


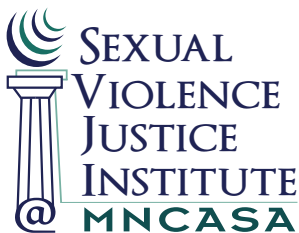


Safe Harbor Protocol Development Conference

*Developing the Local Systems
Response to Sexual Exploitation*



June 29, 2017 | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Minneapolis Marriott NW | 7025 Northland Dr. N.
Brooklyn Park, MN



Context

Minnesota's Safe Harbor Law for Sexually Exploited Youth drastically changed the state's response to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. Youth under the age of 18 involved in prostitution (or other forms of sexual exploitation) can no longer be arrested for engaging in prostitution, and instead, are to be treated as children in need of protection.

No Wrong Door provided a statewide services model for ensuring that sexually exploited youth are identified and given access to safe housing a supportive services. Under No Wrong Door, Regional Navigators serve as subject-matter experts and points-of-contact throughout Minnesota, with Safe Harbor services and housing grantees across the state.

In connection with the passage of Safe Harbor, the Minnesota Legislature funded the development of a statewide model protocol. Every community is different, and so is the way sex trafficking and sexual exploitation occur at the local level. Therefore, in partnership with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office, the Sexual Violence Justice Institute at the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault developed the *Safe Harbor Protocol Guidelines*. The *Safe Harbor Protocol Guidelines* represents the collective expertise of over 200 professionals and practitioners. This comprehensive, multidisciplinary tool is intended to help communities improve the way systems (such as advocacy, social services, law enforcement, health care, and prosecution) work together to become a "No Wrong Door" community.

About the Safe Harbor Protocol Development Conference

The Minnesota Department of Health and the Sexual Violence Justice Institute at the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault are excited to host the Safe Harbor Protocol Development Conference, a one-day, applied skills-based conference aimed at equipping multidisciplinary partners and systems professionals with resources for building the local systems response to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. The conference is targeted specifically to:

- Existing multidisciplinary teams looking to improve their response to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation, and
- Multidisciplinary professionals looking to form a Safe Harbor protocol team.



When and Where?

The conference will take place on Thursday, June 29, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest located at 7025 Northland Dr. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.

For out-of-town participants, there is a limited block of rooms being held at the hotel, and rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis. Participants are responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements. Please contact the hotel at 763.536.8300 or 8882.36.2427. To receive the discounted rate of \$140.00 per night, guests must reference *Safe Harbor/ MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault* when making their reservation. You may reserve your room online [here](#) or at <http://bit.ly/2qcYCLp>.

Who should attend?

Multidisciplinary professionals who are a part of the local systems response to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation are invited to apply:

- Community-based advocacy
- Law enforcement
- Probation
- Prosecution
(including juvenile prosecution)
- Judges
- Child protection/child welfare
- Frontline medical providers
- Chemical/Mental Health
- School administrators
- Civil Legal Services/Public Defenders

We welcome broad participation from across the state, and coordination with multidisciplinary partners in your county/region is strongly encouraged. We recommend sending one representative per agency/organization, with priority registration given to multidisciplinary professionals responsible for developing and implementing their agency's internal policies and procedures.

What is the cost of attending?

The registration fee is \$60, which includes the cost of attending the conference, as well as meals, snacks, and continuing education credits (POST, CLE, CEU).



How do I register?

Register online at <https://shprotocol.eventbrite.com>.

The Safe Harbor Protocol Conference is limited to 100 total participants, so register now to reserve your spot!

Because of priority registration limitations, some registrants may be waitlisted. A full refund will be issued for those who register but do not make it off the waitlist.

Registration closes June 17, 2017.

What should I expect?

The Safe Harbor Protocol Development Conference is designed to be a highly interactive learning environment with a mix of plenary presentations, work sessions, cohort discussions, and developing plans of action. Team members who attend will gain technical knowledge about the protocol development process, and can expect to gain strategies, tools, and approaches for improving the local systems response to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Questions?

For more information about the conference, please contact Noelle Volin at nvolin@mncasa.org or 651.288.7457. If you have questions about registration, please contact Heather Caillier at heather@ascendconsultingmn.com.



Agenda at a Glance

Plenary Sessions: Building Knowledge, Building Skills

During the opening plenary sessions, participants will gain practical strategies for effectively engaging survivors to ensure a victim-centered systems response to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. In addition, participants have an opportunity to hear from an established protocol team on their approach to systems change, the challenges they've encountered, and lessons learned through the protocol development process.

Cohort Breakouts: Enhancing Collaboration

There will be two Cohorts at the Safe Harbor Protocol Development Conference: an Existing Teams Cohort, and a New Teams Cohort. Breakout sessions will be tailored to each cohort and will utilize applied skills-based activities to equip participants with practical tools and strategies for beginning and continuing the Safe Harbor protocol development process. Participants will also receive templates and other resources aimed at furthering the work of their teams.

Final Session: Practical Next Steps

In the final session of the Safe Harbor Protocol Development Conference, participants will get hands-on experience working with the [Safe Harbor Protocol Guidelines](#), a comprehensive tool developed by SVJI in partnership with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. This session will challenge participants in developing a tangible set of next steps as they embark in the Safe Harbor protocol development process.

After Action Report

Following the Safe Harbor Protocol Development Conference, participants will receive an After-Action Report with highlights and recommendations to bring back to their respective agencies.

