Safe Harbor 2016 Mid-Year Report

Since April of 2014, Safe Harbor has increased awareness, understanding and identification of the commercial sexual exploitation of youth. The law excludes sexually exploited youth under 18 from the definition of delinquent child so that youth can no longer be prosecuted for prostitution. And, adds the definition of sexually exploited youth to Minnesota's child protection codes so that child protective services and child welfare can respond.

The Safe Harbor law treats sexually exploited youth up to age 24 with dignity and respect, meeting them where they are to help them reach the services they need. This means that Minnesota youth who engage in prostitution are no longer seen as criminals.

No Wrong Door

Any door a youth goes through – school, child protection, law enforcement – they find a safe, protected environment that helps them leave the abuse and leads them to specialized services. Those services, funded through Minnesota's Department of Health and Department of Human Services, include:

- Regional navigators to connect and coordinate services for youth.
- Housing providers that safely house youth in emergency, transitional and permanent housing.
- Supportive services that provide victim-centered services including mental health, legal, health care, advocacy, culturally specific services and ongoing support

A comparison of youth receiving services

JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

The data outlined below compares side-by-side the demographics and needs of the youth who received services from all Safe Harbor grantees from July 1-December 31, 2015 and youth who received services from January 1-June 30, 2016. This data is limited in that it includes only individuals that received services from a Safe Harbor provider, not all youth that experience sexual exploitation in Minnesota. Therefore, this dataset does not represent a comprehensive picture of minor sexual exploitation in Minnesota.

The following data is drawn from de-identified client data entered by Safe Harbor organizations, which was then aggregated by MDH. Because of Safe Harbor's commitment to youth privacy and respecting confidentiality, the data is not guaranteed to be free of duplicates.

However, many safeguards are in place in the data process to keep any duplication to a minimum.

	Metro MN		Greater MN		Total	
	July-Dec 2015	**Jan-June 2016**	**July-Dec 2015**	**Jan-June 2016**	**July-Dec 2015**	**Jan-June 2016**
Clients Served	125	128	179	257	300*	374*
Ineligible clients (due to age)	6	1	44	52	50	52

*Some clients were served in both metro and greater MN

Percent of Clients Served

Gender	July-Dec 2015	Jan-June 2016
Female	85%	80%
Male	10%	16%
Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming	1%	2%
Did Not Disclose	4%	1%

Percent of Clients Served

Race*	July-Dec 2015	Jan-June 2016
White	40%	42%
Black/African American	25%	22%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	10%	6%
Hispanic/Chicana/Latina	5%	2%
Multiracial	7%	8%
Asian	1%	6%
More than one race selected**	7%	6%
African	1%	1%
Did Not Disclose	8%	7%

*Clients were presented with numerous racial options based on the NIH race and ethnicity reporting suggestions. Clients were allowed to select as many racial identities as they chose and were able to write in other race options.
**Nearly all clients (94%) who selected more than one race identified as black/African American and/or American Indian/Alaskan Native as part of their racial make-up.

Client Vulnerability Type	Count		% Reporting	
	2015*	2016**	2015	2016
History of Running Away	133	117	64%	63%
Drug/Alcohol Use	112	87	54%	47%
Depression/PTSD	102	95	49%	51%
History of Sexual Abuse/Domestic Abuse	105	89	51%	48%
Knows Anyone Who is/Has Been Involved in Survival Sex, etc.	82	49	40%	26%
Unable to Pay for Basic Needs	68	65	33%	35%
Unsafe Media Usage	58	74	28%	40%
Homeless	39	30	19%	16%
History of Physical Assault	50	32	24%	17%
History of Living in Foster Care	45	33	22%	18%

*For the period of July-December, 2015, 207 clients responded to vulnerability questions. Of those clients, nearly 50% experienced up to three vulnerabilities. Clients reported up to ten separate vulnerabilities or risk factors.
**For the period of January-June, 2016, 186 clients responded to vulnerability questions. Of those clients, over 60% experienced up to three vulnerabilities. Clients reported up to ten separate vulnerabilities or risk factors.

Top Referral Sources	2015	2016
Community Agency (School, Social Services, etc.)	43%	39%
Child Protection/Child Welfare	24%	25%
Police/Law Enforcement	11%	13%
Court	7%	8%

Most Common Services Provided

- Encouragement/Emotional Support
- One-on-One Counseling
- Case Management
- Exploitation Prevention
- Medical/Health Care
- Crisis Counseling
- Basic Needs
- Group Counseling/Support Groups
- Legal Services

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Training Highlights

- 290 trainings reaching 9,530 adults
- 222 trainings reaching 12,347 youth

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