

What's Next?

**Engagement and the Coordination of Services After
Recovery of Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking**

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Objectives:

- 🌐 To understand the role of the victims' services team in managing minor victims of sex trafficking.
- 🌐 To highlight the need for partnerships and collaboration among other federal, state and local agencies.
- 🌐 To uncover the challenges associated with working with victims of sex trafficking.
- 🌐 To encourage service providers to **HANG IN THERE!**

What is Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking?

Under the federal Trafficking Victim Protection Act, domestic minor sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a U.S. citizen(s) or legal permanent resident(s) under the age of 18 for the purpose of prostitution, pornography or erotic dancing/stripping. However, children who are not legal residents may also be trafficked for the purposes of labor or sex.

Maryland Child Exploitation Task Force FBI Crimes Against Children Unit

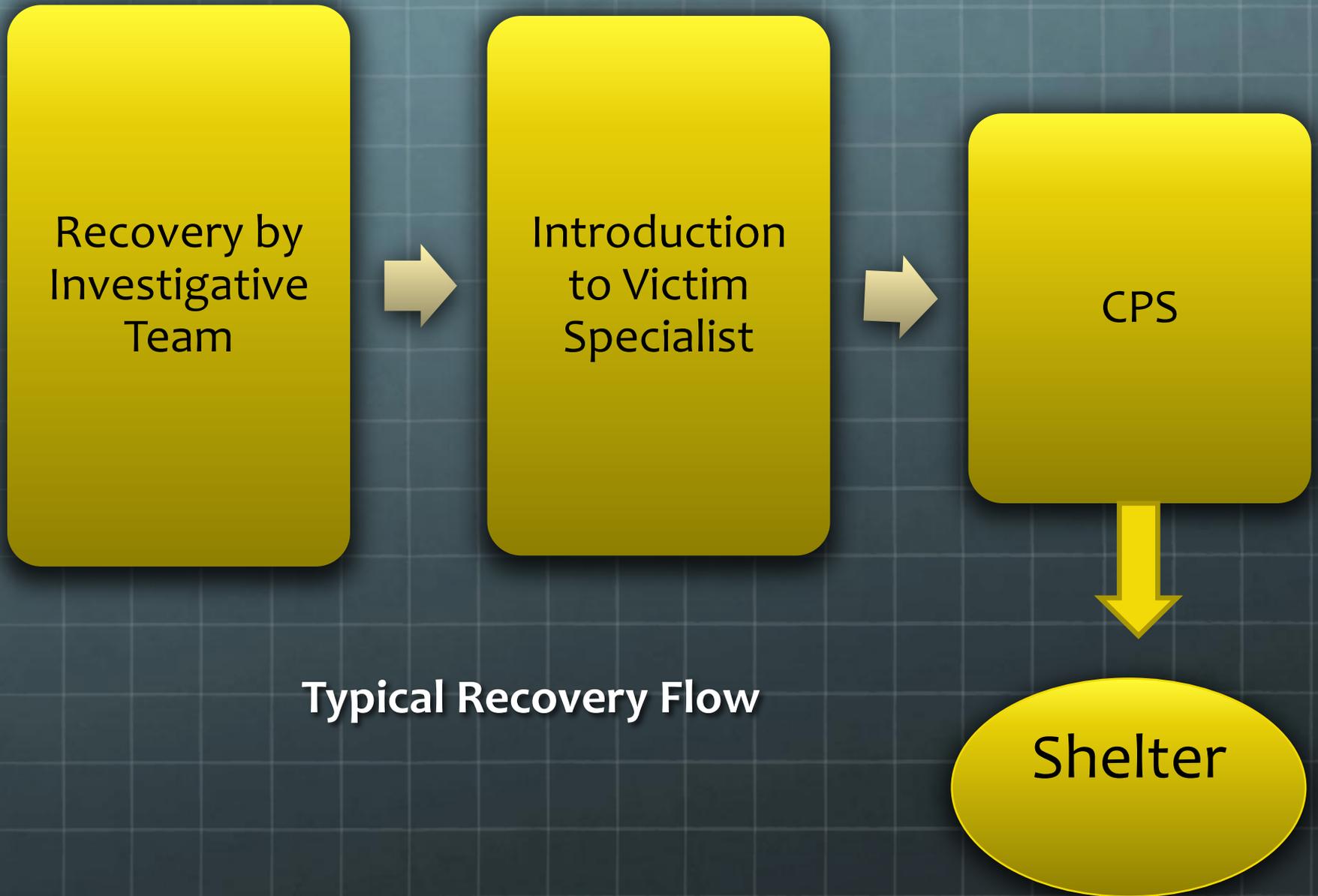
- Established in 2010
- Area of Responsibility: Maryland/ Delaware
 - Investigative Responsibility:
 - Child Sexual Exploitation
 - Child Pornography
 - Child Kidnappings
 - International Parental Kidnappings
- Member of:
 - Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force
 - Maryland ICAC



•FBI Baltimore – Crimes Against Children Unit

- 1 Supervisory Special Agent (SSA)
- 8 Special Agents (SA's)
- 1 Child Forensic Interviewer
- 1 Special Operations Assistance
- 1 Intelligence Analyst
- 3 Victim Specialist (2 – Maryland, 1-Delaware)
- 2 Full-Time Task Force Officers (TFO's)
- 13 Part-time TFO's
 - Baltimore City Police
 - Prince George's County Police
 - Montgomery County Police
 - Anne Arundel County Police
 - Baltimore County Police
 - Maryland State Police
 - Howard County
 - Frederick County





Typical Recovery Flow

Challenges:



Youth may be uncooperative



Youth may not provide accurate information



No/outdated information in the system to verify information



Out-of-state youth

Shelter in Maryland for Child Victims

Currently there are no treatment centers **dedicated exclusively** to minor victims of trafficking.

There are only 2 diagnostic centers in Maryland authorized by the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to provide services to minor victims. Both are in Baltimore County. We are hoping DHR will authorize Statement of Need (SON) to allow additional shelter options.

-  Arrow Child and Family Ministries – Diagnostic Center
-  The Children’s Home – Diagnostic Center

THE CHILDRENS HOME

- 🌐 **CLIENT PROFILE – video clip**
- 🌐 **PROVISION OF SERVICES – Types, Partnerships, etc.**
- 🌐 **PLACEMENT CHALLENGES**
- 🌐 **AFTERCARE and step down**

Arrow Child and Family Ministries

- 🌐 Providing trauma based services throughout all of our programs
- 🌐 Challenges with AWOLs and how to continue to provide services when they return
- 🌐 Identification of “victim status” in our care
- 🌐 Age at discharge from Foster Care creates barriers

Common Shelter Issues

- 🌐 Lack of Understanding about Trafficking
- 🌐 Ill-Equipped to Handle to Problem (no therapist specializing in this issue)
- 🌐 Limited Services for Adolescent Children – Virtual no resources for transgender or male victims
- 🌐 Limited Long Term Placement Options
- 🌐 Returned to Family Custody
 - 🌐 Why Ran Away?
 - 🌐 FUNDING!!!!!!!!!!

Victim Issues

- **“Non-Compliant” Victims**
 - **Unique status of being both a Victim and Offender**
 - **Prior Law Enforcement/Social Service contacts**
 - **“Perceived” love for the offender**
 - **Time under Pimp Control**
 - **Drug/Alcohol Issues**
 - **Psychological Issues**
 - **Victims of prior Sexual Abuse**
 - **Family Issues/“Throwaways”**
 - **Multiple Interviews**

Collaborative Efforts

- 🌐 Partnerships with NGO's
- 🌐 Partnership with out-of-state agencies
- 🌐 Partnership with federal, state and local government agencies
- 🌐 Inclusion of Family, Faith-based, Community

Involvement of the VICTIM is essential!

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QUESTIONS ??

