



South Carolina
Department of Social Services

Work Aid 16.21: Case Consultations for Trafficked Youth

Supplemental to DSS Policy 1600: Chapter 16 – Special Topics

A. Investigations	Case consultations must be conducted in accordance with Work Aid 3.1: Investigative Case Consultations. The Anti-Trafficking Unit shall send the assigned county or OHAN staff a notification to schedule the case consultation and shall participate when there are concerns of trafficking. 1. A team leader and case manager shall be present to appropriately conduct the 20 Day Case Consultation and Case Determination. All cases involving trafficking must be staffed by the Anti-Trafficking Unit prior to case closure. The case consultation shall: a. Review details of the case using the DSS Form 1544: Child Trafficking Screening Tool; and b. Assess the FAST and safety measures taken during the case. 2. The team leader and case manager shall discuss any services that were identified with the youth and family. 3. The Anti-Trafficking Unit shall provide insight regarding services and recommendations throughout the investigation as it relates to trafficking. Note: <i>The case consultation can include the Regional Well-Being Manager or their designee.</i>
B. Family Preservation	1. The team leader and case manager shall schedule a case consultation with the Anti-Trafficking Unit within 30 days of the service line opening for all confirmed victims of trafficking and every 90 days thereafter to discuss case management. 2. A team leader and case manager shall be present to appropriately conduct the case consultation and: a. Include the Regional Well-Being Manager or designee and active partners, including Department of Juvenile Justice and any criminal investigating agency; b. Include the service provider, which can include mental health professionals and/or residential treatment facilities if the child is in a placement; c. Review case actions and discuss steps taken to date; and i. Reassess the FAST and DSS Form 1544: Child Trafficking Screening Tool; ii. Confirm services are documented in the Family Permanency Plan (FPP); and iii. Discuss the youth's placement and status. d. If new concerns or incidents of trafficking arise, the case manager shall notify their team leader, refer a new intake for trafficking, and complete a report to local law enforcement within 24 hours.

	3. If safety threats are present, the team leader and case manager must immediately: a. Determine what actions should be taken to attempt to maintain the youth in the home safely. b. Schedule case consultation to include the Anti-Trafficking Unit and the county attorney to determine next steps.
C. Foster Care and Adoptions	The team leader and case manager shall schedule a Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM) in accordance with Policy 1642: Child and Family Team Meeting. The Anti-Trafficking Unit shall participate in the 25-Day CFTM if the youth is suspected or confirmed of child trafficking.