



COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIES AND TOOLS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AUGUST 22, 2019

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Learning Objectives

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As a result of this webinar, you will be better able to:

1. Define the unique service needs HT victims that differ from domestic violence and sexual assault.
2. Identify community and state-wide strategies to develop new collaborations or expand existing networks to support survivors of HT.
3. Clarify multidisciplinary professional and organizational roles in coordinating services for trafficked survivors.
4. Utilize resources to help build or expand multi-disciplinary teams and task forces to support survivors of HT.



Today's Agenda

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1. Human Trafficking Overview & Needs of Survivors
2. Collaboration – Why collaborate to support survivors of HT?
3. Strategies and Lessons Learned:
 - Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center (Martinsburg, WV)
 - South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force, South Carolina Office of the Attorney General
 - Southern Nevada Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force
4. Questions & Answers Chat
5. November 14-15, 2019 Portland, OR Institute Overview
6. Evaluation and Closing



Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)

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Human Trafficking Legislative Definition:

Labor trafficking:

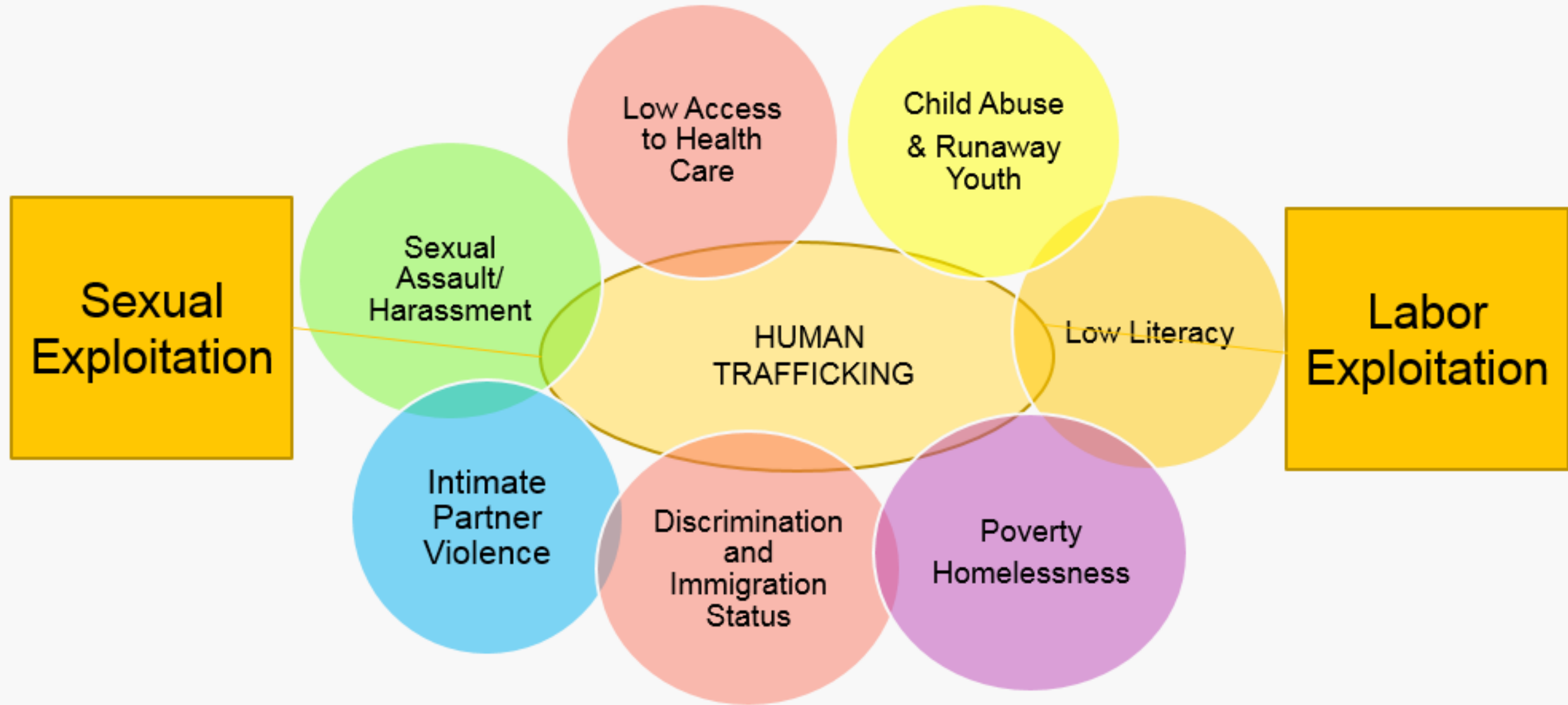
The *recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining* of a person for *labor or services*, through the use of *force, fraud, or coercion* for the purpose of subjection to *involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery*.

Sex trafficking:

1. A *commercial sex act* induced by *force, fraud, or coercion*,
2. Or in which the person induced to perform such act has *not attained 18 years of age*.



Human Trafficking Intersections and Vulnerability



Unique Needs of Human Trafficking Survivors Depending on Their Circumstance

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- Advocacy & Safety
- Criminal and Legal
- Housing/Shelter
- Health & Dental Care
- Substance Misuse Support
- Trauma and Healing

- Education, Self-Sufficiency & Employment
- Nutrition and Food Access
- Debt/Credit
- Long-term Case Management
- Social and Spiritual Support

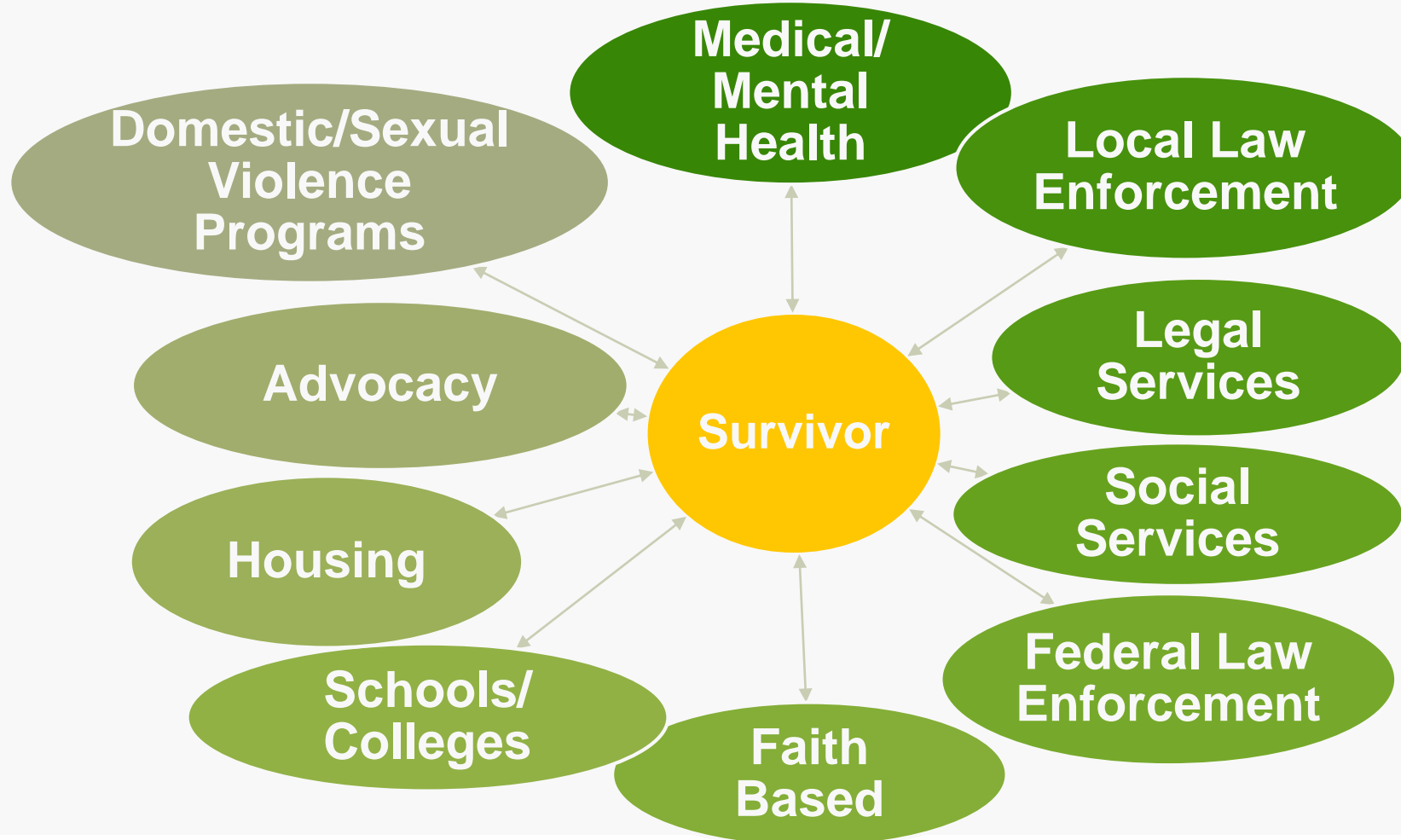
Trafficked Persons Access Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Organizations for Many Reasons

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- DV/SA organizations may be the only crisis/housing/social service
- Receive referrals from other organizations
- Do not trust law enforcement
- Confidential services
- May not identify as “trafficked”
- May have overlapping DV/SA experiences
- Others? ***Please type in the chat box***



Possible Collaboration Partners



Why Collaborate?

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- ✓ Meet the unique needs of survivors/victims
- ✓ Foster empowerment and healing for survivors
- ✓ Manage the complexity of human trafficking cases
- ✓ Prevent duplication of individual or organizational efforts
- ✓ Identify gaps, enhance advocacy, capacity, & resource development
- ✓ Clarity of each other's roles to serve survivors
- ✓ Accountability



Different Types of HT Collaboration

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Terms may include: **collaborative, coalition, task force, working group, network, team**

- May start with a small group of partners and expand over time
- May be formal or informal; funded by grants, or volunteer
- Task forces may be local, county, statewide, tribal, or federal
- Some are led by DV/SA/HT programs
- Some are sub-committees of other collaboratives (SART, DV, etc.)



Model Collaboration Strategies

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- ❖ **Local**: Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center, Martinsburg, WV. **Presenter**: Katie Spriggs, BSW, Executive Director
- ❖ **Regional**: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and head of the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force
Presenter: Elynne Greene, MA, Manager, Victim Services & HT
- ❖ **Statewide**: SC Human Trafficking Task Force, South Carolina Office of the Attorney General
Presenter: Kathryn Moorehead, Director of VAWA and Human Trafficking Programs/ Coordinator of the SC HT Task Force

Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center Martinsburg, West Virginia

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Map West Virginia



Map of Martinsburg, West Virginia and surrounding U.S. states



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Advocacy Program Shifts to Offer Specialized HT Advocacy Services

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- ✓ 2013: Staff engagement and training
- ✓ 2016: Developed HT-specific services
 - ✓ Mission statement change
 - ✓ Diversity value statement
 - ✓ Anti-oppression framework
 - ✓ Name change for inclusiveness, after 30 years (2018)



Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center Advocacy Program Goals

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- Seeing increased referrals from health care/hospitals
- Have a 5-year plan to get a larger facility with a HT case manager
- Substance misuse support groups
 - For people actively using
 - Another group for people in recovery
- Creating a drop-in center:
 - Support and referral for health needs
 - Shower, clothes, laundry
 - Safety planning support
 - Access to a meal



Collaboration with their U.S. Attorney Office's Task Force

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- U.S. Attorney's Office Leads and Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center (Katie Spriggs) co-chairs
 - ✓ Working to refine services model: who is called, when?
 - ✓ Offered trainings for all Rape Crisis Centers across WV (in-person and webinar-based)
 - ✓ Developing a directory of services
 - ✓ Developing expert trainers and identifying regional trainings
 - ✓ Planning 6 regional trainings with law enforcement, advocacy, prosecutor and coordinated response team



Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department &
The Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force

STRATEGIES & LESSONS LEARNED

The Art of Creating a Village

Elynne Greene

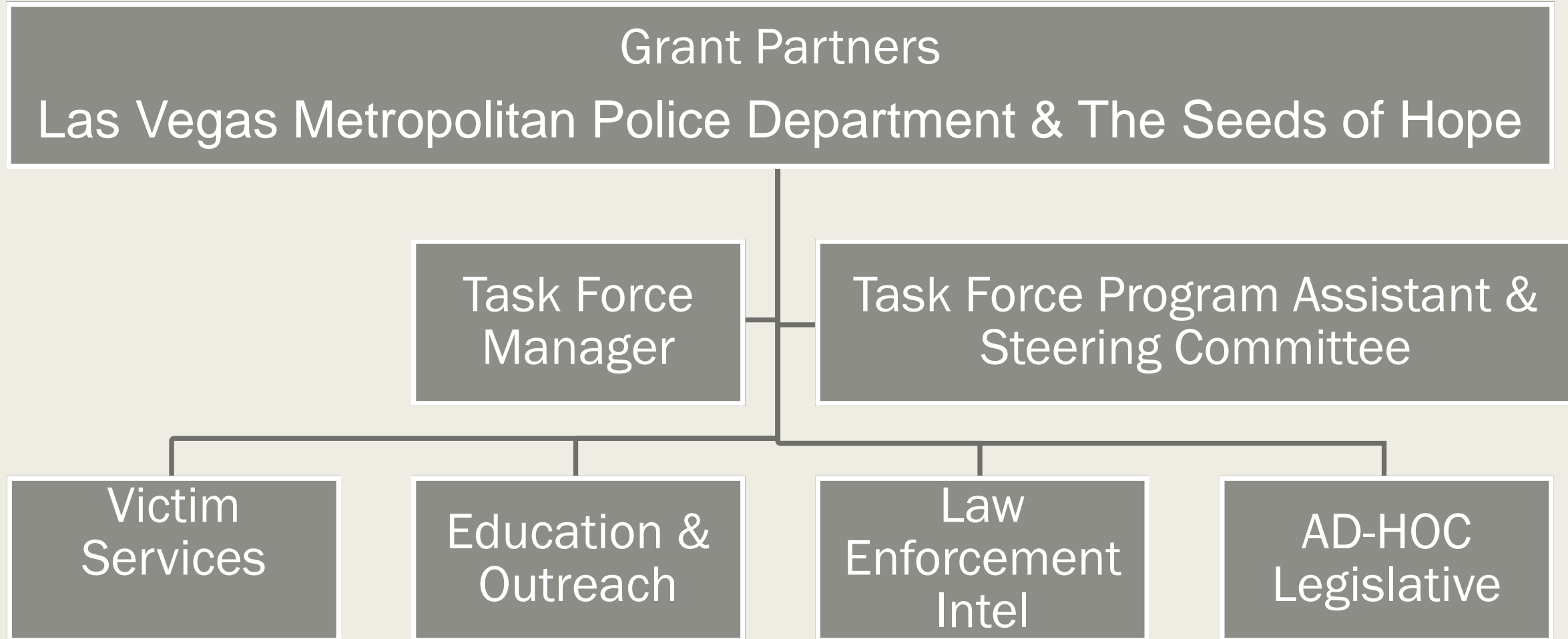
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Strategies to Build Collaboration

- ❑ Know the Culture of your Community
- ❑ Find a Role for Everyone, No Task is too Small
- ❑ Educate and Train People to Look through a New Lens
- ❑ Think Outside of the Box
- ❑ Ensure that Healthy Survivors have a Seat at the Table

Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force

Organizational Structure



Mission Statements

SNHTTF Mission Statement

- The mission of the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force is to ensure the protection of victims, prosecution of offenders and prevention of all forms of human trafficking through effective coordinated partnerships.

Victim Services Committee

- To serve individuals impacted by human trafficking through a strong network of service providers using best practice.

Education & Community Outreach Committee

- To accurately inform the general public on what human trafficking is, how to identify human trafficking victims, and mobilizing the community to be part of the solution..

Working with Law Enforcement

Strongest partners:

- ❑ Local, state, and federal law enforcement
 - *24-hour advocate response: assist during operations, outreach, and investigations*

- ❑ *Parole and Probation*
 - Help identify HT victims initially convicted of crimes

Adapting DV/SA Programs for HT Victims

- Training & Education
- Survivor Input
- Review and Adapt Policies & Procedures
- Collaborate with Service Providers in the Community



Standards for Services and Individuals

Goal: To ensure that services provided to trafficked person adhere to professional codes of ethics, is victim centered, trauma-based, and provides a framework for competency and professionalism.

Purpose: Foster empowerment and healing for victims and facilitate collaboration and effective communication among providers.

Best Practices in the following areas (as outlined in handout):

- Basic ethical best practices, media best practices
- 24 Hour Response
- Survivor leadership support
- Case Management/Victim Advocacy – Support and/or assistance in accessing HT services

Tips

Collaboration is like building a village together...

It must be strong, sustainable and victim centered.

Each village may look a little different from the outside, but inside is safe and supportive.



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South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force

- The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation
- The South Carolina Police Chiefs Association
- The South Carolina Sheriffs' Association
- The State Law Enforcement Division
- The Department of Health and Environmental Control Board
- The State Office of Victim Assistance
- The South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination
- The Department of Social Services
- The Office of the Governor
- The Department of Employment and Workforce
- **Non-governmental organizations appointed:**
The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, The South Carolina Victim Assistance Network.

Invited:

United States Department of Labor, the Office of the United States Attorney, and federal law enforcement agencies within the state.



State Plan



South Carolina State Plan
to Address Human Trafficking

by the
South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force

June 12, 2014



Attorney General's
Executive Summary
of the
South Carolina State Plan
to Address
Human Trafficking



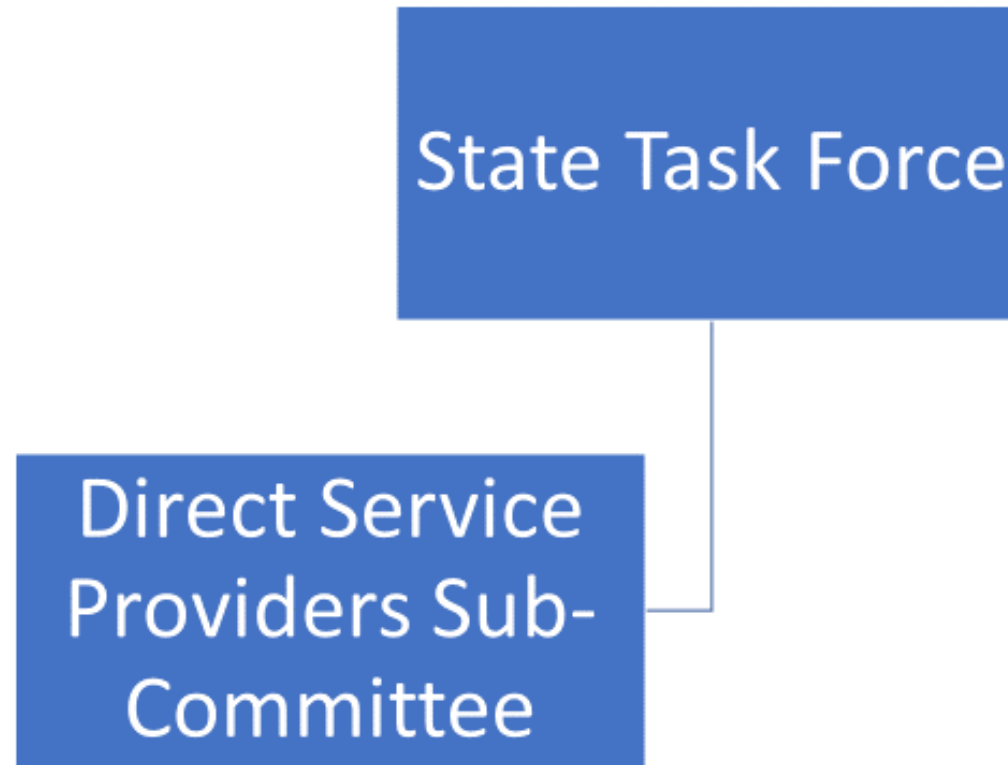
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South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force

2018 Annual Report

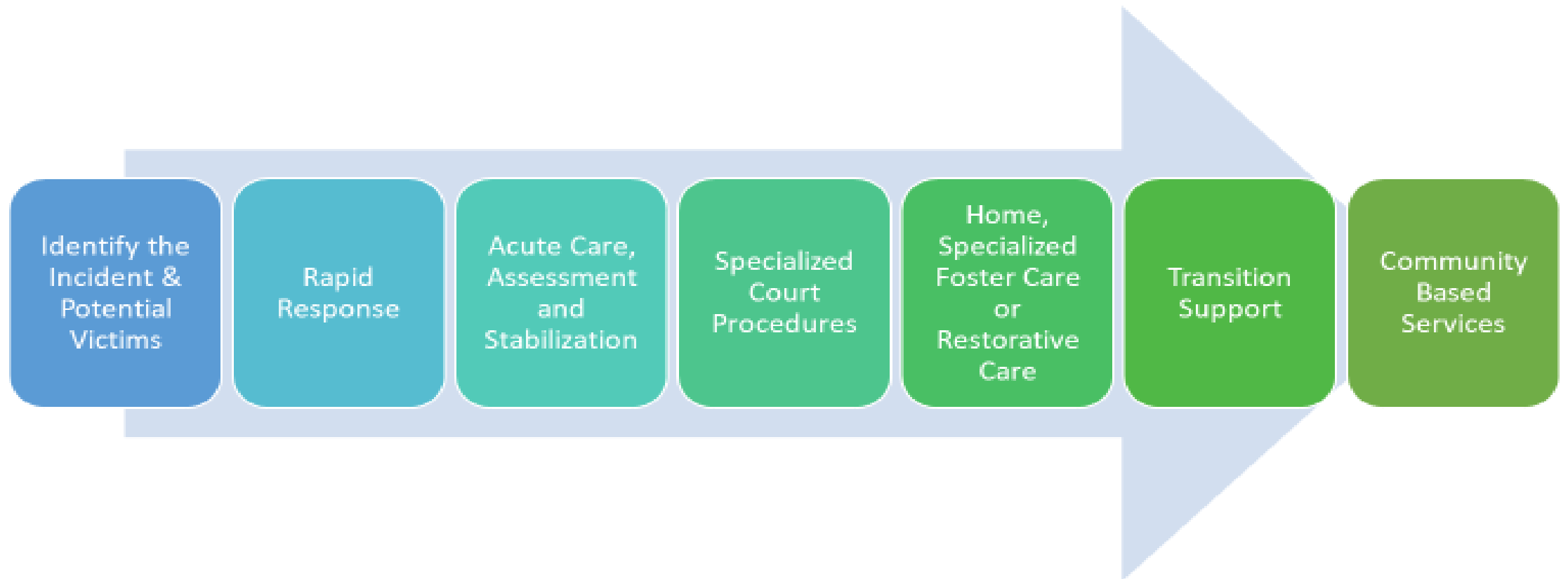
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Structure



Prevent, Protect & Prosecute

Continuum of Care for Survivor Services



SC Human Trafficking Task Force Structure

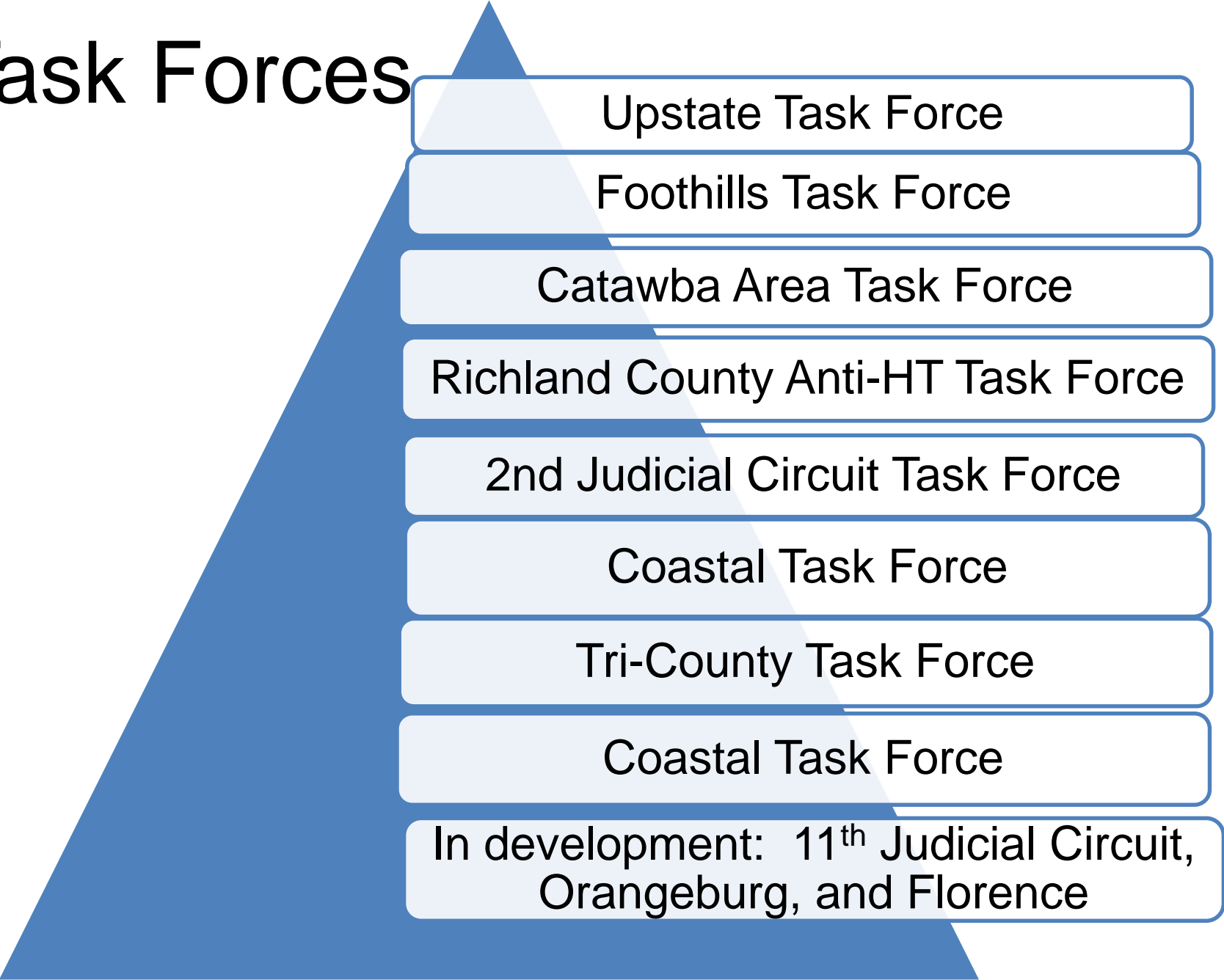
Leadership

Survivor Advocacy

- ❖ Direct Services – Adult Focus
- ❖ Direct Services – Child Focus
- ❖ Healthcare
- ❖ Legal Innovations
- ❖ Law Enforcement
- ❖ Prevention Education & Outreach
- ❖ Youth Advocacy
- ❖ Labor Trafficking
- ❖ Data & Research



Regional Task Forces



National, Regional, and State Partnerships



- National Association of Attorneys Generals –HT Committee
- DHHS/ACF Office of Trafficking in Persons, Washington, DC
- Polaris/National Human Trafficking Hotline
- DHS Blue Campaign
- Thorn – Spotlight Technology
- SC Legal Assistance to Survivors of Trafficking
- SC Trucking Association
- SC Hospital Association
- Indigenous Women’s Alliance of SC
- 2019 – SC Children’s Advocacy Centers, SC Foster Parent Association, SC Beer Wholesalers Association, and SC Restaurant and Lodging Association

Example #1

Legal Innovations

Sub-Committee

S.C. Family court judges address human trafficking

- ✓ In 2018 four SC Family court judges participated in the national council of juvenile and family court judge's national judicial institute on domestic child sex trafficking (NJIDCST) alongside 34 judges from 19 states.

Youth HT Guardian Ad Litem Program

Pilot Programs in Greenville and
Charleston

Lead - Nelson Mullins Law Firm with
support from Family Court Judges

Example #2

Recent Legislation

H3329

(H) The human trafficking specialized service providers must be certified by the Attorney General through criteria established by the Human Trafficking Task Force. The Attorney General, through the task force, must also establish necessary criteria for Human Trafficking Acute Crisis Care and Resource Centers to be established in the communities of South Carolina.



Victim Service Provider (VSP) Certification

**Department of Crime Victim Services Training,
Provider Certification, and Statistical Analysis**

Professional Qualifications

Victim Service Provider – Human Trafficking (VSP-HT) – January 2019

15 Initial Hours Including:

- SC Victim's Rights and Statutes (2 Hours)
- Criminal Justice System/Court Procedures(2Hrs)
- Crime Victim Compensation (1 Hour)
- Ethics (1 Hour)
- Communication (2 Hours)
- Multidisciplinary Collaboration (2 Hours)
- Self-Care (1 Hour)
- Specialized Training (4 Hours)

***Plus Yearly Requirements of Continuing Education**



Guiding Principles for Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking



The Southeast Regional Human Trafficking
Advisory Group

An Initiative of the Administration for Children
and Families Region 4 Office

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Group Chat & Questions: Collaboration Strategies

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- Reflecting on what you heard, do you have questions or comments for our presenters?
- Share one or two strategies that have been meaningful, or helpful in **your own HT collaborations.**



Join us in Portland, OR for a Training Institute!

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Building Collaborative Responses to Trafficked Survivors of Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault

**2- Day Training Institute
for Multi-disciplinary Teams**

Date: November 14-15, 2019

Location: Portland, Oregon

Application Deadline:

September 6, 2019



Building Collaborative Responses to Trafficked Survivors of Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault

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Institute Goals:

- Strengthen multi-disciplinary collaborative strategies in responding to youth and adult trafficked survivors with domestic violence and sexual assault experiences.
- Define and clarify professional and organizational roles and responsibilities in responding to trafficked survivors.
- Provide a victim-centered, trauma-informed response to trafficked survivors.
- Create an action plan to develop and implement a collaborative response to address human trafficking in your community



Craft a Multi-Disciplinary Team (3-4 people)

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Must include one OVW grantee and other partners aiming to enhance their collaboration. Team members may include:

- Domestic violence/sexual assault programs and coalitions
- Human trafficking collaboratives and task force members
- Legal service providers
- Law enforcement and personnel
- Health care providers and administrators
- Social services, child welfare & youth programs
- Community-based organizations



Features of the Training Institute

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Training Format:

- Cross-professional sessions on building HT collaborations in your community
- Case analysis and practical application
- Peer exchange

Faculty: Multi-disciplinary team of experts in the field, coordinated by staff from Futures Without Violence



Apply by September 6th

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- 1. Identify and assemble a multidisciplinary team (3-4 ppl) that will:**
 - ✓ Prepare for the training.
 - ✓ During the training, work on an action plan.
 - ✓ Engage in follow-up activities and share information with others.
 - Ideally, team members should be decision makers within their organization.
 - If using OVW funds to participate, seek OVW approval.
- 2. Submit an application:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTCollaborations2019>
 - Each team member needs to submit an application.



Thank you! And Evaluation

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Please take a moment to take a short evaluation regarding today's webinar.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJKC2WB>

**For questions and additional resources,
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