

# Community Resource Mapping Toolkit: Supporting the Needs of Survivors of Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault



**Internal and External  
Resource Mapping  
Worksheets and Tools**



This resource is part of the project on **Building Collaborative Responses  
to Trafficked Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**.



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### Introduction

This Community Resource Mapping Toolkit can aid anti-human trafficking service providers and community collaborations to:

- Recognize the needs of survivors;
- Discern internal individual and organizational capacity and resources;
- Identify services, resources, point persons, and gaps to support survivors; and
- Explore opportunities to improve services through collaboration strategies.

This resource was developed as part of the training institute: [Building Collaborative Responses to Trafficked Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#), for service providers and collaborative teams supporting survivors of human trafficking.

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## **SECTION 1: Resource Mapping Overview**

Due to the nature of human trafficking, survivors are likely to need a number of services to support them on their healing journey. The resources needed may include physical and mental health care, legal services, housing resources, support with follow up on advocacy support and goals. It is also important to consider disabilities, language access, transportation, and childcare access, among other things. Survivors may not know of the available resources and should be advised of their options. The survivor knows themselves the best, and their self-determination should be centered in all aspects throughout the process.

Community mapping and assessment can help identify the capacity of your programs and to uncover needs and resources. Multi-disciplinary and collaborative responses strengthen the coordination of services for those experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking (DV/SA/HT). Identifying resources and cultivating relationships with service providers is key for being prepared for a human trafficking case and to support survivors.

We recommend that you consider your community demographics and identify other forms of violence and issues that overlap with human trafficking, like increasing rates of domestic violence, labor exploitation, homelessness, etc. Identify patterns of trafficking in your community in order to understand survivors' experiences, determine needs, and engage with programs that can help support the unique needs.

It is also valuable to consider identifying community resources that would support survivors in each of these demographic groups, regardless of their prevalence in your local area, as trafficking survivors may come from any background. To prompt your community assessment, consider the following groups:

- Youth and young adult survivors
- U.S. born survivors
- Older adult survivors
- Male, female survivors
- Survivors with disabilities
- Survivors of labor trafficking
- Survivors of sex trafficking
- Survivors in rural settings
- Survivors using substances
- Survivors experiencing homelessness
- Survivors in specific industries

## **SECTION 2: Collaborative Community Resources Mapping Strategies**

1. Identify interest, capacity, and support. Recruit partners and develop a vision.
2. Formalize collaboration and partnership. Establish goals and focus, develop a work plan, and clarify roles and responsibilities.
3. Engage in an internal review of values, resources, capacity, protocols, and partnerships.
4. Compile a list of community resources and point persons. Engage community through survivors' feedback, partnerships, surveys, and online research.

### **Recommendations:**

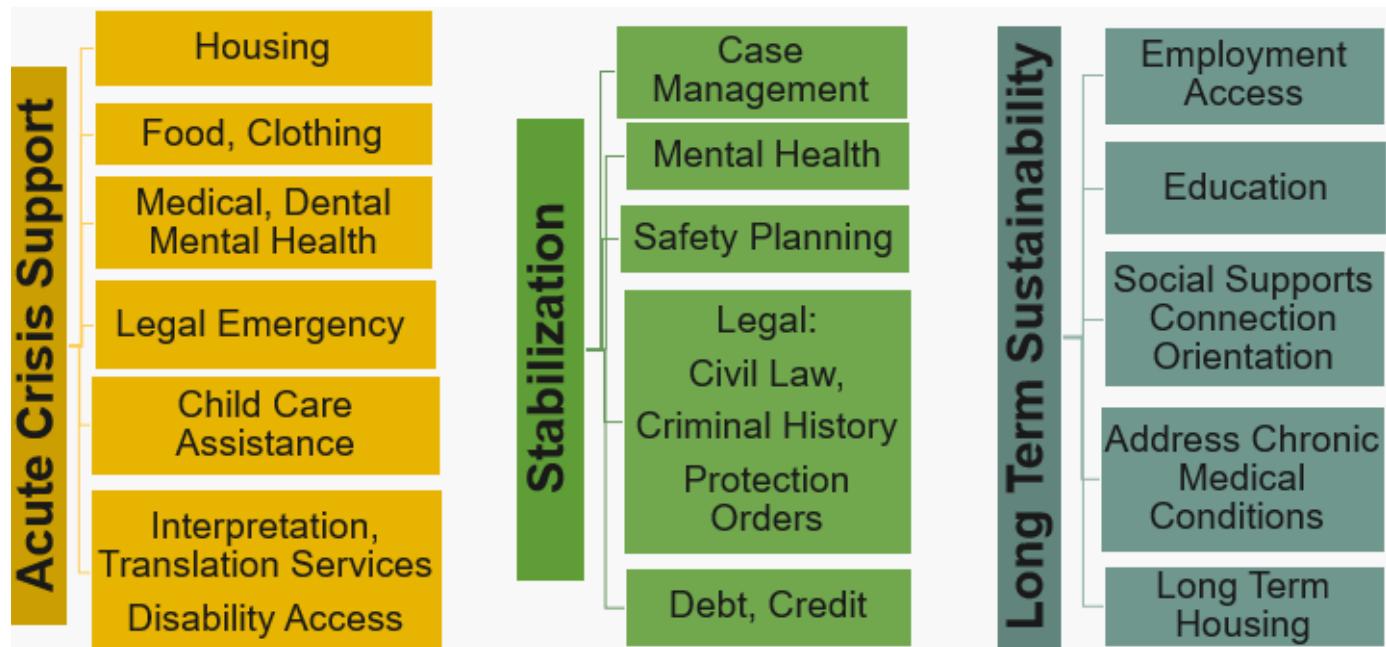
- Identify capacity gaps and needs of service providers, and cross train staff at all levels, to build skills to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
- Develop or update a resource list with information on points of contact, types of services, community served, roles in supporting survivors, and any other notes.
- Develop a referral process and protocol to ensure a response that includes trauma-informed care and survivor-centered approach. Include confidentiality, immediate safety needs, and advocacy response in different possible scenarios.
- Leverage relationships with service providers to ensure immediate needs are met and on-going support is provided.
- Get to know the practices and social structure of your community, this helps understand how to address the needs and use its resources.

### **Tier Approach for Community Resource Mapping**



## **Section 3: Resource Mapping to Support Survivors**

### **a) Possible Needs of Those Who Have Been Trafficked**



[Possible Needs of Survivors Overview](#)

[List of Service Needs and Community Resource Listing Worksheet](#)

### **b) Internal Resource Mapping Worksheet**

Start by identifying your internal resources and capacity to support survivors.

[Internal Resource Mapping Worksheet](#)



## **SECTION 4: Prompts to Reflect on Resources, Gaps, and Opportunities**

These questions are for a collaborative team, to help assess current resources, gaps, and opportunities for partnerships and to enhance services. This activity can be done after filling out the community resource map worksheet attached.

- 1) Over all, what agencies or organizations are addressing human trafficking and providing services to survivors in our community?
  
  
  
- 2) What level of capacity do agencies have to provide services to survivors/victims of human trafficking? List 3 areas where your collaborative does well around services.
  
  
  
- 3) List 3 areas where your collaborative can improve around victim/survivor services. Consider referral process, partnerships to support survivors, capacity building for identification of intersections, response process, survivor-centered approach, trauma-informed procedures, survivor economic sustainability, etc.
  
  
  
- 4) What could we do to fill these gaps and who could help bridge the gaps? Who is missing from the table? Think of agencies and champions within advocacy, social, legal services, health, and law enforcement.
  
  
  
- 5) List 3 possible challenges to victim/survivor services that your collaborative needs to address:
  
  
  
- 6) What are the specific industries or settings in your community that might be vulnerable to human trafficking? Based on this, who should be in your collaborative to address the needs of the community?
  
  
  
- 7) Notes on next steps:

## **SECTION 5: Resources and Mapping Worksheets**

Use this **toolkit of worksheets** to identify, map, and discuss individual and community resources. Identify what works best for you and combine with your own local resources.

- ❑ [Possible Needs of Survivors Overview List](#)
- ❑ [Internal Individual Organizational Resource Map to Support Survivors Worksheet](#)
- ❑ [List of Service Needs and Community Resource Listing Worksheet](#)
- ❑ [Community Resources Listing in Excel Worksheet \(e-mail FUTURES for a copy\)](#)
- ❑ [Community Asset Mapping Worksheet, \(workforce development programs\)](#)
- ❑ [Connecting the Pieces: A Socio-Ecological Approach to Collaboration, Internal and External Resource Mapping Workbook – Community Solutions](#)
- ❑ [National Resources for Survivor Support \(hotlines\)](#)

## **Resources and Tools**

- ❖ [Collaboration to Increase Access to Employment Opportunities for Survivors of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#), FUTURES
- ❖ [Building Collaborative Responses with Healthcare, for DVSA Task Forces and Multidisciplinary Teams Addressing Human Trafficking](#), FUTURES
- ❖ [Ten Action Steps: Building and Sustaining Collaborations to Support Trafficking Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, A Toolkit for Advocacy Programs](#), FUTURES
- ❖ [National Human Trafficking Referral Directory](#)
- ❖ [Resources for Survivors/Victims](#), OVC
- ❖ [Community Resource Mapping for SARTS](#), MNCASA
- ❖ [Guide to Resource Mapping and Assessing Community Needs](#), Homeless Housing
- ❖ [Targeted Resource Mapping Toolkit: Mapping Resources Along a Continuum of Services to Address Substance Use Disorders \(Sample\)](#), NCJFCJ
- ❖ [Community Resources Mapping Report of Domestic Violence Services \(sample\)](#)

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