

# Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council

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## Mission Statement

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The Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council (DATAC) is a state agency that was formed through legislation, and signed into law in August 2022. DATAC was formed to address Delaware's response, resources and overall awareness of human trafficking within our communities.

DATAC brings together all stakeholders including community partners, service providers, various levels of law enforcement, Department of Justice and policy level officials. All of our stakeholders share the same passion and goal to eradicate human trafficking activities in Delaware.

DATAC is fully committed in leading the nation through comprehensive legislation, strong public awareness and solid partnerships with advocates throughout our state to address all aspects related to human trafficking.

# **Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council**

## **Bylaws**

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# Article I

## PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council (Council) to proactively further the purposes and goals set forth in 11 Del. Code §787(k)(1).

The Council shall adhere to the provisions of the statute as it relates to powers, duties, council composition, meetings, procedure, committees, reporting requirements and other related matters.

## Article II

### POWERS AND DUTIES

The Council shall exercise the powers and perform the duties and responsibilities set forth in the statute establishing the Council.



## Article III

### MEETINGS

(a) All meetings shall be at the call of the Chairperson or at the request of three members of the Council with no less than seven (7) days' notice required for any meeting, except under extraordinary circumstances. Thirteen Council members shall constitute a quorum. The Council shall meet at least 4 times a year.

(b) All motions shall be carried by a simple majority of those members present and entitled to vote. The presiding officer shall vote only in the case of a tie.

(c) In the absence of a quorum at a regular duly noticed meeting of the Council, the agenda of that meeting shall be delegated to the Executive Committee for disposition.



## Article III (Cont.)

### MEETINGS

(d) Council member appointments must be made or rescinded by letter from the statutory appointing authority to the Chair. A Council member, so designated by appointment, who is unable to attend a meeting may authorize another person to attend and vote on their behalf by proxy. Such a designation must be made in writing to the Chair.

(e) If any member or designee does not attend three (3) consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings of DATAC, without good cause shown, the Executive Committee, with attention given to participation in Council activities, may recommend the Council remove the member and fill the resulting vacancy.





## Article IV

### COMMITTEES

(a) Committees shall be appointed and dissolved as the Council deems advisable. Ad Hoc Committees may be created without amending these by-laws. Committees which have been appointed are as follows:

1. Public Awareness
2. Victim Services
4. Juvenile
5. Legislative

(b) An Executive Committee shall be formed whose members shall be the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson and three Council members appointed by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be at the call of the Chair or any other member of the committee. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.



# Article V

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING STRATEGIC PLAN

(a) The Council shall establish a Human Trafficking Strategic Plan which shall set forth the goals of the Council for coordinating the response to Human Trafficking in order to meet the overriding purpose of reducing the incidence of Human Trafficking in the State of Delaware.

(b) Upon adoption of goals by the Council, committee members and the agency or constituency which they represent shall analyze the issues pertinent to that agency or constituency's response to Human Trafficking and to victims of Human Trafficking in light of the established goals and the statutory purposes of the Council and shall formulate a focused plan that provides a detailed response for attaining the established goals of the Council, as they relate to that agency or constituency.



# Article V

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING STRATEGIC PLAN (Cont.)

(c) Periodically, the Council staff shall review and assess the established goals included in the Human Trafficking Strategic Plan to determine whether those goals have been attained and whether the goals should be continued, revised or eliminated.

(d) The Council shall submit a written report of its activities and recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at least once every year on or before September 15.



## Article VI

### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except where in conflict with these by-laws or applicable state or federal law, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for the Council.





## Article VII

### AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended in whole or in part, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee or upon written request of a least five (5) Council members with seven (7) days written notice of the proposed change, at any regular or special meeting of the Council by a vote of a majority of the membership.