

Connecticut's Human Antitrafficking Response Team (HART)

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Women & Children's Health Committee

Connecticut Statewide HART

- State Agencies
- HART Leads and Liaisons
- Courts
- Law Enforcement
- Probation
- Mental Health Providers
- Service Providers
- Multidisciplinary Teams (MT)
- Medical Providers
- Faith-Based Community



DCF Regional HART Teams

- Regional HART Lead
- Office HART Liaison(s)
- MDT Coordinators
- Service Providers
- Local Law Enforcement
- Probation



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“Do you want to see the reason you had to rewrite your safety policy?”

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DCF HT Policy and Practice Guide HT Policy [21-14](#) and Practice Guide [21-14 PG](#) (August 19, 2021)

- All HT referrals to local law enforcement, FBI, CSAO, and MDT(s)
- DCF and MDT Partnership
- Any DCF case with HT Red Flags/ indicators receive a HART consult
- All children missing (DCF involved) for 72-hours + receive a HART consult
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children notified

The background of the slide features a dark gray background with a central illustration. In the center, there is a stack of books and a rolled-up diploma. Surrounding this central element are several blue, stylized human figures. Each figure is positioned behind a black laptop, suggesting a training or workshop environment. The figures are arranged in a circular pattern around the central stack of books. The overall aesthetic is professional and educational.

HART Training 2021

- 13 specialized curricula
- Over 400 certified trainers
- 240 Trainings
- 5 TOTs
- 7240 professionals and community members trained

Audience Type	Number of Trainings	Total Number of People Trained
Clinicians/Providers	11	341
College Students	2	47
Community Program Staff	9	406
EMT, EMS, Medics, and Fire Fighters/First Responders	68	1570
Foster Parents	1	11
Government Employees	7	539
Hospital/Medical Staff	1	12
Law Enforcement	88	1389
Lodging Staff	4	63
Other	5	110
Parents/Community/Public	15	210
School Staff	22	2411
Youth/Students	7	131
Grand Total	240	7240

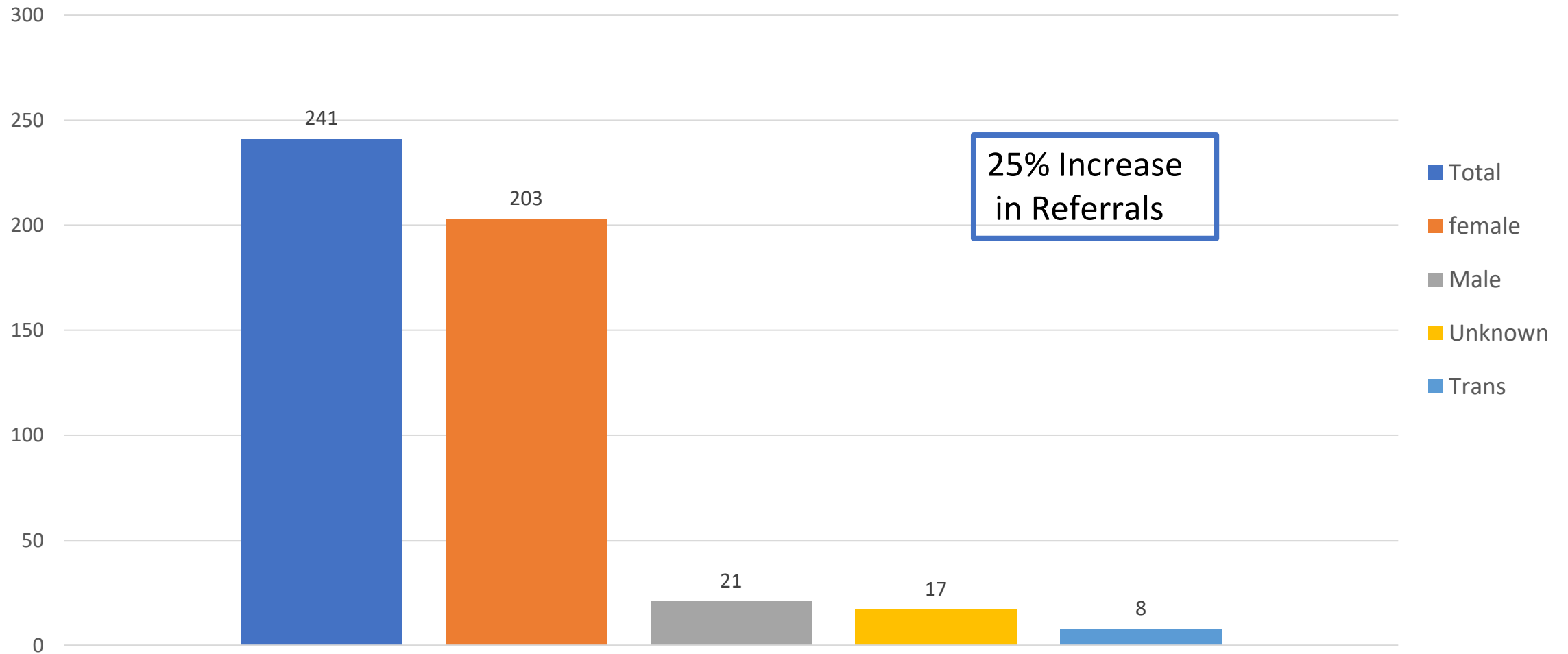
Audience Type	Number of Trainings	Total Number of People Trained
Child Trafficking of Boys & LGBTQ/GNCT Youth	27	810
Child Trafficking Training for Medical Providers/Emergency Medicine (2 Hour)	13	155
Intro to Child Trafficking (English)	59	3516
Intro to Human Trafficking for EMS	58	1455
Intro to Human Trafficking for Hotel/Motel/Lodging	5	85
Intro to Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement	65	977
Intro to Labor Trafficking	6	102
Youth Awareness Curriculum	7	140
Grand Total	240	7240

Connecticut Child Trafficking Referrals

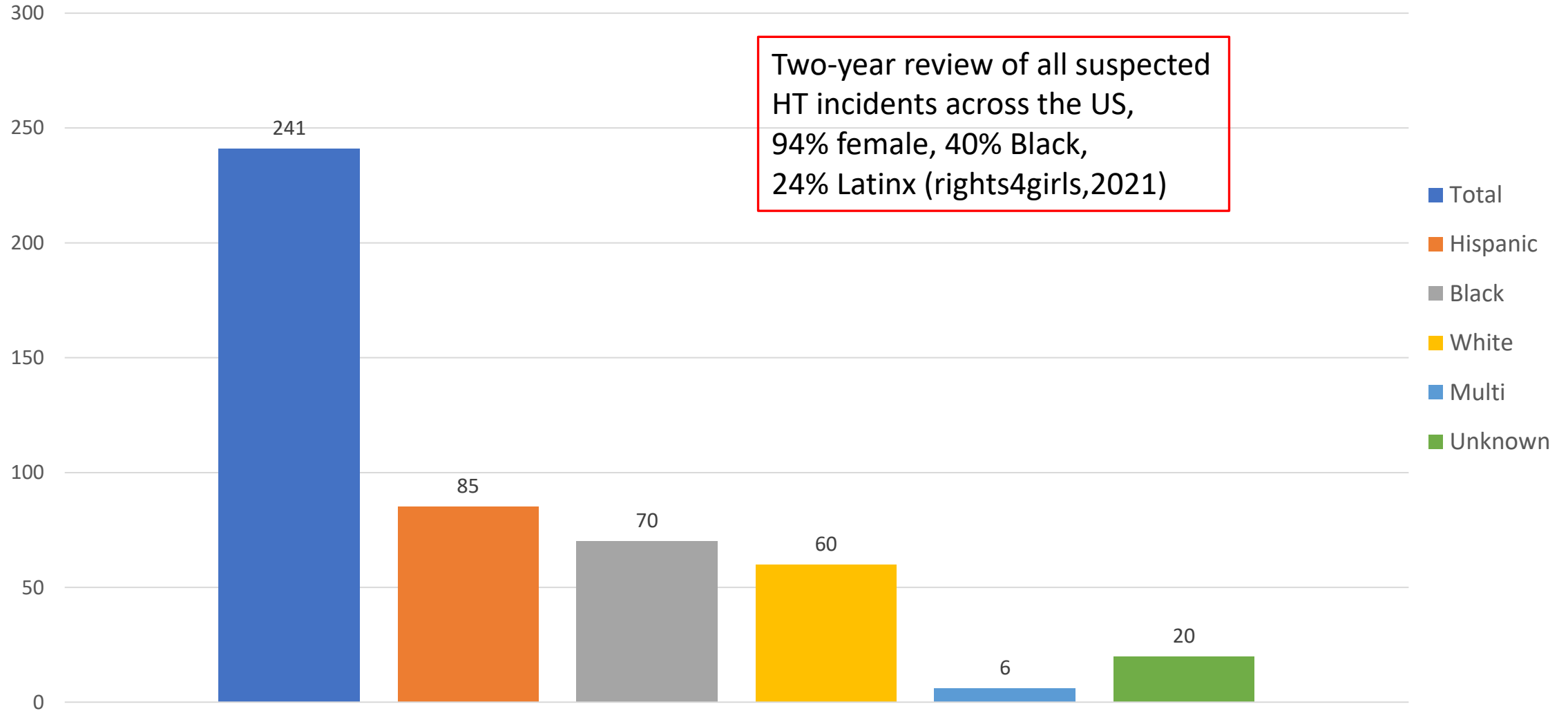


2021 Referrals

*Trans children are included in their identifying gender.



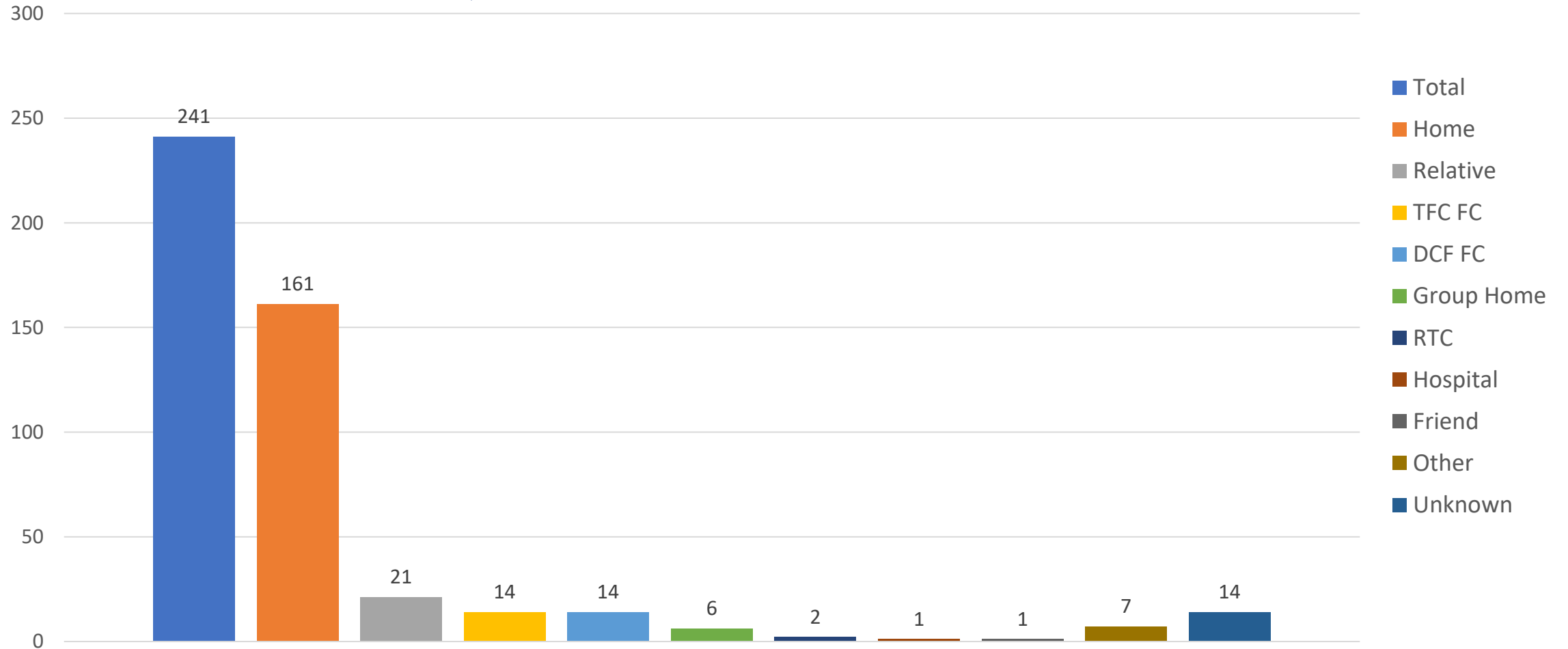
Race and Ethnicity



Placement at Time of Victimization



victimization at the placement



2022 Off to an Alarming Start



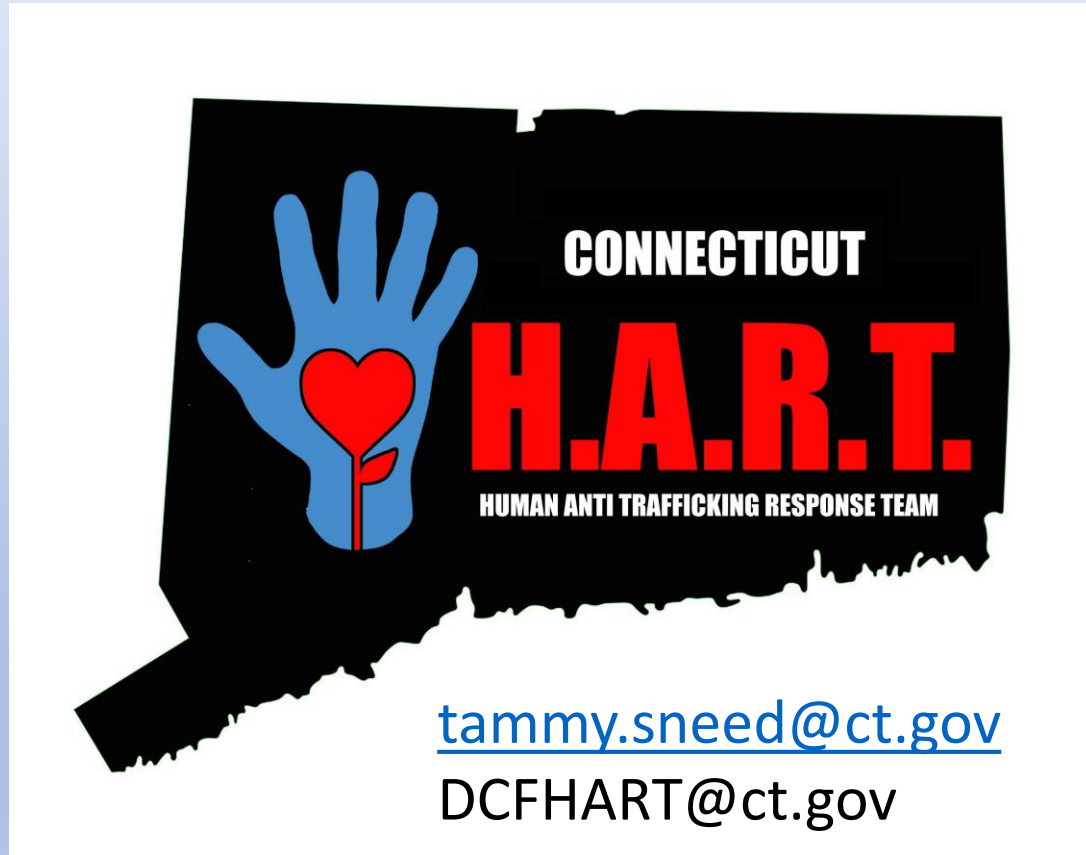
2020 → 98% increase in online attempts
by sex traffickers to recruit children, NCMEC

NOW WHAT?

- Education for CT Kids on Trafficking
- Internet Safety Training
- End Demand
- Statewide Campaign
- Training Compliance
- What About Adult Victims
- Legislative Changes



Resource Attachments



- HART Training List
- Youth Awareness Trainings
- Internet Safety Trainings
- Funding Opportunities
- Racial-Disparities Fact Sheet
- Best Practices and Recommendations for States:
https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/otip/nac_report_2020.pdf
- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/otip/NAC%20Preliminary%20State%20Self-Assessment%20Survey%20Overview_January%202022.pdf
- Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking:
<https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/>