

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING PROGRAM

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Overview: In 2015, a bill was passed requiring the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) to establish a statewide training program for prosecutors, law enforcement and court personnel. The bill requires training to cover:

- Washington's anti-trafficking laws
- The investigation and adjudication of sex trafficking cases
- Interdisciplinary coordination
- Diverse populations impacted by human trafficking

Trainings

- Between July 2017 - June 2019, four (4) day-long trainings and two (2) four-hour trainings were provided
- Four (4) day-long trainings were held in Yakima, Mount Vernon, Vancouver, and Bellingham
- Two (2) four-hour trainings were held for the Tulalip Indian Tribe

Training Attendees

- 168 professionals attended the statewide training; 146 completed the training (submitted a pre/post evaluation)
- Attendees included state, federal and tribal prosecutors and law enforcement personnel along with staff from Juvenile Probation and Naval Criminal Investigation Services (NCIS)

Training Outcomes

- Attendees reported a 67% increase in the survey score between the pre- and post-training survey.
- Law enforcement personnel reported a 56% gain in knowledge from one-day trainings.
- There were substantial gains in knowledge of human trafficking of LGBTQ individuals, men, and people of color in trainees without previous training.
- There was a 59% increase for law enforcement, a 61% increase for prosecutors, and a 67% increase for other criminal justice personnel in prosecution of labor trafficking cases.



Our Mission

The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) serves as a voice within government for the needs of crime victims in Washington State.

What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to control individuals for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts (sex trafficking) or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or labor services (labor trafficking) against their will.

Learn more:

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/trafficking>

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