



“NO ONE HAS TO DO
EVERYTHING,
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SOMETHING”

Green Dot Program Slogan

Unique

- Throughout the day, you have heard several themes:
 - Some related to harms done to survivors
 - Some related to the strengths of survivors (resilience)
 - Many related to the occupational roles of responders
 - Health professionals
 - Social services professionals
 - Community advocates
 - First responders (EMTs to LEOs)
 - Prosecutors and Judges
 - Each of those occupational roles and organizations/agencies they represent have unique “jurisdiction”
 - Those include obligations and restraints

Yet Overlapping

- To employ the Green Dot slogan further, no single sector can address human trafficking in its impact on the community
- Agencies, organizations, occupational groupings need to identify the points of overlap and “hand-off” to others working across the community to address the prevention and response to trafficking victimization
- No one sector “owns” human trafficking, we all have a stake and role in addressing this problem
- Without effective partnerships and collaborations, we are likely to fail both survivors and the community at some point

Victim-Centered

- Several speakers have talked about the need to keep the survivor at the center of our intervention efforts
- Our focus is on the physical and behavioral health needs, as well as the social service/welfare needs of the survivor
- It does take that village of providers and advocates who are doing activities that integrate into a wholistic support system for survivors
- We may want to remember that the State is always the victim in a criminal prosecution - not just the individual
 - Making the move to a more person-centered victim is a process begun in the late 1970s and continuing to the present day
 - It does remain a work in progress for the justice sector

Don't Forget the “Perp” – Primary Prevention

- We did not hear a great deal about primary prevention today – a cornerstone of the “public health approach”
- Informal social control remains the best form of primary prevention – begins in homes, schools and religious/faith organizations
- Better primary prevention is a key element in the “demand reduction” side of the prevention equation
- Special focus on males as topics of primary prevention interventions, especially in early adolescence, to reduce demand (“selected” to “targeted” interventions)
- Should not forget prevention education for young women while targeting community and societal risk factors that place women and LGBTQ individuals at higher risk

Effective Partnerships Are Key to Effective Interventions for Survivors

- Very often our viewpoints about what is needed for serving survivors of human trafficking are restricted by the “silos” in which we operate
 - Often the case with our funding sources, as well
- It might be instructive to use the Sequential Intercept Model (SAMHSA) to “map” points of intersection among agencies responding to survivors of HT to understand the points at which they intersect
- By exploring these point of intersection we can move to a better understanding of the “jurisdiction” of agencies/organizations involved and develop stronger, more effective and collaborative partnership to serve survivors of human trafficking

“Only The
Beginning, Only
Just the Start...”
(Robert Lamm,
Chicago Transit
Authority 1969)

- The words of the Chicago song provide what we hope will be true for the Health Department employees who are moving more deeply into human trafficking prevention and intervention efforts
- It will require both reaching out from them, but also reaching in from those already enmeshed in the “cause,” to make this a demonstrably effective effort
- We look forward to observing how these partnerships blossom over the coming years as we all seek to do what we can to alleviate the impact of HT on individual survivors and the community at large as a result of our partnerships.

Questions?

