

Anti Human Trafficking Landscape Working Document – February 2020

BACKGROUND

The trend for human trafficking is growing across the state with concentration in the Twin Cities, Duluth, Mankato, and surrounding suburbs. The issue is often hidden in plain sight, and with increased access to trafficking online it has grown challenging for law enforcement and advocates to address. The Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet and Consociates are working to increase the awareness of sex trafficking and serve the invisible victims by partnering with organizations who work directly with victims.

OTHER PROVIDERS

- Religious Orders (Benedictines, Congregation of St. Joseph, Franciscan Sisters of Rochester, Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, School Sisters of Notre Dame of Mankato)
- Students from St. Kate's and the Social Work Honors Society Beta Epsilon
- Breaking Free (St. Paul)
- Terebinth Refuge (St. Cloud)

MISSION DISTINCTION

- CSJ history and integrity of educating and advocating on social justice issues
- Resources of CSJ Justice Commission

GAPS

- Affordable housing is needed to offer victims safety
- Education to promote a cultural shift on the buyers' end, particularly from those in places of power and privilege
- Legislation that supports partial decriminalization for survivors and those with lived experience to mitigate the residual harms of sex trafficking but ONLY in tandem with increased social services and housing.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Work alongside stakeholders to promote the necessary cultural and legal improvements to Minnesota's existing measures to support victims and survivors
- Support measures that are guided by leadership from POC, indigenous, LGBTQ, immigrant & refugees, and survivors in tandem with those advocating for affordable housing.
- Keep pulse on current efforts on Safe Harbor for All and form coalitions with other advocates to increase opportunity for success
- Partner or draft legislation to help new immigrants work toward citizenship. (Ministry Commission and Justice Commission)
- Encourage larger CSJ community to attend the Ministries Foundation Gala. (CSP Province Leadership Team and Ministries Foundation)
- Educate men and the demographics of perpetrators in Minnesota on the effects of violence against women, particularly on sex trafficking

Additional information is provided in the complete Immigrant Education Landscape that is posted on the Forum.