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The intent of this correspondence is to provide clarification, guidance and information concerning screening for and identification of child and youth victims of human trafficking.

In order for survivors of human trafficking to receive the services and supports they need, child welfare and related professionals must be able to identify them. Professionals need to have access to tools for screening and assessing victims and potential victims, as well as training about human trafficking to support identification of survivors. As such, Kentucky’s Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) will offer ongoing training opportunities to the staff of private child caring (PCC) and private child placing (PCP) agencies beginning in 2021. The training will be targeted to the agencies’ leadership, clinical, and training staff. The training timeline was postponed from the original projected date due to the contract procurement process. Training topics will include Human Trafficking 101, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Child Labor Trafficking, Guiding Principles for Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking, and Screening for Human Trafficking.

DCBS will formally incorporate the use of the Vera Institute of Justice’s Trafficking Victim Identification Tool (TVIT) short-form rapid screening tool and long-form in-depth assessment into policy and practice when the corresponding training becomes available.

At this time, only designated specialized service providers are utilizing the TVIT for rapid screening and assessment purposes. Non-specialized PCC/PCP providers can expect to begin using the TVIT for rapid screening for human trafficking when corresponding training becomes available. Expect additional guidance regarding provider expectations and supports in early 2021. A subsequent Contract Correspondence Transmittal (CCT) will be issued when the training becomes available.

Please ensure that this communication is forwarded to relevant agency staff.

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