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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to trainings regarding sexually exploited youth

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-416 to read as follows:

§ 21-416 Training regarding sexually exploited youth. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term "sexually exploited youth" means persons under the age of 24 who have been subject to sexual exploitation due to being (i) the victim of the crime of sex trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of the penal law; (ii) a victim of the crime of compelling prostitution as defined in section 230.33 of the penal law; (iii) a victim of the crime of sex trafficking of a child as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal law; or (iv) subject to acts or conduct described in article 263 of the penal law.

b. The department shall require all staff who have regular, direct contact with youth to complete at least 1 annual training relating to identifying sexually exploited youth. Such trainings shall include, but not be limited to, content on the following categories:

1. Risk factors for trafficking;

2. Identifying vulnerable populations;

3. Common signs and indicators of trafficking;

4. Trauma-informed responses; and

5. Available support services.

§ 2. Chapter 9 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-926 to read as follows:

§ 21-926 Training regarding sexually exploited youth. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Sexually exploited youth. The term "sexually exploited youth" means any youth, as defined in this section, who has been subject to sexual exploitation due to being (i) the victim of the crime of sex trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of the penal law; (ii) a victim of the crime of compelling prostitution as defined in section 230.33 of the penal law; (iii) a victim of the crime of sex trafficking of a child as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal law; or (iv) subject to acts or conduct described in article 263 of the penal law.

Youth. The term “youth” means any child or young adult who is the subject of, or receiving services through any division of ACS.

b. ACS shall require all staff who have regular, direct contact with youth to complete at least 1 annual training relating to identifying sexually exploited youth. Such trainings shall include, but not be limited to, content on the following categories:

1. Risk factors for trafficking;

2. Identifying vulnerable populations;

3. Common signs and indicators of trafficking;

4. Trauma-informed responses; and

5. Available support services.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

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