

Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
Development of Guiding Principles
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Purpose of Guiding Principles:

To provide a reference of core values to guide workgroup and task force members in their decisions and actions to best meet the goals of the task force.

Task Force Purpose & Goals:

The purpose of the Task Force is to develop, implement, and sustain a cross-system, comprehensive, trauma-informed, culturally-competent, victim-centered approach to serving minor victims of sex trafficking and preventing youth from becoming victims of sex trafficking.

The Task Force will support and enhance the work of local work groups and communities by providing materials, establishing consistent protocols for use throughout the state, and supporting the growth of service capacity.

Workgroup Goals:

Cross-systems workgroups will work under the purview of the Task Force to achieve the following for use throughout the state:

- A common core of training material
- A validated, uniform screening tool
- Public awareness materials and tools with a uniform message
- Standard competencies needed for service providers to serve sex trafficked minors
- Strategies for expanded residential placement and service capacity
- Strategies for expanded community-based services using a regional hub approach
- Mechanisms to collect and link data regarding sex trafficking victims across systems

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DECISIONS, ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TASK FORCE AND WORKGROUP MEMBERS WILL BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

Victim-Centered

- Systems responses should prioritize meeting the immediate safety and survival needs of victims.
- Victims of human trafficking should be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect for their privacy.
- Systems responses should include processes that ensure victims are informed about their rights and the range of options they may access and pursue.
- Non-English speaking victims should have access to translators and interpreters when accessing services. Family members and children should not be used to translate or interpret for victims.
- Meaningful engagement with survivors should inform the development of public policy and service recommendations.
- Graphic, shocking or depersonalizing imagery of victims should not be used.

Coordinated

- To the extent possible, common tools, protocol, public awareness and training materials should be customizable to be functional for multiple disciplines and systems.
- Recommendations should respect and connect to existing local and regional efforts.
- Messaging used for training and in public awareness materials should be uniform.
- Materials should be shared to benefit concurrent and complementary efforts.

Comprehensive

- Services for victims should be accessible to diverse populations and should be provided in a trauma-informed and culturally responsive manner.
- Recommendations should be inclusive of urban, rural and tribal populations.
- Families of victims should be engaged at appropriate times.
- System responses should address long term needs of victims and provide tools and opportunities for financial stability that will support long-term independence.

Quality

- State and national models and best practices should inform recommendations.
- Statistics will only be used when from a reputable source and cited.
- Subject matter experts should be consulted during the development of strategies and recommendations.