

# **YEAR 1 SUMMARY: THE PATH PROJECT**

## **PARTNERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMANS**

### **THE ORIGINAL PATHWAYS**

The Pathways Model is used for the Lucas County initiative to improve birth outcomes of poor African American women. It coordinates care by using Community Health Workers/Care Coordinators to link clients to needed services and provides incentives for outcome completion.

### **THE PATH PROJECT: PATH MODEL**

The goal of the PATH Project is to provide a coordinated, transparent, data-driven system of effective care that moves victims to survivors and survivors to thrivers. The result is an evidence-based practice for how communities should respond to human trafficking. Our five main objectives are:

- 1) to train professionals to increase their ability to identify and engage trafficked clients.
- 2) to provide highly trained care coordinators to effectively assess and intervene.
- 3) to produce high quality Individualized Service Plans and services that address individual needs.
- 4) to identify barriers and strengths of services and service delivery using a data-driven process and response.
- 5) to provide a continuum of care of victim to survivor and survivor to thriver through continued data analysis, feedback, and program improvement.

### **LAYING THE GROUNDWORK**

#### **Educating the Lucas County Professional Community**

Over the span of 9 months, approximately 800 professionals from criminal justice, health care, mental health/substance abuse, and an array of social services have been trained on human trafficking, trauma-informed care, and the PATH Model.

#### **PATH Approved Agencies**

Agencies who seek to be ‘partners against trafficking in humans’ go through a 3-step process:

- 1) Critical staff complete the PATH Model, human trafficking and/or trauma-informed care 1.5- to 3- hour training.
- 2) An agency representative signs a Memorandum of Understanding to partner with the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute and the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition.
- 3) The agency provides a Point-of-Contact that will join the coalition and guide the care coordinator(s) and clients through their system.

**Nineteen agencies have signed the Memorandum of Understanding:**

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| 1. Rainbow Area Youth                               | 8. Zepf Center   | 14. The Salvation Army (RISE)                |
| 2. Unison Behavioral Health Group (Starr Ave.)      | 9. Toledo – Lucas County Health Department                     | 15. A Renewed Mind                           |
| 3. Lucas County Adult Probation                     | 10. Butterflies 15   | 16. YWCA (H.O.P.E. Center)                   |
| 4. The Correctional Treatment Facility              | 11. Lutheran Social Services                                   | 17. Empowered for Excellence                 |
| 5. Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities | 12. Family Child Abuse Prevention Center/Child Advocacy Center | 18. Rahab’s Heart                            |
| 6. Neighborhood Properties Inc.                     | 13. The Cocoon   | 19. RFS Charitable Foundation (T.A.C.K.L.E.) |
| 7. Family Service of Northwest Ohio                 |  |  |

**Other agencies in the process of becoming PATH Approved are:**

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| 1. Neighborhood Health Association (NHA) | 5. UMADAOP               |
| 2. RESCUE                                | 6. Court Diagnostics     |
| 3. Lucas County Children Services        | 7. Cherry Street Mission |
| 4. Full Circle to Completion             |                          |

**IMPLEMENTING THE PATH MODEL**

Since August 2016, 10 clients have enrolled and are going through PATH. We project to serve 20 clients by the end of December 2016, 30-35 in 2017, 35-40 in 2018.

**Human Trafficking Core Cluster**

The Core Cluster is a committee made up of the care coordinators and other direct service providers involved in human trafficking case management. They provide wraparound services, which include reviewing cases, identifying any barriers or gaps in service delivery, and helping to coordinate services. These include: Lucas County Children Services (LCCS), Lucas County Juvenile Court (LCJC), Advocating Opportunity, RISE, and NW Ohio Violent Crimes Against Children. Barriers are routed to the Leadership Subcommittee.

**Leadership Subcommittee**

The Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition is in the beginning stages of developing a Leadership Subcommittee consisting of agency leaders from LCCS, LCJC, mental health, substance abuse, and housing. This will be pivotal in addressing service-related barriers identified by care coordinators and the Core Cluster.