



# Project NO REST Overview

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Expanded Advisory Board Meeting and  
Pilot Site RFA Information Session

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# Project NO REST

- Project NO REST (North Carolina Organizing and Responding to the Exploitation and Sexual Trafficking of Children) is a five year effort funded by the Children's Bureau
- The project addresses the trafficking of youth in North Carolina through age 25
- A primary focus is the trafficking of child-welfare involved youth



# Project NO REST Goals

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

# Project NO REST Process

- The goals will be accomplished by bringing together government agencies, organizations, the faith community, and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive and coordinated plan to address human trafficking among youth age 25 and younger, especially 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 Guiding Principles

- All contacts with youth who may have been trafficked will be conducted with a trauma informed approach
- Our intent is to address the trauma youth experienced while being trafficked, to minimize the trauma they experience in leaving trafficking, and to assess the trauma they may have experienced before being trafficked

# Project NO REST Key Activities

- Develop a comprehensive strategic plan to address the trafficking of children and youth in North Carolina
- Select 3 to 5 communities to implement that strategic plan and evaluate experience
- Develop a tool kit based on the experiences of these pilot sites for other counties to use
- Mine existing sources of data to develop valid and reliable estimates of the prevalence of human trafficking in the state (no comprehensive data source currently exists)

# Project NO REST Timeline

Oct 2014:  
Project Start

- Advisory Board, Steering Committee
- Work Groups

Jul 2016: Select  
Pilot Sites

- Provide TA to Sites
- Sites Prepare to Implement Plan

Oct 2018: Plan for  
Dissemination and  
Expansion

- Evaluate Pilot Site Experience
- Revise Comprehensive Plan and Develop Toolkit
- Disseminate Toolkit and Findings

Sep 2015:  
Comprehensive  
Plan

- Disseminate Plan and Gather Feedback
- Develop Pilot Site Application and Selection Process

Oct 2015: Pilot Site

- Ongoing TA and Evaluation
- Steering Committee Oversight and Review

Sep 2016:

# Project NO REST Structure

## Advisory Board

Project  
Team

Steering  
Committee

Work  
Groups

Pilot Sites



# Project Team

- UNC-CH School of Social Work
- NC Division of Social Services
- NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- NC Council for Women
- Partners Against Trafficking Humans in NC

# Steering Committee

- NC Association of Chiefs of Police
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Conference of District Attorneys
- County DSS Representatives
- Family and Youth Service Bureau (FYSB) grantees
- Governor's Crime Commission
- Division of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice
- NC Administrative Office for the Courts, GAL
- NC Human Trafficking Commission
- NC Department of Public Instruction
- NC Division of Medical Assistance
- NC Department of Public Safety, NC Center for Missing Persons
- NC AOC Court Improvement Project Coordinator
- 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
- NC Council for Women
- NC Department of Justice

# Work Groups

Six work groups were created (now, in transition):

- Prevention
- Youth Engagement and Outreach
- Screening and Intake
- Services and Practices
- Funding
- Data and Evaluation

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Sep 2019:  
Project End

# Questions?

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