

## Overview of Child Labor Trafficking

**DATE & TIME:**

**May 5 & 7, 2026**

**9:00AM – 12:00PM**

***Sign-in begins 15 minutes before the training start time. All participants must arrive during the sign-in period; late arrivals will not be admitted. Attendance is required on both days to receive credit. Please be prepared to keep your camera on throughout the training.***

**PLACE:** Virtual Training - Zoom

**REGISTRATION:** <https://eventshub.dmh.lacounty.gov/Account/Events/Trainings/Detail/13614>

**DESCRIPTION:** Child labor trafficking is a complex and often hidden form of exploitation that affects youth across diverse communities, including those involved in foster care, juvenile justice, and immigration systems. Transition-age youth (ages 16–25) who have experienced instability, poverty, or prior trauma are at heightened risk of being coerced or forced into labor through manipulation, debt bondage, or threats. This 6-hour training equips mental health clinicians with a comprehensive understanding of child labor trafficking and its psychological, developmental, and relational impacts. Participants will explore the intersection of trauma, cultural factors, and systemic inequities that contribute to vulnerability. The session emphasizes trauma-informed engagement, culturally responsive assessment, and multidisciplinary collaboration to identify and support survivors.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** DMH and contract providers.

**OBJECTIVES:** As a result of attending this training, participants should be able to:

1. Define labor trafficking and differentiate it from human smuggling and child labor violations.
2. Identify relevant federal and international laws that address labor trafficking of children and youth.
3. Explain common recruitment, grooming, and control tactics used against children and youth.
4. Recognize risk factors and behavioral, physical, and environmental indicators of labor trafficking among TAY.
5. Describe the developmental and psychological impacts of labor trafficking on children and youth.
6. Apply trauma-informed and culturally responsive practices to identify, engage, and support survivors in clinical and community settings.
7. Identify mandatory reporting requirements and appropriate referral pathways.

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**DEADLINE:** When capacity is reached.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION:** NONE

**COST:** NONE