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Family Violence Coordinating Council
July 12, 2018 Minutes

Fourth Judicial District
Family Violence Coordinating Council
Serving Hennepin County

Present: Adamson, Karen; Avalon, Stephanie; Brey, Katie; Chelmo, Patrick; Cichowicz, Nick; Eckberg, Deborah; Furnstahl, Referee Mike; Golden, Naomi; Hogan, Elizabeth; Kaul, Ann; McNaughton, Lisa; Miller, Adam; Morales, Lidia; Saunders, Jennifer; Weinstein, Michael

1. **Welcome:** Referee Mike Furnstahl, co-chair

2. **Approve 6.14.18 Minutes:** Minutes approved as submitted

3. **Hennepin County No Wrong Door Initiative:** Amanda Koonjbeharry, Program Manager
   The No Wrong Door Initiative was developed and approved by the County Board in March 2014. They are a cross departmental work group of Hennepin County staff, national experts, and community partners governed by a set of core principles that provides guidelines to combat juvenile sex trafficking and provide comprehensive, victim-centered services. They have six goals:

   Goal 1- Prevention: Address the root causes of sex trafficking and the conditions that contribute to the sexual victimization of youth.
   Goal 2- Training, Education and Public Awareness: Training, education and public awareness efforts will be comprehensive, coordinated, streamlined, and targeted to all audiences who interact with youth populations.
   Goal 3- Identification and Assessment: At-risk and sexually exploited youth will be identified and assessed in a timely, accurate, and respectful manner.
   Goal 4- Service Delivery: Services will be victim-centered and draw on the strength of each youth. Service delivery will be seamless, aligned, and efficient.
   Goal 5- Emergency shelter, supportive housing, and residential treatment: Ensure that sexually exploited youth have access to safe shelter, housing and residential treatment services.
   Goal 6- Goal: Prosecution and law enforcement: Aggressively identify, investigate and prosecute human traffickers and purchasers. They work closely with other agencies such as HCMC, the Courts, Community Works, Sheriff's Office, etc. They also work closely with drop in centers, emergency shelters and organizations who are doing outreach directly in the community. The next steps for the group are MDH is doing interviews and focus groups with service provider subcommittee to understand their experiences and lessons learned, collecting data and finalizing replicable model to share with Atlanta, coordinate around Final Four, and maintain increased coordination and continue committee work.

4. **Committee Reports**
    a. Criminal - Jennifer reported they met in June and talked about: a CLE speaker for the October Resource Fair; CLEs for later this year; and DV Treatment Courts throughout the country. Jennifer plans on reaching out to DV courts in both Stearns and Anoka counties to discuss their intensive supervised release programs.
    b. Civil - No report
    c. Juvenile - No report
    d. Advocates – Stephanie reported the group's recent meeting was a great opportunity for people to network and connect.

5. **Announcements/Open Forum** – there's were no items presented.

6. **Meeting adjourn at 1:20 p.m.**

Future presentations/Agenda items

August 9, 2018 – No meeting.

Sept 13, 2018 – MSBW Legislative Update

October 3, 2018 – FVCC Resource Fair and CLE

Use this link to find us on the web.
http://www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/Hennepin/Family-Violence-Coordinating-Council-(FVCC).aspx

Use this link to access our Google Calendar of events.
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Hennepin County No Wrong Door Initiative

Training Objectives

- Define sexual exploitation of children/youth
- Review Risk Factors and Red Flags
- Explain Statewide and County-Specific Models
- Overview of Super Bowl LII Response and Results

Hennepin County Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking Definition – DRAFT

Sexual Exploitation of a Minor
Any youth under the age of 18 who has received anything of value or the promise of anything of value (e.g. money, drugs, food, shelter, protection, status, or gang association) in exchange for sexual acts, including youth who have engaged in survival sex, or have been coerced or threatened. This would include youth who are used in sexually explicit photography, videos, websites, and/or any social media platform. A third party may or may not be involved.

Sex Trafficking
Any youth in the definition above and a third party must be involved.

Vulnerability and Risk Factors

- Runaway youth
- Homeless
- History of sexual, physical, or emotional abuse
- Domestic violence in the home
- Parental neglect
- Immigrant or non-English speaker
- Gang influence
- Chemical use and/or abuse
- Relatives or friends in sex trade
- Few (if any) ties to cultural or family support
- Exposure to sexual exploitation and violence in neighborhood

Where are victims recruited?

Where does sexual exploitation occur?

- Limos/Party Buses
- Rest Areas
- Airports
- Online
- Hotels

Minnesota Department of Transportation

Physical and Medical Red Flags

- Tattoos or other branding marks
- Multiple sexually transmitted diseases
- Signs of violence: bruising, cuts, scars, or burns
- Poor hygiene
- Evidence of sexual trauma
- Signs of malnourishment or poor health
- Multiple or frequent pregnancies

Social and Behavioral Red Flags

- Presence of older/dominating partner
- Missing School
- Masking charges such as curfew violation, truancy and other status offenses
- Frequents sites known for facilitating sex trafficking
- Homelessness and/or running away from home
- Unexplained money, clothes, and jewelry
- New and/or multiple phones/phone cards/prepaid phones

Minnesota’s Response

Minnesota Safe Harbor Law

The Minnesota Safe Harbor Law passed in July 2011

"Affirms that the best practice is to treat sexually exploited children as victims rather than as juvenile delinquents"

Key Changes in 2011:

- Added the definition of sexually exploited youth in MN's child protection codes;
- Increased the penalties against commercial sex abusers or purchasers; and
- Directed the Commissioner of Public Safety to work with stakeholders to create a victim-centered, statewide response for sexually exploited youth.

Minnesota Safe Harbor Law Continued

Effective August 1, 2014:

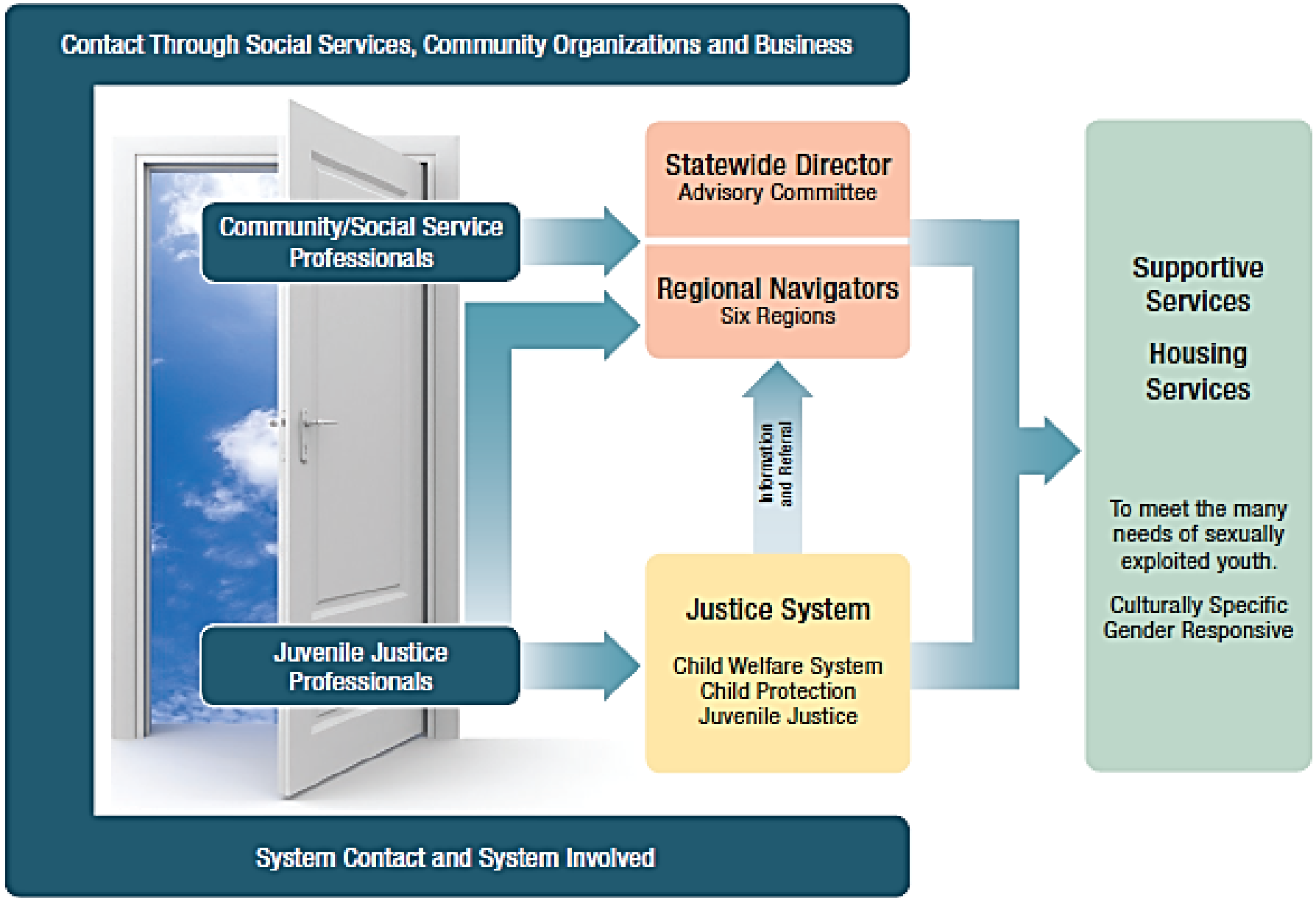
- Excluded sexually exploited youth under 18 from the definition of delinquent child.

- State began implementing service model called No Wrong Door

Effective July 1, 2016:

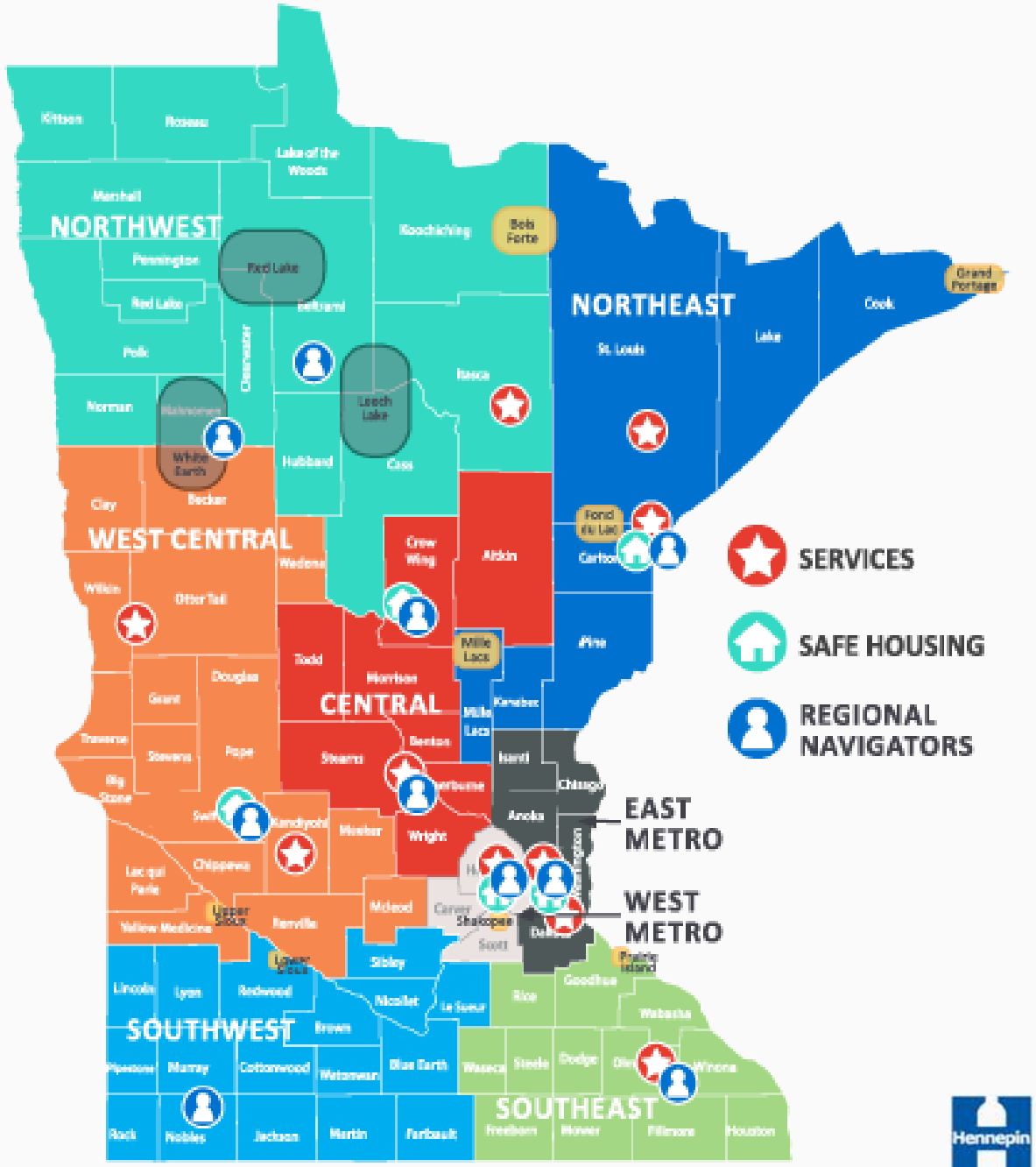
- Safe Harbor services were made available to individuals 24 and younger

No Wrong Door: Providing Safe Harbor for Minnesota's Sexually Exploited Youth



Regional Navigators and Shelters for SEY

Regional Navigator



Hennepin County's Response

No Wrong Door Initiative Development

A cross-departmental work group of Hennepin County staff, national experts and community partners convened.

Governed by a set of core principles, this plan provides the guidelines to implement action steps to combat juvenile sex trafficking and provide comprehensive, victim-centered services.

Approved by County Board in March 2014.

No Wrong Door Initiative Goals

Prevention	Training, Education and Public Awareness	Identification and Assessment	Service Delivery	Emergency Shelter, Supportive Housing and Residential Treatment	Prosecution and Law Enforcement

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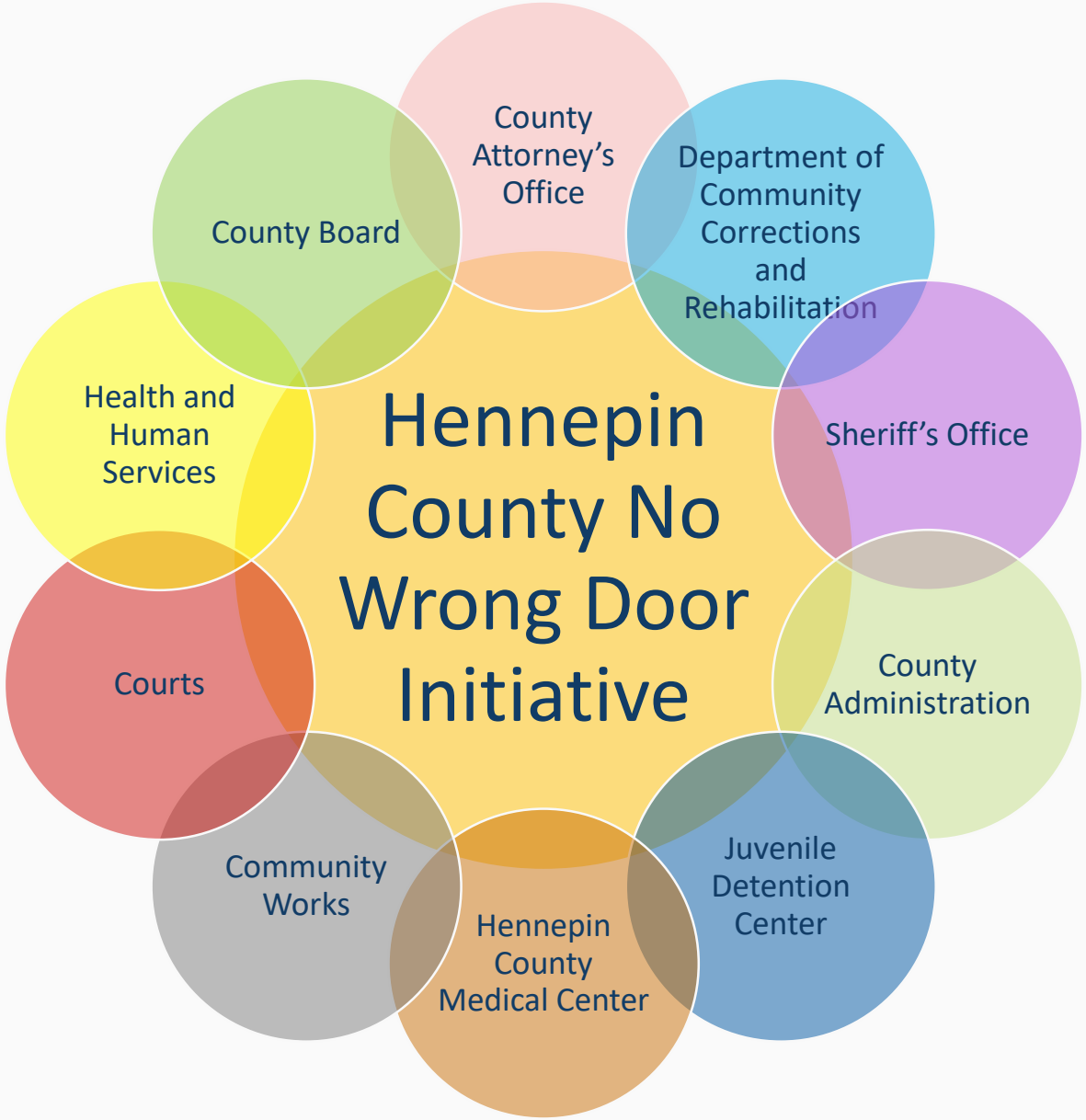
No Wrong Door Initiative Internal Framework



Activities and Deliverables: Foundation Building

No Wrong Door Coordinator

(August 2014)

2 Senior Social Workers (CS)

(January 2017)

Dedicated Senior Assistant County Attorney (CAO)

(June 2017)

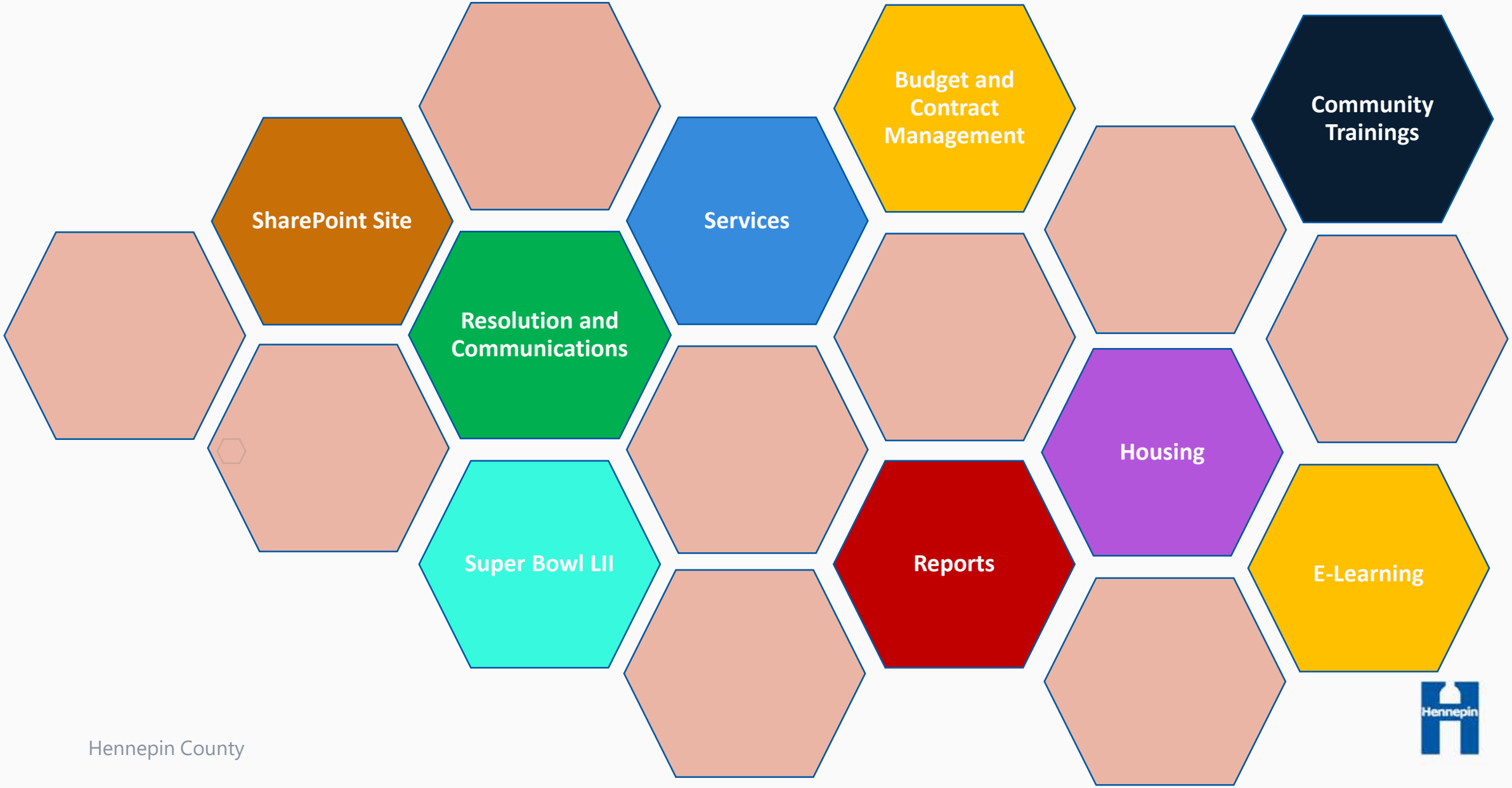
Dedicated Investigator (SO) and allocated Detective

(June 2017)

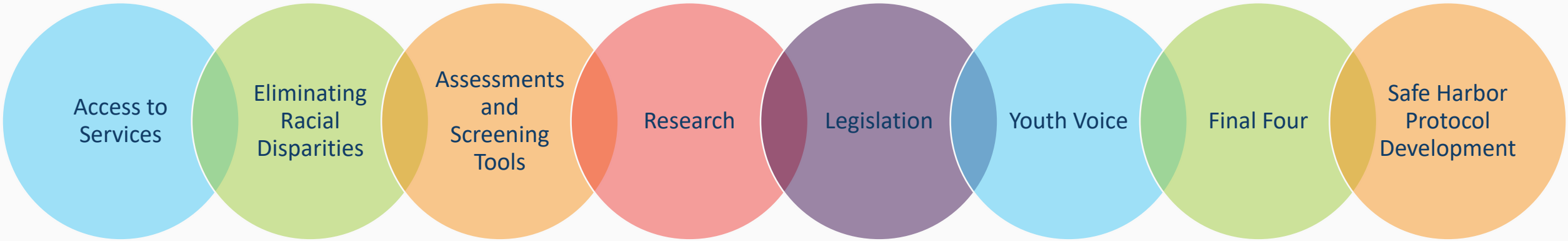
Criminal Information Analyst (CAO)- grant funded

(May 2018)

Activities and Deliverables Continued



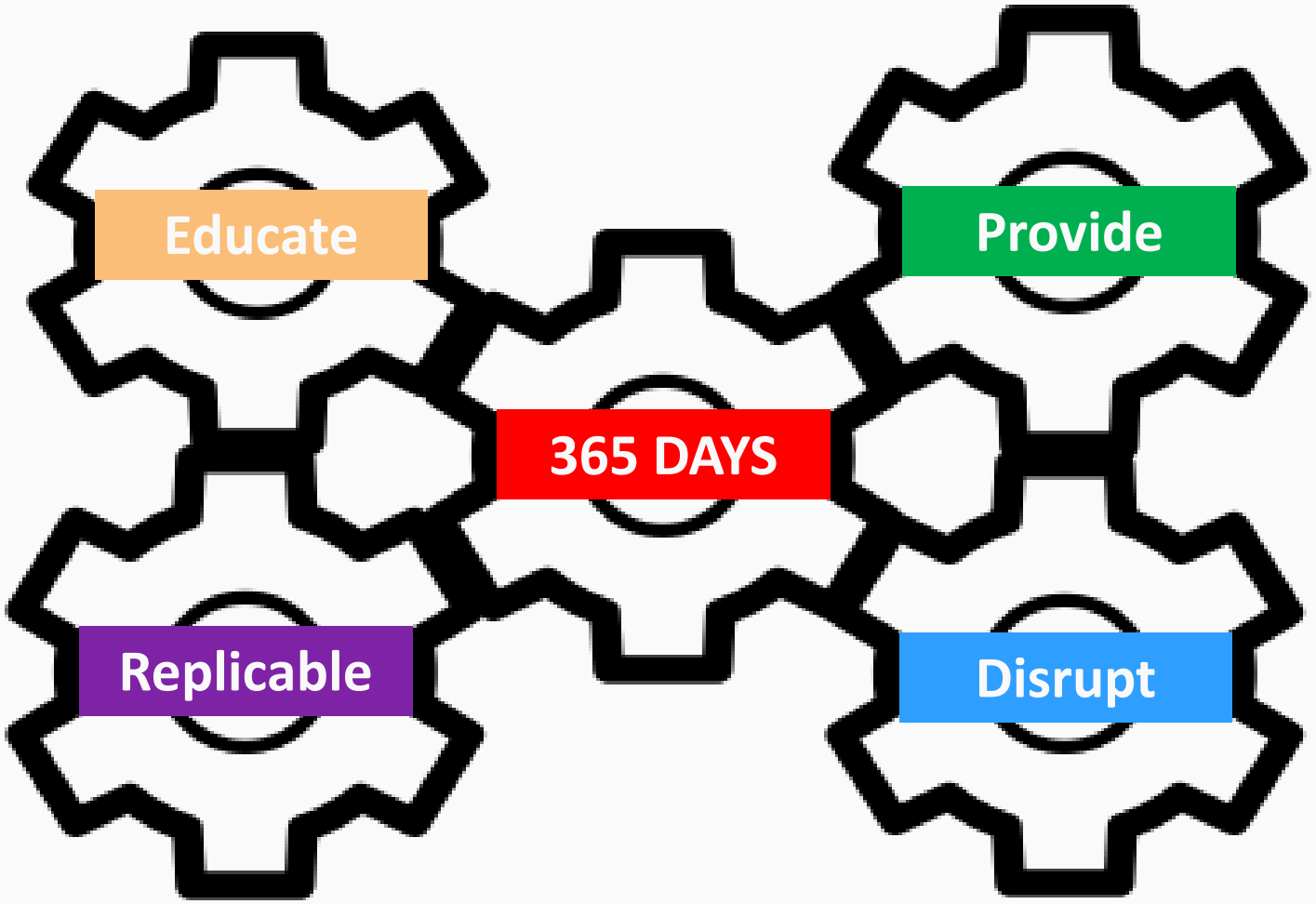
Current Focus and Activities



Debrief on Anti-Sex Trafficking Response Plan for Super Bowl LII

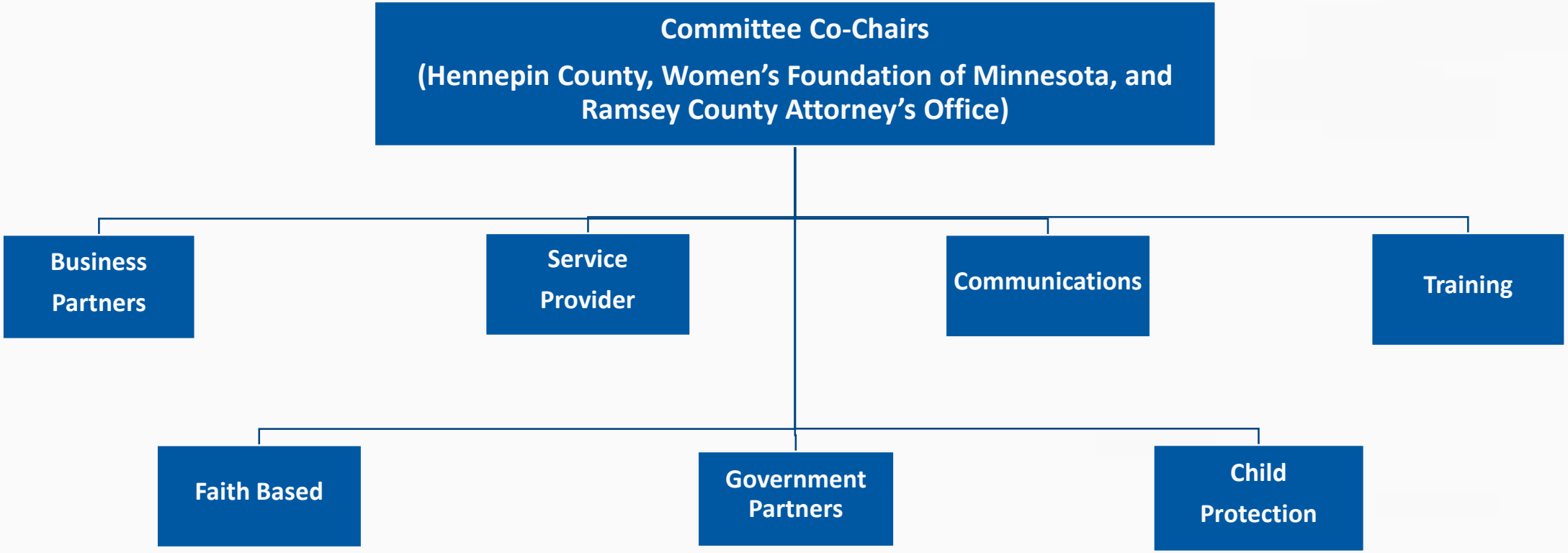
Committee Creation

- Convened in July 2016
- Co-Chairs include Women's Foundation of Minnesota, Hennepin County, and Ramsey County Attorney's Office
- 40+ Organizations and 100+ People Involved
  - Public, Private, Non-Profit, Philanthropic, and Victims/Survivors



Key Messages

Areas of Focus



Service Providers – "Bold Outreach"

- Additional outreach provided by Streetworks, Oasis, PRIDE, Breaking Free, MIWRC, Youthlink, and The Link

- Provided to youth and adults
  - At risk/suspected of exploitation or trafficking (i.e. youth on run, experiencing homelessness, and adults)

- Outreach covered
  - Minneapolis (Downtown, North, and South)
  - Brooklyn Center
  - Brooklyn Park
  - St. Paul
  - Bloomington
  - Richfield

Total Hours of Street Outreach Provided: 314

Service Providers – Drop in Centers

- The Link's Juvenile Supervision Center (JSC) (Minors-any Gender)
- Youthlink (18-24 Year Olds-any Gender)
- Source (Adult Women)
- Breaking Free (Adult Women)

Total Number Served in Drop-In Centers: 145 people

Service Providers – Emergency Shelter

Additional emergency shelter bed's created during January 27 to February 5, 2018

- 6 for minor victims of sex trafficking
- 25 for adult victims

Total Served with Emergency Shelter: 35 people

Communications

"I Am Priceless"

The Link

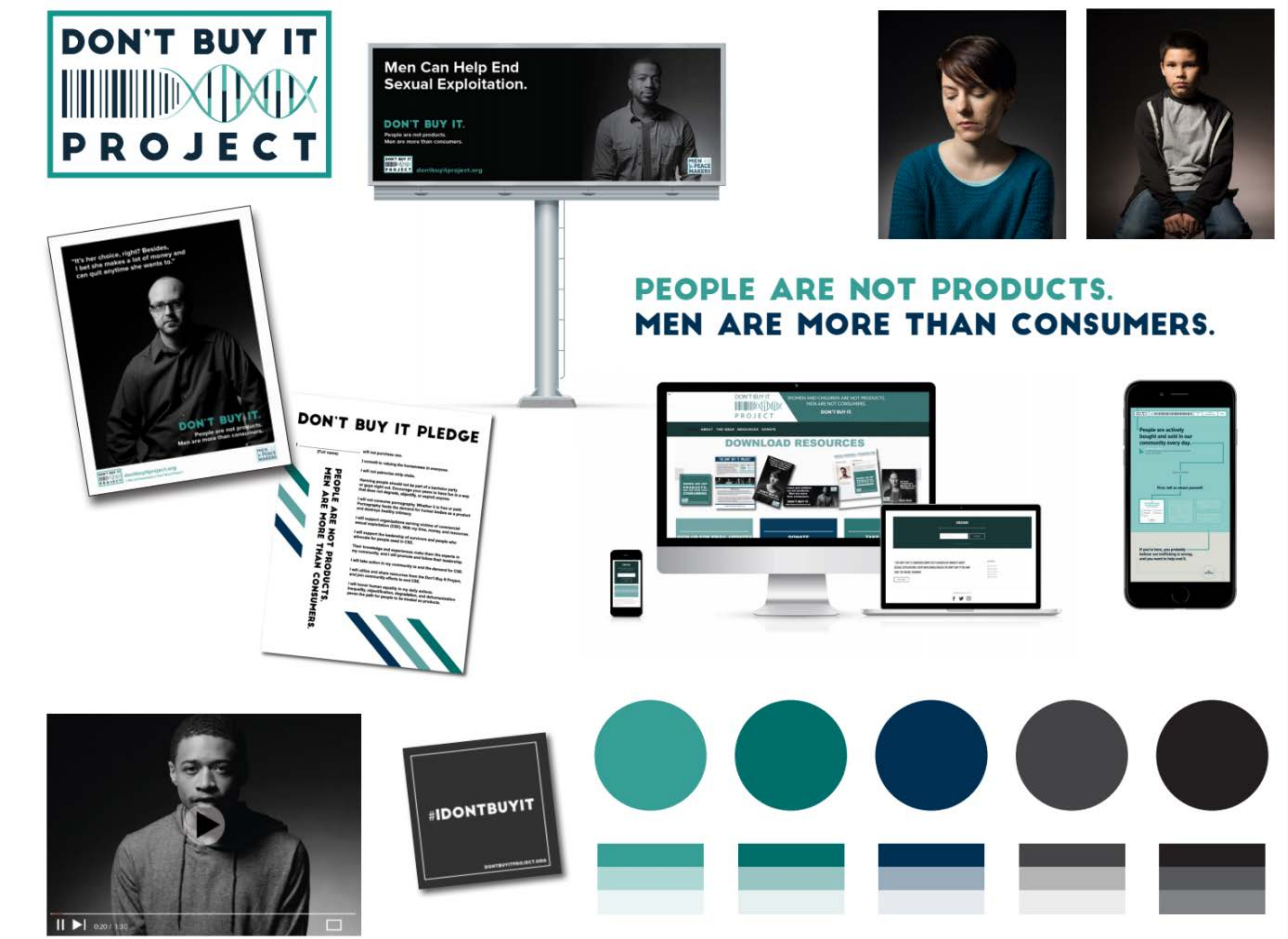
- Created by survivor leaders
- Youth 10 to 14 years old
- Prevent sexual exploitation

Communications

"**Don't Buy It Project** "

Men as Peacemakers

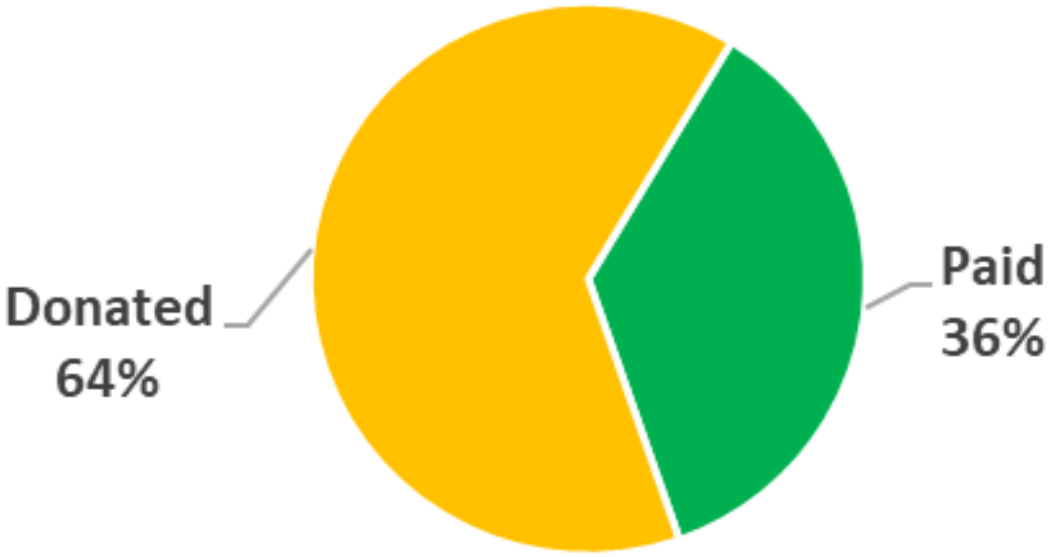
- Address rising demand
- Public awareness campaign and educational resources
- Educational Toolkit and Training Video



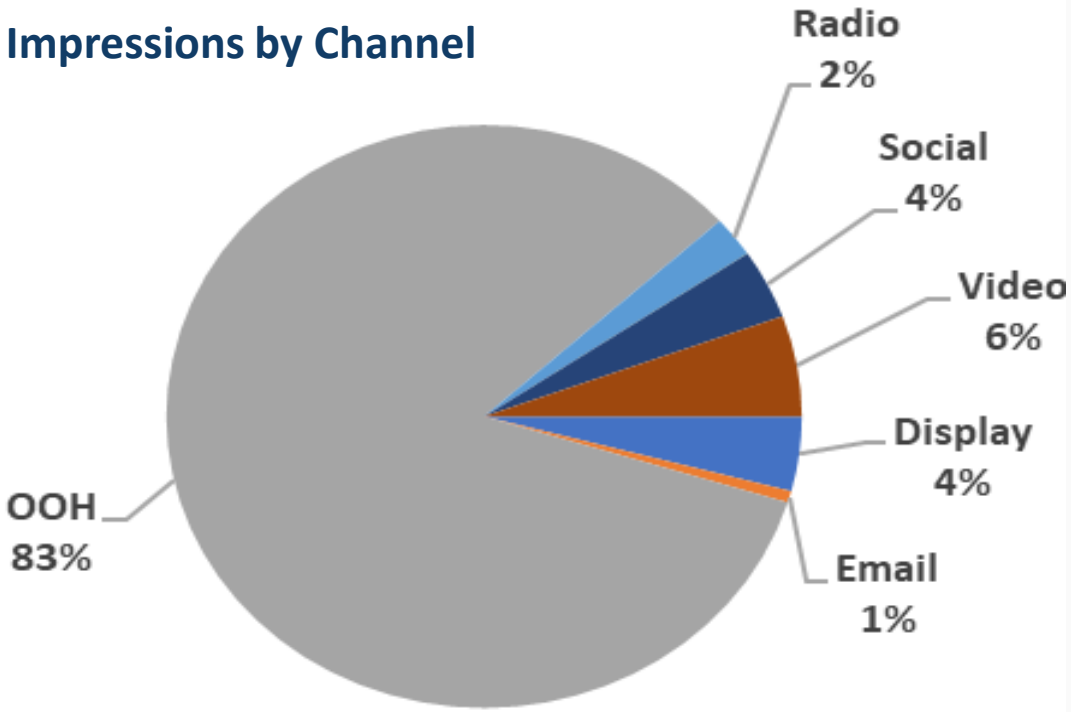
Media Exposure

122 Million Media Impressions

Paid Versus Donated Inventory

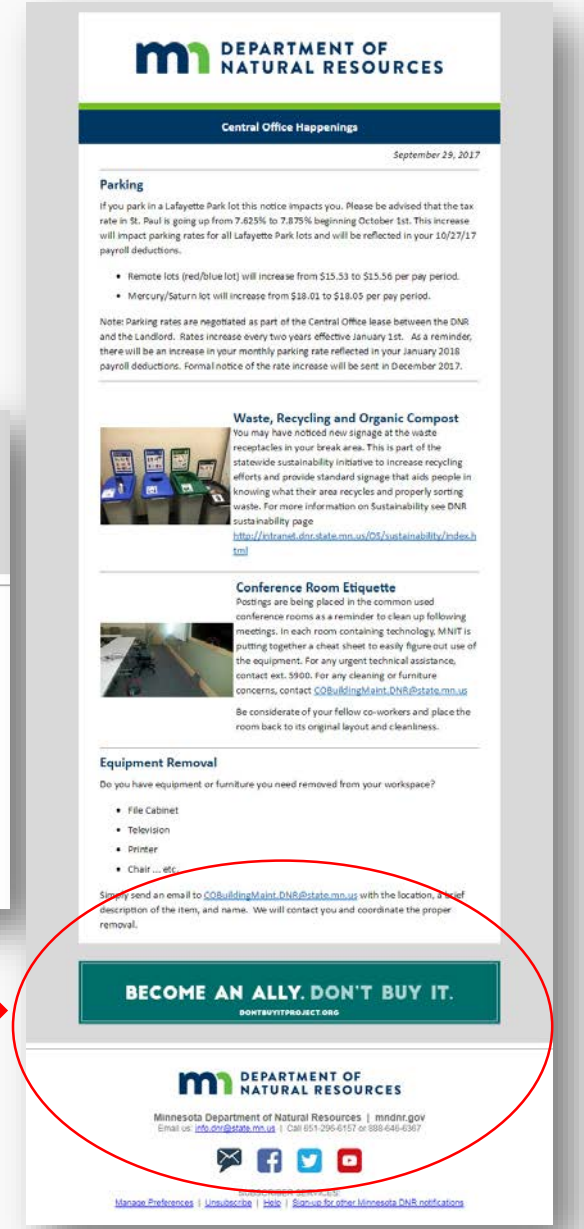


Impressions by Channel



Government Partners

Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind & Hard of Hearing
Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage
Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board
Minnesota Department of Education
Minnesota DEED
Minnesota Department of Health
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Met Council
10 agencies

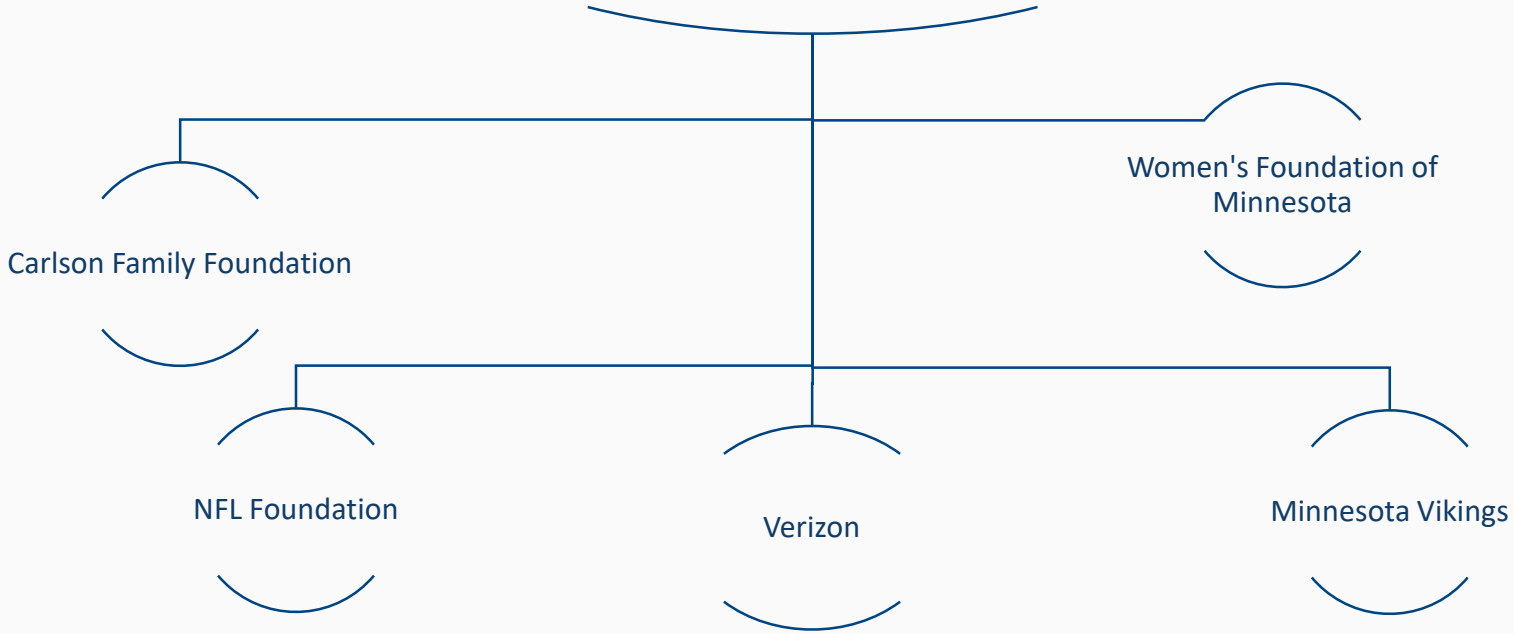


Business Partners- Fundraising

Total Needed: $500,000

Total Raised: Over $470,000 (corporate and foundation)

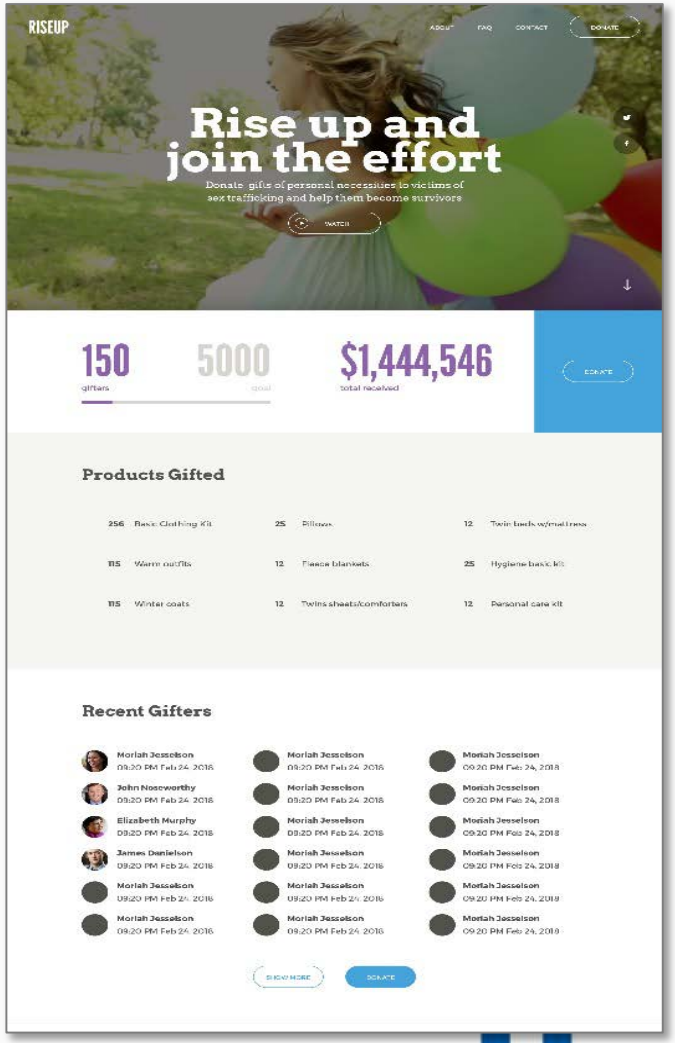
Overall total earned & raised: Over $1 million



Business Partners- RiseUpGifts.org

1. **Drove Awareness: Television spots in 3 market areas**, ran 3,500 times in Rochester, La Crosse and Mankato
2. **Drove Awareness: Star Tribune** 1.5 million impressions
3. **Provided Gifts: $18,338 donated and 256 gifts** givers which provided:

145 Basic Clothing Kits	52 Basic Hygiene Kits	41 Bed Sheets & Comforters
32 Fleece Blankets	51 Personal Care Kits	20 Pillows
12 Twin Beds with Mattresses	67 Warm Outfits	34 Winter Coats



Messages of Love Left on RiseUpGifts.org

"Best wishes and good luck to you, whoever you are and will be."

"Hope these basic clothing items help in a victim's journey back to health and security."

"May the feeling of warmth and love surround you, bringing you comfort and healing strength."

Response Plan- Training

- Developed Anti-Sex Trafficking Training Resource Guide

- Training was provided for:
  - Super Bowl Volunteers
  - Airport Workers
  - Hotel Workers
  - Bus Drivers
  - Mall of America staff
  - Airbnb renters
  - City of Minneapolis staff
  - General public: Neighborhood organizations, faith communities

Response Plan- Faith Community

- Over 100 congregations engaged
- Provided donations, volunteering, and education/training
  - Thrivent sponsored Not In Our City 5K- raised $30,000 for service providers – Learn more at www.notinourcity5k.org/mn
- The Guardian Project was started for faith community

Response Plan- Child Protection

- 12 Counties involved in planning

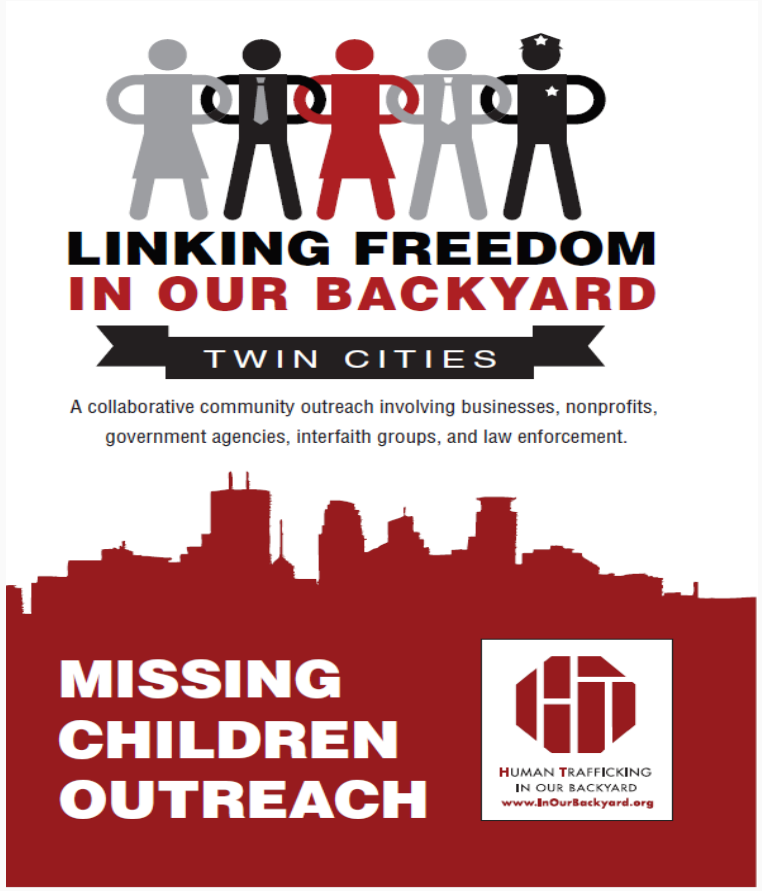
- Improve communication and coordination between counties and with multidisciplinary partners on cross-jurisdictional trafficking cases.

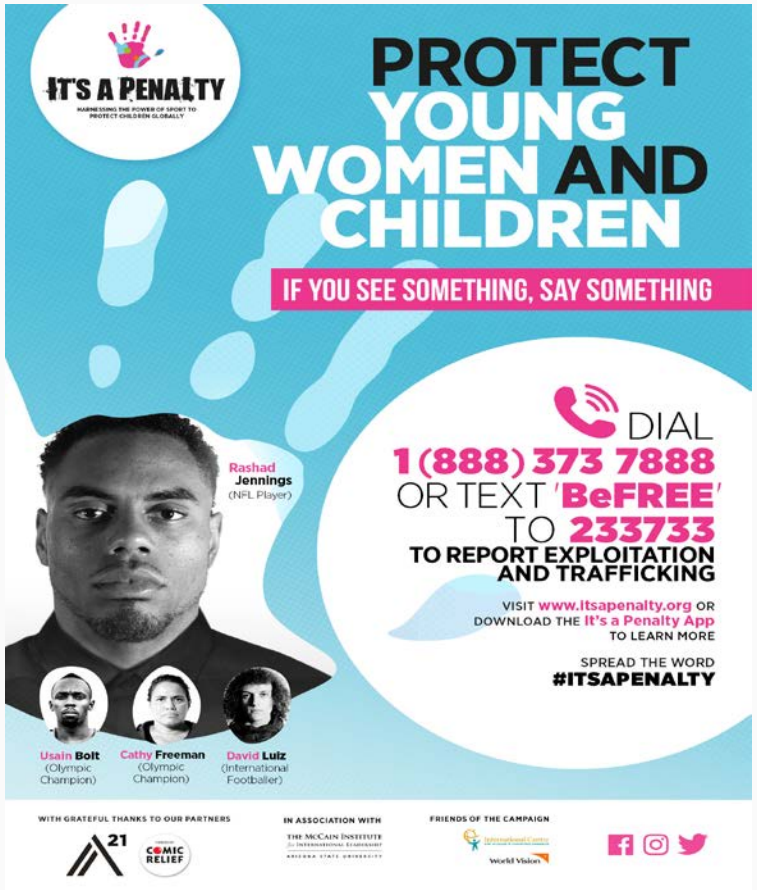
Response Plan- Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement – MPD-Led

- 57 officers involved from multiple jurisdictions
- 94 arrests - 90 felonies = 98% conviction rate
- 28 victim recoveries

National and International Partnerships





Next Steps

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- Collecting data and finalizing replicable model to share with Atlanta
- Coordinate around Final Four
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Questions

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