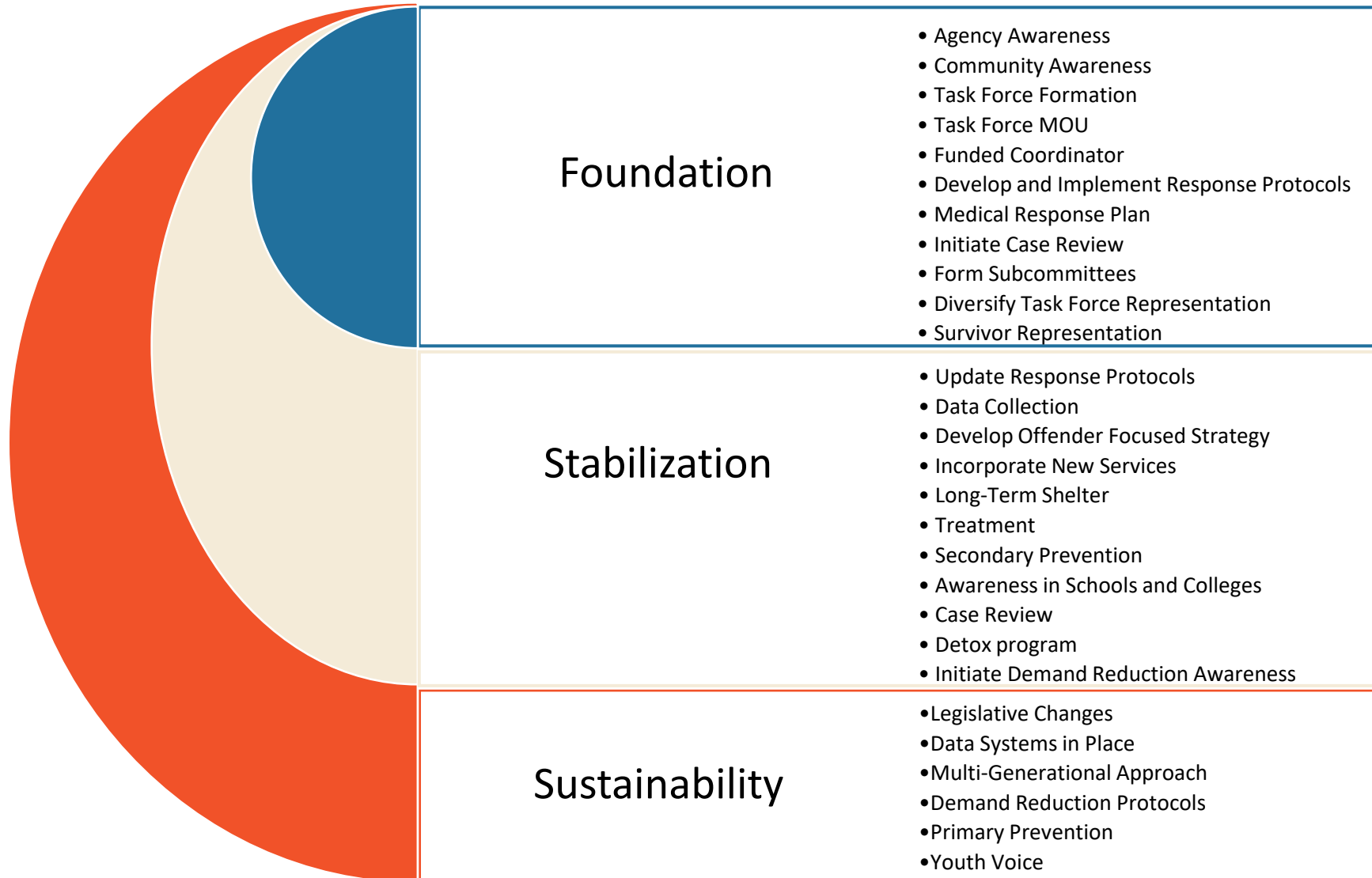


Task Force Stages

Guidance for prioritizing efforts in addressing human trafficking in your community



Movement through the stages is fluid.

Foundation

- Agency Awareness – Human trafficking training for service providers to identify and respond
- Community Awareness – Campaign to raise awareness of human trafficking
- Task Force Formation – Create mission, values, goals for the task force
- Task Force MOU – Create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with task force partners
- Funded Coordinator – Apply for funding to designate a full-time coordinator for the task force
- Develop and Implement Response Protocols – An inclusive response for when a victim is identified
- Medical Response Plan – Identify how medical professionals will respond when working with a victim
- Initiate Case Review – Develop a review process for cases (either to help build the case or to review the collaboration when working on cases to enhance the response)
- Form Subcommittees – Committees of the task force for specific issues or disciplines
- Diversify Task Force Representation – Include underserved, marginalized, oppressed communities and Tribal Nations in task force membership
- Survivor Representation – Leadership from survivors on task force and/or committees

Stabilization

- Update Response Protocols – Periodically review protocols to update/expand response to include all genders and marginalized groups, adults, labor trafficking victims
- Data Collection – Develop a system with MOUs to collect information on referrals, confirmed cases, sex-buyers, and exploiters
- Develop Offender-Focused Strategy – Accountability for offenders (legislation, buyer's accountability)
- Incorporate New Services – Develop relationships with new service providers
- Long-Term Shelter – For minors and adults extending from 12-18 months (does not need to be a trafficking-specific shelter) to serve trafficking victims and involve shelter in task force partnership
- Treatment – Behavioral Rehabilitation Service (BRS) placements offering treatment and support for complex trauma of trafficking victimization. Substance abuse treatment programs for all ages.
- Secondary Prevention – Training more professionals about human trafficking to recognize the signs
- Awareness in Schools and Colleges – Engage with middle schools, high schools, and college staff to identify warning signs, develop education tools and make referrals to service providers, and partner with Title IX advocates. Awareness programs in schools for students.
- Case Review – Continue case review and assess effectiveness of county responses
- Detox Program – Programs for minors and adults
- Initiate Demand Reduction Awareness – Engage with the community to focus on demand reduction

Sustainability

- Legislative Changes – Changes to advance legislation
- Data Systems in Place – Data is being collected and used to address human trafficking, update MOUs to include data sharing among partners (quarterly, biannually, annually)
- Multi-Generational Approach – Support to families with multiple generations of trafficking victims
- Demand Reduction Protocols – Buyer's education and consequences
- Primary Prevention – Partner with appropriate agencies to offer primary prevention in schools
- Youth Voice – Including voices from youth in a youth advisory board/youth ambassador program