BUILDING AGENCY CAPACITY: A Toolkit for Human Trafficking Investigations

What is the Toolkit?

The IACP is developing a toolkit for law enforcement agencies to enhance their capacity to identify and assist human trafficking victims and to conduct investigations using trauma-informed and victim-centered principles.

The toolkit will include:

- an agency self-assessment
- an action planning guide
- training guidelines
- considerations for policies, procedures, and protocols
- human trafficking report checklists, guides, and/or forms
- considerations for investigations
- a resource library

The toolkit will be publicly available on IACP’s website as components are completed. For more information, please contact the IACP Anti-Human Trafficking Team at humantrafficking@theIACP.org.

Demonstration Site Initiative

The demonstration site initiative spans from May 2023 to October 2024 and kicked off with a virtual meeting of all six sites in June 2023.

The sites will work with IACP staff, the project advisory group, and subject matter experts from across the United States to review, test, and provide feedback on the toolkit components. Through virtual meetings, sites will regularly meet with the IACP to share their input and perspective on the effectiveness of each resource in the toolkit.

Following the project kick-off meeting, sites will complete an agency self-assessment to determine organizational readiness and experience addressing human trafficking. The results of this assessment will assist the agency and the IACP in creating an action plan, to prioritize where to focus efforts on building capacity within their agency.

The demonstration sites will receive customized technical assistance (TA) from the IACP, based on agency needs, including a minimum of one customized virtual or in-person TA for each demonstration site.

While demonstration sites will not receive any financial benefits for participating in this initiative, they will receive in-kind resources and TA from subject matter experts in the profession, at no cost.

In Fall 2024, the demonstration sites will participate in a virtual close-out meeting focused on lessons learned, promising practices and strategies, final feedback on the toolkit, and recommended future work in this topic area.