

# Dallas High Risk Victims Model

- **Developed/Started 2005**

- **Goals**

- » **Curb or prevent repeat runaway incidents:**

- **Identify any prior incidents of sexual abuse and exploitation**

- **Redirect from any future delinquent conduct**

- » **Bring to an end or curb the victimization of children through sex trafficking and exploitation**

- » **Leverage resources through *multidisciplinary team***

# Dallas High Risk Victims Model

- Making the Invisible, **Visible**
  - *Finding the hidden victim*
- Victim Centered:
  - Intervention
  - Prevention
  - Suppression
- Multidisciplinary Approach/Team
  - Local law enforcement
  - Investigations (Innocence Lost Task Force, ICAC)  
Patrol Officers
  - FBI Innocence Lost
  - Juvenile Dept

# Defining the *High Risk Victim*

- **High Risk Victims:**
  - **Runaways**
    - **Multiple**
    - **Sexually exploited**
    - **Age**
  - **Repeat victims**
  - **Victims of child sex trafficking**
- **Target for recovery/intervention/investigation**

# Understanding the *High Risk Victim*

- **Unique Victim/Offender Status**
  - Not good enough, Not bad enough
- **What they are NOT:**
  - *Low Risk*
  - Same as *Low level / Status* offenders
- **What HRV ARE:**
  - *High Risk – High Need*
  - Highest level / potential for potential
    - *Victimization*
    - *Lethality*

# Challenges Identified

- **Unique victim issues**
- **Lack of specific investigative responsibility**
- **Traditional investigative models not effective**
  - Traditional interview policies not effective
  - Traditional suspect investigative models not effective
- **Identifying/Locating the Victim**
  - Rarely will “Victims of domestic trafficking” self report

# **Solutions**

## ***(Ownership of the Problem)***

- **Implement Departmental Investigative and Intervention Protocol**
  - **Immediate 24 hour notification/response for all recovered High Risk Victims**
    - **Targeted Chronic Runaways (HRV)**
    - **Victims of trafficking**
  - **Developed specific HRV interview model**
  - **Developed specific Investigative model for suspects**
  - **Established short term placement Juvenile Department (Letot)**

# Protocol Development

- **Assign specific investigative responsibility**
  - Unit / detective accountability / responsibility
- **Training on dynamics, HRV Model for all:**
  - Patrol
  - System Stakeholders
- **Evaluation**
  - Victims recovered
  - Suspects identified
  - Arrest/prosecution of traffickers

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