

NH Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force: Internship Program

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The mission of the Task Force is to identify and serve victims of trafficking, more effectively investigate, and prosecute cases related to human trafficking and increase awareness of this subject across the state. The Task Force carries out this work in a variety of ways which aim to support the direct services to survivors and the investigation and prosecution of this crime. These include training, social media outreach/awareness campaigns, community awareness work around the state and technical assistance for service providers, healthcare providers, law enforcement and others. The NH Human Trafficking Task Force and human trafficking work has recently come into the purview of the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, with the crisis centers serving as our partner victims' services providers.

Philosophy and Values

We are recognizing and enhancing our understanding of how trafficking fits into the encompassing scope of violence and exploitation. Survivors come first and foremost as a consideration in our work—thus victim-blaming, sensationalizing, or exploitative attitudes are against this spirit. Anyone can be a survivor of trafficking and certain identities face increased victimization based on their gender, orientation, socioeconomic class, age, race, and more. We are passionate to continue capacity building, raising awareness, preventing, and collaborating on these important topics while centering attention, decision-making, and accolades with survivors.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Attend training and orientation
- Attend monthly Task Force meetings, take notes, and participate in discussions and strategy development during meetings
- Participate in committees and/or work groups with other members of the Task Force
- Contribute by writing blogs, articles, social media posts, or documenting TF activities/events to raise awareness or inform the public.
- Taking on or supporting projects identified by the Project Director and Task Force to assist in better understanding and responding to human trafficking and those impacted.
- Devote at least 10 hours a week

Benefits:

- Fulfilling your universities internship credit requirements including evaluation and/or signatures
- A certificate of completion or recommendation for exceptional work during the internship
- Translatable skills and knowledge for combating human trafficking and building your career
- Networking, career counseling, and other opportunities

Intern Project Proposals:

Project 1: Gap Analysis/Needs Assessment for Prosecutors

The intern will reach out to and interview/survey prosecutors who have recently prosecuted human trafficking cases (and potentially gather information from those who have not—why haven't they? Are there needs in terms of identification or training?). We will use this information to inform future legislation on responding to human trafficking in the state by closing gaps in the criminal justice system or improving the timeline or experiences of survivors. We will also use this information to provide training to prosecutors in the state, many of whom, have not engaged in trafficking cases thus far.

Project 2: Research on Age, Gender, Race and Survivorship

What factors affect criminal justice outcomes? Is a survivor less likely to receive justice if they are older, nonwhite and of nontraditional gender identities? How can we increase identification and prosecution of labor trafficking cases which are under-addressed across the U.S.? There are a number of research questions here and the methodology has not been specified as we are open to proposals of how to best investigate these questions.

Project 3: Evaluating Trainings

Every year the NH TF leads over a hundred awareness events and trainings. Thus far, we have not evaluated our work to know if it is efficient or effective. Additionally, while we have begun to record these trainings, we have not made them publicly available. We would like to design and pilot an evaluation program and propose a strategy to increase distribution/dissemination of the trainings.

Project 4: Volunteer Support/Management

The Task Force have a lot of individuals offer to volunteer or ask how they can help. We do not currently have a great way of managing that and getting people connected to opportunities right away. We are creating a volunteer guide later this year and hoping to hold a volunteer training/orientation in late January. The intern with this project will help finalize the training, help update our volunteer "sign up" form, assist with volunteer recruitment and management plan as well as carrying out the plan. Ideally the intern working with this project will have a mix of onsite days and remote working with weekly check ins with the Project Director. There are three Task Force members working on this project. The intern would support them and may take the lead on certain aspects of the above plan.

Project 5: Education, Awareness and Outreach

One of the most important parts of our work in increasing awareness of the realities of human trafficking. Unfortunately, lack of awareness and conspiracy theories abound, and we want to provide a realistic picture for folks to understand HT happens in New Hampshire and there are ways we can combat it together. This project may involve improving website content for us or our community partners, improving our blog or newsletters or social media content, or increasing outreach and awareness in other creative ways. Prevention educators in our state have requested materials for survivors and at-risk youth and community members to understand their rights and resources.

Project 6: Data and Data Visualization

Too often, current data does not paint a realistic picture of what's happening in our state. At the same time, the public and lawmakers want to know numbers and want to see that trafficking is indeed

happening. How can we present data in ways which bolster support instead of leading to misconceptions? A heat map, trends, stats, and other visualizations could be deliverables, or capacity building around data collection or methodology could also be addressed. The intern should also take efforts to communicate the shortcomings of data in the same presentation. The New Hampshire Information and Analysis Center (Fusion Center) is prepared to support this project.

Project 7: Design Your Own

We are interested to hear what ideas you have or what projects you might be passionate to work on during your time as an intern.