

## WISCONSIN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE GUIDING PRINCIPLES



## Trauma-Informed

- Systems responses should prioritize meeting the health, safety and survival needs of individuals who have been trafficked.
- Systems responses should ensure services are accessible, culturally appropriate, and inclusive of urban, rural and tribal populations.
- Individuals who have been trafficked should be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect for their privacy.
- Systems responses should include the provision of information about victims' statutory rights, service options and the full range of choices available to individuals who have been trafficked.
- Non-native English speakers should have the option of accessing translators and interpreters when receiving services. Family members, acquaintances and children should not be used to translate or interpret for individuals who have been trafficked.
- Shocking or depersonalizing imagery will not be used in task force materials to depict individuals who have been trafficked. Task force materials will be evaluated with sensitivity toward how language and terminology can engage or alienate individuals who have been trafficked.
- Service providers should collaborate with individuals who have been trafficked (and their family
  members when and if appropriate) to identify and pursue strategies and services to promote longterm stability, financial security and independence to make choices for a safe and healthy future.

## Coordinated

- Task force materials will be developed to be easily modified to be functional across different disciplines, agencies and systems.
- Task force recommendations and educational materials will be shared widely and should respect, and connect to, existing local and regional efforts.
- Training and public awareness materials will be trauma-informed with a consistent core message that can be modified and enhanced for culturally appropriate delivery to different audiences.
- The task force will facilitate unprecedented collaboration among state agencies, private and public organizations and advocates to transform the response to individuals who have been trafficked.

## Quality

- State and national models and best practices will inform recommendations.
- The impact of task force recommendations should be lasting and scalable and will incorporate tenets of primary prevention when applicable.
- Statistics will only be used when from a reputable source. The primary source of statistics will be cited in task force materials.
- Subject matter experts, including individuals who have been trafficked, will be consulted during the development of strategies and recommendations.