Strategies to Seek Appropriate Anti-Trafficking Legislation

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Recognition—that slavery exists
Identification—outreach & education
Protection—victim centered
Prosecution—traffickers punished
Liberation—process of healing
Empowerment—self advocate
Mission

To establish a statewide protocol that leads to the recognition, identification, protection, prosecution, liberation & empowerment of trafficking victims
Human Trafficking & Law Enforcement
SWOT Analysis

Strengths
Weaknesses
Opportunities
&
Threats
Strengths

- Manpower / Number of Officers
- Available Equipment
- Training
- Organized / Focused
- Mobile
- Visible / Covert
Weaknesses

- Lack of Awareness
- Lack of Training
- Funding
- No State Legislation
- Cultural Misconceptions
- Communication Barriers
- Procedural Issues
Opportunities

- Ideology Change
- Partnerships
- Grant Opportunities
- Stronger Legislation
- Safer Communities
- Timing is Right
Threats

- Increasing Number of Victims
- Associated Crimes
- Ignored by Community/Law Enforcement
- Victim Safety
- Local Issue
Anti-Trafficking Legislation
Legislative Strategy

- Research the Issue
- Prepare a Problem Statement
- Create a Committee / Task Force
- Identify Funding Sources
- Educate the General Assembly
- Media Blitz (Pre & Post Legislation)
Legislative Strategy Cont.

- Identify Key Proponent
- Determine Milestones / Timeframe
- Seek Bi-Partisan Support
- Establish One On One Meetings
- Educate Constituents
- Be Geographically Conscious
- Understand Political Climate
Role of Law Enforcement

- First Line of Defense
- Opportunity for Enforcement Contacts
- Looking Beyond the License Plate
- Be Inquisitive of the Environment
- Ask the Right Questions
Law Enforcement Training

Draft Lesson Plan

Training Objectives:

- Demonstrate the ability to recognize human trafficking violations.
- Demonstrate the ability to recognize victims of human trafficking.
- The ability to identify different types of human trafficking.
- Demonstrate the ability to identify “red flags” that may indicate the presence of labor or sex trafficking.
- Exhibit interviewing techniques that are sensitive to the needs of the victim.
• Demonstrate the ability to understand different cultural groups.
• Demonstrate the ability to provide the necessary resources for victims.
• Demonstrate the ability to properly document and report human trafficking cases.
• The ability to prepare comprehensive case files to prosecute violators.
• Demonstrate the ability to research both State and Federal Statutes to determine proper charges.
• To develop a basic understanding of Immigration and Customs laws and procedures.
• Provide the student with follow-up procedures to ensure safety and confidentiality of victims.
Partnerships

- Law Enforcement / Federal, State, County & Local
- Judicial Branch / Magistrates, District & Superior Court Judges
- Department of Labor
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Justice
- Health Care / Service Providers
Non-Traditional Partnerships

- Utility Workers
- Delivery Drivers
- Farm Product Suppliers
- Convenient Store Clerks
- Building Inspectors
- First Responders / EMS / Fire
- The Community
Gap Analysis
Where We Are & Where We Want To Be.
What’s Next!

- Stronger Legislation
- Comprehensive Training
- In-Depth Investigations
- Quality Arrest and Convictions
- Strong Partnerships
- Safer Communities
- Lives Reclaimed
Thank You
Questions