, District Attorney, and/or OTIP reports that the child has been involved in the sex industry or has been trafficked.
☐	☐	Human trafficking has been confirmed through DCFS investigation.

SUSPECTED VICTIM OF SEX TRAFFICKING	**If you check yes to one or more of the questions in this section, this child is SUSPECTED to be a sex trafficking victim. Immediately make an oral report to DCFS Child Abuse Hotline (1-855-452-5437) and select Option 4 to report SUSPECTED sex trafficking victim.**

YES	NO	
☐	☐	Suspicious or unaccounted for money or goods, including multiple cell phones, drugs and alcohol, hotel keys/key cards, or false IDs.
☐	☐	Tattoos that the child is reluctant to explain especially if they show ownership (names, dollar signs, crowns, symbols, acronyms) or other types of branding like cutting or burning.
☐	☐	Significantly older boyfriend or girlfriend who is controlling and/or whom the child appears to fear.
☐	☐	Using trafficking terms (e.g. calling romantic partner "Daddy" or "Mommy," talking about "the life," "the game").
☐	☐	Connected with people that have had sex for drugs, shelter, food, goods, or money, or the parent/guardian is involved in trafficking and the child is exposed to it repeatedly and/or the people involved in it.
☐	☐	Suspicion that a parent or caretaker is exchanging the child for sexual purposes for shelter, transportation, drugs, alcohol, food, money or other items of value.
☐	☐	Chronic sexually transmitted infections or multiple pregnancies/abortions.
☐	☐	Being seen in exploitation hotspots, i.e., known houses or recruiting grounds.
☐	☐	Recruiting peers into exploitation
☐	☐	Unauthorized travel across state lines with no explanation of who they were with or what they were doing.
☐	☐	Confirmed or reported use of clubs or hotels for multiple sexual encounters.
☐	☐	Continued interaction with individuals on the internet that involves sexual coercion or enticement (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Craigslist, gaming platforms)

**If one of the below are checked as "Yes", you must also have a selection of "Yes" in the Suspected list above for the child to be considered Suspected. If you do not additionally have a "Yes" above, the child should be monitored to determine if additional suspected factors become present.

YES	NO	
☐	☐	Excessive, unexplained absences from school or home for periods of time.
☐	☐	Indication of multiple runaways, being kicked out of home, or periods of homelessness.
☐	☐	Chronic alcohol and/or drug use by youth, or if any use if 12 years old or younger.

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