

# Sex Trafficking in Minnesota: Where We Go From Here

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# No Wrong Door

- *'No Wrong Door: A Comprehensive Approach to Safe Harbor for Minnesota's Sexually Exploited Youth'*. Office of Justice Program, January 2013.
- The No Wrong Door model is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary, and multi-state agency service approach to ensure communities across Minnesota have the knowledge, skills and resources to effectively identify and serve sexually exploited and at-risk youth.

# Recommendations

- Create statewide director
- Create regional navigators
- Provide training on juvenile sexual exploitation
- Support coordinated law enforcement investigations across MN
- Ensure access to safe and supportive housing
- Provide appropriate and accessible supportive services
- Support efforts to prevent sexual exploitation
- Conduct comprehensive evaluation

# Implementation of No Wrong Door

- Department of Human Services
  - Ensure access to safe and supportive housing
  - Four grantees:
    - The Link (metro)
    - Breaking Free (metro)
    - Life House, PAVSA, and Safe Haven (Northeastern MN)
    - Heartland Girl's Ranch (Central MN)

# Implementation of No Wrong Door

- Minnesota Department of Health
  - Director, regional navigators, evaluation
    - Director – oversight and coordination for an effective response across the state
    - Evaluation 2015 (data collection, effectiveness)
    - Perspective of public health model with continual focus on prevention

# Implementation of No Wrong Door

- Regional Navigators –
  - Navigators are responsible for connecting youth with services; serving as regional experts for communities; and serving as a central point of contact for concerned citizens, law enforcement, services providers, health systems and juvenile justice personnel seeking information or resources
    - Breaking Free (East Metro)
    - Heartland Girl's Ranch (Central MN)
    - PAVSA (Northeastern MN)
    - Southwest Crisis Center (Southwestern MN)

# Implementation of No Wrong Door

- Regional Navigators –
  - Released Request for Proposals, due May 12 for 3 open regions (Northwest, West Metro, and Southeast).
  - In addition, seeking one American Indian navigator
  - 8 total navigators

# Implementation of No Wrong Door

- Ramsey County Attorney's Office
  - Regional conferences
  - Statewide training for law enforcement and prosecutors
  - Statewide Model Protocol Project, led by MNCASA



# Implementation of No Wrong Door

- Day One Hotline
  - Increase access to services with a 24/7 response
    - 1-866-223-1111
  - Statewide hotline incorporating Safe Harbor / No Wrong Door services (regional navigators and housing grantees)

# Timelines

- Trainings/Conferences – ongoing
  - Ramsey County Attorney’s Office, Regional Navigators or Lauren Ryan. [Lauren.ryan@state.mn.us](mailto:Lauren.ryan@state.mn.us)
- Housing - ongoing
- Regional Navigators and Day One– August 1, 2014
- MDH website updated – August 1, 2014
  - <http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/safeharbor/>



# Questions?

Thank you!