Human Trafficking is Just Another Name for Sexual Abuse

• We all have Human Trafficking dockets whether we think of it in those terms or not.

Don’t Be Intimidated or Distracted by Terminology

• Sexual abuse victims, aka Human Trafficking victims, are the original dual status/cross-over kids.
No Matter the Size or Resources of Your Jurisdiction, DFPS has Affirmative Obligations to Assist with Child Well-Being

- Placement
- Mental Health Services
- Education
- Normalcy Activities

It's All About Relationships

- You have the power to change lives (yours and theirs) by listening intently and respectfully.
- Your JPOs, caseworkers, CASAs, mentors, and faith-based support people have the power to demonstrate separately and together that healthy support groups exist and persist.
- Prosecutors, both civil and criminal, transform their practices when they are consistently engaged as team members. Everybody wins.

Every Judicial Conference You Will Ever Attend Will Emphasize the Judicial Power of Convening

- There's a reason for that.
- Every community is rich with this critical resource: people who want to help.
- Reframe: The work at hand already exists. Most of the helping roles already exist. You will be seeing these young people anyway. Why not do it with intention?
As Nonsensical As It May Sound....

• You will see these kids less if you see them more.
• And you will be much less likely to see their children one day.

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