Building Effective Partnerships
Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services Program

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Objectives

1. Demonstrate knowledge of key components for developing and strengthening strategic partnerships, both internal and external.

2. Prepare to apply key components of partnering to jurisdiction and develop formal agreements.
Partnering & Collaboration
Partnerships are essential for...

Victims

Law Enforcement Agencies

Communities

Community Partner Agencies
Partnerships are essential for...
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Law Enforcement Agencies

Partnerships are essential for...
Partnering Opportunities
External Partnerships

Non-Profit Organizations

Health Care Providers

Schools

Government Agencies

Criminal Justice Agencies

Community Leaders

Faith/Spiritual Leaders
Identifying New Partners

- Victims’ Rights
- Victim Intersection Points
- Gaps in Services

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Putting it into Practice
Scenario

You are the Victim Services Supervisor at a law enforcement agency. You recently attended a multidisciplinary training and met staff from the Immigration Legal Services Center (ILSC). ILSC is a community-based organization that partners with local churches and the broader community to provide affordable, high-quality legal services to immigrants in three adjacent counties. They assist foreign-born members of the community navigate immigration processes.

After the training, you received a call from ILSC’s Legal Program Manager, Khamisi, asking to discuss the U-Visa certification process in the area. Khamisi explained that the current process involves contact with multiple law enforcement agencies and multiple personnel within each agency.
Scenario (continued)

Khamisi shared that her team would like to work with your agency to improve information-sharing and reduce the amount of time it takes to processes each certification request. Khamisi expressed an interest in formalizing a partnership with your agency to help meet these goals. Your agency is the originating agency for a significant number of U-Visa applications in the ILSC service area. Khamisi told you her hope is to expand this partnership in the future to the other law enforcement agencies in the area.
What is your first step?
What internal partnerships are needed?
What external partnerships are needed?
What are potential challenges?
Elements of Strong Partnerships
Understanding Each Other’s Work

My role is _______
Setting and Meeting Expectations
Communicating Clearly and Regularly
Sharing Information
Engaging in Joint Training and Networking
Reciprocating Efforts
Formalizing Partnership Agreements

• Identify shared goals

• Clarify roles and responsibilities

• Assign tasks

• Allocate resources
Why formalize?

- Demonstrates investment
- Keeps goals at the center of the work
- Encourages accountability
- Provides written guidance when questions come up
- Promotes consistency
- Ensures partnerships endure beyond personnel changes
LEV Resources

• Effective Partnerships

• Template Package I – Getting Started (sample internal partnership SOP)

• LEV Network
ELERV Resources – Partnering

• Roles & Opportunities
  • Internal Partnerships
  • External Partnerships

• Engaging a New System or Community Partner

• Samples
  • Partnership Agreement Framework and Sample Language
  • Internal Partnership Protocol – Victim/Witness Interviews
Reminders

Quarterly Meetings

*Topic: Building Effective Partnerships*

*All 1p – 3p EST*

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