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Nebraska Support for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking



State Spotlight Series



NEBRASKA PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Nebraska Department of Health and **Human Services**, in partnership with Nebraska Child and Family Foundation, aims to design and implement a statewide collaborative, cross-agency response to child and youth human trafficking.

For their Improving Outcomes program, Nebraska identified the need to bring the different anti-trafficking initiatives across the state together to facilitate shared learning and to increase coordination.

Building cultural capacity

The Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition, a subgrantee on the project, conducted listening sessions with four tribes in Nebraska to assess the current state of trafficking and the needs of each tribal community. Findings demonstrated a need for

training to improve community awareness, identification of youth who have experienced trafficking, knowledge of available resources, and examples of human traffickingrelated tribal code language.

Click here to read the findings of these listening sessions.

WHAT IS **IMPROVING OUTCOMES?**

The Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking grant program supports state and tribal responses for children and youth victims of trafficking. This program is funded by the Office for Victims of Crime at the Department of Justice.

Learn more at www.facebook.com/ <u>improvingoutcomesTTA</u>

Improving screening practices

Nebraska's team has made screening and assessment central to their work.

The Providing Outcomes for Victim Empowerment (PAVE) screening tool allows system users to advance their knowledge of trafficking recognition by participating in ongoing training provided through the PAVE platform. Useres shared feeling that something had been missing from their trafficking training, and PAVE offers a more frequent exposure to thinking about trafficking that helped address that gap. Being encouraged to ask the screening questions has kept identification top of mind.

Click here to see the PAVE screening tool.

Connect with us to learn more about this project!

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