



STOP Human Trafficking Community Forum Series
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Issue V1: Identification of a victim of human trafficking.

Priority and Action Steps
<p>V1-A Educate Potential Victim Community ***</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build relationship w/ victim liaison before having victims - Raise awareness within immigrant communities –education –community meetings; involve church groups, etc. - Give out “gift bags” in strip clubs with information so victims can contact group for help, when help is needed
<p>V1-B Educate general public on topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neighborhood association/ Crime Watch - Organizations to contact in cases of suspected trafficking - How to be more aware of our surroundings - List of identifiers of human trafficking (NC Justice Academy) - Share info on the June 15-18 Attorney General’s conference in Greensboro, which will have a module on human trafficking. - General characteristics of human trafficking (US DOJ Bureau of Statistics)
<p>V1-C Educate targeted population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Service providers; health providers; men’s groups in churches - Hands that Heal Rehab (training for community (6 mo training)) - Communities of faith that may encounter victims - Law enforcement via LE certification for human trafficking training; establish NC Justice Academy as primary training curriculum - Use online training at community colleges, etc. - Establish online training for general public available from community colleges, universities, etc. - Establish a joint commission to standardize human trafficking training combining NC Criminal Justice training standards group and NC Sheriff’s Criminal Justice Training standards group - Let all training entities within the state know that citizens urge the implementation of the human trafficking training; particularly, for first responders (emergency, law enforcement, health providers, etc.) - Ensure NC Justice Academy’s law enforcement human trafficking training is available to all law enforcement agencies SOON in form for “long distance” learning. - Complete a directory of victim liaison persons by county and then by state of all

local police departments since 7/30/08 to be made available

- Educate law enforcement from top down – find ways to raise awareness among sheriffs and chiefs of police; e.g. speaking at their meetings?
- Encourage Jennifer Fisher to finish her book on human trafficking.

Issue V2: Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking

Priority and Action Steps

V2-A Educate victim

- Create “yellow card” where phone number is clearly identified so an anonymous observer could report a “complaint/concern” about a possible human trafficking situation. - NOTE: Consider Charlotte 1-800 number for FBI Victim Assistance (24 hour coverage)
- Clearly identify to victim to whom it is okay/safe to talk and to whom it is not okay/safe to talk.
- Interview process risk assessment safety plan; inform victim with whom they should communicate.
- Resources available from which to obtain education on HT
- CDs/Tapes for victims re: what is available and what numbers to call; i.e. 911.
- Easier for minors because of Child Protective Services
- Adult Women – shelter services in Sanford, Lutheran Family Services

V2-B Law enforcement education and sensitivity training

- FBI services available to victims: temporary resources, explain rights, go over safety issues, sometimes more help for foreign victim than domestic; limited housing for cooperating victims
- Fund add'l social worker positions in FBI in NC and nationally for victim crisis intervention. (only 3 in NC; 1 in NJ)
- Minimize number of interviews; privileged communication
- Education of local law enforcement
- Awareness and response to law enforcement needs to grow
- Consider moving victim to another state, county or city as means of providing better protection

V2-C Ensure mental and physical stability

- Conduct needed risk assessment
- Housing in Sanford willing to take trafficking victims
- Utilize mental health resources for trauma
- Immediate mental health, medical assessments to ensure victims do not harm themselves
- Are restraining orders used to protect victims?
- Include crisis intervention and counseling with assessments -

V2-D Educate shelters on human trafficking (HT) victim needs

- Educate faith-based groups on need for shelter/housing of human trafficking victims
- Help DV shelters expand mission to cover HT victims (incentive – today funding is earmarked for HT)
- Train DV shelters on human trafficking and start new trafficking protection programs at those shelters.

Issue V3: Health Services for Victims

Priority and Action Steps
V3-A Educate Health Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure training for medical personnel who perform test for STDs, HIV/AIDS, etc. - Develop and deliver training for nurse educators; include “red flags” for identifying victims - Educate abortion clinics as to which health symptoms can flag potential victim - Identify a referral for health providers to contact when suspect - Reach out to Wake Health Services offices and get them into trainings. - Educate staff of health care centers re: HT
V3-B Human Services working with other agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider InterAct’s example of a holistic team approach - Include Health department clinics as places to identify HT victims - Create resource list - names, contact of all organizations interested and working on this issue - Include The Women’s Center, Helen Wright, etc. in educating workers - Educate ER and Community Health center workers on how to identify HT situations and what to do about it.
V3-C Financial concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep unpaid/outstanding medical bills - Medicaid
V3-D Educate potential victims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educate public officials as to the impact of revitalization on victims and their access to health care and other services. - Refugee Health Screening - include questions regarding victims - Try to get victim to report health issues and share so it can be investigated.
V3-E Potential health problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General health; mental health; Dental; STDs, HIV

Issue V4: Safe Housing for Victims

Priority and Action Steps
V4-A Identify/develop additional safe housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program (URM) has facility in VA; need one in NC or develop program like it in NC - Pre-approve (for safety) potential housing for victims - Identify characteristics for safe housing for HT victims and make available to shelters, other forms of housing - More transitional housing services needed - to provide comprehensive services for victim to reach self-sufficiency - Think about males too. Identify housing for male victim. - Minor can go right to Haven House - Over 18, available shelters maybe through InterAct, Raleigh Rescue Mission; but, only if fit criteria and probably temporary. - Need a network of crisis housing locations to refer victims immediately along with transportation and possibly language translation assistance. - Education by Haven House in schools. - Transitional shelter - teaching independence - Establish which housing providers, such as Lutheran Family Services, Salvation Army, Raleigh Rescue Mission, InterAct, can house victims of human trafficking.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish an intercounty/interstate exchange to house victims for safe-keeping
<p>V4-B Addressing obstacles to housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish statistics on housing needs - Census Interacting with point-in-time homelessness count - Chemically dependent services are required to help victims - Housing services (and other social service agencies) partnering with 2010 census to get more accurate numbers and therefore possibly more funding. - Citizenship is a major issue in access to housing - Transport to new location. - Provide housing services information to agencies so that they can do their job better.

Issue V5: Rehabilitation of Victims

<p>Priority and Action Steps</p>
<p>V5-A Mental Health Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider services provided by US Public Health Service to help with victim mental health counseling - Consider “GEMS” (Girls Educational and Mentoring Services) organization begun by a former victim of trafficking in NY State to assist victims as they change their lifestyle. - STEP Rehabilitation: Immediate housing and mental health care; “after” care hours - Outreach to professionals for pro bono mental health care of victims - Encourage empathic approach; no ostracizing, give hope, establish trust, include faith-building experiences
<p>V5-B Job Training Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create and maintain resources for employment and make available to all service providers within the area - Establish access to job skill training - Obtain job corps sites materials from TRIAD (They have a program) - Life/career counselors needed to assist victims in choosing next career/job. - Triad Ladder of Hope provides: Awareness for public, outreach for victims; coordinates law enforcement; educates service providers; privately funded.
<p>V5 – C Rapid Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage faith community through education/awareness of the need for sponsors to help with rehabilitation of victims - Create holistic county taskforces – Hospital, county health department, County DSS, Legal Aid, District Atty - Develop Model for “rapid response team” for victim rescue (see Triad Ladder of Hope and World Relief) - Evaluate Pitt County example as a potential model
<p>V5 – D Legal Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educate community on forms of legal status available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Send all attendees past and present, specific information regarding different visas. + Send ICE info to a variety of newsletters + Send ICE info to county commissioners and associations for sheriffs and

police chiefs

Issue V6: Prevention for at-risk children and youth

Priority and Action Steps

V6 – A - Developing NEW resources

A1 - For Families

- + Educate parents about warning signs, about how to protect their children from exposure, indicators of abuse, etc.
- + Use Prevention of Child Abuse training programs re: child maltreatment as risk factor for human trafficking
- + Contact Prevent Child Abuse organization to learn about Darkness and Light program
- + Increase trainings/programs in schools for children
- + Educate parents regarding anger management, generating self-respect in children; as lack of these make children more vulnerable to trafficking
- + Collaboration between schools and faith community; use models such as Basic P, 2nd Round Boxing, InterAct's Yes I Can, SafeChild's "Good Touch-Bad Touch"
- + Get the word out – PSA, working with PTA, newsletters that go to parents
- + Focus on teen awareness
- + Put up posters in schools reflecting basic violence prevention
- + Influence Teachers' Association to conduct classes for children and parents on basic violence prevention collaborate with Prevent Child Abuse.

A2 – For Public

- + Post trafficking info in bathrooms in the malls.
- + Get resources on human trafficking into communities
- + Educate the public on the issues; raise awareness.
- + Establish relationships with the schools for support

A3 – Government/PA

- + Develop better communication among neighboring states.
- + Public awareness campaign on TV radio and internet
- + Hold local representatives and State House and Congress accountable for funding
- + Take a BIG picture approach to Education/Awareness similar to what's been done to prevent smoking
- + Ask Disney/Nickelodeon to pitch HT to young children, teens, and their parents (in age-appropriate manner)
- + Law in GA re: \$5.00 fee; DBA as strip club; also add \$5.00 to cover charges
- + Educate security guards at malls to ID trafficking activity

A4 - Social Services

- + Trainings in state foster care programs
- + Awareness for social workers and educators of social workers
- + Strengthen peer counseling programs
- + Education re: link between homelessness/at-risk youth and victimization (to combat judgment and increase awareness
- + Include some HT info into Justice Academy's Juvenile issues; such as gang prevention

V6 – B - Identify Current Resources

- Trainings in different ethnic communities
- Create List (Centralization) of agencies - active circulation among all community groups so we know who each other is and what each is doing.
- Involve faith based organizations. Reach out to youth ministries.
- Consider Methodist Home for Children character building program as a model for use with foster children and other at-risk children.