

Safe Harbor Protocol:



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



Your Presenter for Today



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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?



Who's in the Room?



AGENDA

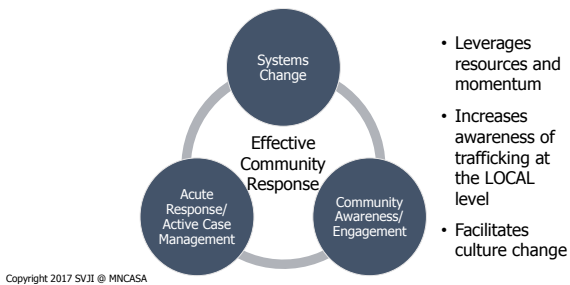
-  1. Elements of an effective community response
-  2. Multidisciplinary collaboration and building the systems response
-  3. Systems change in rural, tribal, and border communities
-  4. Learning from victims to build a victim-centered response

But first...

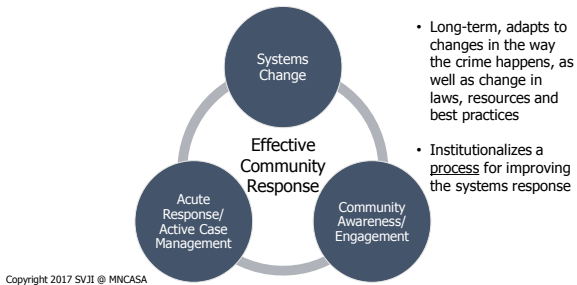
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Clarifying Language: What is the "systems response?"

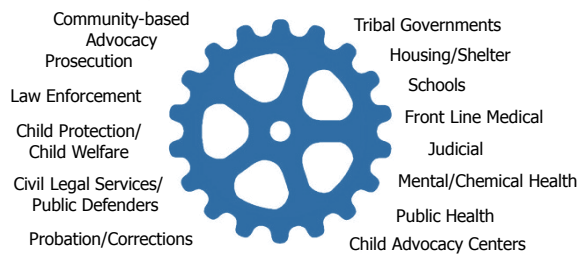
Pertaining to the

- Governmental agencies
- Institutions response to sexually exploited youth.



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What "systems" are we working in?



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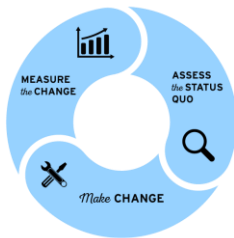
Systems Change is Like Fixing Your Car:





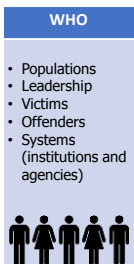
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Systems Change is a Process.



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Know Your Community: The "Who"






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Know Your Community: The “What”

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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

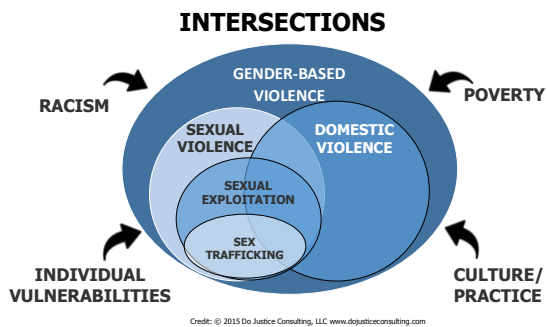
What do we learn?

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"

What do we learn?



LEARNING FROM VICTIMS: INTERSECTIONS



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

-- Survivor, "Voices of Safe Harbor"

What do we learn?

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."

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What do we learn?



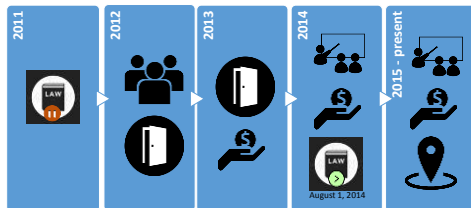
5 Lessons from
Minnesota

LESSON #1: A change in law requires a change in thinking.

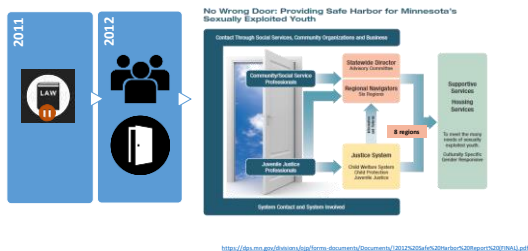


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LESSON #2: Incremental progress is progress.



LESSON #3: Implementation of the law needs a plan.

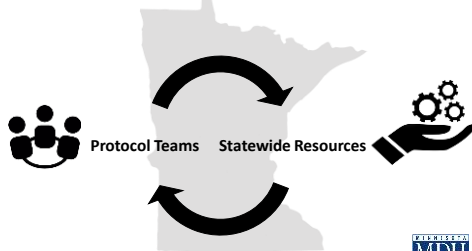


LESSON #4: What works in one part of the state may not work in another part of the state.



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Minnesota Statewide Safe Harbor Protocol Implementation Project



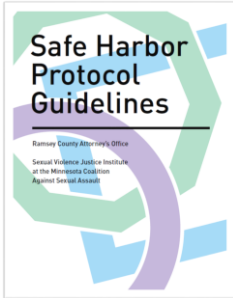
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- Existing Services
- Existing Partnerships/Relationships
- Existing Funding
- Existing Community Support
- Existing Political Support

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/bspc/safeharbor/docs/MDH%20SafeHarborReferral.pdf>



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Foundational

- Terminology
- Dynamics of Sexual Exploitation
- Working With Sexually Exploited Youth
- Cultural Considerations
- Legal Framework
- Working as a Team
- Working With Tribal Nations
- Preventing Sexual Exploitation

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

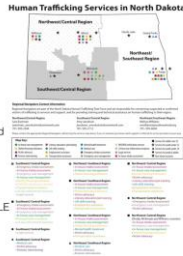


Adapt Existing Resources for Your Context

- Borrow ideas, try them out
- Bring something to the table
- Inquire

Navigator Program

- Community outreach and coordination
- Training and technical assistance
- Supportive case management
- Collaborative work with LE



Lesson #3: Normalize the “Newness,” and Validate Existing Expertise



Lesson #4: Cultivate Locally-based Leadership





QUESTIONS?

Resources

- Hennepin County No Wrong Door Initiative: Voices of Safe Harbor
- Minnesota Safe Harbor Protocol Guidelines
www.mncasa.org/trafficking
- Minnesota Safe Harbor Implementation Project
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- FUSE website – Screening tool and services map
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