



# PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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# About Futures Without Violence

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For more than 30 years, FUTURES has been providing groundbreaking programs, policies, and campaigns that empower individuals and organizations working to end violence against women and children around the world.

Our vision is a future without violence that provides education, safety, justice, and hope.



# Project Team

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# Poll 1: Question

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What is your profession?

- Community Advocacy Organization
- DV/SA or Human Trafficking Service Provider
- Employment Service Provider/Vocational Program
- Educational Institution
- Legal Service Provider
- Other (please ID)



# Learning Objectives

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**As a result of this session, participants will better be able to:**

- Describe the various training, resources, and technical assistance available through the Promoting Employment Opportunities for Survivors of Human Trafficking (PEOST) project;
- Identify service providers engaging with, or interested in engaging with employment services programs either through internal programs or external partnerships; and,
- Access training and technical assistance opportunities related to building collaborations to improve greater access to employment for HT survivors.



# Promoting Employment Opportunities for Survivors of Human Trafficking Project



# TTA Focus Area

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TTA Project funded through Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), U.S. Department of Justice.

**Goal:** Enhance the capacity of HT service providers, especially OVC grantees, to engage in services and offer support to improve greater access to employment/educational opportunities for survivors of human trafficking.



# PEOST Project Objectives

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1. Improve the quality and quantity of employment and educational services and opportunities offered to trafficking survivors by increasing capacity of victim service providers nationwide through training and technical assistance; and
2. Improve victim service providers' partnerships with employment and educational services stakeholders in their communities.





# Project Activities

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- Provide technical assistance via web, phone, and site visits (as requested)
- Provide web-based trainings
- Design and host PEOST Training Institute
- Develop tools and resources to help engage workforce partners & foster the implementation and provision of trauma-informed employment services



# Accessing Job Opportunities for Survivors

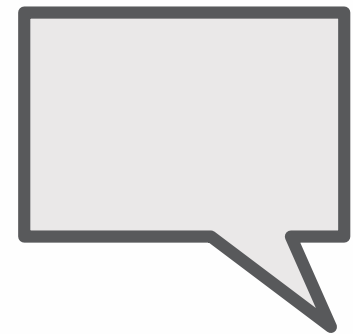


# Chat Box Discussion 1

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*What are the primary obstacles survivors of human trafficking may face when trying to obtain employment?*

Please share in the chat box to the right.



# What We Know

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- Economic security = safety
- Needs of trafficking survivors are complex
  - Trauma linked to employment
  - Lack of education, credentials, or skills
  - Financial resources
  - Criminal records
  - Immigration status



# Role of the Workforce System

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## What?

- Adult education and skills training
- Job training and apprenticeships
- Job search and placement

## Who?

- Adult job seekers with complex barriers
- “At-risk” youth
- And... nonimmigrant “T” and “U” visas holders, refugees, asylees



# Poll 2: Question

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Does your agency provide education, job training, or other employment support services to survivors?

- Yes – we have our own internal program
- Yes – we partner with a local workforce development provider
- No – but we are interested in developing our own program
- No – but we are interested in building a program with a local workforce development provider
- No



# Common Models and Approaches

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Employment  
Support



Career  
Counseling  
and Planning



Economic  
Empowerment



Job Training  
and Placement

← minimal

intensive →



# Where Workforce Partners Can Help

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- Enhance programmatic capacity with resources and expertise on training opportunities and the local labor market
- Provide training and educational opportunities that lead to industry credentials and/or greater access to improved employment
- Connections with local employers





# Accessing Project Resources

**How can we help?**

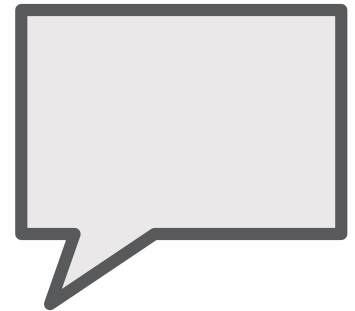


# Chat Box Discussion 2

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*What training and technical assistance topics would you like the project to address?*

Please share in the chat box to the right.



# Upcoming Webinars

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**May 2019:** Promoting Employment for Human Trafficking Survivors: Opportunities and Resources within the Workforce Development System

**June 2019:** Human Trafficking & Impacts on Employment Opportunities (*rescheduled from February 2019*)

**July 2019:** Mapping Local Employment and Training Opportunities in your Community

**August 2019:** Building Effective Cross-Sector Collaborations



# PEOST Institute

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## Upcoming PEOST Institute

- **September 10-11, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA**
- **Teams of 3-5 comprised of:**
  - OVC HT grantees, other OVC victim service providers, educational and vocational service providers, workforce development agency personnel, employment service providers, or other relevant community stakeholders

Institute applications will be available at  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peost>



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# Questions?

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# Thank You

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