

# Staff Report: Dec. 9, 2021

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## A Year in Review:

Creation of 3 podcasts with NCJA

Creation of 1 podcast with AOC

3 Webinar Series that ran 10 trainings (*WakeAHEC, CharlotteAHEC, and NCCAHT*)



*Committees were integral in these accomplishments throughout*

# A Year in Review (2021):

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## A Year in Review cont.:

Conducted over 40 trainings and trained over 1200 people throughout the year. (Collective Liberty and Interdiction for the Protection of Children included in this number)

Annual conference hosted 206 attendees and 24 workshops

Technical Assistance provided to numerous groups and agencies

# A Year in Review (2021):

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## A Year in Review cont.:

Public Awareness Campaign through TV, Social Media, and Billboards

Continued promotion of awareness signs / posters

Continued partnership with the National Hotline

# A Year in Review (2021):

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## A Year in Review cont.:

Data Reviewed for NC Court System Charges in 2020

Revisions / Feedback –

- NC Justice Academy BLET section
- Shared Hope's Draft Report
- 2019 Standards for Direct Service Providers

# A Year in Review (2021):

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## A Year in Review cont.:


Continued participation in the National Compendium Steering Committee and several statewide or regional initiatives.

Secured operating funding for the Commission and grant funding to award to direct services.

# Remainder of 2021 Focus will be on...

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1. Scheduling 2022 Commission and Committee Meetings
2. Setting up the HTC to receive the state budget funding
  - Creation of budgets with AOC finance
  - Job Descriptions for 2 main positions and job descriptions for 3-4 additional, time-limited positions.
  - Composing the Appropriations Committee
  - Editing and improving the previous grant award process / system
  - Website Page to include details and information for the public



# Going Forward 2022

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January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month!

- Podcasts again with NC Justice Academy
- Social Media Posts (like the NC Judicial Center to see and share these posts)

Strategic Planning

- For the state and potentially learning from other states (SBI)
- What we could not do in 2021



# Going Forward 2022

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Annual Conference 2022

NCJA Human Trafficking  
Investigator Certificate

Safe Shelter  
Collaborative and /  
or other Housing  
Options

Task Force for Racial  
Equity in Criminal Justice

Training and Technical Assistance  
(probation and parole, etc.)

Continued  
GCC grant, &  
partnership  
efforts.

Standards,  
Vetting, Grants  
Management

# Going Forward 2022

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## Standards for Direct Service Providers

- Original version was approved early 2019 but needed some technical corrections, etc.
- Began receiving some feedback on the use of the tool and collecting comments.
- Realized there was a need for revisions and worked with UNC SOG to complete those this year.
- These will be sent out this month for Commissioner comment.

# Going Forward 2022

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## What was the process to revise?

- HTC Staff documented potential missing standards or problems in the field that rose to attention in 2019-2020
- UNC SOG content analysis of original standards
- Invited a sample of direct service providers to focus groups

## What will you notice?

- Improved layout and user-friendly format
- Less duplication among sections
- Applies to more types of providers than previous version

# Going Forward (2022 and beyond)

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## Standards for Direct Service Providers:

- Human Trafficking is a field that is gaining the attention and involvement of many people, both trained in providing services and untrained in providing services.
- Existing models of care for other areas of victimization don't completely match what is needed when providing for human trafficking victim-survivors.
- Some standardization is needed to bring all providers to the same level of care and minimize the risk of harm to victim-survivors.



## Vetting System:

- Applying the standards of care
- Improving the referral process for new or potential cases
- National Hotline Inclusion and Efficiency of calls
- Process for Giving Grant Awards and for Issuing Letters of Support



## Where will this get us?

- Contribute to the Strategic Planning to align all efforts in NC
- Continue to see grant funding for human trafficking that is used in way to build the state's response
- Increase amount and quality of services available to victim-survivors
- Better Regional Response & Multi-Disciplinary Teams