



WISCONSIN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE



Workgroup Updates

September 7th, 2016

Data and Research

The workgroup has met once since their presentation at the June Task Force meeting to continue discussing the child sex trafficking data available within each state agency. Agencies are focusing on improving internal data and are making plans for how to use this data once it matriculates. The group has also recognized the lack of Tribal data that state agencies have access to, and will be reaching out to Tribal partners to discuss what data, if any, they may be able to share. State agencies are still also considering how to link data across systems to improve our understanding of the issue and evaluate any sex-trafficking prevention initiatives that are implemented.

Prevention and Public Awareness

The workgroup has met once since the June Task Force meeting to continue working toward our identified public awareness campaign that includes three components: 1) Community Awareness Education, 2) Victim Assistance, and 3) Ending the Demand. Subgroups within this workgroup have continued efforts to develop a Wisconsin *Chosen* video outline, identifying potential campaign and outreach partners, developing messaging language and the venues and partners for greatest impact, and reviewing prevention tool kits for future development. The next workgroup meeting will feature a presentation from *Voices of Men*, which has been working on demand reduction efforts in Wisconsin.

Training

This workgroup has met once since the last Task Force meeting. There was an agreement to utilize the Capacity Building Center for State Curriculum for Sex Trafficking and Child Welfare to inform the process of developing and customizing a curriculum for Wisconsin. The workgroup will be reviewing options to support training and curriculum development. Future meetings will be structured to meet the end of calendar year deadline for a "Human Trafficking 101" curriculum that can be utilized across disciplines.

Identification and Screening

This workgroup has continued to meet regularly to evaluate screening tools already utilized in other agencies and states. The workgroup has completed its Phase 1 and 2 reviews of the available screening tools and is now moving into Phase 3, to select the tools to present to the Task Force later this year.

Placement and Services

The workgroup has been involved with the finalization of the survey that focuses on programming and services available to children and youth who have experienced or are at risk of sex trafficking in Wisconsin. The first and second waves of survey distribution were sent out this summer to several hundred providers, with a third wave scheduled for late September. Dr. Joy Ippolito has worked closely with the workgroup and the UW Survey Center to coordinate survey administration and internal evaluation planning. The workgroup is also in the initial stages of developing a list of core competencies to guide providers and agencies serving this population. The workgroup expects to have preliminary survey results and a suggested list of core competencies to present to the Task Force this winter.