




HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAPACITY BUILDING CENTER

Creating a Circle of Support for Survivors of Human Trafficking

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Outside of the health care field, how confident are you about building community partnerships to meet the needs of crime victims?

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Recap

Service Areas



Basic Needs



Career Services



Education



Health Care



Interpretation
Services



Legal Services



Empowerment
Tools



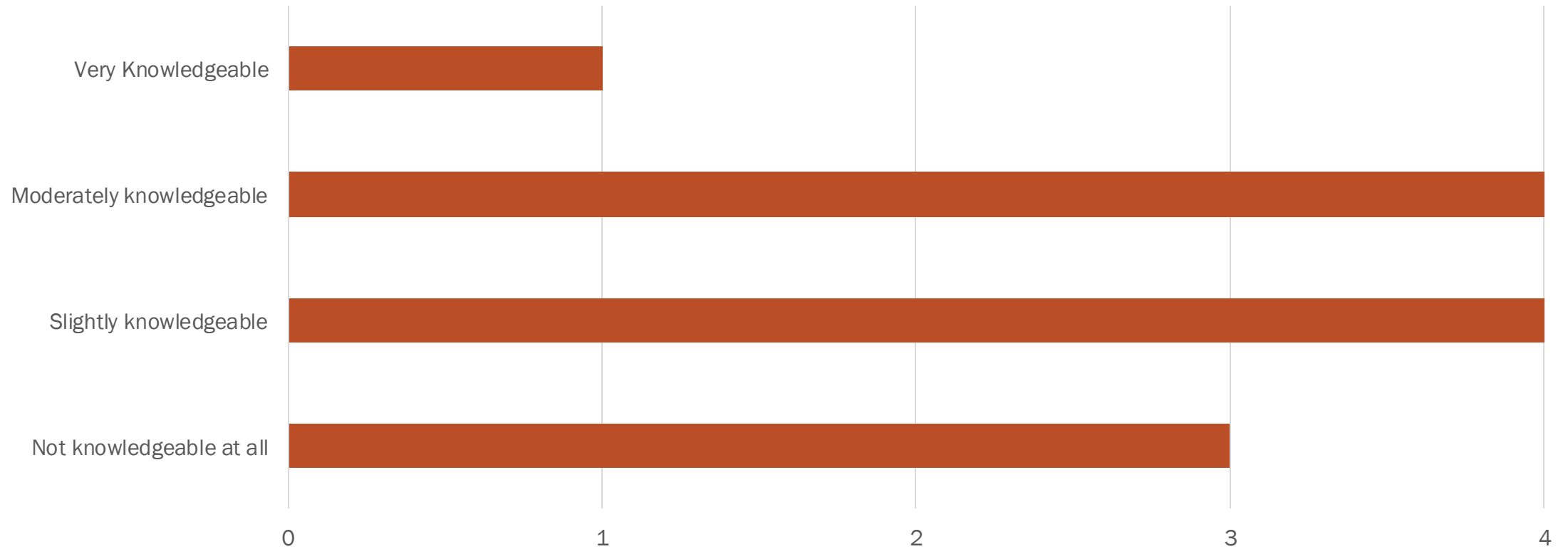
Transportation



Healing and
Cultural Services

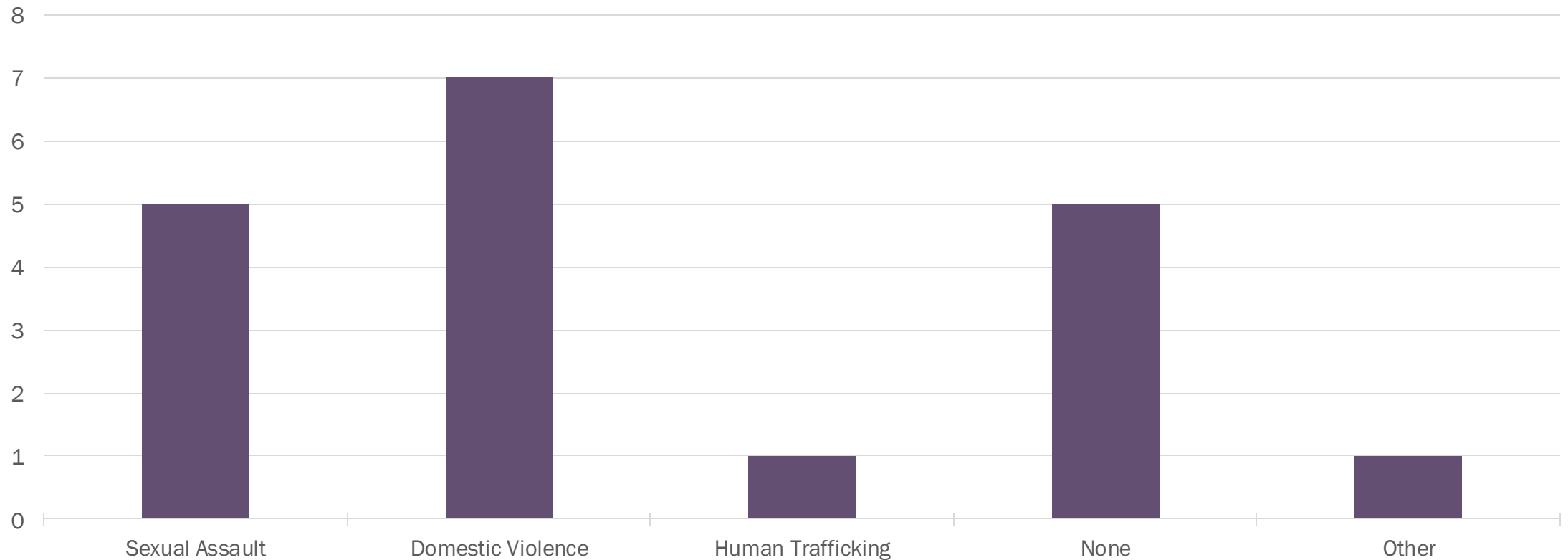
Poll Responses

Outside of health care needs, how knowledgeable are you about what services a survivor of human trafficking may need?



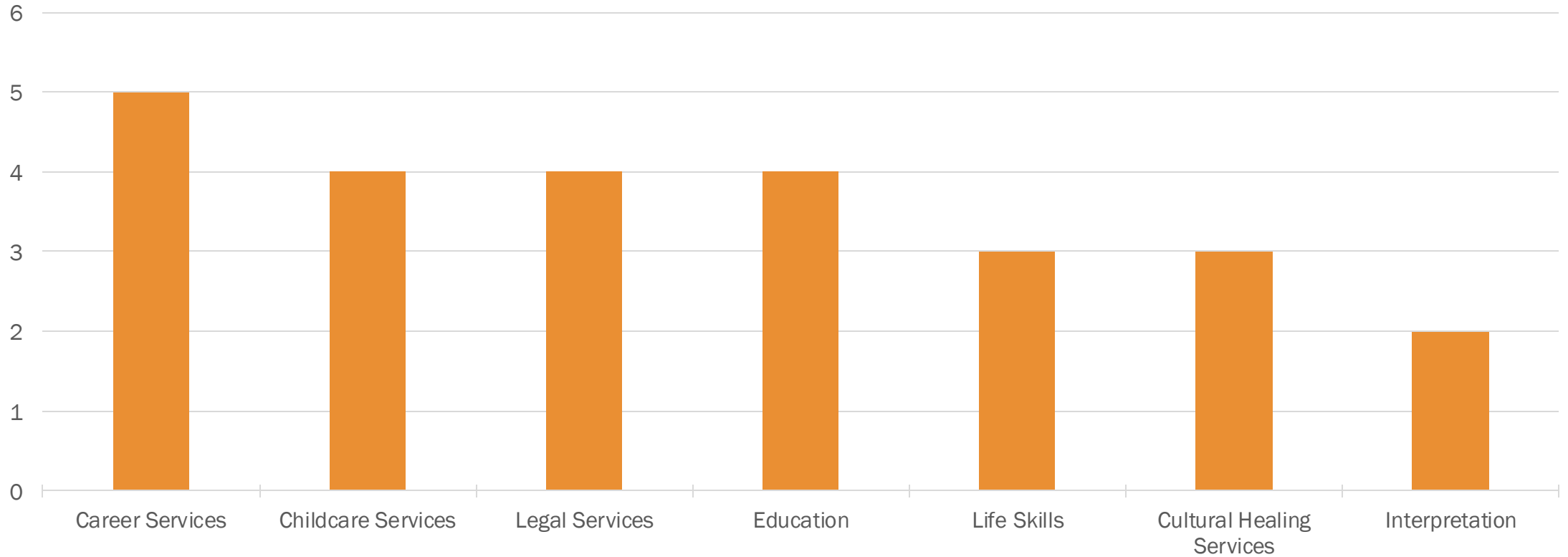
Poll Responses

Are there response teams/working groups for human trafficking, sexual assault, child abuse, or domestic violence in your facility?



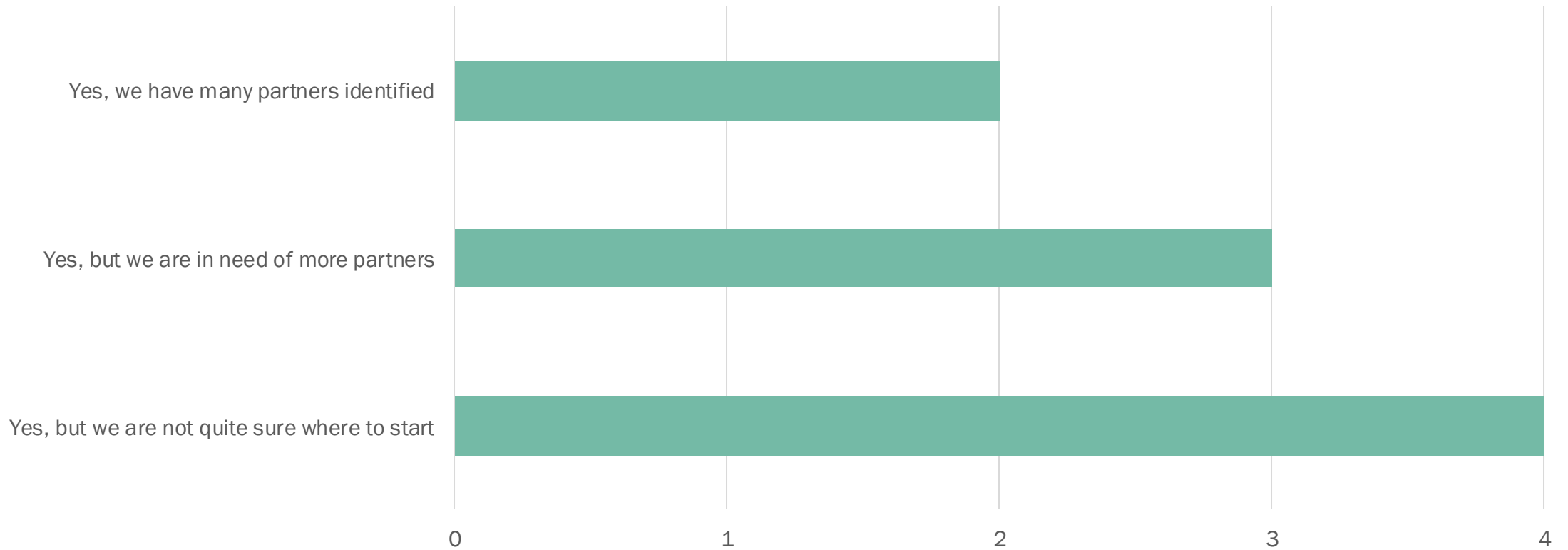
Poll Responses

Which of the survivor services do you find the most challenging to meet or identify in your community?



Poll Responses


Are you interested in partnering with other community stakeholders to provide comprehensive care to survivors?





Collaborative Community Responses

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Partnerships vary in size and purpose and can include nonprofit, for-profit, faith-based organizations, and government.

Working Together for Survivors

- No one company, agency, or organization can provide the complex array of services often needed by survivors of human trafficking.
- Responding to human trafficking requires coordination with law enforcement, victim service providers, and other partners.
- Partnerships can offer a comprehensive, trauma-informed response to supporting survivors.



Partnership Roles


Community human trafficking partnerships may fill numerous functions including these four benefits.

Increase direct service coordination

Enhance access to education, awareness, and prevention initiatives

Collaborate on fundraising and community advocacy to reach wider audiences

Increase information and resource availability while reducing potential duplication of efforts



Can you all think of some additional ways you might partner with community stakeholders and providers within the anti-trafficking field?



Identifying Partnerships

Organizations Receiving Government Funding

These organizations have specific funding to provide direct services to survivors of human trafficking, abuse, and exploitation and have been vetted by state and federal governments.

Websites

- [Office for Victims of Crime Human Trafficking Grantees and Task Forces](#)
- [Project Beacon Grantees](#)
- The [Office on Violence Against Women Grantees](#)
- Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Trafficking in Persons [Victim Assistance Grants](#)
- State [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\)](#) grant programs

Victim Service Provider Online Directories

These directories compile local victim service provider contact information in one location and are often vetted by the agency offering the directory.

Online Directories

- [Tribal Resource Tool](#)
- National Human Trafficking Hotline [Referral Directory](#)
- OVC's Directory of [Crime Victim Services](#)
- [National Domestic Violence Hotline Directory](#)

Coalitions and Task Forces

Coalitions and task forces engage their communities and provide opportunities to meet partners in various disciplines strengthening your service network to support survivors of human trafficking.

Websites

- [Office for Victims of Crime Enhanced Collaborative Model Grantees](#)
- [Alliance of Tribal Coalitions](#)
- [New Mexico Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force](#)

Survivor Leaders

Survivor leaders are experts and consultants in combatting human trafficking and their perspective strengthens community human trafficking responses.

Websites

- The [National Survivor Network](#)
- The [Survivor Alliance](#)
- [OVC's Faces of Human Trafficking series](#)
- [Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition \(MIWSAC\)](#)

Legal Providers

Legal services via pro-bono and low-bono attorneys can increase survivor access to legal support with navigating the criminal justice system, maintaining their safety, and moving towards justice.

Websites

- U.S. Department of Justice [List of Pro Bono Legal Services Providers](#)
- Legal Services Corporation [Online Directory](#)
- American Bar Association [Find Legal Help](#)
- [The Human Trafficking Legal Center](#)
- [The Coalition to Abolish Slavery \(CAST\)](#)
- [Indian Law Resource Center](#)



Local and Regional Partnerships

Universities and Colleges

- Legal Clinics
- Interpretation Services
- GED Courses
- ESL Courses
- Job Development

Parallel Advocacy Programs

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- MMIP
- LGBTQ+ Rights
- Refugee and Asylum Rights
- Child Welfare

Cultural Healing and Faith-Based Centers


- Cultural Healing and Connection
- Spiritual Enrichment
- Community Donations or Drives for Basic Needs
- Childcare Services



What/who might be other potential partners that were not mentioned?



Breakout Discussion



Which partnership do you find the most challenging to identify or establish in your community?

Which partners in your community have been helpful in meeting immediate survivor needs?



Breakout Debrief



Engaging Partnerships



Partnership Considerations

How does each partner organization define human trafficking?

What are some the shared core values of partner organizations?

What are the common goals between partner organizations and your organization for responding to human trafficking?



Working in Partnership

Facilitate in-person or virtual roundtable discussions on human trafficking.

Offer to host human trafficking events.

Invite and compensate survivor leaders or victim service providers to train all staff.


Request partner feedback on survivor services, programs, and initiatives (e.g., public awareness campaigns, protocol review).

Formalizing Partnerships

Document Expectations, Roles, and Responsibilities

- Create a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or memorandum of agreement (MOA).
- Outline roles and responsibilities with key partners such as law enforcement and victim service providers in the MOU/MOA.
- Use these formal documents to support a partnership over time including staff transitions.

Some partnerships may not require formal paperwork as the interactions are casual such as partners sharing resources, discussing challenges and successes, or offering referral services.



What are other ways a healthcare provider can work with partnerships to support human trafficking survivors?



Maintaining Partnerships

Promising Practices

Meet Regularly

- Schedule regularly occurring meetings with partners

Maintain Contact

- Identify and work with a regular point of contact for each partnership
- Request to discuss how the partnership will continue during and after staff transitions

Work Within a Shared Vision

- Emphasize and discuss the partnership's shared vision for combatting human trafficking

Communicate Often

- Schedule time for ongoing conversation to talk about what is working and where to adjust the partnership based on shared experiences.

Promising Practices

Seek Partner Input

- Invite partners to offer input on human trafficking identification and response protocols

Ensure Equitable Partner Investment


- Create systems (e.g., one-on-one calls, inviting each partner to speak at meetings) for ensuring each partner provides equitable time and investment into the partnership
- Develop a mutual understanding and respect for each other's time and work
- Consider power imbalances and ensure each partner has an equal voice

Acknowledge Partner Contributions

- Acknowledge each partner's contribution to meeting shared goals and strengthening the community's response to human trafficking

HIPAA Compliance

- Ask clients/patients if they are comfortable signing disclosures of health information to share information between case managers/providers.



What other practices can help sustain effective partnerships to support survivors of human trafficking?

Questions



Feedback Request

Human Trafficking Training
Feedback





HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAPACITY BUILDING CENTER

The Center is a partner in human trafficking education, healing support services, and resource identification.

Visit the Center's Website

htcbc.ovc.ojp.gov

Additional Resources



Partnership Planning Resources

These resources can guide health care providers in building and sustaining partnerships.

Resource	Author	Description
<u>Working Together for Victims</u>	<u>The Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center</u>	This document outlines steps to take prior to seeking a partnership so an organization can determine its needs and which partner(s) will be the best match.
<u>Building Capacity Through Partnership Planning</u>	<u>The Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center</u>	This document provides information on how to develop, formalize, and maintain partnerships including a sample partnership plan worksheet.
<u>Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations</u>	<u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>	This document answers questions on the Justice Department's regulation, "Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations."
<u>Building Collaborative Responses to Human Trafficking</u>	<u>Futures Against Violence</u>	This website shares links webinar recordings, guides, toolkits and more for a collaborative, community response to human trafficking.
<u>Anti-Trafficking Partnership Toolkit</u>	<u>The Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking</u>	This website offers an outline of questions to ask when starting a new partnership.

Health Care Provider Resources

These resources can guide health care providers in building capacity to identify, respond to, and serve survivors of human trafficking.

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Core Competencies for Human Trafficking Response in Health Care and Behavioral Health Systems	HEAL Trafficking National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center	This guide provides core competencies to help guide health systems to more adequately support individuals who may be at risk of trafficking or individuals who have experienced trafficking.
HEAL Trafficking and Hope for Justice's Protocol Toolkit	HEAL Trafficking	This systems toolkit is designed to help professionals working in health care settings develop a protocol to respond to potential victims of human trafficking who present to their facility.
Improving Healthcare Services for Trafficking Persons	International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children	This toolkit is designed to health care providers in assessing and improving health care services available to trafficked children and adults, either on-site at their own organization, or at one or more local facilities.

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<u>On-Ramps, Intersections, and Exit Routes: A Roadmap for Systems and Industries to Prevent and Disrupt Human Trafficking, Healthcare</u>	<u>Polaris Project</u>	This report takes a magnifying glass to private-sector intersections with human trafficking building knowledge to prevent and disrupt the crime and help survivors find freedom.
<u>Building a Health Care Response to Human Trafficking</u>	<u>Futures Against Violence</u>	This webinar explores human trafficking as a health care issue: victims of trafficking suffer a host of health-related problems and are at high risk for injury, illness, and even death from the circumstances of their forced treatment and bondage.