

Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States, 2013-2017

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In committing the United States to being a leader in the global movement against human trafficking, President Obama asked federal agencies to develop a plan to strengthen services for victims of human trafficking. The *Federal Strategic Action Plan* builds on the progress that our Nation has made in combating human trafficking through government action, as well as through partnerships with allied professionals, survivors, and concerned citizens.

The purpose of this Plan is to describe the steps that federal agencies will take to ensure that all victims of human trafficking in the United States are identified and have access to the services they need to recover and to rebuild their lives. The Plan focuses on providing and coordinating support for victims and it aligns with all other efforts of the Federal Government to eliminate human trafficking and prevent further victimization.

Vision Statement

We envision that every victim of human trafficking is identified and provided access to the services they need to recover and to rebuild their lives through the creation of a responsive, sustainable, comprehensive, and trauma-informed victim services network that leverages public and private partnerships and resources effectively.

The Plan lays out four goals, eight objectives, and contains more than 250 associated action items for victim service improvements that can be achieved during the next five years.

GOAL 1: ALIGN EFFORTS: Promote a strategic, coordinated approach to the provision of services for victims of human trafficking at the federal, regional, state, territorial, tribal, and local levels.

GOAL 2: IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING: Expand and coordinate human trafficking-related research, data, and evaluation to support evidence-based practices in victim services.

GOAL 3: EXPAND ACCESS TO SERVICES: Provide and promote outreach, training, and technical assistance to increase victim identification and expand the availability of services.

GOAL 4: IMPROVE OUTCOMES: Promote effective, culturally appropriate, trauma-informed services that improve the short- and long-term health, safety, and well-being of victims.

Developed by the Departments of Justice, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security, in partnership with the member agencies of the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and other federal organizations.