

Combating Human Trafficking: A Review of Current Outreach Activities in the U.S.



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Introduction

- Outreach as a way to combat the growing problem of human trafficking
- The role of International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- The purpose of the study

Methodology

- Identify organizations that conduct outreach across the United States
- 54 organizations selected for interviews
- 27 organizations participated
- A questionnaire was drafted with classifications:
 - Outreach Methods
 - Outreach Tools
 - Case Generation

Direct Outreach

Targets:

- Trafficked persons
- At-risk communities

Tools:

- Peer worker-to-worker outreach
- Hotline number
- Match books
- Prayer cards
- Lipstick cases
- Incense sticks



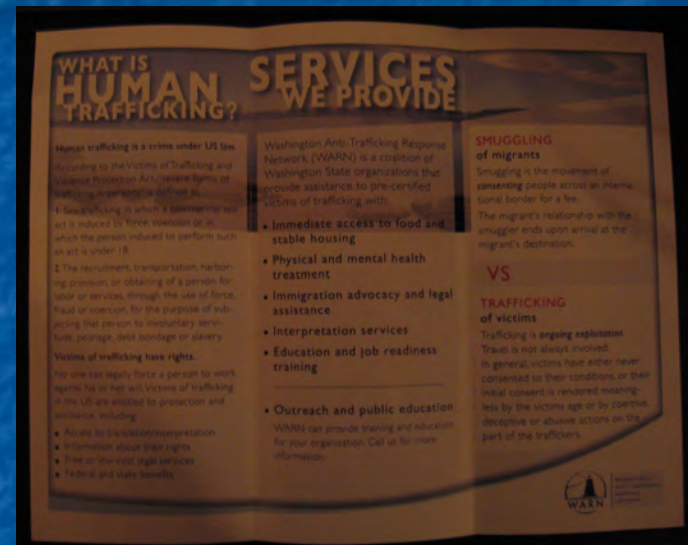
Indirect Outreach

Targets:

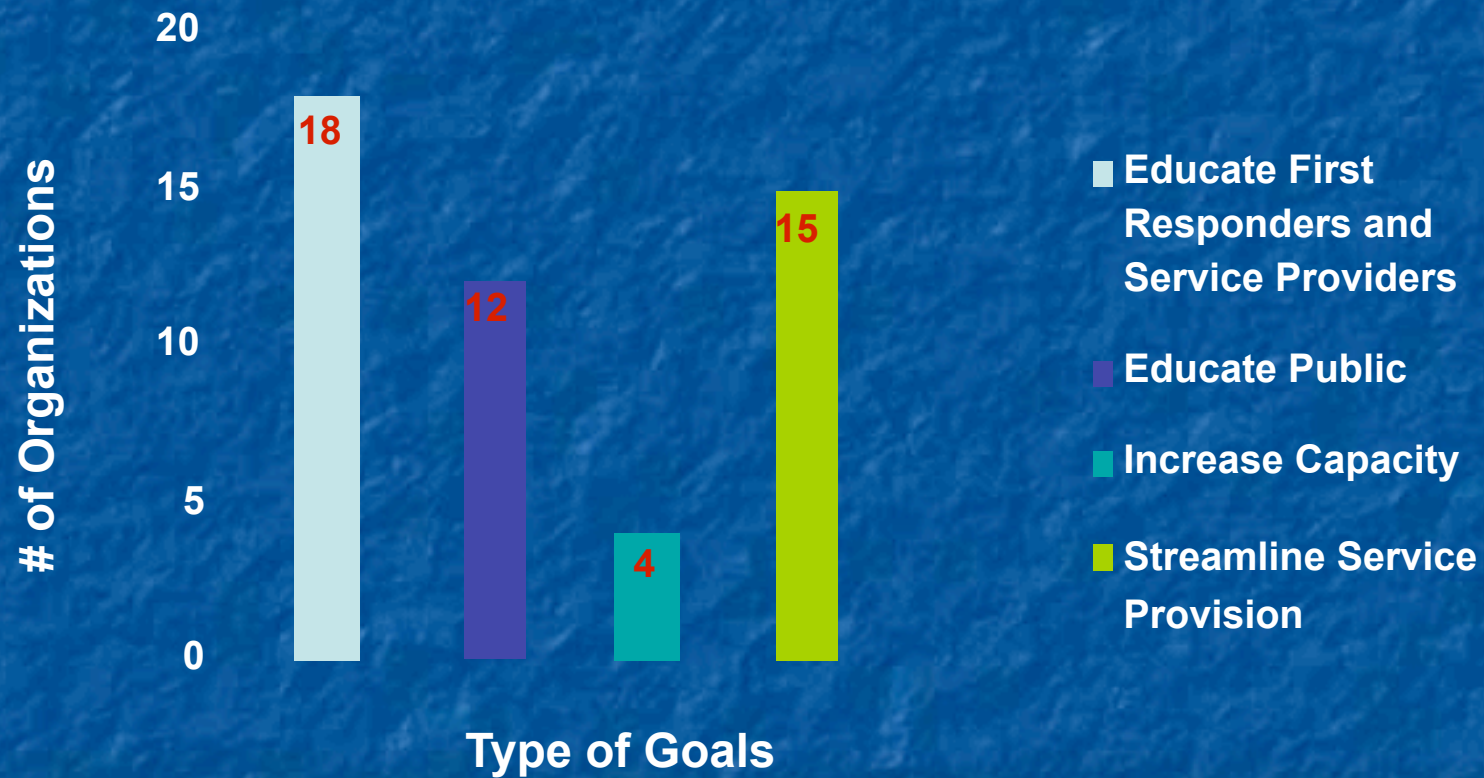
- First responders
- Social and legal providers
- General public

Tools:

- Training sessions
- Information sessions
- Supporting community led anti-trafficking led initiatives
- Network with coalition partners and volunteers
- Open legal clinics
- Collaboration with law enforcement



Outreach Goals



Successful Models to be Replicated

- Case studies
 - Coalition of Immokalee Workers
 - Lucha: A Women's Legal Project at the Florida Advocacy Center
 - A Washington, D.C.-based organization

Challenges

- Funding constraints
- Distinguishing between trafficking and smuggling
- Limited quantification of case generation
- Disjointedness between anti-trafficking organizations

Recommendations for Best Practices

- Improve case generation tracking
- Enhance national and international networks
- Increase use of media
- Empower local community
- Improve law enforcement/community collaboration