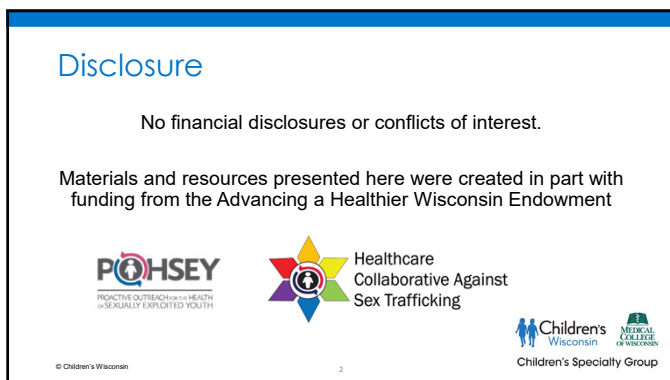
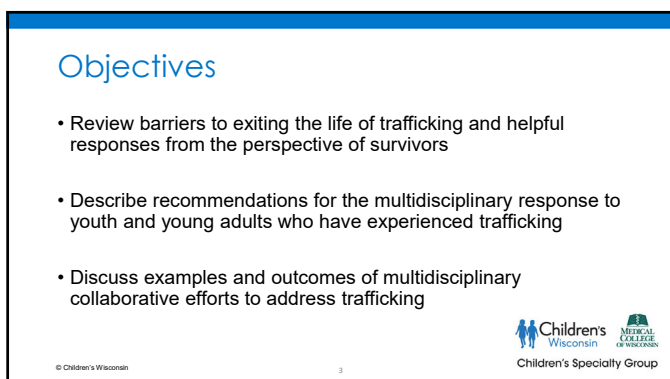


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Trafficking Victims Protection Act 2000

Trafficking is the: Recruitment Harboring Transportation Provision Obtaining Patronizing Or soliciting of a person (or any attempt to do so)	By means of: Threat or use of Force Fraud Coercion	For the purpose of: A commercial sex act (any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person)
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<https://www.justice.gov/humantrafficking/key-legislation>

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Sex Trafficking of a Minor

When anything of value is exchanged for a sexual act in a person
 <18 years of age

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Medical Data (Milwaukee)

- Youth seen by medical in 2014
 - 143 confirmed or suspected youth <18yrs
- Child Advocacy and Protection Center Data
 - 11% of youth entering foster care

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Mental Health Disorders in Youth

- Youth who are trafficked have significantly higher rates of:
 - Depression ($P<0.0001$)
 - Bipolar disorder ($P<0.0001$)
 - ADHD ($P<0.0001$)
 - PTSD ($P<0.05$)
 - ODD ($P<0.0001$)

Palines and Rabbitt, 2019. Comparing mental health disorders among sex trafficked children and three groups of youth at high-risk for trafficking: A dual retrospective cohort and scoping review. Child Abuse & Neglect.

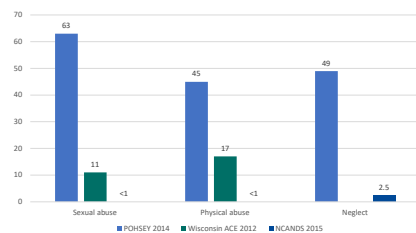
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Child Maltreatment and Trafficking



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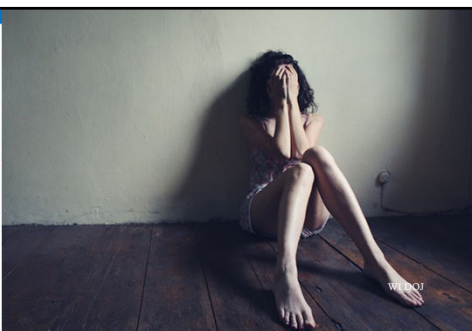
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Who is at Highest Risk?

- Homeless/Runaway/Shelter
- Drug addicted
- LGBTQ
- Bullied
- Abused
- Marginalized
- Lives in poverty
- Minimal supervision
- Lives in a dysfunctional household



Institute of Medicine and National Research Council. 2013. Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

Franchino-Olsen H. Vulnerabilities Relevant for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: A Systematic Review of Risk Factors. Trauma Violence Abuse. 2019; 19(3).

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Red Flags

- Inappropriate dress
- Lack of personal hygiene
- Evidence of homelessness
- Controlling companion/adult
- Large amount of money with no apparent source
- Specific tattoos: barcodes, candy, Pimp names
- Money or gifts with no legal source
- Frequent reproductive health concerns (pregnancies, STIs, requests for STI testing)

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The Life Story

<https://thelifestory.org/runaway>



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How to ask?

- Needs focused approach
- Describe trafficking using examples
- Continue to ask at each visit (medical)- make it routine
- Avoid making them repeat information over and over
- Words matter
 - Person first language
 - "soft eyes, soft words"
- Allow for autonomy (as much as possible)

Rabbitt A. The medical response to sex trafficking of minors in Milwaukee: Needs Assessment. Proactive Outreach for the Health of Sexually Exploited Youth. September, 2016. <https://www.mcw.edu/departments/pediatrics/division/child-advocacy-and-protection/sex-trafficking-resources/research-and-reports>

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How to ask?

- Do you have a safe place to stay right now?
- Are you worried about your ability to get the things you need like food, shelter, or other things?
- *Has anyone harmed or threatened you or someone you love to get you to work, making you feel scared or unsafe?
- *Has anyone ever withheld payment from you, given it to someone else, or controlled the money you should have been paid?

*<https://damascusroadproject.org/>

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How to ask?

"Sometimes we hear about people who trade sex, go on dates, or do sexual things for money, clothes, a place to stay, drugs, or other things they need. Others say they have been asked or forced to let other people do sexual things to them.

Have you ever heard of this?

Has this ever happened to someone you know?

Has it ever happened to you?"

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Managing Mandatory Reporting Requirements

Outline the limits of confidentiality before asking sensitive questions

"people can come to (doctors, therapists, social workers) for help with some types of problems that we can keep private, those are things like ...

But there are some things that if you told me I could not keep them private, those are things like ...

I just wanted you to know that before we talk more because you are the best person to know what is safe to tell and what isn't."

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Safety Considerations

- Review protocols for high-risk situations
- Involve security in development of trafficking protocol response guidelines
- Questions to ask patient/client:
 - Is trafficker present?
 - What does the patient believe will happen if they do not leave with or return to the trafficker?
 - Is anyone else in danger?

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Risk factors but no disclosure

- Focus on their most pressing needs
- Provide resources for high-risk youth
- Let them know they can come back

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Trafficking and Domestic Violence

- It's not easy to leave
 - May be the only way to cope and survive after a life of abuse, neglect, homelessness
 - May have no education, marketable skills, job history, no supportive relationships outside "the life"

A woman suffering from DV leaves her abuser on average 7 times before she leaves for good.

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Practitioner Perspectives

Strategies to improve effectiveness of communication (30 Law Enforcement, 10 Social Workers)

- Honesty, transparency
- Needs focused approach
- Present as genuinely caring, non-judgmental, approachable
- Understanding the role prior trauma exposure plays in youths' behavior and life circumstances improves ability to be patient and non-judgmental

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Practitioner Perspectives

"We noted that young people engaged in sex trades as the least-bad solution to meeting fundamental needs for safety, shelter, social connection, and love. Sex trafficking was never the only problem, and often not the most critical problem, in young people's lives."

Gibbs, et al., 2014

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Harm Reduction

"[Harm reduction] focuses on positive change and on working with people without judgement, coercion, discrimination, or requiring that they stop the [harmful behavior] as a precondition of support."

<https://www.hri.global/what-is-harm-reduction>

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Harm Reduction

APPENDIX H | SAFETY PLAN AND DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1:

Safety during a violent incident, I can use some or all of the following strategies:

- A. If I have/decide to leave my home, I will go _____.
- B. I can tell _____ (neighbor) about the violence and request they call the police if they hear suspicious noises coming from my home.
- C. I can teach my children how to use the telephone to contact the police.
- D. I will use _____ as my code word so someone can call for help.
- E. I can keep my purse/car keys ready at (place) _____ in order to leave quickly.
- F. I will use my judgment and intuition. If the situation is very serious, I can give my partner what he/she wants to calm him/her down. I have to protect myself until I am out of danger.

https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/userfiles/file/Maternal_Health/Safety%20plan%20English-Consensus%20Guidelines.pdf

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Futures Without Violence

- Strategies to stay safe during violence
- Safety when preparing to leave
- Safety measures to take in your home
- Enforcing a protection order
- How to prepare an exit plan



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Harm Reduction

Addressing the risks of forced and coerced sexual contact

- Contraception may not be accessible or allowed
 - Provide condoms
 - Regularly screen for sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy (ideally every 3-4 months)
- Vaccinate against HPV and Hepatitis B (if not immune)
- Educate about prophylactic medications for STIs and pregnancy
 - HIV PreP
 - Timeframes for post-exposure prophylaxis and how to access

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Harm Reduction

Addressing substance use disorder

- Opioid agonist therapy is associated with 54% reduction of HIV and 50% reduction in hepatitis C
- Syringe Services Programs (SSP) are associated with 34% reduction of HIV and 76% reduction of hepatitis C


MacArthur G et al. *BMJ* 2012; Aspinall et al. *Int J of Epidemiology* 2014; Platt et al. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 2017

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Harm Reduction

Building a safety plan for opioid overdose

<https://www.safeproject.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Safety-Plan-Version.pdf>

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for anyone being forced to work with little or no pay, or anyone who has had to have sex or do sexual things for money, gifts, drugs, or survival.


Public Defenders Office at Children's Court 414-264-1210 • Reach lawyers at the public defenders office here and get legal help.

LGSTB YOUTH RESOURCES

Diverse and Thriving 2439 N. Holton Street, 414-390-0444 • Free HIV/STI testing offered along with youth programs focused on sexual health, violence, and substance abuse prevention.

LGSTB Anti-Violence Resource Line 414-456-LGBT (5428) (call or text) • You deserve to be safe in your hookups, relationships, community everywhere. Talk to an LGSTB anti-violence advocate who can help connect you to a provider or talk through your situation with you.

Project's TIO N. Market Street, 2nd Floor, 414-271-5556 • HIV prevention program, life skills development, and victim advocacy.

URGENT CARE  **24/7** • **414-264-1210** • **414-264-1210**

Aurora Health and Advocacy Services 945 N. 12th Street, 414-219-5555 • Walk-in 24/7.


Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Emergency Department 855 W. Cornell Avenue, Walk-in 24/7.

Kenneth Health Center 2200 N. 36th Street, 414-286-8840 • Free STI testing and treatment, free condoms.

Midtown Pediatric Clinic (Adolescent Medicine and Teen-Tot Clinic) 5433 W. Ford du Lac Avenue, 414-277-8900 • Primary, sexual, and reproductive care for teens, teen parents and their children.


Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center 619 W. Walnut Street, 414-277-8980 • By appointment, must have police or DCHPS referral.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin 1-800-230-PLAN (7536) to find a center near you.

OUTREACH & SPECIALIZED GROUPS 

Street Beat Youth Outreach 414-840-4990, 414-852-7027 (text or call) • Groups and leadership development for teens with life experience in the sex trades and the streets on youth rights, options, healing and power. Contact Claudia.

Represent 414-212-5121 (call or text) • A prenatal and parenting education program for young women, their spouse or friend and family. Call for schedule and locations.


PREGNANT & PARENTING YOUTH 

Blanket of Love Program 414-795-0328 • A prenatal and parenting education program for young women, their spouse or friend and family. Call for schedule and locations.

Empowering Families of Milwaukee 414-286-5480 • Free home visiting program for pregnant women and teens and parents.


of children birth to 5. Provide resources, and health & developmental screens.


Parenting Network 7516 W. Burleigh Avenue, 414-477-0566 • Confidential counseling on any parenting issue, connect to resources, home visiting programs.

CHILDLISTERS FOR TEENS 

Pathfinders Emergency Youth Shelter 414-271-5560 • A safe place to stay for youth ages 13-17 for a few hours or up to 2 weeks, on the East Side, 24/7.

Walker's Point Youth and Family Center Teen Crisis & Runaway Program 414-647-8200 • A safe place to stay for youth ages 13-17 for a few hours or up to 2 weeks, on the South Side, 24/7.

POHSEY  **Adapted from the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin retirement project**


Resources for Teens in difficult situations. 

Some of these places won't report you if you have run away, have a warrant, or are HIV/STI. Some places are required by law to report concerns for youth safety to police or social services. Ask what these places can keep confidential.

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Resources for Youth (contact rdetmann@childrenswi.org for hard copies)

24/7 IMMEDIATE HELP 

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Emergency Department 855 W. Cornell Avenue • Walk-in, 24/7.

Children's Wound Care Team 414-257-7621 • For mental health emergencies, 24/7.

Crisis Text Line (Text HOME to 747474) • Support for anyone in any type of crisis, or experiencing painful emotions, 24/7.

Pathfinders' 24/7 Hotline 414-271-5560 • Confidential counseling, can help youth with no safe place to go and needing resources, 24/7.

Aurora Health & Advocacy Services 414-219-5555 • Confidential hotline for people experiencing sexual assault or partner violence, call 24/7.


Walker's Point Youth & Family Center 414-647-8200 • Can help youth with no safe place to go and needing resources, 24/7.

211 Call for local resources to food, shelter, info and other resources, 24/7.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255) • Call 24/7

National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 • Text INFO or HELP to 36767 (227333) for anyone being forced to work with little or no pay, or anyone who has had to have sex or do sexual things for money, gifts, drugs, or survival; connect to local resources, 24/7.

National Runaway Safeline 1-800-RUNAWAY (786-2929) • Help for teens who have run away or are thinking about running away. Can stay for teens to get back home from another city, 24/7.


ANTI-VIOLENCE ADVOCACY 

CRAY Responders 414-800-CRAY (2729) • Urgent advocate response for medical exams & talking to police for youth experiencing sexual exploitation. Call Monday - Friday, 4pm to midnight.

Milwaukee Center for Children & Youth 2004 N. MIL Drive, 414-248-3995 • Advocacy for youth who have experienced trauma. Life skills and empowerment groups also available.


Pathfinders New Paths 414-587-2553 (call or text) • Support for youth with life experience in the sex trades. A safe and confidential advocate who can meet you where you are, help you know your rights, connect you with resources, help you with legal stuff & get medical care, and explore your different options.

UNOCS Latina Resource Center 414-389-6530 (call or text) • Supportive services to youth victims of sexual assault, dating violence, and human trafficking, also offer sexual health and healthy relationship education.


COUNSELING 

Family Options 5505 N. 124th Street, 414-431-4444 • Outpatient mental health clinic providing individual and family therapy including groups. www.familyoptions.org


Pathfinders' Hand to Hand Program 4202 N. Holton Street, 414-864-5965 • Specializes in working with survivors of sexual abuse & sexual assault (18-21 years old) by providing individual and family therapy & groups. www.handtohandprogram.org

COMPREHENSIVE CARE 

Wraparound Milwaukee 414-257-7607 • Care coordinators partner with youth, families, and their selected community resources to channel their strengths and dreams into a creative plan for the life they want. www.wraparoundmilwaukee.org

YOUTH DISABILITY RESOURCES 


IndependenceFirst 540 S. 1st Street, 414-259-7520 (V/T/T/T) • Youth workshops, classes and support groups to empower young persons with disabilities to reach their goals and live independently.

GROUP CENTERS FOR YOUTH 

Grateful Gifts Community Resource Center 2020 W. Lisbon Avenue, 414-240-2804 • Clothes, personal hygiene items, showers, kitchen, on-site support group, computers, referral to services, programming, and activities.


Pathfinders' Drop-In Center 4200 N. Holton Street, 414-864-5965 • Basic needs, case management, showers, laundry, hygiene supplies, clothes, kitchen, computers, prevention services.

Owen's Place 4100 W. Ford du Lac Avenue, 414-977-4242 • Computers/Internet access, kitchen, hygiene supplies, and other programs and activities.

JOB SKILLS AND CONNECTIONS 

Employ Milwaukee 414-270-1700 • Job skills, career planning, and connections to jobs for youth 18 and up. Apply online: employmilwaukee.org

St. Charles BEST Program 151 S. 84th Street, 414-892-7783 • Employment skills and job placement program for youth ages 16-18 residing in Northwest 2nd code.

LEGAL RIGHTS 

LOTUS Legal Clinic 414-885-3469 • Free help from lawyers

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Needs According to Survivors

- Safety
- Housing for themselves and family
- **Peer support (survivor mentors) and community**
- Medical Care
- Counseling and mental health support (including addiction recovery)
- Alternate financial and employment opportunities
- Job skills, education, training, resume
- Identification, bank account
- Clean criminal record


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Multidisciplinary Response

Requires a continuum of care utilizing multiple agencies and community services




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Multidisciplinary Responses

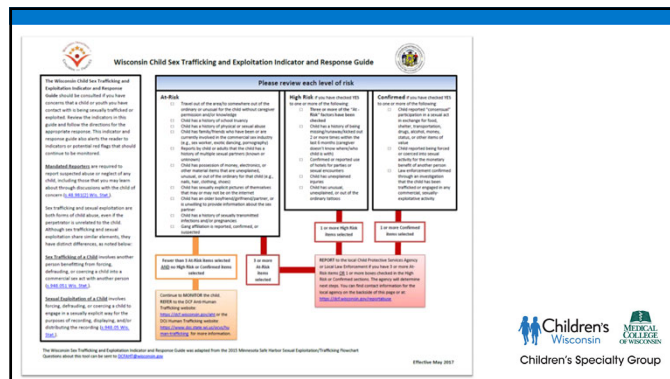
Regional Hub Coordinator Region 3:

Rebekah Dettmann
milwaukeeecseccordinator@chw.org
 or
rdettmann@childrenswi.org

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Milwaukee's Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)

- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services
- City of Milwaukee Health Department
- City of West Allis Public Health Department
- Department of Children and Families, Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- Sexual Assault Treatment Center
- Sojourner
- West Allis Police Department
- West Allis/West Milwaukee School District
- Wraparound
- Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office
- Milwaukee County Law Enforcement Executives Association
- Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department
- Milwaukee Police Department
- Milwaukee Public Schools



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Milwaukee MDT Response



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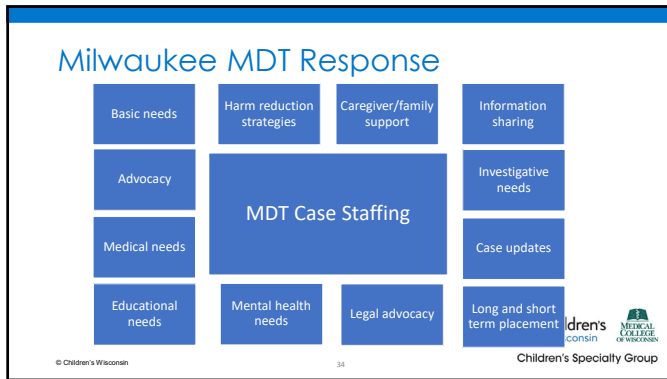
Role of the Coordinator

- Assures cross reporting between CPS and LE
- Identifies MDT partners directly involved with youth and family
- Outreach to involved service providers to assess immediate resource needs
- Facilitates MDT case staffings to promote collaborative investigations and develop a coordinated support plan for youth/family

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Advocacy Services

- Any hospital that provides emergency services to a victim of sexual assault, human trafficking, or child sexual abuse
- Must notify victim of right to accompaniment and permit an advocate to accompany victim to exam or consultation
- Also allowed during law enforcement interviews, including forensic interviews
- Advocate must not interfere with medical care or investigative process

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CRAY Collaborative Rapid Advocacy for Youth

FIND RESOURCES FOR YOUTH CONTACT AN ADVOCATE

Advocacy Services

- Urgent medical and legal accompaniment and advocacy for youth 11-25 who have been commercially sexually exploited

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Healthcare-Community Collaboration

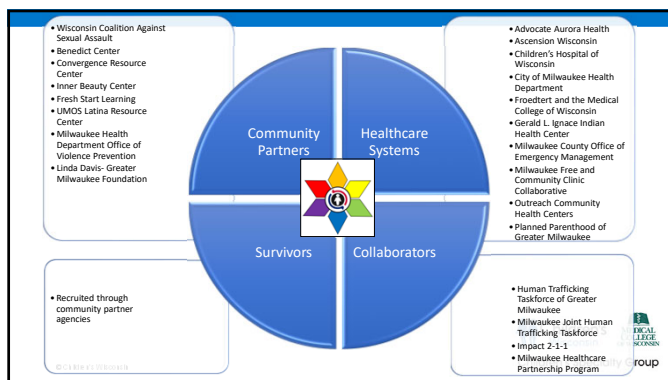


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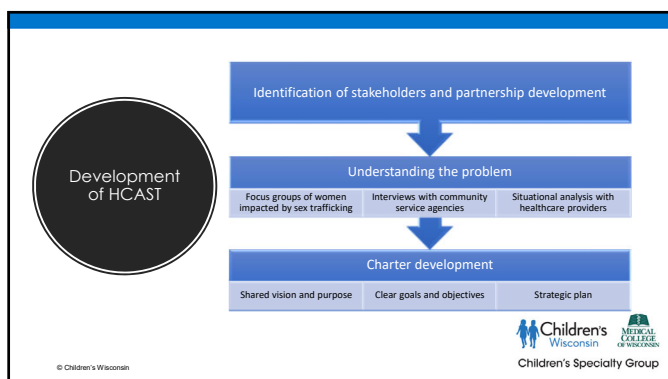
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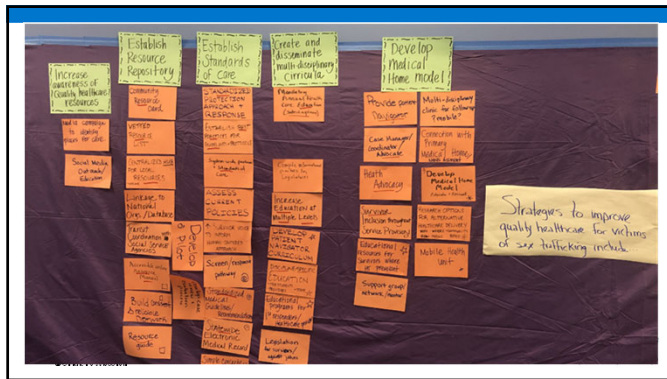
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HCAST Initiatives

Project Goals

1. Establish a repository of vetted local community resources
2. Establish quality improvement guidelines for the medical response
3. Create and disseminate multi-disciplinary curricula
4. Strategic integration of standard of care responses into healthcare systems

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Guided Search

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Community Resources



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Quality Improvement Guidelines

- Common practices of Medical Home Models (literature review)
 - 607 articles reviewed (2010-2020), 52 provided recommendations for healthcare policy or protocols
 - Analyzed for organizational practices to address key action areas identified in focus groups, agency interviews, and strategic planning sessions

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Quality Improvement Guidelines

- Common practices of Medical Home Models (literature review)
 - Training available to all staff (focus on trauma informed care and harm reduction)
 - Response protocols in place and accessible
 - Co-located medical and mental health services
 - Reproductive health
 - Dental care
 - Services for trans/non-binary/gender non-conforming
 - Substance use disorder
 - Community referral network
 - Initiatives to improve access to care
 - Funding sources for patients without insurance
 - Patient navigator
 - Ongoing case management services
 - Initiatives to ensure physical and emotional safety (including culturally sensitive care)
 - Access to interpreter (trained in HT)
 - Ongoing quality evaluation

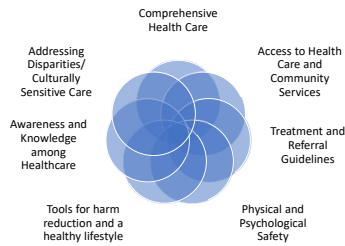
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Quality Improvement Guidelines



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Quality Improvement Guidelines

Policy/Practice Self-Assessment Tool for Primary Care Centers*

Healthcare Facility Key Action Areas	Date of Evaluation									
	Incorporates Basic Recommendations				Incorporates Recommendations for Advanced Care				Incorporates Recommendations for Specialty Care	
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*How to use this tool: Review policy and practice recommendations in each action area and check the box that best indicates the appropriate benchmark. Measure improvement with subsequent tool use.

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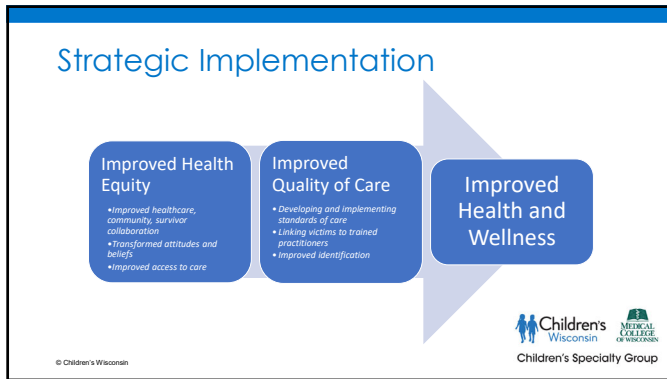
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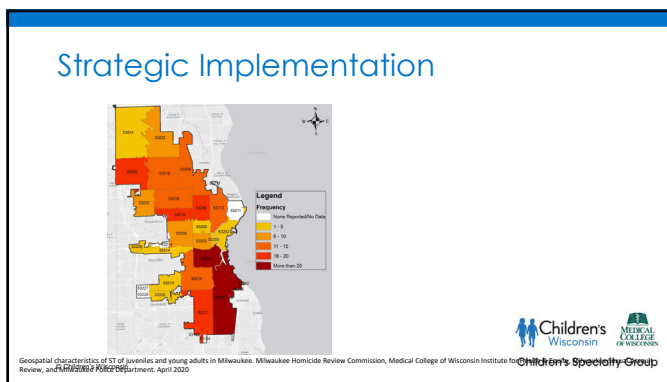
- HCAST trainings:
 - Basic knowledge and awareness
 - Identification and screening
 - Response and referral recommendations for healthcare
 - Survivor-informed engagement strategies
- Provided to all staff who interact directly with patients
- Quick-reference guides
- Mechanism for initial and refresher education

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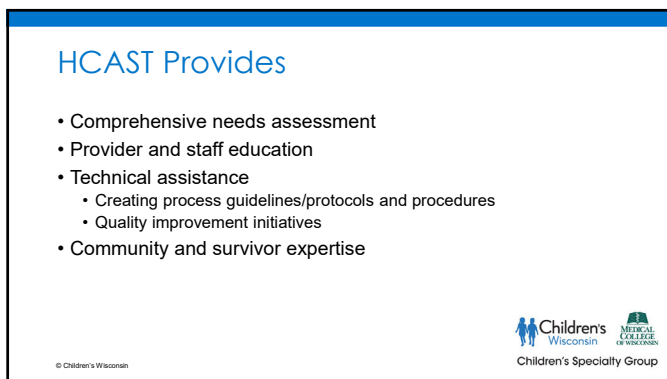
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Healthcare Organization Provides

- Organizational lead
- Integration of education (new hires and annual refreshers)
- Resources to support best practices:
 - Capacity to work towards outreach, co-located services, or telehealth model for key services
 - Capability to allow urgent or after-hours visits, walk-in visits
 - Patient Navigator or other position to assist patient access to care and community services
 - Commitment to partner with patient advocates to allow peer support/mentoring during health care visits

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The Life Story

<https://thelifestory.org/the-long-exit>



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Questions?

Website:
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