

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PEER SUPPORT NAVIGATION



AGENDA

- Background of peer support navigation services
 - Review of peer support navigation pilot program
 - What we learned
 - Next steps
 - Questions
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BACKGROUND

- 2022 Board directive: develop recommendations for peer support for trafficking survivors
- Pilot launched to test feasibility of PEER navigation for adult survivors
- Why: gaps in services, housing, and survivor support
- Justice-involved nexus required by funding source

PILOT PROGRAM

- Outreach, jail in-reach, and engagement
- Peer navigators, case management, housing navigation
- Flex funds for housing and other needs
- Up to 12 months services

- Contracts with community providers
- Contracting period 10/20/2023 – 06/30/2026
- Justice-involved individuals, with significant referrals from jail
- 103 served

WHAT WE LEARNED

- High need for:
 - Housing
 - Transportation and basic needs
 - Treatment for co-occurring disorders
 - Trauma support
- Vouchers worked
- Coordinated Entry worked
- Families
- Recruiting and retaining peers with lived experience was challenging
- Reentry and custody
 - Survivors will accept services in custody; referrals have been high

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO



Confirm funding for new program

Reentry focus

Peer support, case management,
system navigation

Strong community partnerships

Flex funds

DISCUSSION



- What else should we think about as we consider procuring these services?
- What new challenges should we be aware of?
- What key partnerships will this service require?
- Any additional comments?



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