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Anti-Human Trafficking

Our Anti-Human Sex Trafficking Strategy

HOW THIS FITS INTO OUR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY

Incident Response

- Survivor led AHT Training for frontline officers to better respond to human trafficking incidents
- 16 dedicated VICE Unit officers specialized in AHT investigations
- Connecting survivors to wrap around supports and services via nCourage HUB

Social Development

- Peel Anti Human Sex Trafficking Task Force
- Service provider advocacy
- Survivor support programs
- Programing for communities with survivor input



Risk Intervention

- Safety Planning
- Survivor Crisis Support
- Offender Management
- nCourage Hub and Dedicated Housing

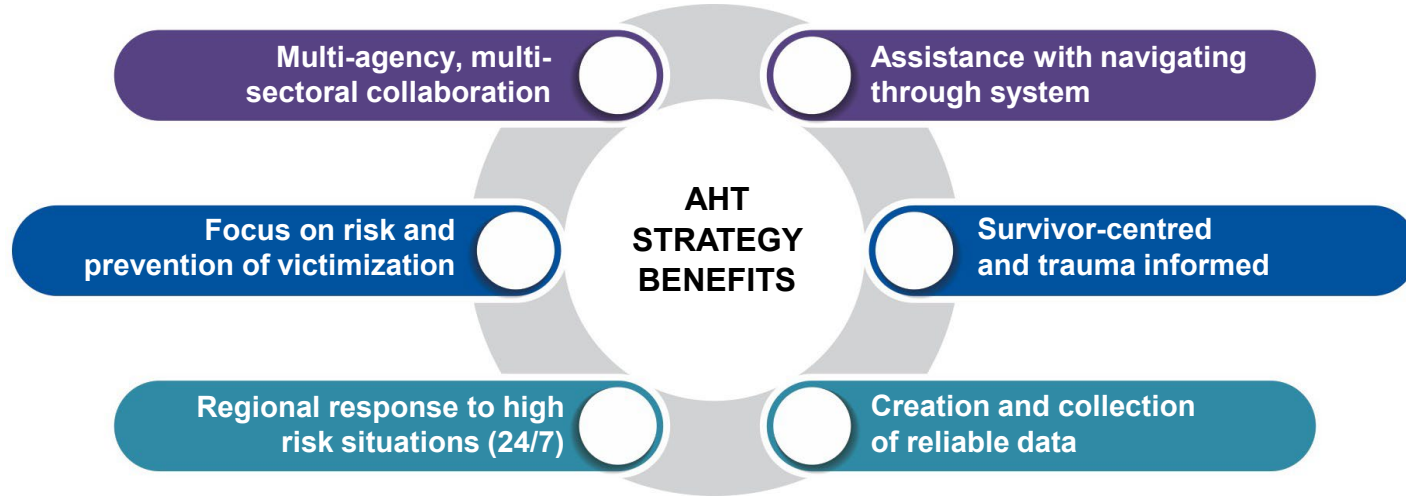
Prevention

- Peel Human Trafficking Service Providers Committee – formed in 2015, 40 regional members
- Regional protocol/care path
- Training for service providers
- Awareness and education for the community
- Media (Social Media and News)

Human Trafficking in Peel Region



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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

Victim Support Grant

Timea Nagy Online Training Frontline Investigative Units

Partnership with Indus Community Services Outreach

Pearson International Airport "Not in My City"

Region of Peel Permanent Funding for housing and nCourage

Advocacy for Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT)

Standing Committee on the Status of Women: April 12 and 17, 2023

Recommendations for the renewal of the National Strategy to Combat HT

1. Establish National HT Database to standardize data sharing across Canada
2. Awareness, Education and Prevention Campaigns
3. AHT Housing Strategy: dedicated investments for emergency beds, safe, transitional & independent housing
4. Establish National Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for survivors
5. Program funding that spans beyond three-year models
6. Coordination in strategies between federal, provincial and regional governments



Thank you

Recommendations:

In 2024, renew the Federal Government's National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, with the following six recommendations:

- To assist law enforcement agencies in Canada, establish a national human trafficking database that provides access to information on offenders, victims and interactions. Currently, law enforcement agencies use different tracking systems with no standardization or data sharing mechanism between jurisdictions.
- Establish funding that goes beyond the three-year model to ensure stability in ongoing programs, which will generate greater outcomes.
- Invest in an anti-human trafficking housing strategy. This would require investments into emergency beds, safe houses, transitional housing and independent housing for survivors, in coordination with the provinces and regions.
This increases a survivor's well-being and recovery journey; decreases the likelihood of them returning to their traffickers for basic needs; and helps investigators and Crowns to ensure access to the survivor at a permanent address.
- Establish a National Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for victims of gender-based violence including human trafficking, intimate partner and family violence. The funds would be used to support on-going medical treatments, trauma counselling and substance use recovery.
- Further invest in awareness, education and prevention campaigns around human trafficking; including encouraging provincial adoption of human trafficking curriculum for school boards in conjunction with community organizations.

Example: Ontario has adopted a human trafficking curriculum through Memorandum 166 Keeping Students Safe: Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocols. It supports coordinated action by all community partners to prevent, identify and recognize sex trafficking and develop responses to facilitate early and appropriate intervention.