

Building Human Trafficking Cases with Traumatized Victims





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Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking

- Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime
- Includes federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial partnerships, alongside victim and social services providers; and relevant community stakeholders
- Develops, expands, or strengthens service programs for victims of human trafficking
- Enhances the capacity of law enforcement and other stakeholders to identify victims and provide justice for those victims through the investigations and prosecution of their traffickers
- Requires ECM human trafficking task forces to implement collaborative, sustainable approaches to investigation, prosecution, and service delivery





Four Core Functions of an Enhanced Collaborative Model Human Trafficking Task Force



<u>The Development & Operations Roadmap for Multidisciplinary Anti-Human Trafficking</u> <u>Task Forces</u> can be accessed at <u>www.theiacp.org/humantrafficking</u>

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Provide long-term support in building frameworks for coordinated responses to gender-based violence including data collection and analysis, task force development, and training







What is your biggest challenge when investigating or prosecuting human trafficking cases?

Please answer in the chat box

Challenges

Meeting the elements of trafficking statutes Effectively supporting victims to allow for participation



Increasing Participation





Inability to Participate



Lack of Services





Have you ever worked a case where a victim returned to a trafficking situation or other illegal activity?

Why do you think this may happen?

Please answer in the chat box



Offender Tactics Biderman's Chart of Coercion (1 of 2)

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Biderman's Chart of Coercion is a tool developed to explain the methods used to break the will or brainwash a prisoner of war. Domestic violence experts believe that batterers use these same techniques.

General Method	Effects and Purposes
Isolation	Deprives victim of all social support (for the) ability to resist
	Allows victim to be present at all times to keep home environment stable and non-threatening
	Makes victim dependent upon abuser
Control or Distortion of Perceptions	Fixes attention upon immediate predicament; fosters introspection
	Eliminates information that is not in agreement with the abuser's message
	Punishes actions or responses that demonstrate independence or resistance
	Abuser manipulates by being charming, seductive, etc. to get what is wanted from victim and becomes hostile when demands are not met

Offender Tactics

Biderman's Chart of Coercion (2 of 2)

Humiliation or Degradation	Wakens mental and physical ability to resist	
Dogradadon	Heightens feelings of incompetence	
	Induces mental and physical exhaustion	
Threats	Creates anxiety and despair	
	Outlines abuser's expectations and consequences for noncompliance	
Demonstrating Omnipotence or Superiority or Power	Demonstrates to victim that resistance is futile	
Enforcing Trivial Demands	Demands are often trivial, contradictory and non-achievable	
	Reinforces who has power and control	
Exhaustion confusion	The abuser uses sleep deprivation to keep victim in a state of	
Occasional Indulgences		
Occasional Indulgences	Provides positive motivation for conforming to abuser's demands	

Normal Traumatic Responses

- Expect a wide-range of individual responses that may change over time
- Traumatic responses may challenge law enforcement and prosecutors
- Trauma may be one of several, interconnected explanations for victim behavior
- Responses are a result of the offender's infliction of the trauma



"Trauma-Informed"

Approaches delivered with an understanding of the vulnerabilities and experiences of trauma survivors, including the prevalence and the physical, social, and emotional impact of trauma.

A trauma-informed approach recognizes signs of trauma in staff, clients, and others, and responds by integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices, and settings.

Trauma-informed approaches place a priority on restoring the survivor's feelings of safety, choice, and control. Programs, services, agencies, and communities can be trauma informed.

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime.



"Trauma Informed," OVC Model Standard Definitions. Available at: <u>https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/model-</u> standards/5/glossary.html#demo2_tip



What are some tension points when implementing a trauma-informed response? Please answer the poll question; select as many responses as you like

Identify and Minimize



Ingrained Distrust





Disrupting the Cycle

- Genuinely care
- Accept it as your responsibility
- Acknowledge past failures
- Treat with dignity and respect
- Be transparent
- Check in
- Be consistent
- Walk the walk



Keys to Success

Interviewing Victims of Human Trafficking

Build Trust &	Prioritize	Acknowledge
Rapport	Victim Safety	Trauma
Make Affirming Statements	Elicit Sensory Details	Provide Opportunity to Disclose





Do police agencies (your own or a partner agency you work with) record interviews of human trafficking victims? Please answer poll question





Presence of Attorneys and Advocates

- Discuss who will be in the interview in advance
- Ensure that everyone is aware of confidentiality and privilege considerations
- Offer alternatives
- Be clear about everyone's roles and responsibilities
- Respect victim's decision
- Include attorneys on your task force



Victim Service Professionals

Systems-Based

- Works for LE or prosecutor's office
- Obligation to disclose
- No confidential communications
- Typically refers to outside service providers

Community-Based

- Works for an NGO or non-profit
- No obligation to disclose because not part of the "prosecution team" even if involved in a HTTF
- Confidential communications*



Addressing Immediate Concerns

Immigration

- Provide Continued Presence (CP)
- Sign T Visa Law Enforcement Declaration

Criminal Liability

- Work with criminal defense attorney and prosecutor
- Provide immunity





What are some of the challenges that come from victim interviews?

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Flipping the Script





Going Forward

Provide meaningful opportunity for victim to disclose

Support victims by prioritizing their safety and well-being

Prepare to present traumainformed evidence at trial





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Youth Collaboratory – Preventing Trafficking of Girls	<u>U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Inc.</u> – Project
Training and Technical Assistance	Trauma Response to Uplift Survivors of Trafficking (TRUST)
American University – Maximizing OVC's Survivor	<u>Futures Without Violence</u> – Promoting Employment
Assistance in Court Settings (MOSAICS)	Opportunities for Survivors of Trafficking Program

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