



PROJECT NO REST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

November 17th, 2014

Agenda

- Introductions and Roll Call
- Overview of the Project
- Role and Responsibilities of the Advisory Board
- Discussion of Workgroup Formation
- Work Groups Brief Networking Session
- Next Steps



Project Staff

- Dean Duncan – UNC Chapel Hill, Principal Investigator
 - Joy Stewart – UNC Chapel Hill, Evaluation Leader
 - Jennie Vaughn – UNC Chapel Hill, Analyst
 - Laila Bell – NC Child, Investigator
- Leslie Starsonneck – Starsonneck Consulting, Investigator & Facilitator
 - Kiricka Yarbough-Smith – Independent Consultant, Investigator
 - Erin Conner – NC DSS, Child Welfare Liaison
- Patricia Witt – PATH NC, Prevention Analyst/Advocate

Human Trafficking 101

Federal Definitions

22 U.S.C 7102 **Severe forms of trafficking in persons** – the term “severe forms of trafficking in persons” means -

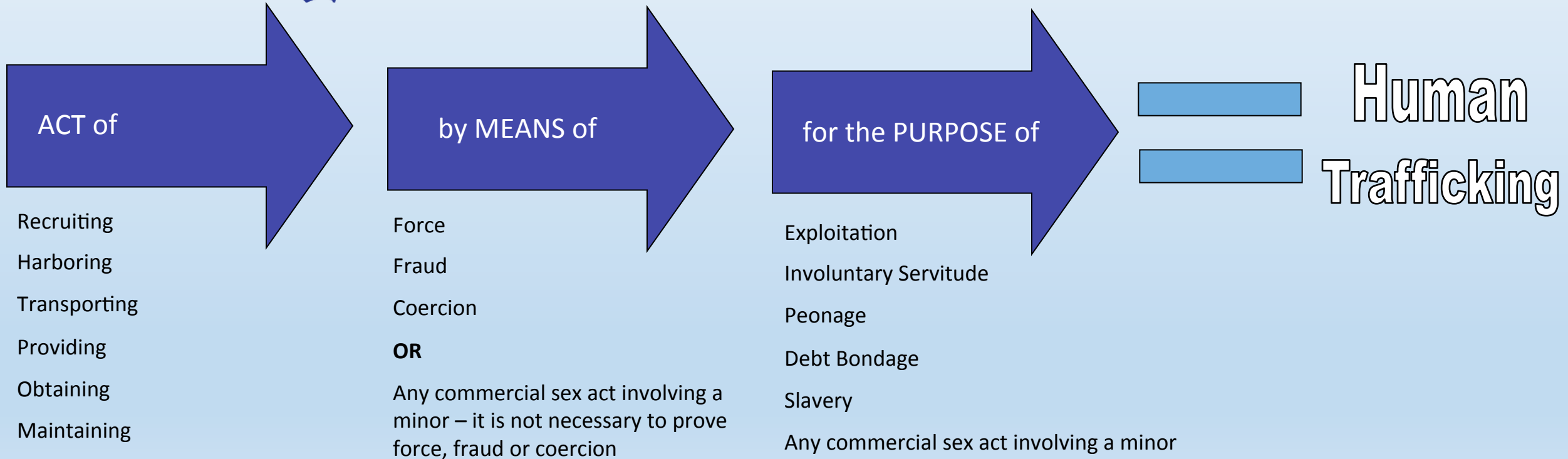
- (a) Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- (b) The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery

22 U.S.C 7102 **Commercial sex act** – the term “commercial sex act” means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person

A commercial sex act can include, but is not limited to prostitution, exotic dancing or stripping, and pornography.



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North Carolina Defines Trafficking as...

- **Human Trafficking** – A person commits human trafficking when that person knowingly recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides or obtains by any means another person with the intent that the other person be held in involuntary or sexual servitude.
- **Involuntary Servitude** – The performance of labor, whether or not for compensation, or whether or not for the satisfaction of a debt by deception, coercion, or intimidation using violence or the threat of violence or by any other means of coercion or intimidation
- **Sexual Servitude** – Any sexual activity as defined in G.S. 14-190.13 for which anything of value is directly or indirectly given, promised to, or received by any person, which conduct is induced or obtained by coercion or deception or which conduct is induced or obtained from a person under the age of 18 years;
or
Any sexual activity as defined in G.S. 14-190.13 that is performed or provided by any person, which conduct is induced or obtained by coercion or deception or which conduct is induced or obtained from a person under the age of 18 years.

Vulnerabilities of the Child Welfare Population

- History of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or other trauma
- History of family instability
- May lack supervision or close relationships with caring adults
- Homelessness and/or poverty or lack of other basic necessities, including guidance and emotional support
- Mental or behavioral health needs
- Runaway from parent or caretaker



Project NO REST Overview



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- A forecast of this grant was announced by the Children's Bureau in March 2014
- Initial discussions about this project began with a group of individuals in April and early May
- The Children's Bureau Funding Opportunity Announcement was published May 23



Project NO REST Overview

- We formed a core group of individuals who eventually became the project team
- We held conference calls with a group of stakeholders three times in June
- Used input and advice from those on the conference calls to develop the proposal



Project NO REST Overview

- The proposal was submitted July 22
- A copy of that proposal was distributed to the stakeholders who participated in the calls
- We were notified October 2 that the proposal was selected for funding



Project NO REST Goals

- Increase awareness of human trafficking affecting children and youth involved in the child welfare system in NC
- Reduce the number of these youth who are trafficked
- Improve outcomes for those who are trafficked



Project NO REST Goals

- The goals will be accomplished by bringing together government agencies, organizations, and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive and coordinated plan to address human trafficking among child welfare involved youth
- By bringing these groups and individuals together, we will strengthen the state's infrastructure for dealing with human trafficking issues



Project NO REST Goals

- The comprehensive plan will be developed through the use of a series of work groups
- Laila and Leslie will describe those work groups shortly
- Under the project timeline, that comprehensive plan will be developed during the first year



Project NO REST Goals

- Project NO REST also will implement a set of pilot projects that use the strategic plan for trafficking prevention and to provide services to child welfare involved youth who are identified as victims of trafficking
- We also will develop a tool kit that provides a template for implementing similar efforts in counties across the state



Project NO REST Goals

- The pilot projects will be selected at the end of the first year as the strategic plan is being completed
- Those projects will be implemented over the next four years of the project
- The tool kit will be developed during the fifth year of the project



Project NO REST Goals

- Existing sources of data will be mined to develop valid and reliable estimates of the size of human trafficking in the state
- This information will be widely disseminated



Why Project NO REST

- Criminal organizations are increasingly turning to selling humans as commodities rather than drugs because humans can be obtained at a low cost and sold repeatedly
- Historically, the victim—rather than the trafficker—has been frequently identified and treated as the criminal



Why Project NO REST

- The Polaris Project reports that since 2007 nearly 2,000 reports of human trafficking have been received in North Carolina
- Of those, 295 were tips or crisis calls
- We do not know how many victims of trafficking are involved with the child welfare system
- Polaris ranks NC 8th in the US for human trafficking cases



Why Project NO REST

- President Obama signed the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (PL 113-183) on September 29, 2014
- The legislation amends Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to address trafficking
- Title IV-E is the legislation authorizing the foster care system



Why Project NO REST

- The Administration for Children and Families issued policy guidance on November 4 to state and tribal child welfare agencies and to Federal Youth Service Bureau grantees on serving youth who run away from foster care (ACYF-CB/FYSB-IM-14-1)
- Encourages child welfare and Runaway and Homeless Youth agencies to develop coordinated approaches to serving youth who have run away from foster care



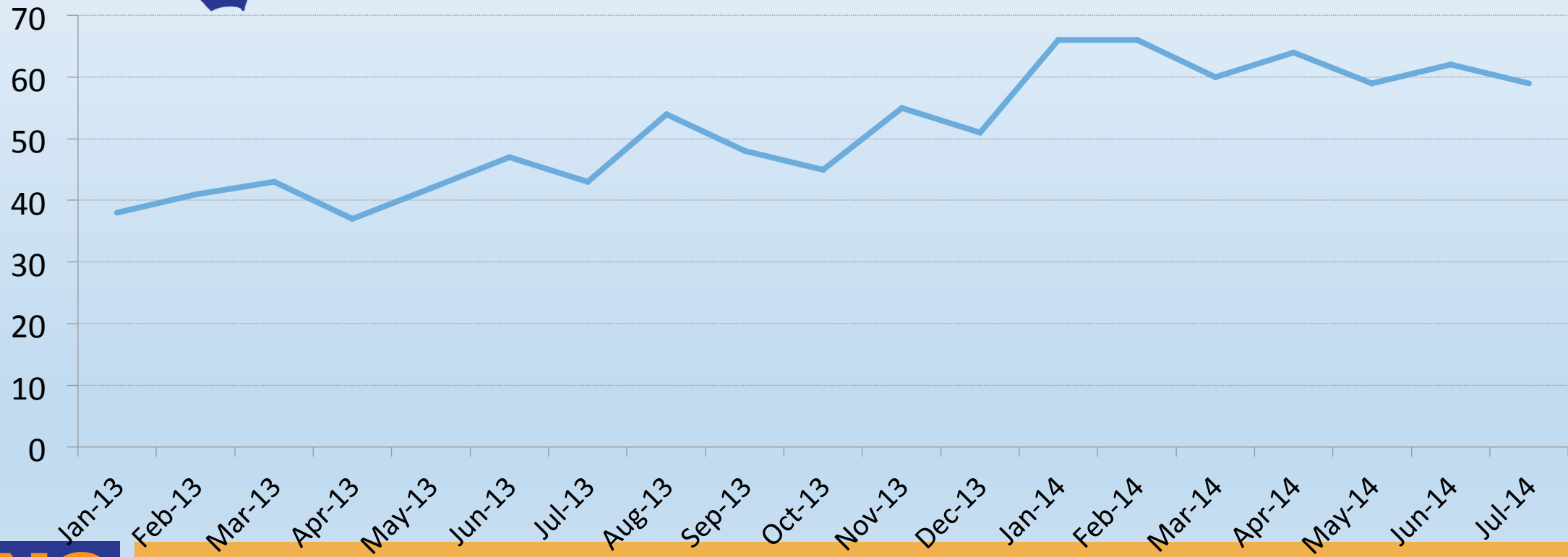
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- The policy guidance also points out that PL 113-183 requires child welfare agencies to develop policies and procedures for serving youth at risk of being a sex trafficking victim including youth who are
 - In foster care
 - Youth who have run away from foster care
 - Youth who are not currently in foster care but who are receiving services under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program



Why Project NO REST

Number of Youth in Foster Care Who Are Listed as Runaways by Month

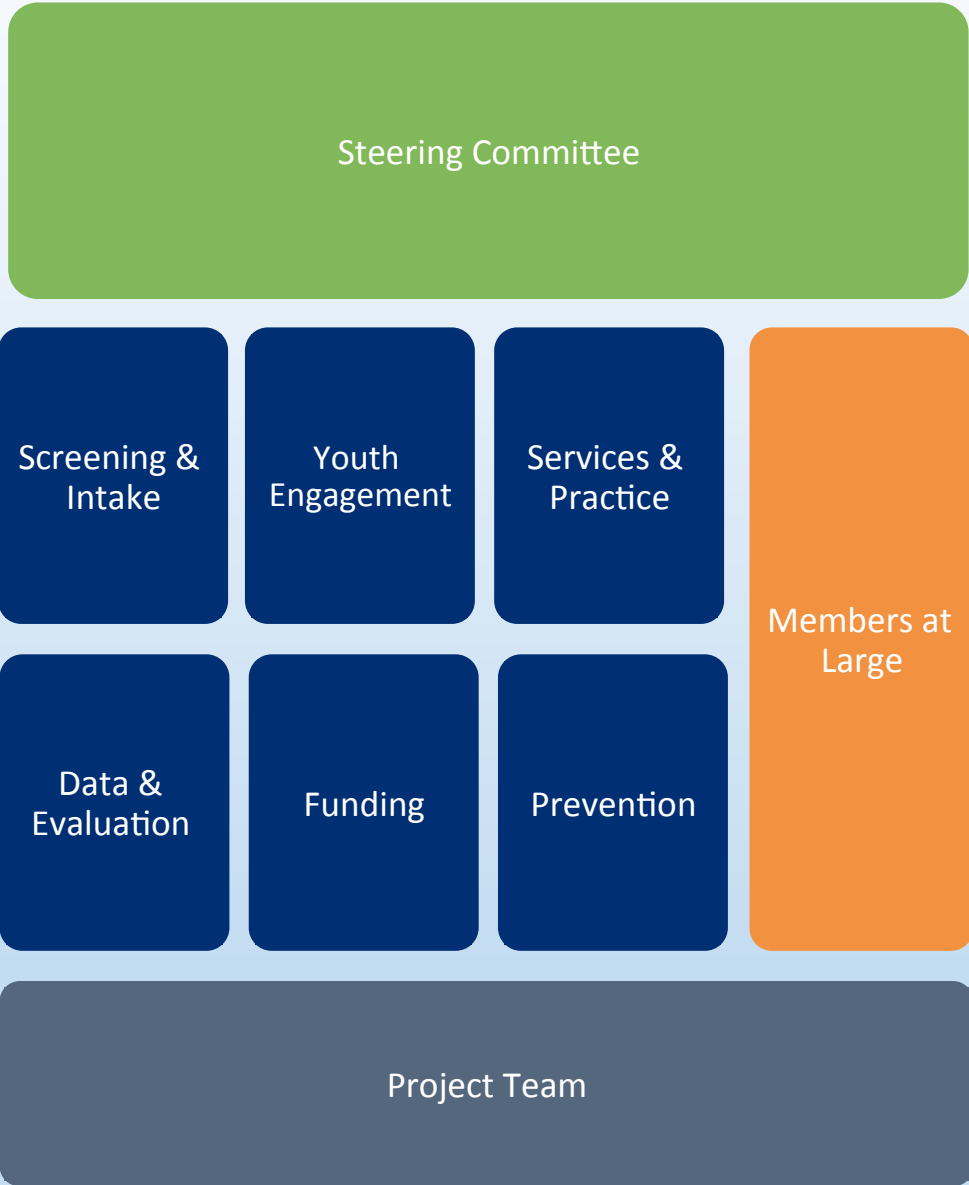




Role and Responsibilities of the Advisory Board

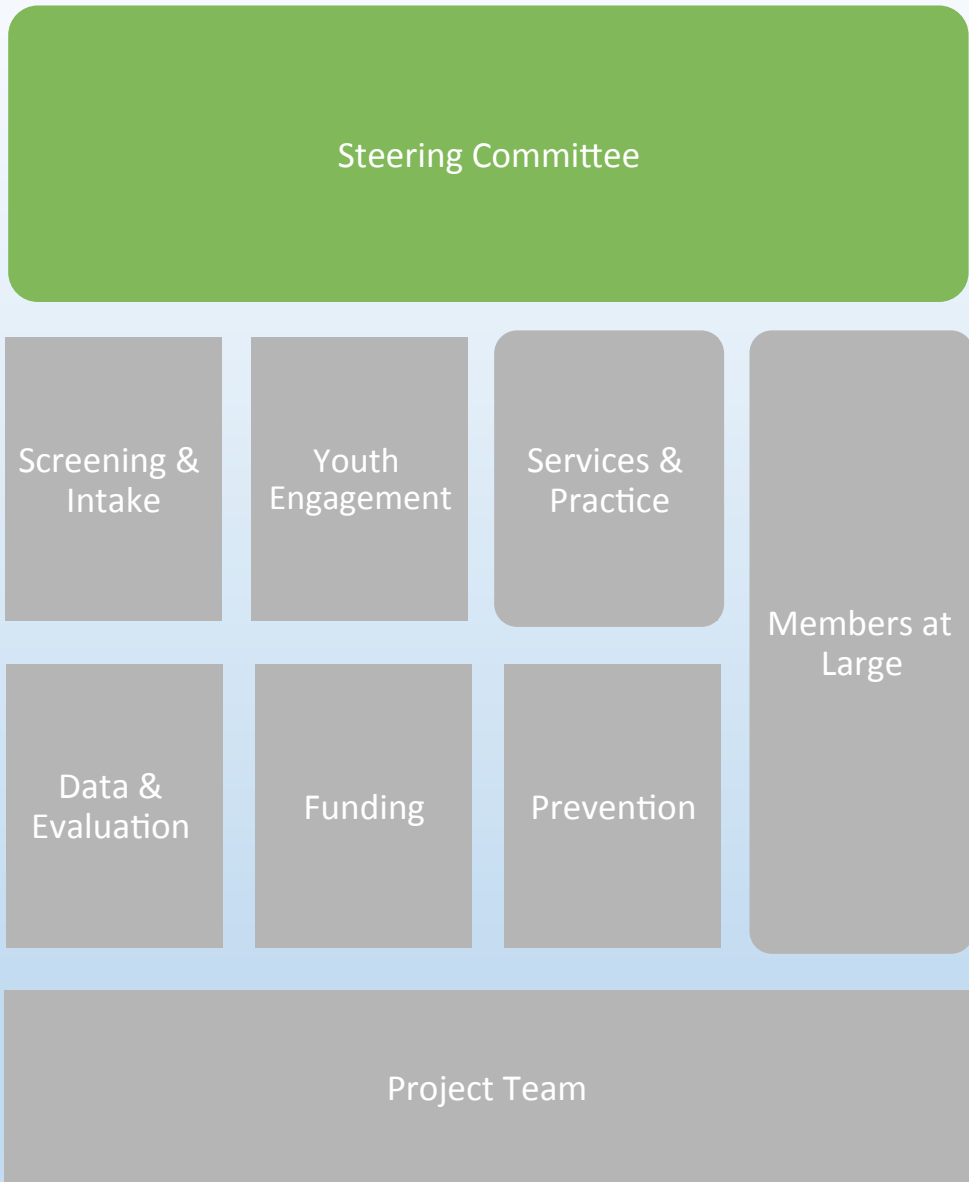
Advisory Board

- The Advisory Board is a coalition of state agencies, nonprofit organizations, service providers, and child welfare-involved youth who advise on project implementation, guide the development of project strategies and deliverables, support the evaluation of progress toward the project's stated goals, and assist in the documentation and dissemination of accomplishments.



Advisory Board

- The Advisory Board is comprised of four groups: the Steering Committee, Workgroups, Members at Large, and the Project Team.

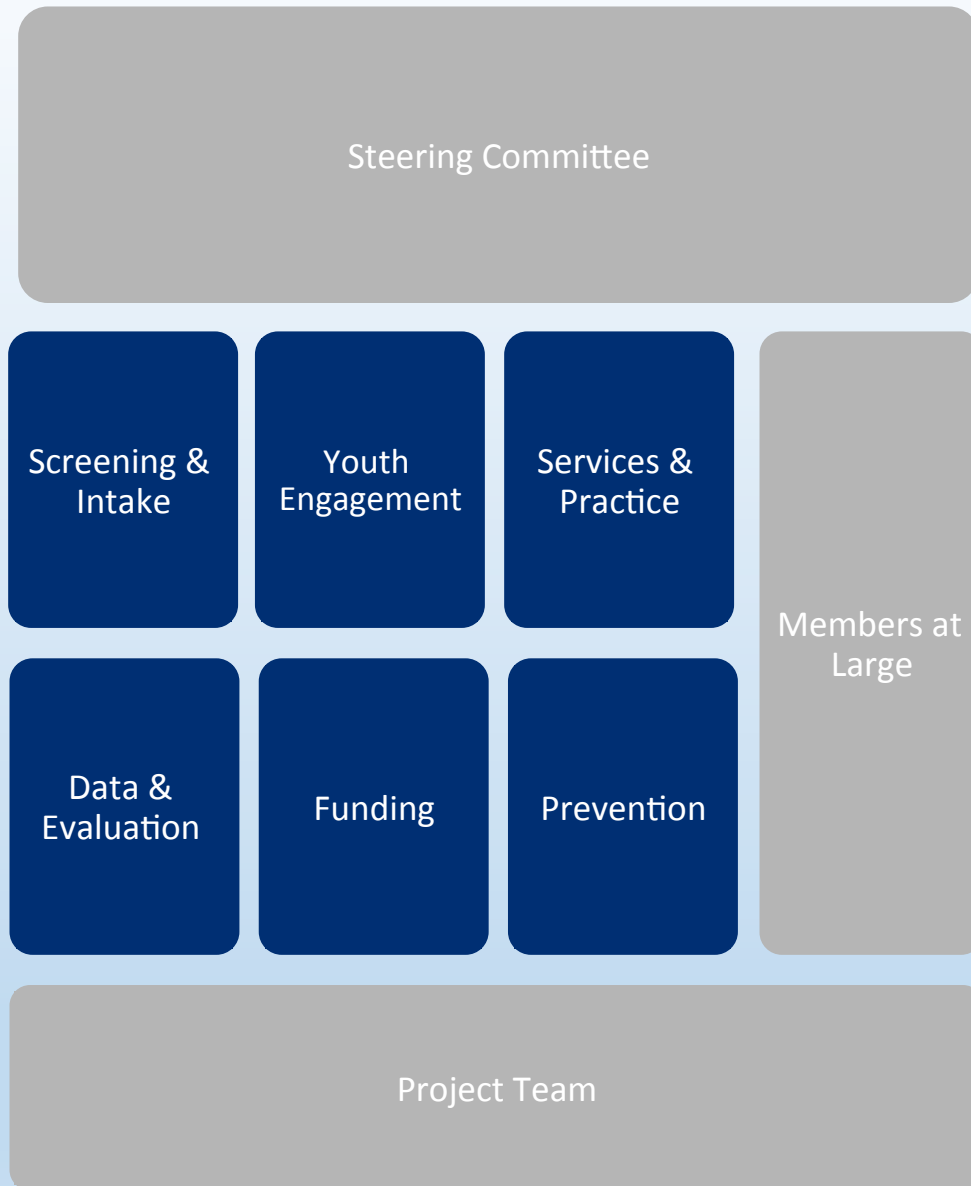


Steering Committee

- A 26 member group that provides strategic guidance that informs the development and implementation of Project NO REST, while reflecting the considerations of various community goals, issues, environmental factors and concerns from stakeholders across the state.
- Composed of representatives of government agencies and child-serving organizations from across the state.

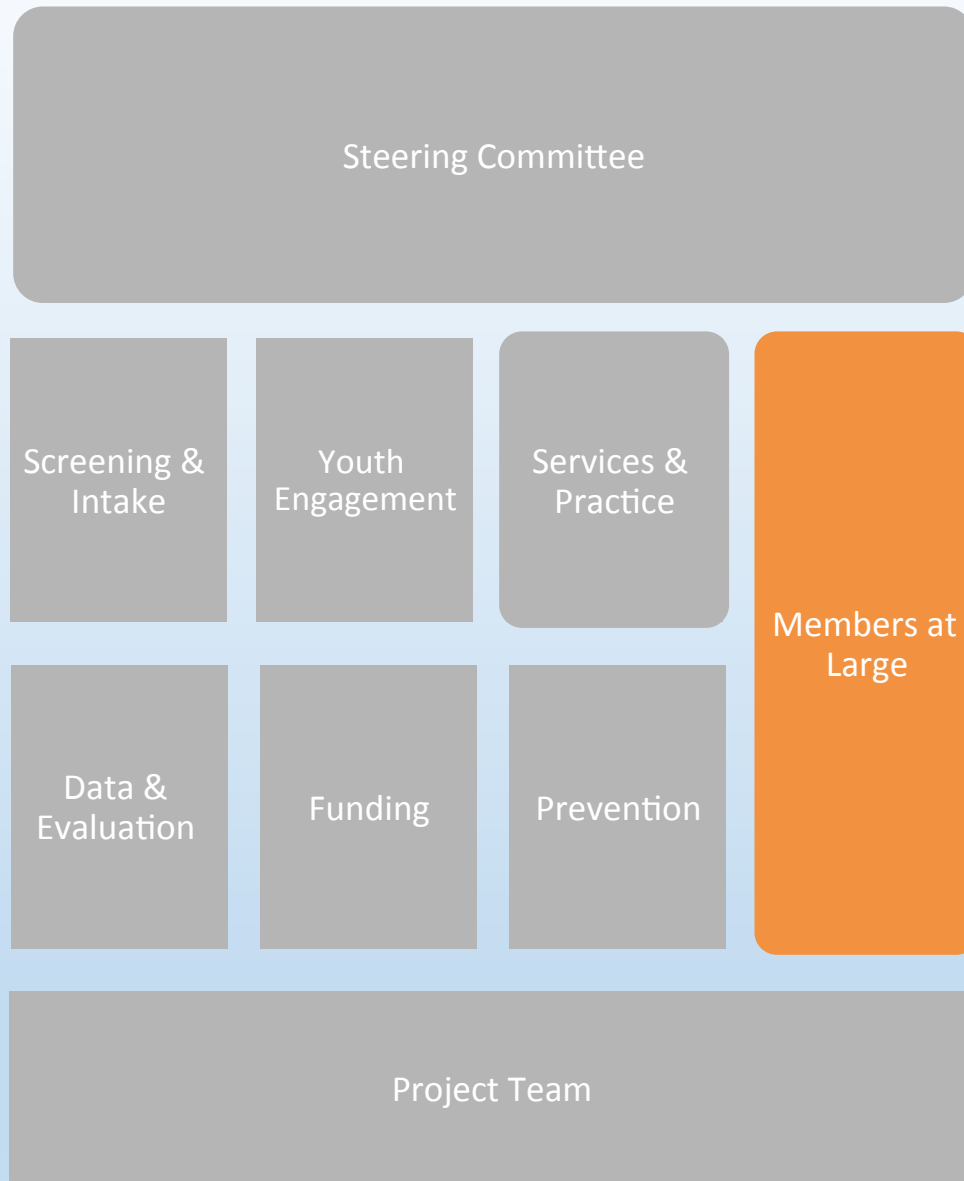
Steering Committee Members

- Association of Chiefs of Police
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Conference of District Attorneys
- County Representatives
- Family and Youth Service Bureau (FYSB) grantees
- Governor's Crime Commission
- NC Department of Public Safety Division of Juvenile Justice (Angela Taylor)
- NC Administrative Office for the Courts
- NC Human Trafficking Commission
- NC Department of Public Instruction
- NC Division of Medical Assistance
- NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
- NC Division of Public Health
- NC Division of Social Services
- North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking
- North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Partners Against Trafficking Humans in NC (PATH NC)
- Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina
- SAYSO
- Immigrant/Refugee Rights Advocate
- County District Attorney



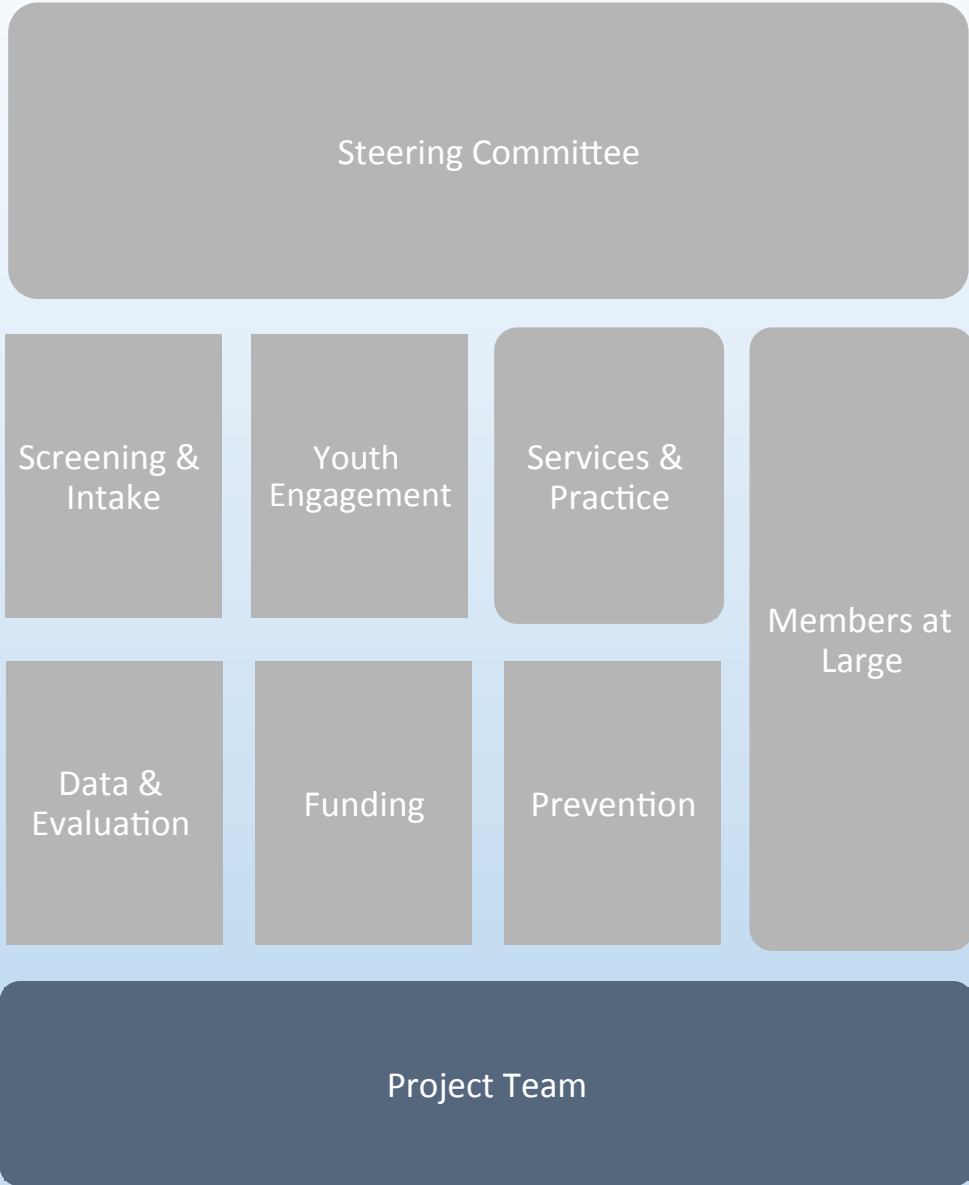
Workgroups

- Ongoing or time-limited action teams that function to achieve specific objectives. Work groups are chaired by a member of the Steering Committee and are staffed by a member of the project team. Work group chairs are encouraged to identify a co-chair or co-chairs, as appropriate.
- Ad hoc work groups may be formed as new needs arise.



Members at Large

- Individuals or organizations who are invested in the success of the project and volunteer their expertise, time, or other resources on an ad hoc basis. Members are encouraged to attend semi-annual Board meetings, participate in project webinars and conferences, and to sign up to receive electronic information about project activities. Any person wishing to contribute her time, expertise, or other resources towards the goals of Project NO REST is encouraged to participate.



Project Team

- Staffs Project NO REST.
- Led by the Principal Investigator who manages the daily operations of the project.

Time Commitment

- Anticipated time commitment will vary by over the life of the project according to the implementation phase and Board member role or responsibilities. Members are initially asked to commit **approximately 2-5 hours per month** to the project for participation in conference calls, meetings, or the completion of workgroup tasks.

Accountability

- Project NO REST's results and capacity to improve outcomes on behalf of children and youth involved in the child welfare system depends on the ability of all project partners to successfully implement project strategies, complete tasks, and to monitor and assess project performance. The Steering Committee, Workgroups, Members at Large, and Project Team are jointly accountable--to each other, external partners, and the children and youth of North Carolina--for the progress of the project.



WORK GROUP DESCRIPTIONS AND SIGN UP INSTRUCTIONS



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- Data & Evaluation
- Youth Engagement & Outreach
 - Prevention
 - Screening & Intake
 - Services & Practice
 - Funding



How Work Groups Work

Each Work Group will have a chair. The chair is a member of the Steering Committee.

- The chair will decide whether to have co-chairs.
- Each work group will have project team members assigned to it.
- The chair will ultimately decide the size of the group, in collaboration with project staff.
- Members may serve on more than one Work Group.



Data & Evaluation

Project Team Members: Joy Stewart and Laila Bell

Description: Produces an inventory of current datasets containing information about the experiences of children involved in the child welfare system, identifies data gaps and proposes strategies to enhance data collection and sharing among agencies. Develops performance indicator recommendations for use at pilot sites during the second year of the project.



Youth Engagement & Outreach

Project Team Members: Leslie Starsonneck & Dean
Duncan

Description: Develops communication strategies for reaching youth being trafficked or at risk for trafficking. These strategies are distinguished from screening and intake.



Prevention

Project Team Members: Pat Witt and Laila Bell

Description: Researches best practice approaches and policies to preventing the trafficking of children involved in the child welfare system and develops recommendations to establish integrated prevention activities across agencies.



Screening & Intake

Project Team Members: Kiricka Yarbough Smith
and Erin Conner

Description: Catalogue and recommend best practices for screening and intake. Reviews state and federal laws to ensure compliance and offers recommendations for legislative and system improvements that enhance North Carolina's ability to address trafficking.



Services & Practice

Project Team Members: Kiricka Yarbough Smith and Erin Conner

Description: Identifies the necessary service array and the core components of those provisions. Recommends state and local policy enhancements to strengthen provision of services to youth at risk or formerly trafficked youth. It is anticipated that upon reaching certain milestones for services and practices, this group may adopt or recommend that a new work group be formed to address issues related to workforce development strategies. Also reviews state and federal laws to ensure compliance.



Funding

Project Team Members: Leslie Starsonneck and Dean Duncan

Description: Catalogues private and public funding sources for supporting project-related outcomes, i.e. services, data and evaluation, screening and intake, etc. Recommends funding models to maximize public-private partnerships, inter-agency support, one-time and ongoing support.



SIGNING UP

Sign Up Sheets and Project Team Members

Facilitated Exercises in Small Groups

Schedule First Set of Meetings of Work Group and
Discuss Preferred Format