

FINDING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS IN SERVING IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Establish what collaboration looks like when working with survivors of sexual violence
- ▶ Identifying the needs of the survivor's you work with when seeking collaborations with partners in the community
- ▶ Assessing existing services and the needs of survivors when creating collaborations

WHAT ARE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

- ▶ Agencies and individuals working together to make changes that will strengthen your response to victims of sexual violence
- ▶ Agencies that have already worked together in the past successfully or are willing to work together
- ▶ Agencies and individuals that are committed to improving and strengthening their response to victims



STARTING THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- ▶ Assess the community's needs
 - ▶ Focus groups
 - ▶ Community stakeholders
- ▶ Current services provided by your agency
- ▶ Current services to Sexual Assault (SA) survivors
 - ▶ Culturally appropriate
 - ▶ Interpretation services
- ▶ Rural area vs. metropolitan area
- ▶ Current partners
- ▶ Transportation



SMALL GROUP EXERCISE

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS



LARGE GROUP REPORT



IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ▶ Allies
- ▶ Individuals or groups that have a stake in the prevention and/or intervention of sexual violence
- ▶ Service providers:
 - ▶ Medical
 - ▶ Legal
 - ▶ Psychological
 - ▶ Financial
 - ▶ Housing
 - ▶ Employment
 - ▶ Spiritual
 - ▶ Non-traditional Partners



FACTORS WHEN CONSIDERING POTENTIAL PARTNERS OR COLLABORATIONS

▶ Consider victims needs

- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Immigration status
- ▶ Language
- ▶ Cultural needs
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Medical services
- ▶ Child care
- ▶ LGBTQ

▶ Already existing partnerships and collaborations

- ▶ Location
- ▶ Culturally specific services
- ▶ Language
- ▶ Successful? Unsuccessful?
- ▶ Multidisciplinary?

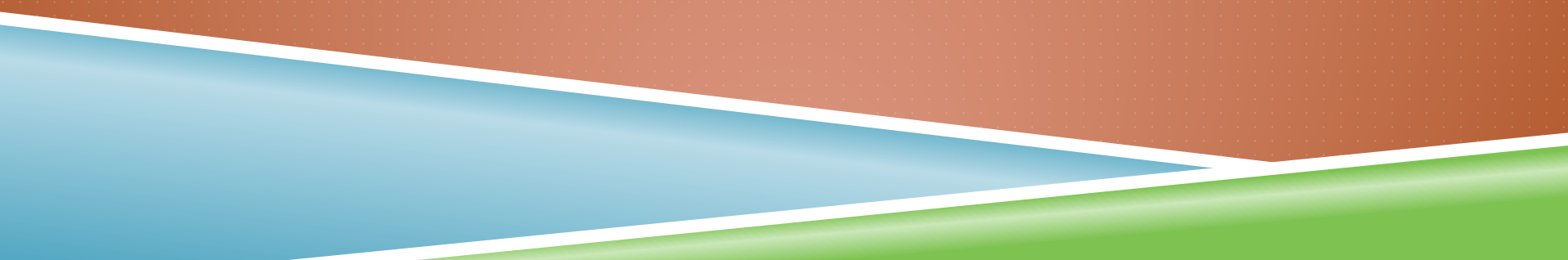


BUILDING UPON THE ASSESSMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION

- ▶ Identify commonalities
- ▶ Consider non-traditional partnerships
- ▶ Roles
- ▶ Cross training
- ▶ Referral process



LAYING THE FOUNDATION

- ▶ Protocols vs. Guidelines? What is the difference?
 - ▶ Protocols: a formal agreement or code of behavior, strict adherence
 - ▶ Guidelines: a principle put forward to set standards
 - ▶ Confidentiality across disciplines
 - ▶ Cultural Sensitivity
 - ▶ Language Access
 - ▶ Quality Assurance
 - ▶ Measuring outcomes
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CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

- ▶ Meet the community needs identified
- ▶ Available to all genders
- ▶ Available to all sexual orientations
- ▶ Culturally and linguistically specific
- ▶ Aware of the impact of historical and generational trauma
- ▶ Made available and accessible to all locations in the community



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Developing partnerships

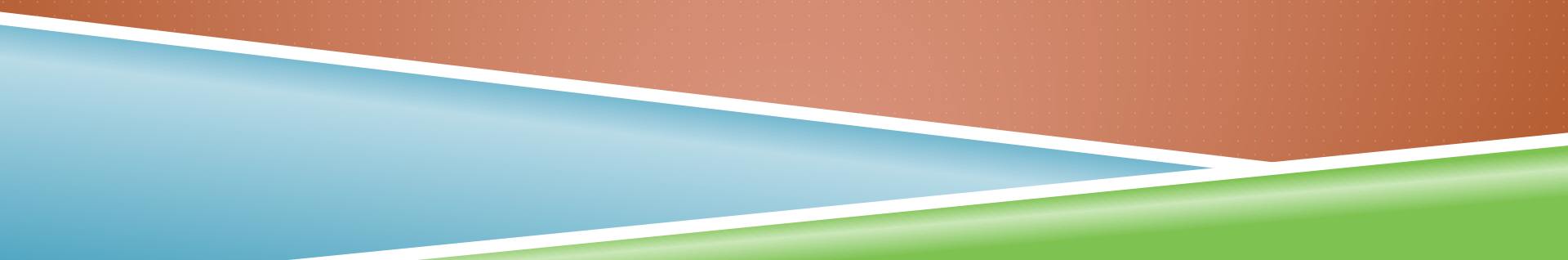


LARGE GROUP REPORTING

Partnerships created by each jurisdiction



SETTLING DISPUTES

- ▶ Everyone at the table brings personal experiences and beliefs that affect the way they do their work
 - ▶ Agencies have different needs
 - ▶ Changes in the laws
 - ▶ Commitments
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SUCCESS MEASURES AND OUTCOMES

- ▶ How will you measure the success of your partnership?
- ▶ What outcomes will you set for the partnership
 - ▶ Victims needs
 - ▶ Victims served
 - ▶ Services received
 - ▶ Community expectations
- ▶ How will you ensure that each partner meets their outcomes?
- ▶ What happens if they don't meet their outcomes? How will they be held accountable?

GROWTH, CHANGE AND FUNDING

- ▶ Develop methods to:
 - ▶ Assess changes constantly (changes in the law, technology, services, evidence collection, trends)
 - ▶ Grow if the partnership requires (victims needs grow)
 - ▶ Change if the partnership requires it and changes mentioned above result in a need to change, add or eliminate partners
- ▶ Planning for the unexpected
 - ▶ Contingency plans for disasters that could impact sexual assault survivors
 - ▶ Loss of funding
 - ▶ Change in community needs

RESOURCES

- ▶ National Immigrant Women Advocacy Project – <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu>
- ▶ National Sexual Violence Resource Center – www.nsvrc.org