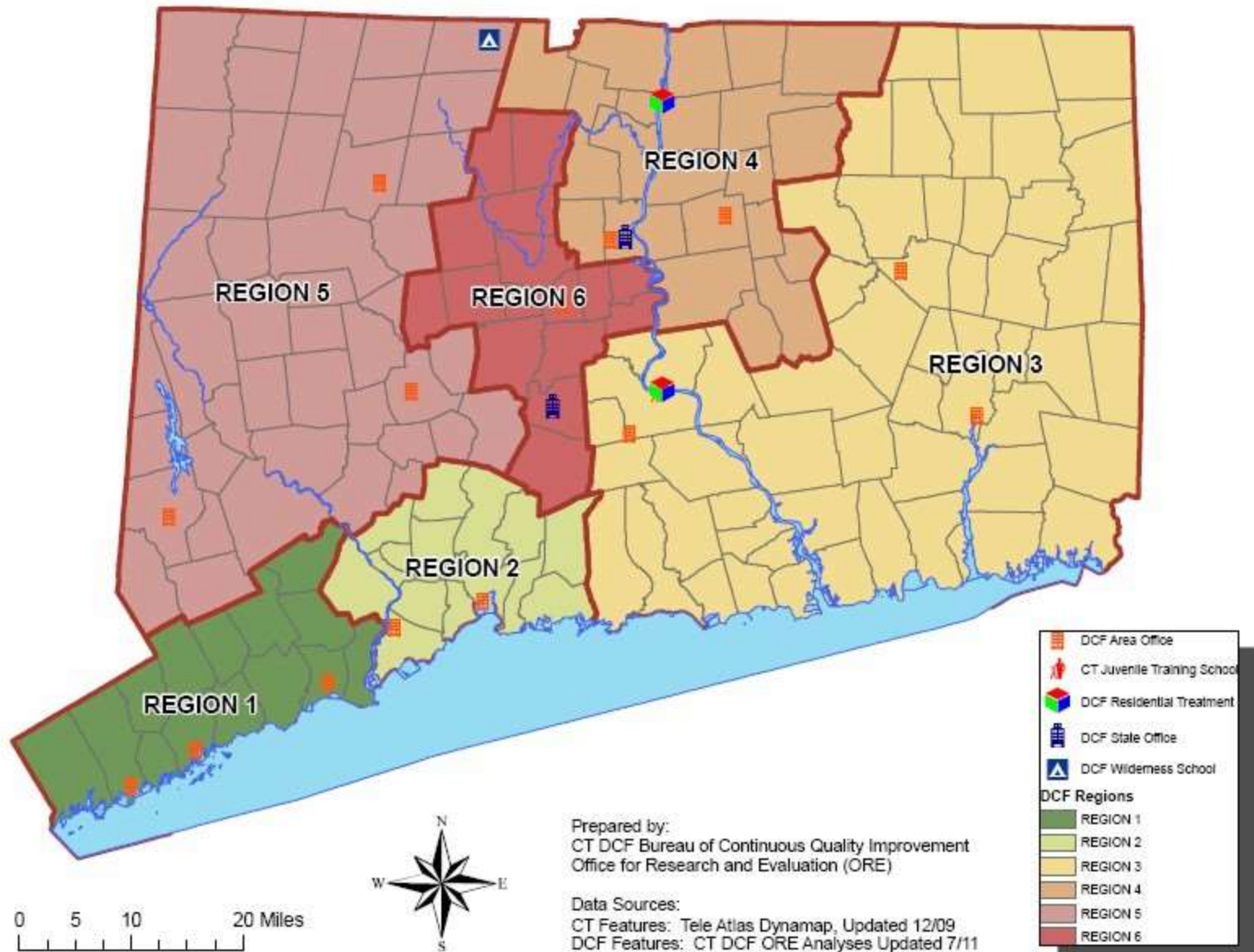


Connecticut's Response to CSEC and DMST

Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting September 7, 2016



CT Department of Children and Families Regions





Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) & Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)

CSEC and DMST Legislation in Connecticut

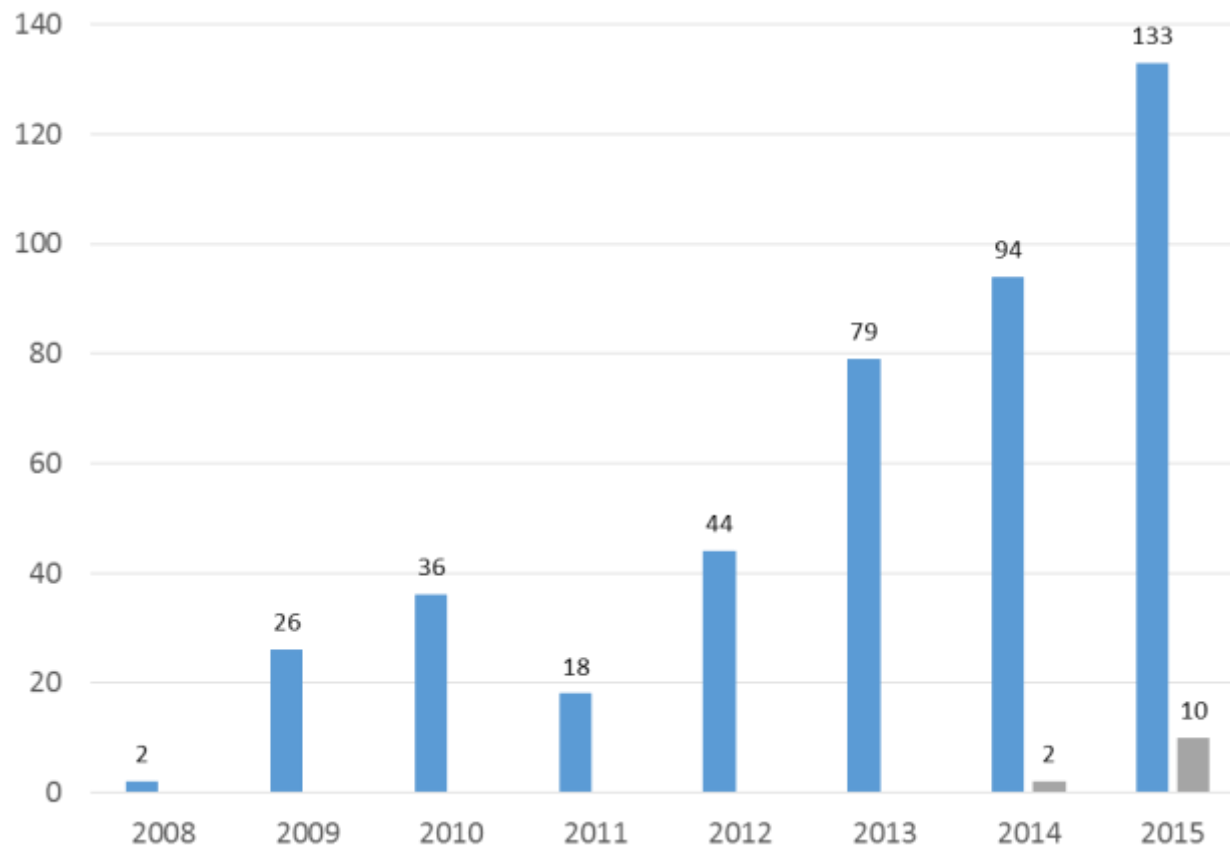
- Minors under the age of 18 cannot be arrested for prostitution.
- Victims of CSEC/DMST are guaranteed an affirmative defense, and have the right to vacate related juvenile records.
- Victims of CSEC/DMST can be classified as “uncared for” in order for DCF to provide services.
- Suspected cases of CSEC/DMST shall be reported to the DCF Careline (800-842-2288).
- CSEC/DMST cases are to be addressed through Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs).

Connecticut Referrals....

- 2008 to present – Over **500 children and youth referred**
- Trafficking type: DMST/CSEC
- Vulnerability: Majority of victims were on runaway/AWOL status; Majority of victims had experienced sexual abuse and/or neglect.
- Age range: 2 – 18
- Referrals: DCF Social Workers, Law enforcement, EMS, congregate care facilities, Courts, public defenders' office, NGOs, etc...

Referrals by Year

January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2015
(N=432)



Policy 31-10-6.1

INTAKE AND INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN

The Department of Children and Families is committed to the identification of, rescue and protection of, and providing services for children who have been identified as victims of human trafficking.



Connecticut DCF Framework

- Identification and Response
- Awareness and Education
- Restore and Recovery

Identification and Response

- **DCF Careline Responds to EVERY Call**
- HART (Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team)
- MDT (Multi Disciplinary Team) Lead Role
- Designated Emergency Department(s) across the state
- Rapid Response
- DCF Response Practice Guide
- Relationships established with FBI, United States District Attorney, Homeland Security and local law enforcement.

Awareness and Education

- DCF Academy offers 3-days of specialized trainings; Day 1, Day 2 and Demand.
- DCF awareness efforts on CSEC/ DMST include Chief of Police/ roll call trainings, juvenile and adult judges, emergency medical providers, MDT teams, service providers, educators, medical providers, foster parents, etc....
- Education to Connecticut young people: service providers, schools and community.
- Prevention curriculum for girls/boys/ LGBTQI: Not a #Number (Love 146). <https://love146.org/notanumber/>
- Specialized curriculum for girls; My Life My Choice (JRI).
- National consultation on best practices for child welfare systems and provider networks.
- Newest curriculums and Model: 1) Foster Care Model with Training and 2) Boys/ Male Bodied Youth and CSEC/ DMST.
- Training of Trainer (TOT) efforts.

Restore and Recovery

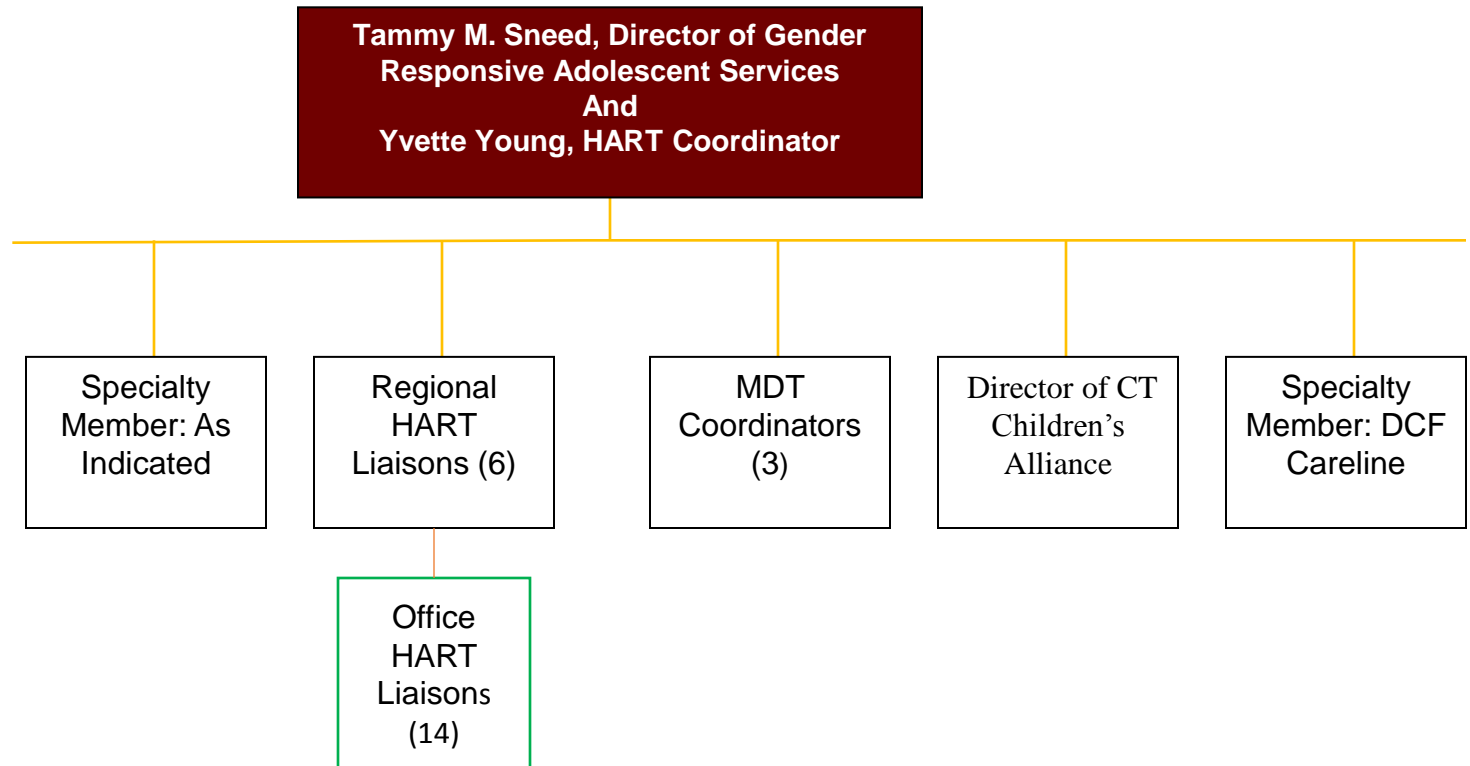
- Provider Network “Trained Up”/ “Trafficking Informed” Services
- Specialized services including foster care
- Survivor Care (Rapid Responses and Long-Term)
<https://love146.org/programs/u-s-survivor-care/>
- Victim advocacy; prosecutions, restorations, etc....

Specialized Resources in CT

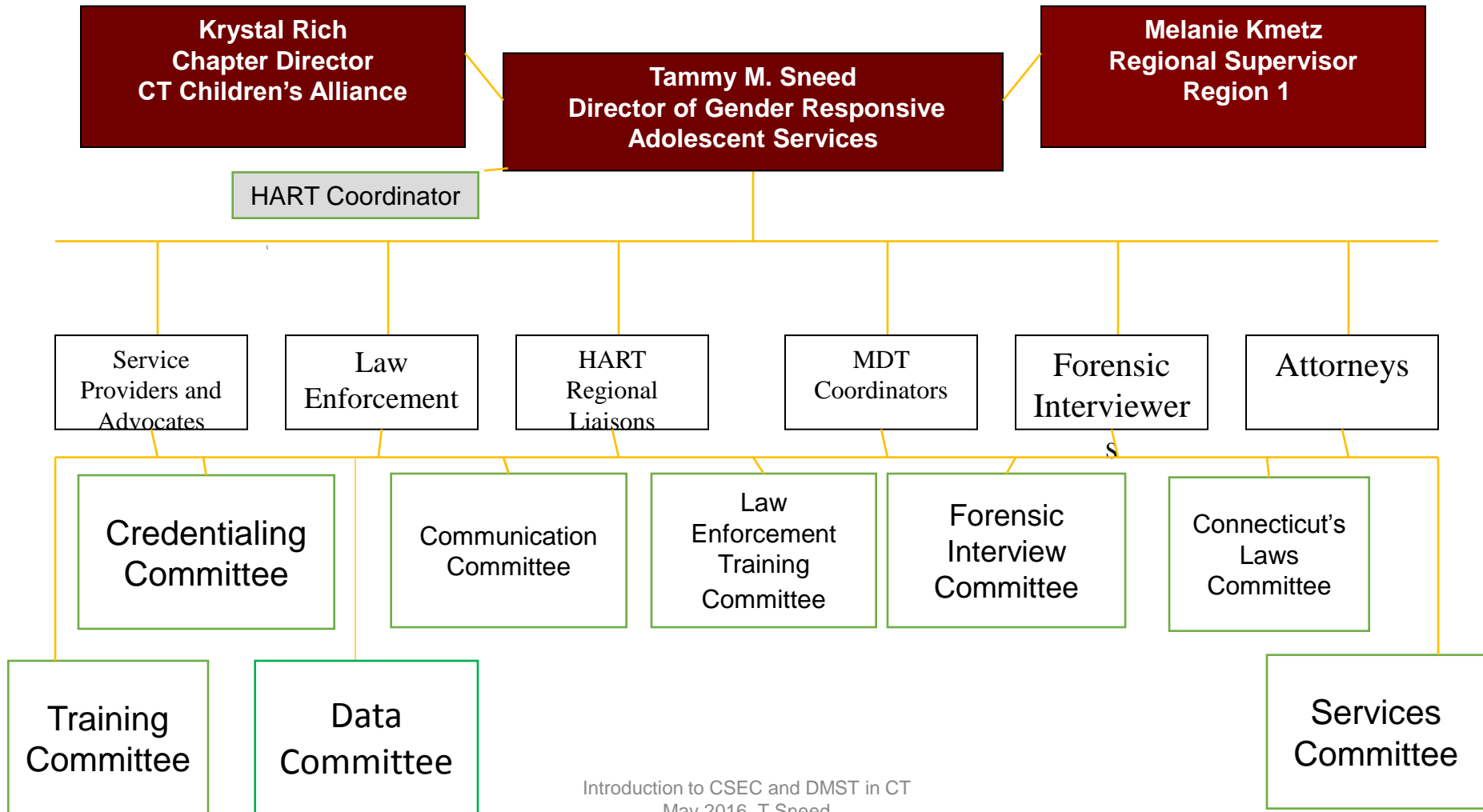
- My Life My Choice and Not a #Number
- Rapid Response
- Survivor Care
- Mentoring
- Foster Care
- Clinical Services



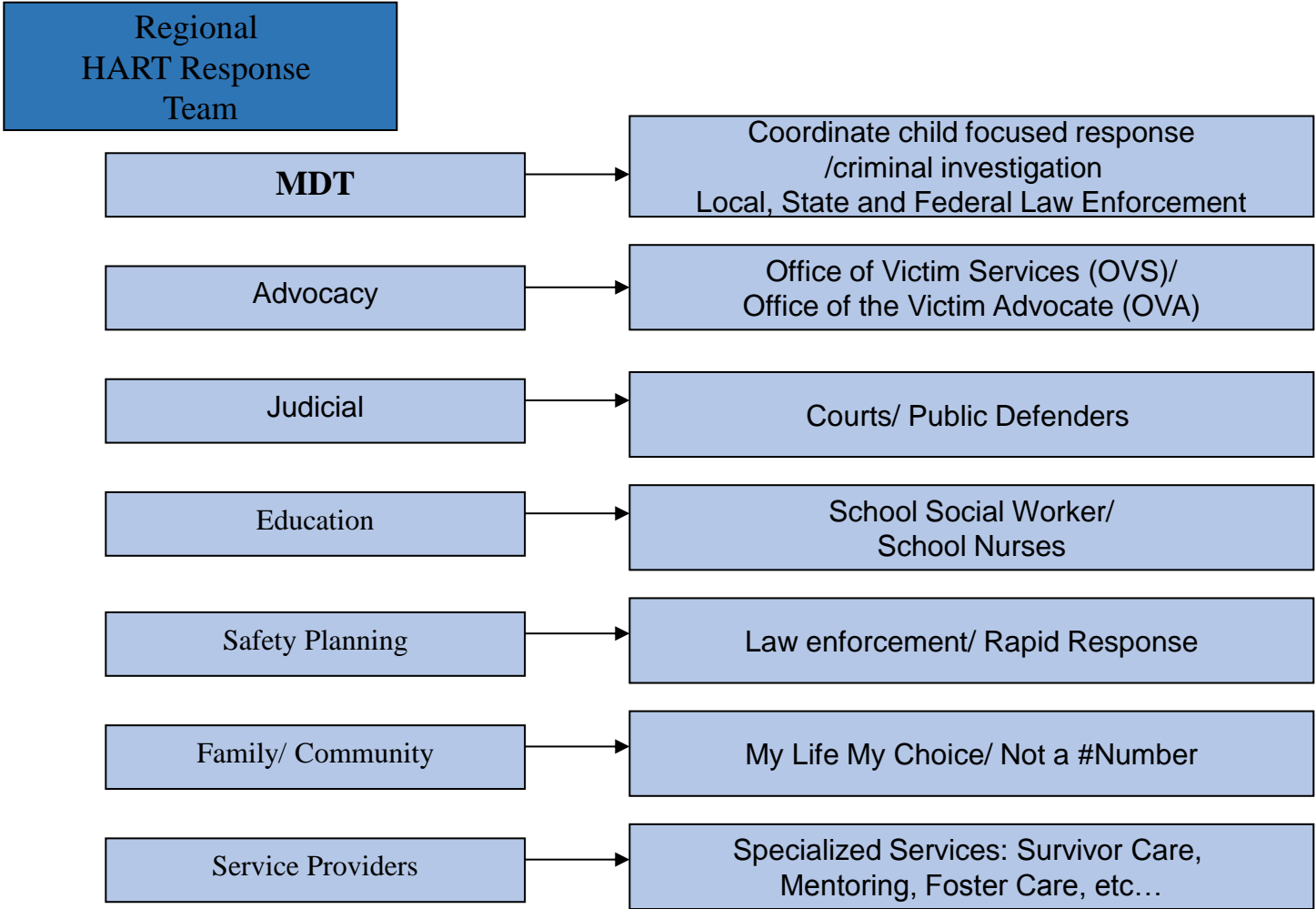
HART Leadership



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