



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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## TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DESIGNEES

Chairs of the Trafficking In Persons Council	Representative Jillian Gilchrest
Chief State's Attorney (or designee)	John (Jack) P. Doyle, Jr.
Chief Public Defender (or designee)	Deborah Del Prete Sullivan
Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (or designee)	Kelly Kraynak
Commissioner of Labor (or designee)	VACANT
Commissioner of Social Services (or designee)	VACANT
Commissioner of Public Health (or designee)	Sarah Moriarty
Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services (or designee)	Kimberly Karanda, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Children and Families (or designee)	Tammy M. Sneed
Commissioner of Consumer Protection (or designee)	Catherine Blinder
Commissioner of Developmental Services (or designee)	VACANT
Director of the Basic Training Division of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (or designee)	Captain Joann K. Peterson
Child Advocate (or designee)	Brendan Burke
Victim Advocate (or designee)	Hakima Bey-Coon
Representative of the Office of Victim Services of the Judicial Branch appointed by the Chief Court Administrator	Mary Kozicki
Municipal Police Chief appointed by the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (or designee)	Chief Stephen M. Clark
Commissioner of Education (or designee)	Nancy L. Pugliese, J.D.
Adult Victim of Trafficking	VACANT
Judge of the Superior Court appointed by the Chief Court Administrator	VACANT
State's Attorney appointed by the Chief State's Attorney	Sharmese L. Walcott
Public Defender appointed by the Chief Public Defender	VACANT

Member that represents the victims of commercial exploitation of children	VACANT
Member that represents sex trafficking victims who are children	Love 146: Erin Williamson, LCSW, MPA
Member that represents a coalition of children's advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams dedicated to service child abuse victims and their families	Krystal Rich, Co-Chair
Member that represents the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence	Beth Hamilton, Co-Chair
Member that represents an organization that provides civil legal services to low-income individuals	VACANT
Member that represents the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Meghan Scanlon
Member that represents the Connecticut Lodging Association	Ginny Kozlowski
Member that represents an organization that deals with behavioral health needs of women and children	VACANT
Member that represents the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness	VACANT
Member that represents an organization that advocates on social justice and human rights issues	VACANT
Member that represents the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association	Frank Riccio
Member that Represents the Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition	Leonela Cruz-Ahuatl
Member that represents massage therapists	Rosalie Dunn
Member Representing the Motor Transport Association of Connecticut, Inc.	Andrew Anastasio, Jr.
Member that represents an organization that works with adult victims of trafficking	VACANT

## TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL

The Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Council is chaired and convened by the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity (CWCSEO) pursuant to *C.G.S 46a-170* and consists of members from a diversity of backgrounds, including representatives from State agencies, the Judicial Branch, law enforcement, motor transport and community-based organizations that work with victims of sexual and domestic violence, immigrants, and refugees, and address behavioral health needs, social justice, and human rights. The TIP Council consults with government and non-governmental organizations (both state and federal) to develop recommendations to strengthen State and local efforts to prevent trafficking, protect and assist victims, prosecute traffickers, and provide updates and progress reports on trafficking in Connecticut. The TIP Council reports annually to the Connecticut General Assembly.

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS OF TIP COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

#### **Restructure of TIP Council**

The Trafficking in Persons Council recently underwent a minor restructuring. With Representative Gilchrest now serving as Chair of the Human Services Committee, she has been unable to attend TIP meetings regularly. To ensure continued leadership, she has invited Beth Hamilton, Executive Director of the CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence, and Krystal Rich, Executive Director of the Connecticut Children's Alliance, to join her as tri-chairs of the Council.

## **Bradley International Airport Signage**

An important discussion was held with the Connecticut Airport Authority, which expressed a strong commitment to making all airports unwelcoming to human trafficking. Recognizing the significance of this issue across the aviation industry, they emphasized the need for proactive measures. While no instances of human trafficking have been reported at Bradley International Airport, they are aware of its prevalence at airports nationwide and cited a recent trafficker's arrest at Providence Airport.

The Authority has engaged with Homeland Security's Blue Campaign to explore available resources and is eager to collaborate with local experts to develop an impactful plan. They also expressed interest in partnering with the TIP Council.

To support this effort, the TIP Council will form a small subcommittee to identify effective awareness campaigns and continue discussions with the Airport Authority to work collaboratively on combating human trafficking.

After several meetings with TIP Council members, new signage was posted at Bradley International Airport regarding trafficking including the hotline number for trafficking and the toll-free number for services.

#### 2023 LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

#### **Council Policy Recommendations for 2023**

- Increase funding for victim services to support child and adult victims of human trafficking, including funding for existing and new services.
  - (Abstain: Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services)
- Ensure funding continues to be directed to Connecticut's Office of Victim Services to offset temporary loss of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) revenue from 2022-2024. (Abstain: Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services)
- Amend Connecticut law to prevent marriage before 18, including emancipated minors. (Abstain: Chief State's Attorney, Chief Public Defender, Office of Victim Services)
- Amend C.G.S. Sec. 46b-16a. *Issuance of civil protection order on behalf of a person who has been victim of sexual abuse, sexual assault or stalking* to include human trafficking. (Abstain: Office of Victim Services)
- Recommend human trafficking prevention education K-12 and a mechanism to ensure public school teachers are receiving required human trafficking training.
   (No Abstain or Oppose)
- Amend C.G.S. 46a-60. Discriminatory employment practices prohibited to include a victim of sexual assault or trafficking as a protected class.
   (No Abstain or Oppose)
- Revise the membership in Sec. 46a-170, Trafficking in Persons Council the Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services or one designated by the Commissioner. (No Abstain or Oppose)

## **2023 Policy Outcomes**

- Public Act 23-20 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND EXPANDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL.
  - Originally introduced as Senate Bill No. 1117 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND EXPANDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSON COUNCIL.
    - Originally contained language that recognized victims of sexual assault or trafficking in persons as a protected class against discriminatory employment practices.
  - Public Act 23-20 was passed <u>without</u> the language recognizing victims of sexual assault or trafficking in persons as a protected class against discriminatory employment practices.
    - Revises the membership of the TIP Council to include the Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the commissioner's designee.
    - Prohibits any operator of a hotel, motel, or similar lodging to offer or provide financial discount or benefit for a room that is based on an hourly rate or an occupancy period that is twelve hours or less.

- Public Act 23-44 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO MARRY.
  - Prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from being issued a marriage license under any circumstance.
  - Removes an exemption in prior law that generally allowed a 16- or 17-year old to get a
    marriage license if the probate court approved a petition filed by the minor's parent or
    guardian.
  - Also eliminates emancipated minors as being eligible to marry.

#### 2023 DATA FROM COUNCIL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES

## **Connecticut Children's Alliance Child Advocacy Centers and Multidisciplinary Teams**

The Connecticut Children's Alliance (CCA) is the coalition for CT's 10 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) and 17 Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) across the state. Together, these centers and teams provide a coordinated, compassionate, and evidence-based response to children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and exploitation. In 2023, our CACs and MDTs served 2102 children (4219 parents and caregivers) including 187 children who were victims of human trafficking.

#### **Comprehensive Services for Children and Families**

Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) offer a safe, child-friendly environment where children and families receive the critical services and support they need. These services include:

#### 1. Forensic Interviewing

CACs provide specialized, trauma-informed forensic interviews conducted by trained professionals. These interviews are designed to minimize trauma by allowing children to share their experiences in a safe and neutral setting. The information gathered helps multidisciplinary teams make informed decisions about investigations, child safety, and legal proceedings.

#### 2. Advocacy

Family and child advocates offer essential support throughout the entire process. Advocates ensure families understand their rights, help them navigate the complex systems involved, and connect them to additional resources. Advocacy services provide comfort and empowerment to children and their caregivers during an incredibly difficult time.

#### 3. Mental Health Support

Healing from trauma is an ongoing process, and CACs connect children and families to evidence-based mental health services. Whether through on-site support or referrals to trusted providers, mental health professionals offer trauma-focused therapy to help children and families cope, heal, and thrive.

#### 4. Case Coordination

The strength of the CAC model lies in its multidisciplinary approach. Teams consisting of law enforcement, child protection workers, medical professionals, prosecutors, and mental health specialists work together to ensure a coordinated response. Regular case reviews help ensure no detail is overlooked and that the child's needs remain the top priority.

#### 5. Case Management

CACs provide ongoing support and guidance for children and families throughout their journey. Case management services help track progress, address challenges, and ensure families have access to resources such as housing support, transportation assistance, and other critical needs.

#### **Connecticut Department of Children and Families**

In 2023, over 186,000 reports were made regarding online enticement – a more than 300% increase from just two years prior in 2021. Online enticement involves an individual communicating with someone believed to be a child via the internet with the intent to commit a sexual offense or abduction.

In 2023, Connecticut had a total of 303 referrals. This total reflects a sustained increase from 2020 to 2023: 149 referrals in 2020, 241 referrals in 2021, 310 referrals in 2022, to then 303 referrals in 2023.

Majority of the 310 referrals made in CT during 2023 were for females. Almost all of referrals were for children between the ages of 12 and 17, with most referrals for children 15 years of age.

### **Love146**

Love146 is a statewide program that provides specialized trauma-informed victim services to youth who are confirmed and suspected survivors of child trafficking.

In 2023, Love146 provided Survivor Care Services to 192 youth.

Love146's Survivor Care Services include:

- **Rapid Responses:** These one-time interventions provide youth with critical information and safety planning related to human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in a one-on-one setting.
  - o Numbers:
    - Love146 provided Rapid Responses to 130 youth.
  - Outcomes:
    - 81% of youth reported learning new information and could articulate what they learned.

- 78% of youth reported intent to take action and/or change behaviors to address their trauma and reduce their risk for future victimization and could identify the behaviors they intended to take and/or change.
- **Long-Term Services:** These intensive services help youth address their trafficking victimization and are provided to youth for 3-4 hours per week for average of 9-18 months. Grounded in individualized Care Plans, services may include, but are not limited to: crisis intervention, safety planning, information, skill development, education/employment assistance, application assistance, appointment accompaniment, and court/trial preparation/assistance.
  - o Numbers:
    - Love146 provided Long-Term Services to 96 Youth
  - Outcomes for youth who successfully transitioned out of Long-Term Services:
    - Regular school attendance increased from 72% at the time of referral to 86% at the time of transition.
    - 100% of youth made considerable progress towards or completed two or more Care Plan goals.
    - 96% of youth reported that Love146 helped them.
- **Transitional Services:** These services support youth in attaining economic independence as they transition into adulthood to further reduce risk for revictimization.
  - o Numbers:
    - Love146 provided Transitional Services to 28 Youth

Love146's services are made possible with generous funding from the Connecticut Office of Victim Services (OVS), which is part of the Judicial Branch, the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime, and private individuals and foundations.

## **Law Enforcement Report on Human Trafficking**

State law requires the Chief's State's Attorney and each municipal chief of police to report annually to the Trafficking in Persons Council.

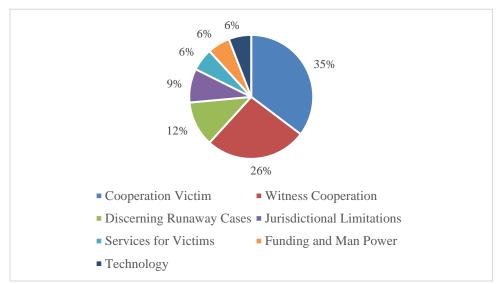
The report must include: (1) All participation in federal, state-wide or regional anti-human trafficking efforts, (2) the number of referrals made relating to allegations of human trafficking, (3) the criteria used when deciding whether to investigate allegations of human trafficking or initiate criminal proceedings related to human trafficking, (4) coordination of efforts between the Office of the Chief State Attorney and municipal police departments concerning human trafficking cases, (5) the nature of annual training provided by each state's attorney and municipal police department concerning human trafficking, (6) obstacles to investigating human trafficking, (7) the number of investigations involving missing children, (8) the number of referrals from the Department of Children and Families relating to human trafficking, and (9) the number of human trafficking cases referred for prosecution.

#### **2023 Municipal Chief of Police Report Findings:**

Received 27 reports, there are 104 Police Departments in total.

- Number of missing children investigations reported: 969 missing children.
- Annual Training pertaining to human trafficking: 12 Police Departments report annual training.
- Obstacles to investigating human trafficking:

- Cooperation from victim
- o Jurisdictional limitations
- Technological barriers
- Difficulty discerning runaway cases from human trafficking
- Witness cooperation
- Services for victims
- o Funding and manpower



## Connecticut-Specific Data

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch maintains arrest and conviction data for crimes related to trafficking in persons and commercial sexual exploitation.

**Sec. 53a-192a. Trafficking in persons**: Class B felony. (a) A person is guilty of trafficking in persons when such person compels or induces another person to engage in conduct involving more than one occurrence of sexual contact with one or more third persons, or provide labor or services that such person has a legal right to refrain from providing, by means of (1) the use of force against such other person or a third person, or by the threat of use of force against such other person or a third person, (2) fraud, or (3) coercion, as provided in Sec. 53a-192. For the purposes of this subsection, "sexual contact" means any contact with the intimate parts of another person.

(b) Trafficking in persons is a class B felony.

Statute 53a-192a: TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS													
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Arrests	2	3	11	7	6	8	7	6	4	6	4		
Convictions	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	1		

**Sec. 53a-86. Promoting prostitution in the first degree**: Class B felony. (a) A person is guilty of promoting prostitution in the first degree when he knowingly: (1) Advances prostitution by compelling a person by force or intimidation to engage in prostitution, or profits from coercive conduct by another; or (2) advances or profits from prostitution of a person less than eighteen years old.

(b) Promoting prostitution in the first degree is a class B felony. Any person found guilty under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which nine months of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court.

	Statute 53a-86: PROMOTING PROSTITUTION 1 <sup>ST</sup> DEG												
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Arrests	3	10	12	11	2	6	9	6	0	3	0		
Convictions	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2		

Statute 53a-86(a)(2): PROMOTING PROSTITUTION 1-VCTM<18												
2013   2014   2015   2016   2017   2018   2019   2020   2021   2022   2023											2023	
Arrests	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	1	0	
Convictions	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	

Statute 53a-86(a)(2*): PROMOTING PROSTITUTION 1-VCTM<16												
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Sec. 53a-196a. Employing a minor in an obscene performance: Class A felony. (a) A person is guilty of employing a minor in an obscene performance when such person (1) employs any minor, whether or not such minor receives any consideration, for the purpose of promoting any material or performance which is obscene as to minors, notwithstanding that such material or performance is intended for an adult audience, or (2) permits any such minor to be employed, whether or not such minor receives any consideration, in the promotion of any material or performance which is obscene as to minors, notwithstanding that such material or performance is intended for an adult audience, and such person is the parent or guardian of such minor or otherwise responsible for the general supervision of such minor's welfare.

(b) Employing a minor in an obscene performance is a class A felony and any person found guilty under this section shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which ten years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court.

Statute 53a-196a: EMPLOY MINOR-OBSCENE PRFRMNCE												
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Arrests	6	22	7	4	10	7	6	1	6	29	24	
Convictions         0         0         0         1         1         3         1         0         1         3											3	

**Sec. 53a-196b. Promoting a minor in an obscene performance**: Class B felony. (a) A person is guilty of promoting a minor in an obscene performance when he knowingly promotes any material or performance in which a minor is employed, whether or not such minor receives any consideration, and such material or performance is obscene as to minors notwithstanding that such material or performance is intended for an adult audience.

(b) For purposes of this section, "knowingly" means having general knowledge of or reason to know or a belief or ground for belief which warrants further inspection or inquiry as to (1) the character and content of any material or performance which is reasonably susceptible of examination by such person and (2) the age of the minor employed.

(c) Promoting a minor in an obscene performance is a class B felony.

1	Statute 53a-196b: PROMOTE MINOR-OBSCENE PRFRMNCE												
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Arrests	57	45	28	13	33	21	14	3	11	19	28		
Convictions	8	11	4	4	1	2	5	3	2	5	4		

**Sec. 53a-90a. Enticing a minor**. Penalties. (a) A person is guilty of enticing a minor when such person uses an interactive computer service to knowingly persuade, induce, entice or coerce any person under sixteen years of age to engage in prostitution or sexual activity for which the actor may be charged with a criminal offense. For purposes of this section, "interactive computer service" means any information service, system or access software provider that provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, including specifically a service or system that provides access to the Internet and such systems operated or services offered by libraries or educational institutions.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, enticing a minor is a class D felony for a first offense, a class C felony for a second offense and a class B felony for any subsequent offense.

(2) Enticing a minor is a class B felony if the victim of the offense is under thirteen years of age and any person found guilty of such class B felony shall, for a first offense, be sentenced to a term of imprisonment

of which five years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court and, for any subsequent offense, be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which ten years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court.

	Statute 53a-90a(a): ENTICING A MINOR BY COMPUTER												
2013   2014   2015   2016   2017   2018   2019   2020   2021   2022   2023											2023		
Arrests	4	12	1	6	9	6	15	32	18	16	35		
Convictions	Convictions         2         3         4         6         4         2         2         1         0         8         2												

Statute 53a-90a(a)(1): ENTICING MINOR<18 COMP (1 <sup>ST</sup> )													
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Statute 53a-90a(a)(1*): ENTICING MINOR<18 COMP (2 <sup>ND</sup> )												
	2013   2014   2015   2016   2017   2018   2019   2020   2021   2022   2023									2023		
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

:	Statute 53a-90a(a)(2): ENTCE MINR-CMPTR-BELIEF<18 (1 <sup>ST</sup> )												
2013         2014         2015         2016         2017         2018         2019         2020         2021         2022         2023											2023		
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		

S	Statute 53a-90a(a)(2*): ENTCE MINR-CMPTR-BELIEF<18 (2 <sup>ND</sup> )												
	2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023										2023		
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Statute 53a-90a(a)(2**): ENTCE MINR-CMPTR-BELIEF<18 (SBS)											
2013   2014   2015   2016   2017   2018   2019   2020   2021   2022   2023											2023
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Statute 53a-90a(b)(1): ENTICING A MINOR BY COMPUTER												
2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023											2023	
Arrests	13	26	22	15	7	16	1	1	3	3	3	
Convictions	6	3	1	4	3	2	4	0	1	3	0	

Statute 53a-90a(b)(1*): ENTICE A MINOR BY COMPUTER (2 <sup>ND</sup> )												
2013   2014   2015   2016   2017   2018   2019   2020   2021   2022   2023											2023	
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Sta	Statute 53a-90a(b)(1**): ENTICE A MINOR BY COMPUTER (SBS)												
	2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023												
Arrests	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0		
Convictions	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Statute 53a-90a(b)(2): ENTICE A MINOR-CMPTR <age 13<="" th=""></age>												
2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023											2023	
Arrests	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	
Convictions	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Statute 53a-90a(b)(2*): ENTICE A MINOR-CMPTR <age (sbs)<="" 13="" th=""></age>												
2013   2014   2015   2016   2017   2018   2019   2020   2021   2022   2021											2023	
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

**Sec. 53a-90b. Misrepresentation of age to entice a minor:** Class C felony. (a) A person is guilty of misrepresentation of age to entice a minor when such person, in the course of and in furtherance of the commission of a violation of section 53a-90a, intentionally misrepresents such person's age.

Statute 53a-90b: MISREP AGE TO ENTICE A MINOR												
2013   2014   2015   2016   2017   2018   2019   2020   2021   2022   2023											2023	
Arrests	1	21	1	0	0	1	2	7	0	2	1	
Convictions	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	

Sec. 53a-83a Patronizing a prostitute from a motor vehicle & patronizing a prostitute. (a) A person is guilty of patronizing a prostitute when (1) Pursuant to a prior understanding, [he] such person pays or agrees to pay a fee to another person pursuant to an understanding that in return [thereof] for such fee such other person or third person will engage in sexual conduct with [him] such person; [or] (2) [he] such person pays or agrees to pay a fee to another person pursuant to an understanding that in return [therefor] for such fee such other person or third person will engage in sexual conduct with [him] such person; or (3) [he] such person solicits or requests another person to engage in sexual conduct with [him] such person in return for a fee.

Statute 53a-83a: PATRONIZE PROSTITUTE FM MV											
	2013         2014         2015         2016         2017         2018         2019         2020         2021         2022         202										
Arrests	15	7	3	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convictions	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

## **LOOKING FORWARD**

#### **Council Policy Recommendations for 2024**

Add a representative from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) to the Council
due to transportation-training and signage requirements that is mandated, but DOT is not
currently part of the training.

- Remove a "survivor" from the Council's membership and replace it with "community member" to allow survivors or other community members with lived experiences to participate without fear of having to share their history or represent all survivors.
- Support the addition of victims of sexual assault and trafficking to state's antidiscrimination statutes, expanding Public Act 22-82, which added solely victims of domestic violence as protected class in CT related to employment, housing, credit transactions, and public accommodations.
- Support establishing an Affirmative Defense for misdemeanor crimes and crimes maintained in the juvenile court committed by victims of human trafficking.
- Amend C.G.S. Sec. 17a-106h to remove the word "video" from a section referencing the training re-identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking for law enforcement personnel, judges, persons involved with the criminal justice system, emergency and urgent care staff and school and constituent unit employees; the removal of the word "video" would allow for other modes of training such as in person and interactive on-demand modules.