Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

**Purpose:** The intent of the following policy is to describe the appropriate process for serving Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking placements in shelters.

**Policy:** CDS shall provide placement for eligible youth who are suspected or confirmed to be victimized by sexual exploitation for the financial or material benefit of a third person as determined on a case by case basis by the Florida Network. Services are designed to serve these youth who may exhibit behaviors which require additional supervision for the safety of the youth or the program. The intent is to provide for quick deployment of additional staff when required to maintain the safety of all youth in shelter and to provide one-to-one supervision to the identified youth.

**Procedure and/or Process:**

 Referrals must be approved by the Florida Network, Director of Contract Operations. Additional youth supervision must be provided.

 All requests may be approved for a maximum of seven (7) days. Approval for support beyond seven (7) days may be obtained on a case-by-case basis.

 The youth must be entered into NetMIS as a Special Populations youth at admission and a Human Trafficking Screening Tool must be completed.

**Service Requirements:**

Staff assigned to youth under this provision are to enhance the regular services available through direct engagement with the youth in positive activities designed to encourage the youth to remain in shelter. During the initial period of acclimation to the shelter environment, these youth may require consideration of alternative schedules, off-site activities or adherence to the behavior management program.