Training Update

Trainings Conducted after February 27, 2025:

- March 3-4th Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training
- March 5-7th IPC Train-the-Trainer Training
- March 12-13th Anti-Trafficking Alliance Conference
- March 18th Rebuilding Bridges Conference
- March 27th UNC Pembroke 8th Annual Human Trafficking Conference
- April 10th Recovery Courts Annual Conference
- April 17th Introduction to IPC Training

Upcoming Trainings and Events:

- May 21st NCVAN Spring 2025 Victim Service Practitioner Certification Academy
- June 16th District Court Judges Conference
- June 17th Court Reporters Annual Conference
- December 12th NC School Nurse 40th Annual Conference

Training Update continued:

Mitchell County Training to medical personnel, first responders, and school personnel.

In partnership with Tamara Hurst and the Child Advocacy Training & Evaluation LLC

Governor's Crime Commission Grant

- Submitting a contract for a law enforcement expert trainer.
- Will be able to issue a second contract to help further update the NC Resource Directory.
- This grant assists with Interdiction for the Protection of Children expenses.

<u>Coming soon</u>: Webinar:

Save-the-Date for May 21st from 12noon-1pm



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Newest Grant Program Update:

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

Nine awards made for FY 2024-2025.

Payment request will be submitted this week for those with signed award agreements. Some agencies have begun submitting expenses.

RFP for 2025-2027 is out now and applications are due April 25th.

• The grant management system currently shows 6 submitted and 16 more applications in process.

Grant Program Update continued :

Appropriations Committee

- Meeting is May 19th at 1pm
- Looking to expand the committee
- Looking to identify additional potential grant reviewers

*AOC included the grant announcement in two of their podcast episodes.

Grant Program Updates:

Of the roughly \$27 million kept with us from the federal appropriation:

- There were roughly 116 agencies and over 250 grantee contracts.
- To date, we have spent / issued out a total of just under \$23 million of the \$27 million.
- Many grantees are still incurring expenses and have revisions to expenditure reports due.
- The funds must be expended by the end of 2025. We are on track for all agencies to be spent out 6 months prior to the deadline, with many expending by June 30th.

Grant Program Updates

16.20 Grants to named agencies for direct human trafficking services:

- 16.20A Most agencies have received 95% of their allocated funds, with five agencies receiving 100%.
- 16.20B has disbursed 80% of funds, aligning with the two-year performance periods for those awards.
- Goals with NC PRO 2 out of 3 key performance indicators are at 100% met, with the 3rd goal relating to the end of the grant.

Grant Program Updates

16.21 Competitive grants to human trafficking agencies:

- These awards are on track as expected with payment disbursements and quarterly reporting.
- Goals with NC PRO 2 out of 3 key performance indicators are at 100% met, with the 3rd goal relating to the end of the grant.

Grant Program Updates

16.23 Grants to Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault for Economic Assistance:

- For both the Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault funds, finance shows most agencies have received 90% of their allocated award, with forty awards already receiving 100%.
- Goals with NC PRO 2 out of 3 key performance indicators are at 100% met, with the 3rd goal relating to the end of the grant.

Other updates:

Hosting a demo of software to help identify missing persons next week – invites going out tomorrow to specific stakeholders.

2025 Conference of the Carolinas (hosted by South Carolina)

- July 30^{th} and a half day on the 31^{st}
- Columbia, South Carolina
- Proposal Submission due date has passed
- Four tracks law enforcement/legal; healthcare; community outreach; and victim services

Other updates:

Administration for Children and Families

- Reductions in staff
- Still working to continue regional focuses

Office of Trafficking in Persons

Still Coming.....

• Updated Charge Data Handout

Human Trafficking Statistics

From 2017-2019, the number of charges for human trafficking, sexual servitude, and involuntary servitude trended upward annually, but decreased considerably from 2019 to 2020. In 2021, charges again increased.

		HUMAN TRAFFICKING ¹	INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE ²	SEXUAL SERVITUDE ³	TOTAL
	2017	97	8	49	154
	2018	120	13	46	179
	2019	137	11	57	205
	2020	102	1	36	139
	2021	122	12	43	177

• Short report on comparison of National Hotline Tips for NC given to law enforcement.