



WISCONSIN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE



Workgroup Updates

December 7th, 2016

Data and Research

The workgroup has met once since the last Task Force meeting. Members continue to discuss how to improve data collection within state systems, determine the number of suspected cases of sex trafficking among youth, and use such data for better prevention and intervention efforts.

Prevention and Public Awareness

The workgroup has met twice since the September Task Force meeting. Members recommended that DCF support a contract for a public awareness campaign as well as a Wisconsin-specific video to promote awareness of this issue. The workgroup is now identifying elements of prevention that should be part of an overall prevention tool kit to support broader public awareness efforts. This includes examining existing youth-focused, anti-human trafficking prevention efforts in other states as well as successful prevention efforts in other disciplines to identify successful tools and strategies. The workgroup expects to conclude analysis of these initiatives in early 2017.

Training

The workgroup has met three times since September to review training modules 1-6 of the *Human Trafficking 101* curriculum. Group members review the modules two at a time and review them at each meeting using a facilitated feedback process. The group is on track to have a completed curriculum by the end of the calendar year, which will be presented to the Task Force at the next meeting. Members also recommended the use of funds to roll out a train-the-trainer model sometime in 2017.

Identification and Screening

This workgroup completed their charge. The group will be recommending two tools to the Task Force at today's meeting.

Placement and Services

The workgroup will be presenting preliminary survey results to identify the current landscape of services available to youth in Wisconsin at today's Task Force meeting. These survey results will guide future efforts in developing the regional hub model of services, as well as identification of the biggest needs and strengths in our state. The workgroup has also developed a draft of Core and Advanced Competencies to guide agencies, organizations, and providers in serving children and youth, as it relates to commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. The group continues to meet monthly and expects to complete all of its charges by early 2017.