

Pinellas County Opioid**Task Force Goals:**

Increase Education and Awareness
Reduce Opioid Deaths
Connect to Effective Treatment
Decrease the Supply of Opioids
Integrate and Collaborate Data Sources

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Opioid Task Force Notables for the Opioid Abatement and Funding Advisory Board (OAFAB):**2023-2027 Strategic Plan Sunset**

- Drafting of next cycle strategic plan is in process
- Report on goals, objectives, and items to carry over to be further discussed in Q4
- Report Card attached or review
 - Data pending in some priority areas

Q3 Task Force Discussion:

- Guest presentation by Selah Freedom to highlight human trafficking in Pinellas County
 - 14.9k commercial sex ads
 - 74 illicit massage businesses
 - 10 DCF screenings
 - Source: TIPSTR STATE Annual Report 2024
- Average age of entry
 - 12-14 yrs.
- Time in "the life"
 - 7 yrs
 - Source: Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative
- Foster care
 - 60% of trafficking victims touched the foster care system
 - In 2024, there were 2679 kids in foster care
 - Source: New Life Village

Task Force Topic Interest:

- Ensure competency in human trafficking among all task force partners in concerted effort to break the cycle.
- Ensure competency in recognition of what to do when trafficking is identified or suspected.

How does this affect the opioid crisis:

- Victims removed from this life can be provided with the necessary resources to enter the recovery best matching their circumstance (SUD/OD).
- Provide health screenings, testing, and treatment for infectious diseases.
- Provide mental and behavioral health support to mitigate return to the lifestyle.

How we can accomplish this:

- The next PCOTF Strategic Plan to be discussed during Q4 (December 2026).
- Inclusion of this topic is to stratify methods for programs to broaden reach.
- Create a priority area to ensure competency among partners and concerted effort to identify and appropriately engage when trafficking is suspected.