

Advocacy for Victims Webinar Wednesday Series

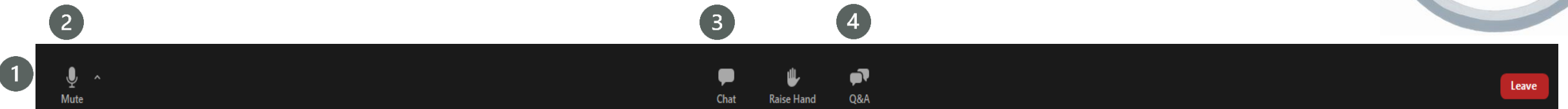
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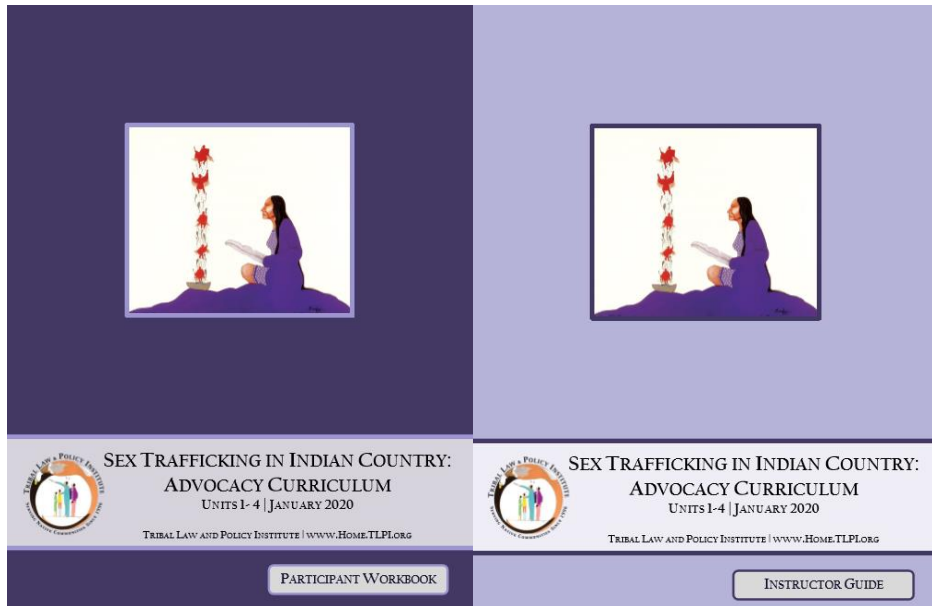


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Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum | Unit 1
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Introduction to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country

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Training Agenda

- Introductions, Agenda, Overview of Unit, and Learning Objectives
- Using the Medicine Wheel: The Impact of Trauma
- “How Might Trauma Impact a Person as a Whole?” —Small Group Exercise
- Victim’s Service, Safety, and Long-Term Needs
- Establishing and Maintaining Trust
- Why Victims May Fear Accessing Services
- “Finding Services” —Large Group Demonstration
- Remember Poem
- Question and Answer



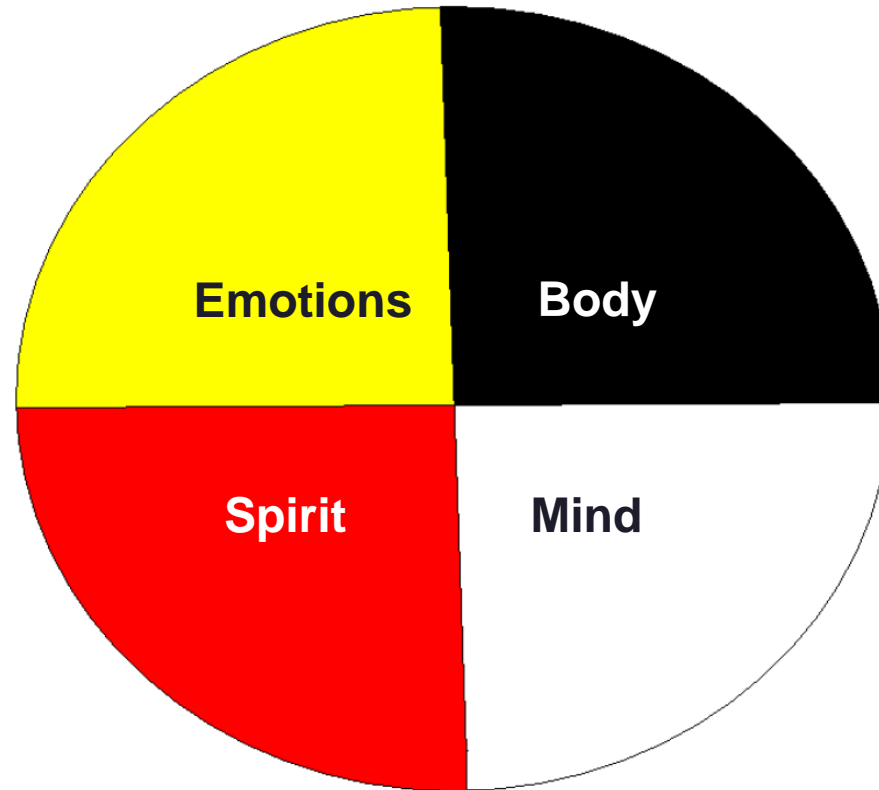
Learning Objectives

As a result of participating in this workshop you will be better able to:

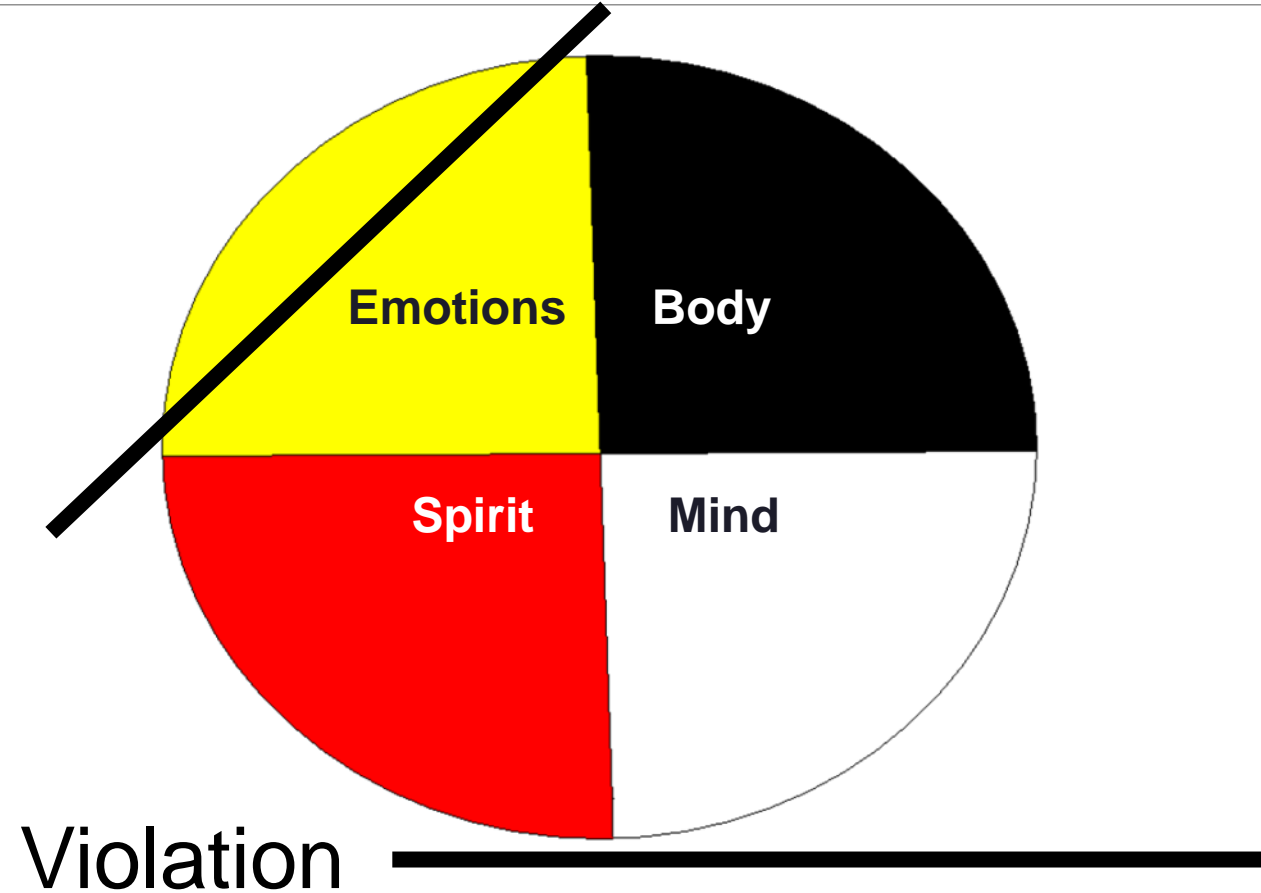
- Identify how a sex trafficking victim may be impacted;
- Identify possible needs of a sex trafficking victim; and
- Discuss how social and systems change are an important part of advocacy efforts that can create safety for victims of sex trafficking.



Using the Medicine Wheel to Understand the Impact of Trauma



Using the Medicine Wheel to Understand the Impact of Trauma



Small Group Exercise

How Might Trauma Impact a Person as a Whole?



Choose One of the Following Questions

Question 1: *Please review the medicine wheel provided. While reviewing this medicine wheel, what is the impact of sex trafficking trauma on a whole person?*

Question 2: *Choose a cultural resource from your community that is analogous to the medicine wheel provided. Within that cultural resource, what is the impact of sex trafficking trauma on a whole person?*



Victim's Service, Safety, and Long-Term Needs

- Place to live
- Transportation
- Money
- Food
- Clothing
- Other essentials
- Medical care
- Substance abuse assistance
- Support groups
- Interpretation/translation services
- Resources for minor children
- Safety planning
- Bus or plane ticket



Victim's Service, Safety, and Long-Term Needs

- Help filing a police report
- Help with protection orders
- Assistance with child welfare case
- Court support
- Legal advocacy
- Healing ceremonies



Culturally Appropriate Advocacy

- Visit with victims
- Take time to establish trust
- Offer food or something to drink
- Welcome home ceremonies
- Be a good relative to the victim
- Offer support, accompaniment, and transportation, as appropriate
- Work with other responders at victim requests, as appropriate
- Explore traditional tribal justice response to crimes of violence



Culturally Appropriate Advocacy

- Medicines for healing and cleansing the mind and body
- Education about the crime
- Options for the victim, referrals
- Participate in talking circle
- Strengthening the spirit, body, mind will provide overall healing





Advocates as Social Change Agents

- Important to look at what may or may not be working well for victims.
- As advocates, look at the other agencies and programs that have key roles in responding to victims.
- What is needed to strengthen advocacy program relationships with those agencies and programs?
- Is there a team, an organized collaborative response that is addressing sex trafficking?
- If not, what would it take to develop such a team?
- What is your organization's capacity to build such a team?
- Who are your allies and is there a strong partnership with these people/organizations?



Establishing and Maintaining Trust

- Provide as many safety measures as possible
- Inform victims of their rights and options so they can make informed decisions
- Address basic needs (food, clothing, housing)
- Do not duplicate the tactics used by traffickers (appearing forceful, pressuring victim to make decisions, making a victim feel indebted to you as a way to manipulate their actions, etc.)
- Keep victim informed of case status if there is criminal justice involvement
- Make sure the victim knows that you respect their decision-making process



Establishing and Maintaining Trust

- Takes time and patience
- Acknowledge the harm caused
- Inform them of what will be done with information they are providing
- Who will see it and why
- Avoid taking the victim's reluctance to divulge information personally
- Check in with victim from time to time
- If appropriate, let victim know you are thinking of them so they remember they can call if they need to



Why Victims May Fear Accessing Services

- Fear of not being believed
- Lack of knowledge of the processes
- Fear of confidentiality violations
- Fear of rumors and misperceptions
- Distrust of criminal justice system
- Fear of being arrested and jailed
- Fear of having to testify against the perpetrator



Why Victims May Fear Accessing Services

Victims may be worried about the criminal record that results from being convicted and if prosecution for involvement in commercial sex industries can act as a barrier to future employment, housing, and other opportunities.



Large Group Demonstration

Finding Services



Large Group Demonstration

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Remember Poem

Remember...We are here to listen,

Not to work miracles.

We are here to help “victims” discover

What they are feeling

Not to make the feelings go away.

We are here to help “victims” identify their options.

Not to decide for them what they should do.



Remember Poem

We are here to discuss steps with them.

Not to take steps for them.

We are here to help victims discover they can help themselves.

Not to rescue them leaving them still vulnerable.

—Anonymous



Additional Resources

www.TribalResourceTool.org



HOME ABOUT THE PROJECT RESOURCES MAP PROVIDER INCLUSION DEFINITIONS GET INVOLVED



The Tribal Resource Tool

A searchable directory of services available for all AI/AN survivors of crime and abuse in Indian Country

[VIEW THE MAP](#)

INCLUDE YOUR ORGANIZATION IN THE TRIBAL RESOURCE TOOL

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Webinar Wednesday Series

1. Wednesday, October 14: Introduction to Advocacy Curriculum (90 min)
2. Wednesday, October 28: Unit 1 - Introduction to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country (90 min)
3. Wednesday, November 11: Unit 2 - Identifying and Screening for Sex Trafficking (105 min)
4. Wednesday, November 25: Unit 3 - Advocacy for Victims of Sex Trafficking (90 min)
5. Wednesday, December 9: Unit 4 - Legal Advocacy, Part I (90 min)
6. Wednesday, December 23: Unit 4 - Legal Advocacy, Part II (90 min)

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