

# The Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

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## Multi-System Collaboration-Training and Technical Assistance Summary of Activities

**Project time period:** April 2016-November 2016

**Purpose:** *The Center for Coordinated Assistance to States (CCAS), through funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, has developed the Multi-System Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance (MSC-TTA) program. This program will assist multi-disciplinary teams in developing a stronger infrastructure to improve system processes and outcomes for at-risk youth involved in multiple systems, primarily child welfare and juvenile justice services. The specific population of focus for the Nevada Project is children who are victims of or at risk of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation.*

*The following is the training and technical assistance received with a summary of activities to include assignments provided on behalf of the State of Nevada CSEC Coalition.*

**MSC-TTA Nevada team representatives:** *Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, Clark County Department of Family Services, Clark County Juvenile Justice Services, UNLV, UNR, SMBC, Court Improvement, Awaken and Department of Education.*

### **Understanding the Systems Change Process and Assessing Leadership Capacity**

This session introduced a framework for implementing significant and powerful systems change designed to improve outcomes for multi-system youth. Teams will consider different ways of implementing systems change in their community by reviewing both the academic literature on the subject and real-world examples of communities that have made lasting reforms to their child-serving systems. This session also explored the necessary elements needed both in leadership and within the workforce of an organization to ensure sustainability of change efforts.

**Activities:** Webinar and draft Memorandum of Agreement

### **Understanding Your Systems through Gap Analysis and System Mapping**

This session provided an overview of how to conduct a mapping of current systems and highlight how using this information in concert with data can lead to a better understanding of how systems serve youth and families. In addition, participating teams completed a Gap Analysis that assesses their strengths around four key components of multi-system collaboration: system connectedness; information sharing capacities; data exchange across multiple systems; and family engagement. This session allowed sites to thoroughly explore the ways in which their own systems function, and help them to better understand how the interconnectedness of systems impact youth who are engaged with multiple agencies simultaneously.

**Activities:** Webinar, gaps analysis completed for Clark County and Washoe County, system mapping for Washoe and Clark County. Pending for Rural region.

### **Essential Steps for Information Sharing Across Agencies**

This session introduced to jurisdictions the essential steps for developing a robust information-sharing infrastructure among child- and family-serving agencies. Participants discussed how federal laws and state statutes support sharing of information in a cautious and inclusionary manner. The session highlighted what kinds of information partners need to share, and can share, to better serve youth in multiple systems.

**Activities:** Webinar, SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound) Action plan for improving information sharing.

### **Utilizing Data to Inform Cross-System Collaboration**

This session addressed how sites can utilize their data to better understand trends in the population of youth being served by multiple agencies. This session also discussed the utilization of data to track and demonstrate outcomes from system-change efforts to include discussion about various data sets and how to migrate data between systems.

**Activities-**Webinar and Utilizing Data and Performance Measures SMART Action Plan for incorporating these measures into a broader program evaluation process

### **Engagement and Strengthening Relationships with Youth and Families**

This session focused on the critical need to have families and young people involved at the core of a strength-based case practice model and engaged in the system change effort. It explored practical ways that jurisdictions can do this by providing examples of effective collaborations with youth and families.

**Activities-** Webinar and research review from Vera Institute of Justice

### **Developing plan for Implementation of Systems Change**

This session guided jurisdictions through the process of developing a focused action plan that presents a united vision and communal objectives and outlines the appropriate steps for enacting system change in their jurisdictions.

**Activities-**Webinar and proposed draft work plan for Nevada.

### **Other Activities:**

The MSC-TTA assistance also included introductions to other jurisdictions doing similar work to improve services and coordination for CSEC victims/survivors. Specifically connections have been made with:

- Sacramento County, CA-**Judge Stacy Boulware Eurie**
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of the Secretary, Human Trafficking Director **Bethany B. Gilot, MS**