Safe Harbor Protocol:



Developing a Response to Sex Trafficking in Rural, Tribal, and Border Communities





Your Presenter for Today



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SEXUAL VIOLENCE Who are we?



The Sexual Violence Justice
Institute equips multidisciplinary
teams and allied professionals
with the concepts, tools,
training, and resources needed
to create a victim-centered
response to sexual violence
within their local communities.

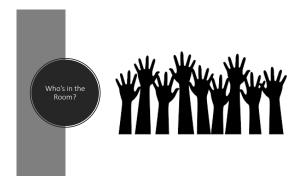
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Who are we?





FUSE is the statewide anti-trafficking coalition in North Dakota, FUSE is a space for advocates, direct service providers, law enforcement, and allied partners who are seeking to develop and implement a coordinated,



AGENDA



1. Elements of an effective community response



2. Multidisciplinary collaboration and building the systems response



3. Systems change in rural, tribal, and border communities

4. Learning from victims to build a victim-centered response



But first...

Clarifying Language: Elements of a Community Response Systems Change • Short-term • Coordination around active Effective Community cases Response Community Awareness/ Engagement · May or may not be formalized by interagency agreement Copyright 2017 SVJI @ MNCASA Clarifying Language: Elements of a Community Response Leverages Systems Change resources and momentum • Increases awareness of Effective trafficking at Community the LOCAL Response level Facilitates culture change Copyright 2017 SVJI @ MNCASA Clarifying Language: Elements of a Community Response Long-term, adapts to changes in the way the crime happens, as Systems Change well as change in laws, resources and best practices Effective Institutionalizes a Community <u>process</u> for improving the systems response Response Copyright 2017 SVJI @ MNCASA

Clarifying Language: What is the "systems response?" Pertaining to the Governmental agencies · Institutions response to sexually exploited youth. Copyright 2017 SVJI @ MNCASA What "systems" are we working in? Community-based **Tribal Governments** Advocacy Housing/Shelter Prosecution Schools Law Enforcement Front Line Medical Child Protection/ Child Welfare Judicial Civil Legal Services/ Mental/Chemical Health Public Defenders Public Health Probation/Corrections Child Advocacy Centers Copyright 2017 SVJI @ MNCASA Systems Change is Like Fixing Your Car:



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Systems Change is a **Process**.



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Know Your Community: The "Who"

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Know Your Community: The "What"

WHO	WHAT
Populations Leadership Victims Offenders Systems (institutions and agencies)	Resources Needs Challenges Current Partnerships Current level of awareness
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Know Your Community: The "Where"

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Know Your Community: The "How"

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LEARNING FROM VICTIMS: THE LOCAL PROBLEM





They only catch the black pimps because they keep using Backpage.com. If they start looking at other websites, they'll catch the white pimps."

-- Survivor/Advocate

What do we learn?

LEARNING FROM VICTIMS: THE LOCAL PROBLEM







"I'm sexually exploited by men who are in business, who are in society, mostly white men in power ... I could have been on my way to work, school, grocery store, out in the wee hours, out on a hot summer day, I get stopped by these older men who have some sort of feeling towards me and they want to pick me up, they want to use me and try to make money off me ..."

— Survivor, "Voices of Safe Harbor"



RACISM GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION SEX TRAFFICKING VIOLENCE CULTURE/ PRACTICE

LEARNING FROM VICTIMS: INTERSECTIONS



"People of color are almost never safe around the police.

-- Survivor, "Voices of Safe Harbor"

What do we learn? ————	
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LEARNING FROM VICTIMS: INTERSECTIONS	
"The first time I ever ran away, this was supposed to be my fiancé, and	
nowhere in US law was I married to him but under religion in my culture he was my husband. I went to the police station, a cop took me back. A cop said, 'In your culture you guys have so many rules that I	
cannot come between.' What part of I'm being raped and abused and forced into prostitution do you not understand?" — Survivor, "Voices of Safe Harbor"	
What do we learn?	

LEARNING FROM VICTIMS: Building an Effective Response "[We need] a new community resource – to get help to live a stable lifestyle, course on the effects of sex trafficking on your health,	
parenting courses, budgeting, finances, how to raise your credit score, counseling, GED, housing program, Life Track program, afterschool program, how to prevent risky sexual behaviors, shelter referral and bus tokens. A place in the community that youth and young adults can go to that's safe." Survivor, "Voices of Safe Harbor"	
What do we learn?	
5 Lessons from Minnesota	

LESSON #1: A change in law	requires a	change in	thinkina
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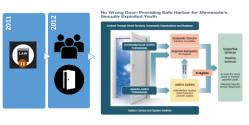
VICTIM: 1. Engaging, hiring, or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution (Main Stat 609.324 subd 1) 2. Engages in the sex trafficking of an individual under 18 (Main Stat 609.322)

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LESSON #2: Incremental progress is progress.



LESSON #3: Implementation of the law needs a <u>plan</u>.



https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/forms-documents/Documents/120225256afe%20Harbor%20Report%20(FINAL).pdf

LESSON #4: What works in one part of the state may not work in another part of the state.



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- Existing Services
- Existing Partnerships/Relationships
- Existing Funding
- Existing Community Support
- Existing Political Support

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Discipline

Next Steps

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Tribal Engagement Should Not Be an "Afterthought."



- · Tribes are sovereign nations.
- · One sovereign nation does not speak for all - engage all individually.
- · Tribal engagement is more than asking one Native person for their "input" or "participation."
- · Sovereign nations develop their own response trafficking on reservations or trafficking of native victims – we provide support.

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LESSON #5: Effectively Partner with Survivors.

- · Do not exploit exploitation; survivors are more than their "story."
- · You do not need an advanced degree or professional license to serve victims or provide subject matter expertise.
- · No one person can do all things; we need both survivors and non-survivors.
- · Every policy, law, best practice, and protocol should be informed in some way by survivor experience and expertise.



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5 Lessons from North Dakota

Lesson #1: Find and Invest in Committed Leadership















Lesson #2: Leverage Partnerships with Cities and Border States



• Collaborate on protocol development

• Exchange lessons learned!

Adapt Existing Resources for Your Navigator Context Program • Borrow ideas, try them out Community outreach and coordination Training and technical assistance Supportive case management Collaborative work with LE Bring something to the table • Inquire Lesson #3: Things you have: Normalize the Experienced practitioners DV SA RHY Trauma Informed Law Enforcement Community Things you need: "Newness," Subject Matter Expertise Survivor Leadership Awareness and Validate Existing Expertise Lesson #4: Cultivate Locally-based Leadership Buy-in Sustainability

Local Expertise

Lesson #5: Be Confident that there is a Market Every where QUESTIONS?	
Resources	
Hennepin County No Wrong Door Initiative: Voices of Safe Harbor Minneceta Safe Harbor Protecting Guidelines	
Minnesota Safe Harbor Protocol Guidelines <u>www.mncasa.org/trafficking</u>	
Minnesota Safe Harbor Implementation Project <u>www.mncasa.org/trafficking</u>	
FUSE website – Screening tool and services map www.projectfuse.org	