

FREE VIRTUAL CLE/CEU

# LEGISLATION AND SERVICE PROVISION FOR CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN LOUISIANA

**DECEMBER 21, 2023  
12 - 1 PM**

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Act 662, which went into effect on January 1st, 2023, requires all suspected and confirmed cases of child sex trafficking to be reported through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) child abuse/neglect hotline. In addition, the legislation mandates that care coordination and advocacy services be available to these identified youth. Our presenters will provide some background information on the experiences and needs of child sex trafficking victims in Louisiana. They will also explain the new law and the structure that DCFS now has in place to aid victims, which includes statewide care coordination and advocacy services.



Pending Approval for 1 hour CLE/CEU.

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## Learning Objectives:

- Learn about some of the needs and experiences of child sex trafficking victims.
- Understand Act 662, which became effective on January 1st, 2023, and its requirements.
- Become familiar with the new structure that the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has put into place to assist child sex trafficking victims.

## AGENDA & SCHEDULE

12:00-12:20 pm	Background: Child Sex Trafficking in Louisiana
12:20-12:50 pm	Act 662: Mandates and Implementation
12:50-1:00 pm	Questions & Discussion



## SPEAKERS



### Christy Tate, MSW, LCSW, Director of Child Welfare Programs, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services

Christy Tate is the Director of Child Welfare Programs with the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services. She has over 20 years of experience in the field of Child Welfare. In her previous roles within the Department, she has provided direct services in various roles, served as a Child Welfare Manager over multiple child welfare programs, led the development of the state's Extended Foster Care Program and Human Trafficking Services Programs. Mrs. Tate earned her master's degree in social work at Louisiana State University and is licensed with the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.



### Maria Isabella Pontoriero "MIP", MSW, MPH, LMSW, Lead Social Worker, New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center

Maria Isabella Pontoriero ("MIP") is the Lead Social Worker for the Human Trafficking Program at the New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center and Audrey Hepburn CARE Center at Children's Hospital. She is a licensed social worker and forensic interviewer providing extensive case management, crisis counseling, and safety planning to child trafficking victims, youth who are high-risk for exploitation, child victims of other crimes and abuses, and non-offending caregivers at the NOCAC/CARE Center. MIP leads a child trafficking survivor services multidisciplinary team in Orleans Parish called BRAVE to ensure collaboration and coordination in service provision for these victims. She trains throughout the community to assist in the identification and improved response to CSEC victims and has developed and implemented CSEC and child abuse trainings for the New Orleans Police Department, and other agencies. In addition, MIP is a faculty member for the RADAR forensic interview protocol and is a supervisor for forensic interviewers who are new to the field.



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