



# IPATH

**Indianapolis Protection of Abused and  
Trafficked Humans Task Force**

Welcome to the Adult Victim Services Committee of the IPATH Taskforce!

In this packet, you will find:

- An About Us section, including our mission and contact information
- The 2019 objectives of the committee
- Committee member expectations
- IPATH Taskforce structure document

Thank you for your expressed interest, and we look forward to collaborating with you!

Sincerely,

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Statewide Anti-Trafficking Coordinator  
ICESA & IPATH Taskforce



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### ABOUT US

The Victim Services Committee(s) of IPATH are comprised of multidisciplinary professionals who currently serve youth and adults who have experienced trafficking, as well as those who serve populations particularly vulnerable to trafficking, and those who serve in the parallel movements of domestic violence and sexual assault. Victim Services welcomes legal services (e.g.: immigration, human rights, civil rights, and victim rights), victim specialists, and victim advocates who seek to increase the capacity of multidisciplinary professionals across Indiana to:

- More effectively identify trafficking victims;
- Assess the current capacity of Indiana to serve, protect, and empower identified adult and juvenile victims and survivors of human trafficking;
- Facilitate collaboration among key stakeholders to fill gaps in services for juvenile and adult survivors of human trafficking, in particular, trauma-informed therapy, legal services, victim advocacy, job and life skills training, transitional housing, and culturally and linguistically sensitive case management;
- Educate vulnerable populations to prevent exploitation and increase reporting.
- Holistically support survivors who seek justice through the criminal justice system to empower witness testimony on behalf of the prosecution.

### MISSION

Utilize an evidence-driven, survivor-centered approach to more effectively

Prevent,

Detect, and

Prosecute

Human Trafficking in Indiana;

and

*Empower and Support Survivors*

### Committee Co-Chairs:

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## **ADULT VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE (VSC) 2019**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- **Solidify and strengthen referral pathways among different agencies serving diverse needs**
  - **Recruit 6 adult victim stakeholders** from different agencies to the committee meetings and leadership roles
  - **Highlight 2 Agencies** at VSC meetings to increase knowledge of available resources and for ease of referrals
  - **Build community and rapport** amongst VSC member for comfort of referrals
  - **Dedicate 2 VSC meetings** in 2019 to solidifying interagency communication and referral pathways between HT service providers and
  - **Draft a sample Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** or other necessary documents in order to facilitate avenues of communication among service providers
  
- **Build capacity to identify and serve adult victims of human trafficking**
  - **Host** two specialized training for members of VSC based on members' request
  - **Create one-page of guideline questions** to establish basic needs of a new HT/DV client
  - **Create a two-page document** on what to look for in an organization or service provider before making a referral to a HT/DV victim
  - **Host a training over Forced Marriage** in order to better identify and serve all victims of this type of human trafficking
  - **Read a peer-reviewed article each month** and discuss the two articles at our VSC meeting to learn about evidence based or evidence informed treatment for victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation



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**ADULT VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE (VSC) 2019  
MEMBER EXPECTATIONS**

- **Meetings**
- **Projects**
- **Specializations**

The expectation of the IPATH Victim Services Committee Chairs is that members will attend **4/6 meetings** per year, either via conference call or in person.

We meet for **2 hours, 6 times** a year.

You will also be **asked to contribute** some additional time or expertise to **1 committee project, objective, or event** of your choosing each year. Project-based participation is based on your capacity. Some folks have given a lot of hours, some have given 2-3 extra hours; regardless, all help facilitate movement for this committee's mission and vision. This may include research, technical assistance on cases, training creation, training delivery, etc.

**VSC Members must**

- Currently serve youth victims of human trafficking or sexual exploitation OR serve or are preparing to serve adult victims of human trafficking or sexual exploitation
- Provide direct service, including direct prevention and/or outreach with at-risk populations
  - General community prevention or awareness would fall under the C.A.P.E. committee
- Attend 4 meetings per year, prefer that at least one person from agency is at each meeting even if it is sometimes a sub
  - Management are welcome at the meeting, but we encourage that at least one direct worker from an agency attend with that person (if they do not also do direct service)
- NOT use names or identifying information when discussing cases or asking for help on cases
- SIGN confidentiality agreement (though we will do our best to not reveal identity of clients)

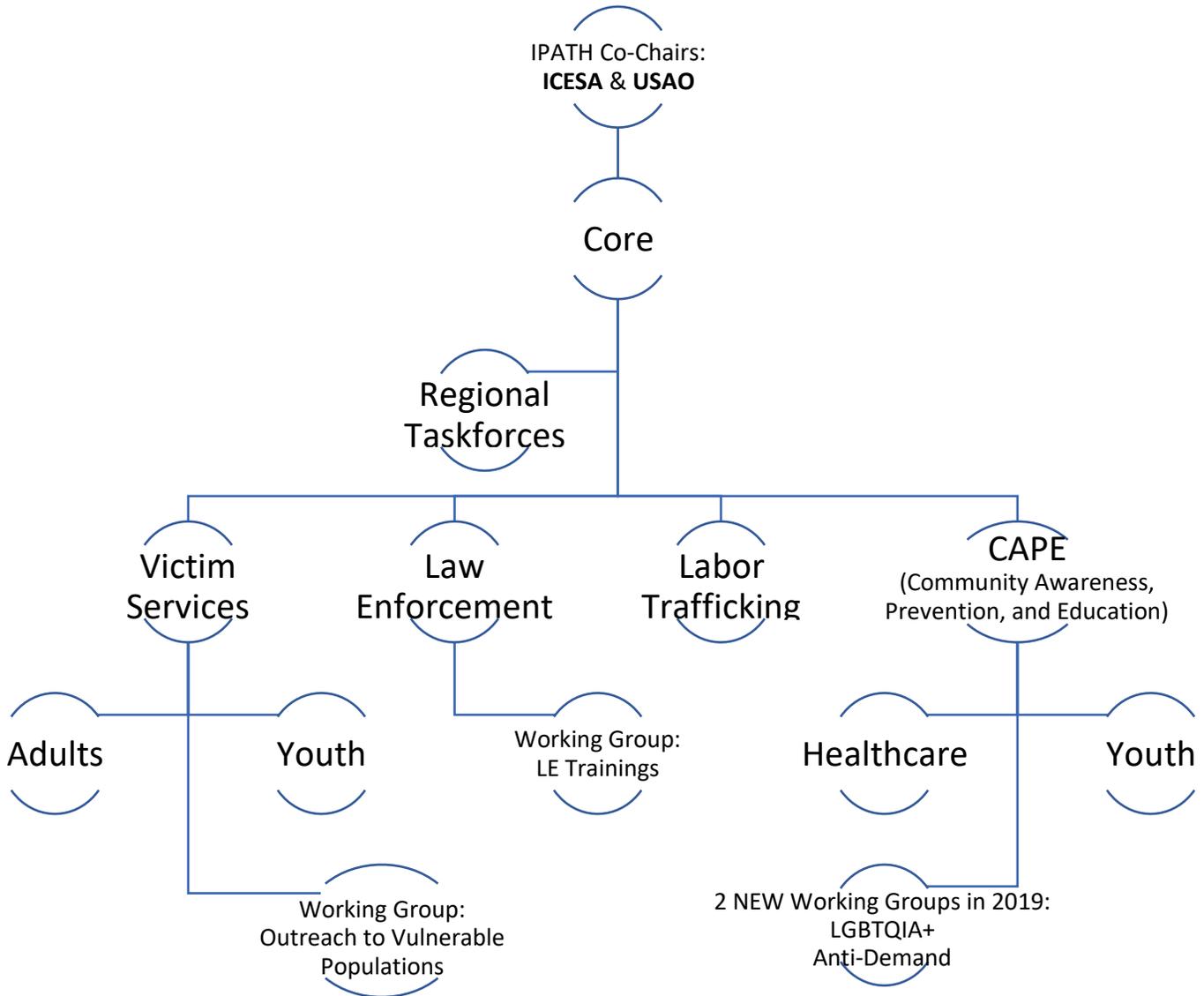
*We believe that through multidisciplinary collaboration, we will make committee members more efficient and effective at human trafficking identification, protection, victim advocacy and service provision. We also believe that through this approach we will see an increase in successful investigations and prosecutions.*



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## IPATH STRUCTURE 2019



The Victim Services Committee is comprised of multi-disciplinary professionals who currently serve youth and adults who have experienced trafficking, as well as those who serve populations particularly vulnerable to trafficking, and those who serve in the parallel movements of domestic violence and sexual assault. The **Adult Victim Services Committee** will focus on meeting the needs of adult survivors, and the **Youth Victim Services Committee** will focus on youth/juvenile services. This includes, but is not limited to, professionals who provide victim advocacy, case management, therapy/counseling, outreach to vulnerable populations, mentorship, life skills/education, and residential/housing. The **Victim Services Committee** welcomes legal services (e.g. immigration, human rights, civil rights, and victim rights), victim specialists, and victim advocates.

Committee members are permitted to attend by invitation only. Evidence-based practice tells us that successful HT prosecutions engaged comprehensive victim services from initial recovery through the completion of the trial and beyond. As such, the Victim Services Committee provides key partnerships with law enforcement to secure a continuum of care for victims of human trafficking and to empower witness testimony on behalf of the prosecution.