

Staff Report:

Completed Training:

- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, Jacksonville, NC
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, Raleigh, NC
- Frontline Focus Regional Training for School Social Workers, Raleigh, NC

Attended Events or Training:

- UNC Pembroke's 9th Annual Human Trafficking Conference
- Promising Practice for Responding to Children Missing from Care and Preventing Human Trafficking
- Human Trafficking Simulation yesterday in the Triad.

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Upcoming:

- Frontline Focus Regional Training for School Social Workers, Asheville, NC
- Frontline Focus Regional Training for School Social Workers, Winston-Salem, NC
- NCVAN Victim Service Practitioner Certification Academy Training
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, Smithfield, NC, June 3-4th
- SNNC and NC DOJ event on June 18th
- District Court Judges Summer Conference June 22-25th
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, Rowan-Cabarrus, NC, August 18-19th
- NC Probation and Parole Association Training, September 3rd
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, Smithfield, NC, September 22-23rd
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Train-The-Trainer, October 2026

Membership:

Appointment Letters – *All SEI and Ethics Complete!*

- Governor's Office – all four seats confirmed.
- Senate President Pro Tempore's Office – all confirmed
- Speaker's Office – waiting on all four reappointments
- Administrative Office of the Courts – all three confirmed

Membership:

Orientation and Materials

- Membership Power Point
 - Roster
 - Statutory Charges
 - Summary of some projects
- Copies of printed and published materials
- Links to Website materials

AI and Anti-Human Trafficking:

- Beginning to learn and explore how AI can both assist with and negatively impact anti-trafficking efforts.
- Partnering with experts to learn and view see demos together.
- This will take input from many professionals and experts.
- We may be reaching to invite others to demos or engage in dialog about concerns, etc.

Event News:

Conference for District
Court Judges in Asheville

Beyond Awareness with NC
DOJ and SNNC

June 18, 2026 at Goodwill
Industries, Durham Campus

Meetings and Projects:

Engage Together – NC Assessment and Data Report

Legislative Attention – *handout of stats related to grants*

GCC Grant: Detective Richard Armstrong; National Consultant Bethany Gilot; Faraday bags for NC State Highway Patrol

Creation of an agency vetting process with SNNC still going well and we thank Simone Gilcrest for joining this project. Safe Alliance has also joined as a strategic partner.

Other News:

- State Parks and Recreation will be displaying the awareness poster – thank you NC DOL.
- NC Housing Finance Agency should be issuing their next RFP for grants in May.
- Tips from the National Hotline continue and we are continuing to monitor those.

Staff Report – Annual Grants:

RECURRING \$500,000 in Direct Service Grants (state funds)

- Contracts for 2025-2026 (9 awarded agencies) end on 6/30/2026. We will seek permission soon to issue year two awards to these same 9 agencies.
- Grantees are reporting and grant manager is monitoring those report expenditures.
- These funds were in the House budget as a proposed cut.

Staff Report - Grants:

Federal (ARPA / SFRF) Grant Program Updates:

Total ARPA Grantees	Closed 6/30/2024	Closed 6/30/2025	Closed 12/31/2025	Closed 2/28/2026	In Close-Out Now 3/31/2026	Closes 6/30/2026	Closes 9/30/2026
182	23	34	43	3	3	66	10

- Grant Administrator, James Melvin has retired, and we will not be filling that position due to the ending of the grant program this year.
- The funds must be expended by the end of December 31, 2026. We are on track for all agencies to end their periods of performance by June and September 30, 2026. Staff will take up to 60-days to officially close out agencies.

North Carolina's Turn:

Opportunity to provide this in Raleigh in 2026 through.

Waiting for approval through Administrative Office of the Courts to proceed with an MOU with NCVibes.

We will need partnership sponsors and would looking towards August - November at this point!

