



WillowBend Farms

CHATTANOOGA/HAMILTON COUNTY

TN-based direct service provider

utilizing survivor-informed, research-based programming to support adult and youth survivors of trafficking in accessing comprehensive services and attaining long-term healing and success. Works on supply and demand sides of trafficking with

focuses on prevention and collaboration.



Dr. Carol B. Berz Family Justice Center

CHATTANOOGA/HAMILTON COUNTY

TN-based community-based center with 8+ co-located service providers.

Focused on supporting families who have experienced DV/IPV, trafficking or elder abuse. All services are free and provided in an environment premised in trauma-informed, collaborative approaches.



Uplift Strategies LLC

NATIONAL

National consulting firm focused on partnering with communities in transforming the landscape in which trafficking survivors access resources and services, to prevent vulnerabilities to and experiences of exploitation and promote holistic responses through public policy reform, coalition building and research.



CONTEXTUALIZING AMBER & DESTINY'S AND JAMIE & AUDREY'S STORIES

- They are any individual or family who have experiences of housing instability, interpersonal violence, economic insecurity, lack of healthy social connection & support, community harm, or racial or SOGIE-based violence.
- “What Would You Do” is not only empathy-building and solution-oriented, it reveals the layering-effect of risk factors and vulnerabilities.

Highlights how often systems become the default in responding to conditions and experiences that could be better interrupted or prevented through CB-solutions.

SYSTEM RESPONSES TO CST

(IN NON-CAREGIVER CASES)



TRADITIONAL

maltreatment investigations
dependency proceedings
delinquency
CHINS



UNINVOLVED

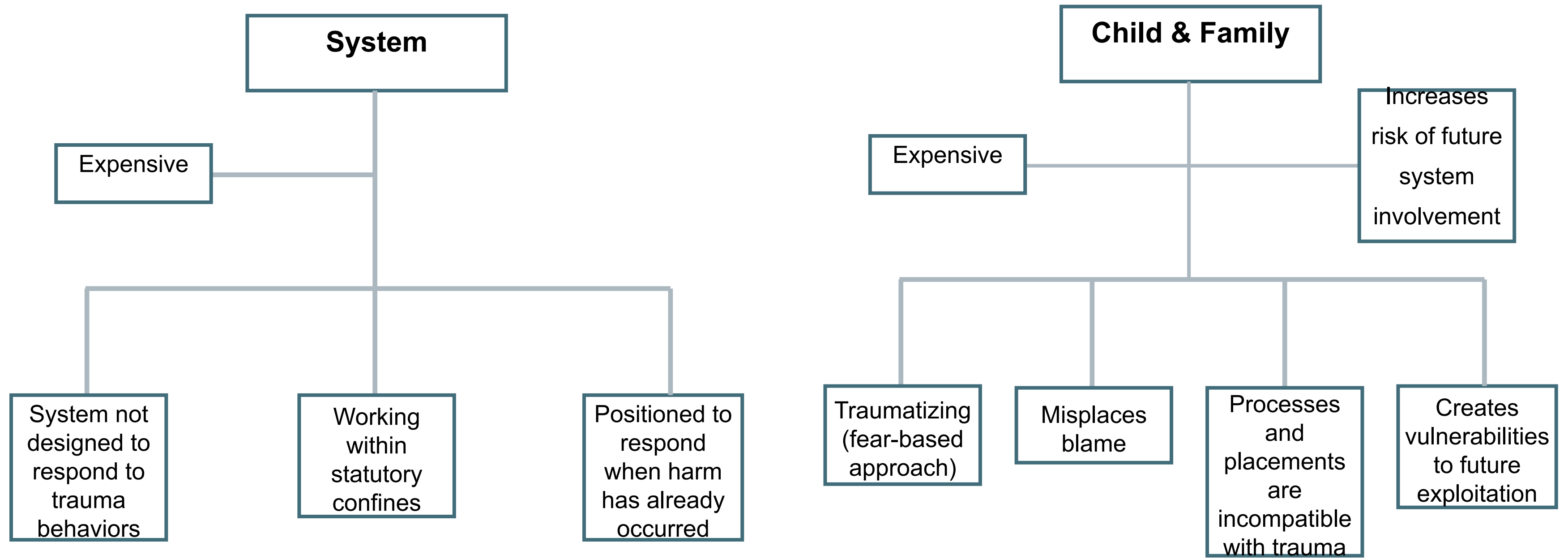
non-responsive
seen as a LE/criminal court
issue, shifts focus to JJ for
response



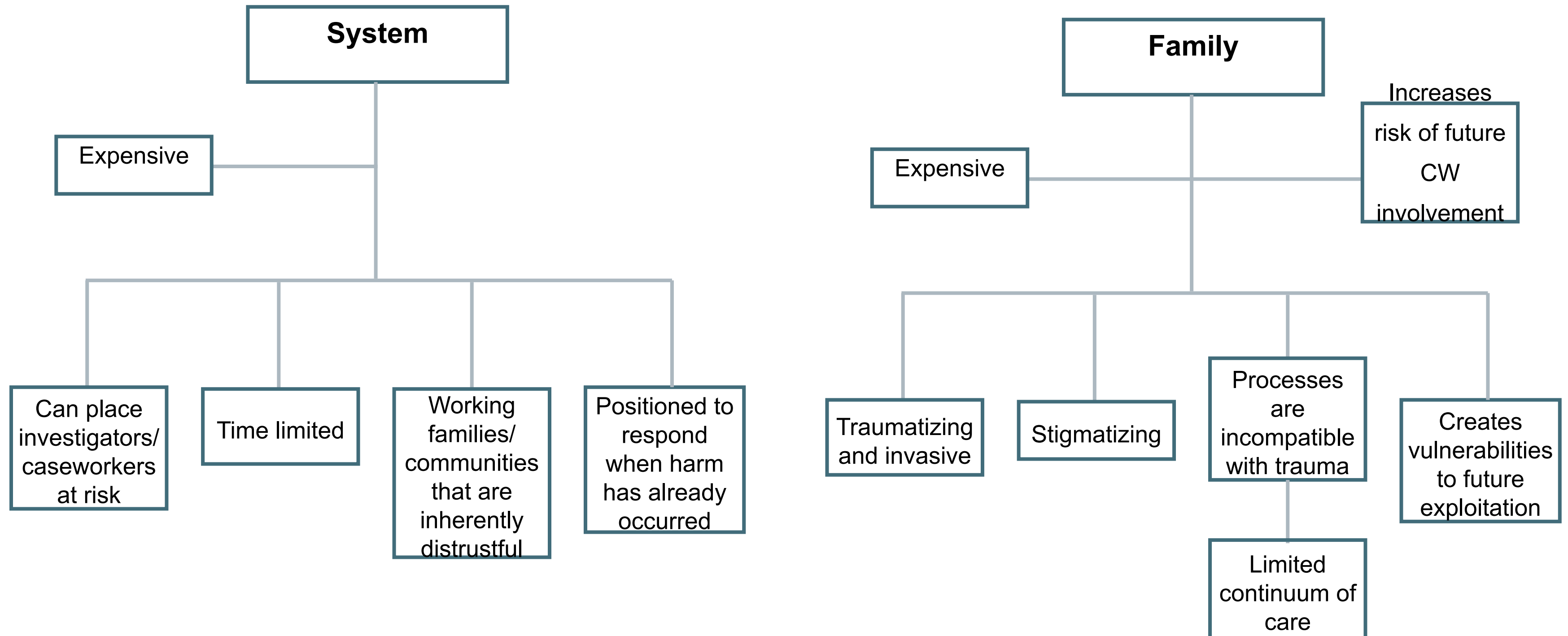
ADAPTED

recognizes CST as a
unique form of childhood
harm
alternative responses

CHALLENGES: JUVENILE JUSTICE



CHALLENGES: CHILD WELFARE



DISPARITIES IN CSEC EXPERIENCES & SYSTEMS

CSEC

- King Co, WA: 52% of all identified CST victims are Black, 84% are female; Black girls compromise only 1.1% of King Co's general population.
- Louisiana: 49% of sex trafficking victims are Black girls; Black girls compromise only 19% of youth population.
- **Chattanooga**: 58% of identified CST victims are Black; Black population (youth & adults) is 27%.

Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice

- 52% of all Black children in the U.S. have been subjected to a CPS investigation.
- 10% of Black children will be separated from their caregivers & placed in foster care; almost 25% of Black youth in foster care experience homelessness upon aging out.
- American Indian youth are 1.5 times more likely, and Black youth were 2.4 times more likely to be arrested than White youth.

WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE

RESPONSES



THE CASE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE RESPONSES

Cost
effective

Sustainable

Reduces risk
and burden
for CW

Culturally
specific

Centered on
needs of
child, family, &
community

Addresses
conditions

Strengths
based

Intersectional

Healing



CHATTANOOGA

PILOT

PROJECT

GOAL

Increase positive outcomes and decreases costs for impacted children & families, systems, and the community by addressing vulnerabilities to experiences of exploitation through a network of funded, coordinated, and accessible community-based services, shifting the default response from systems back into the community.

- BACKGROUND
- PROJECT ELEMENTS
- TIMELINE & FUNDING
- OUTCOMES & NEXT STEPS

HOW THIS ALL HAPPENED...





BACKGROUND & PROJECT PARTNERS

Hamilton County Family Justice Center's Approach

FJC believes that organizations that lead with vision see themselves as advocate and neighbors first and service providers second.

Strategy

Launched the Coordinated Community Response to SADV, including trafficking.

Determined survivor's priority needs

Housing, access to justice, transportation, affordable childcare, quality mental health support.

Goals

Decrease SADV, increase trainings, increase prosecutions, increase evaluation capacity & data collection, increase evidence-supported prevention strategies, decrease risk factors & increase protective factors



ONE VOICE COLLECTIVE VISION

One Voice Collective's vision is to facilitate coordinated community response through training, task force response efforts, community prevention awareness and education, and to create a continuum of care for survivors with integrity and standards.

1

Multi-Disciplinary Team
of a Human Trafficking
Task Force for the
Community

2

Empowering Agencies
Who Wish to Join the
Fight Against Human
Trafficking

3

Effective Continuum
of Care

4

Prevention, Education
and Awareness in the
Community

5

Roundtable Meetings

BACKGROUND & PROJECT PARTNERS

- Majority of services provided to survivors has historically been through criminal & juvenile justice and child welfare.
- Legislative foundation had been laid to ensure minimum protections for survivors & funding to CBOs.
- Chattanooga has an abundance of CBOs & resources but few were being mobilized.
- One Voice Collective formed in 2022 and grew out of the Family Justice Center; goal of strengthening a coordinated, community-based response to trafficking.



- Approach is centered on lived experience expertise &

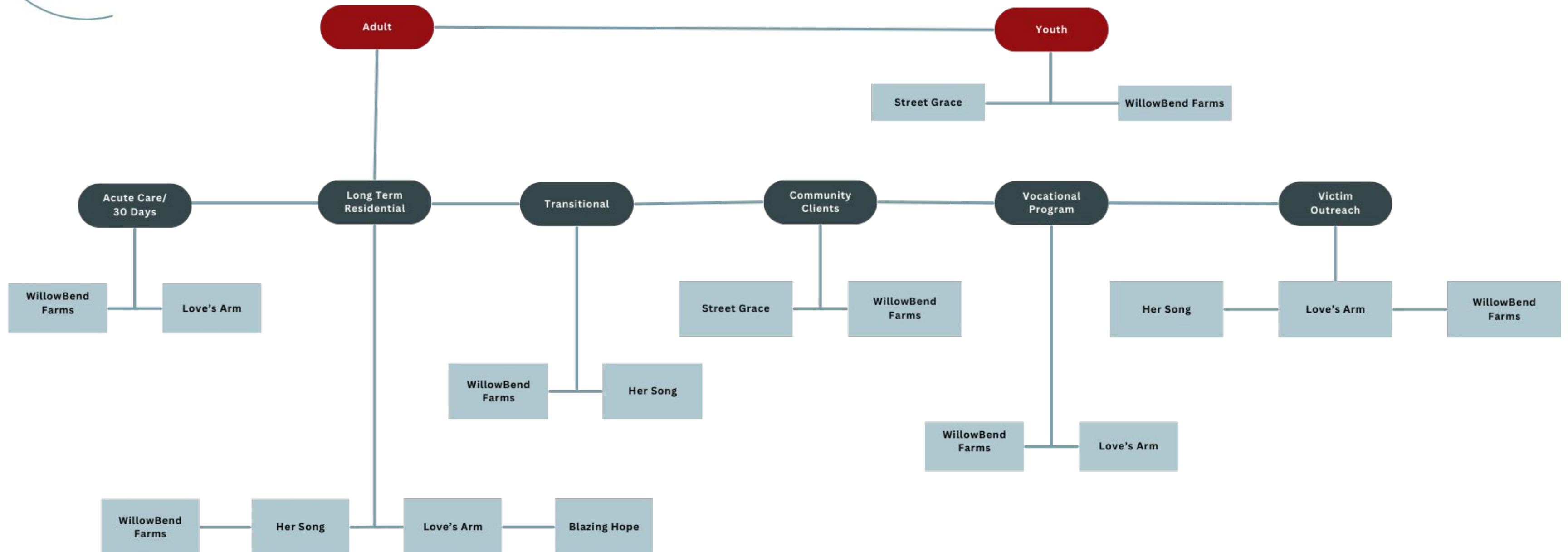


COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS SINCE MARCH 2024

1. Collaboration Committee: Resource guide and continued buildout of the coordination of services and collaboration model in progress
2. One Voice Collective: Certified training initiative through One Voice in development
3. Awareness Committee: City wide awareness campaign in design and assessment of options
4. Cultural Sensitivity: Database and criteria for integrating language assistance into service provision effectively being created
5. Law Enforcement and Prosecution: Working group created for confidential considerations

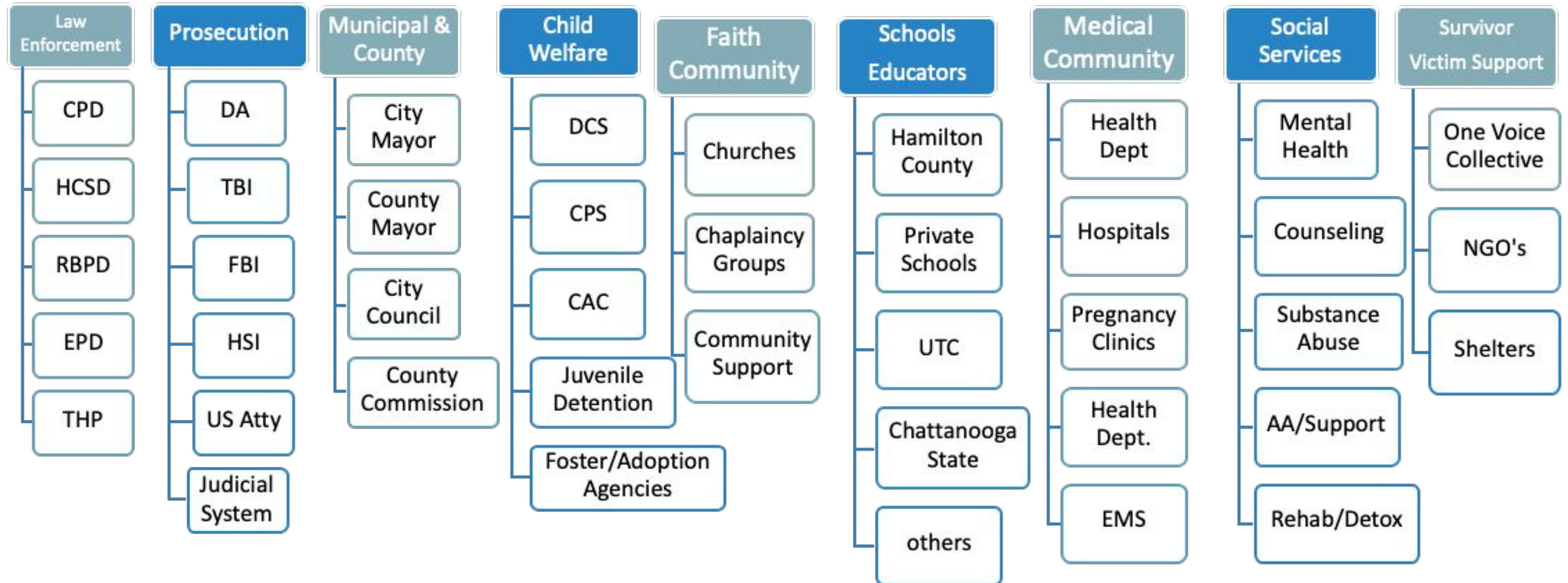


ONE VOICE COLLECTIVE REFERRAL PROCESS





MOBILIZING MULTISECTOR ENGAGEMENT





MEETING RECAPS

STRENGTHS

- Trainings/education
- Trauma informed care
- Call to action
- Compassion
- Survivor leadership
- Google translate: access to translation services
- Assistance with immigration services

WEAKNESSES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Labor trafficking
- Education – identification
- Trauma informed care
- Time and compassion
- Survivor leadership
- Prevention/awareness
- Hiring bilingual staff
- Affordable mental health treatment
- Assistance with immigration services
- Collaborating/coordinating services
- Compiling community resources – can we/how?
- Visibility in the community to build rapport
- Receptivity of audience/clients/first responders

THREATS

- Cultural/language barriers
- Disabilities
- Assistance with immigration services
- Services for youth including housing
- Services for family units
- Legislative limits on housing/treating children

IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

- Ted talk type thing for the middle and high schools cybersecurity, sextortion
- Train school social workers
- Invite community/organization leaders to CTAC to speak to what would be culturally successful/effective

GOALS FOR AREAS OF FOCUS 2024

1 Education/awareness/identification/prevention/visibility

- Billboards
- Events
- PSA

2 Bilingual/cultural sensitivity

- Hiring bilingual staff
- Build/strengthen cultural competency

3 Collaboration and coordinating services

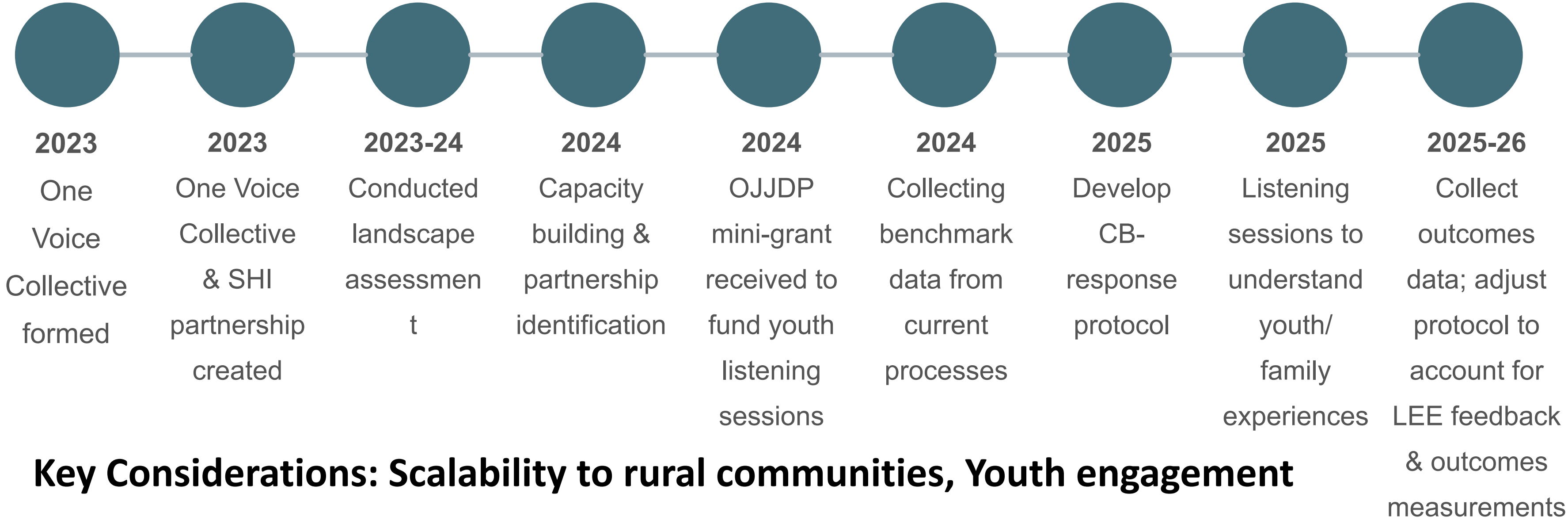
- Develop resource database



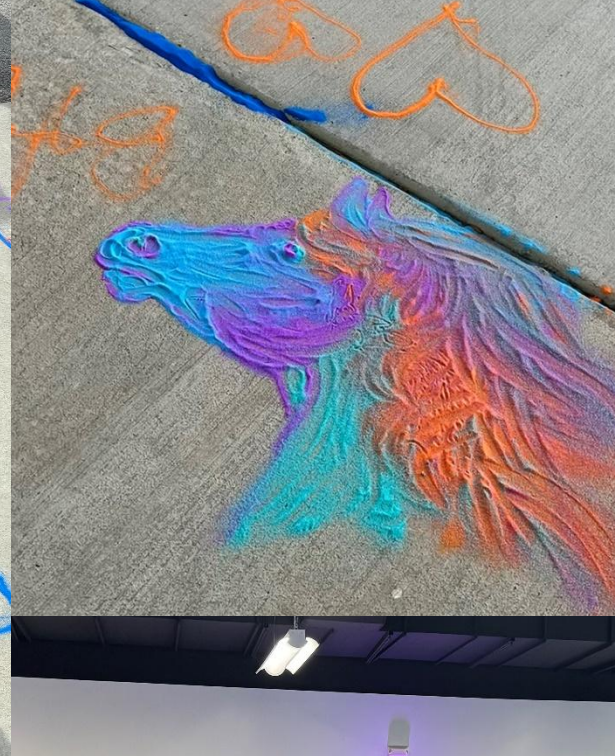
ONE VOICE COLLECTIVE OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE 1 One Voice Certified Training	OBJECTIVE 2 Raise awareness and change public perception	OBJECTIVE 3 Collaboration and coordination of services	OBJECTIVE 4 Cultural sensitivity
Number of trained establishments who utilize awareness materials	Number of trainings and events	Number of agencies participating in coordinated services	Number of agencies trained
Number of establishments participating in peer groups	Number of individuals participating and agencies changed	Number of services provided	Number of marginalized populations receiving accessible services
Engagement in the community by those certified	Pre and post-survey responses to training	Attendance at CTAC meetings	Time between identification and services received

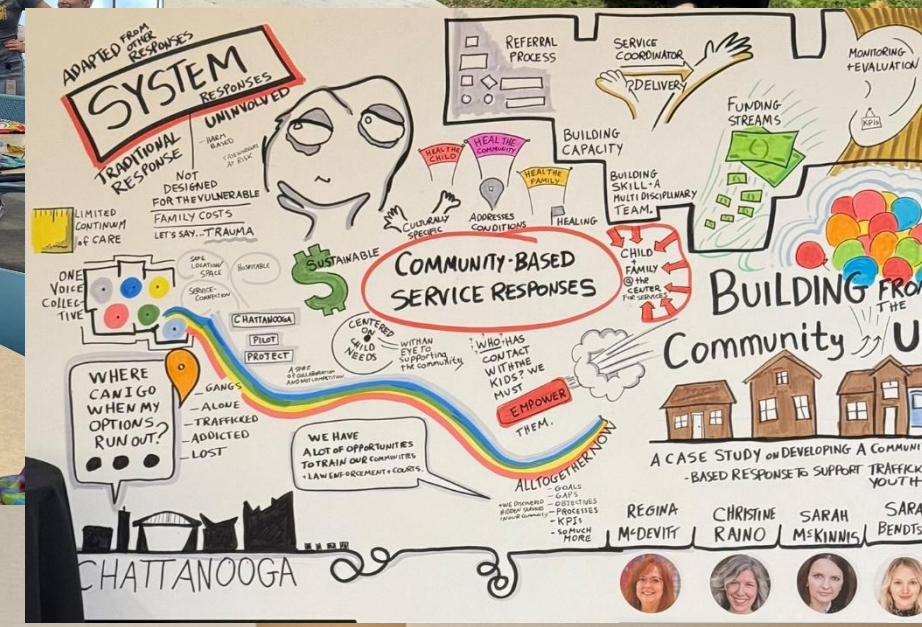
PROJECT TIMELINE



dangerous risk
bad wrong
prevent
industry
how to advocate
learn warning signs
it can happen anywhere
who is targeted
slavery happens everywhere
its global
anyone manipulation
people sealing people
people kidnapping
it could happen to anyone



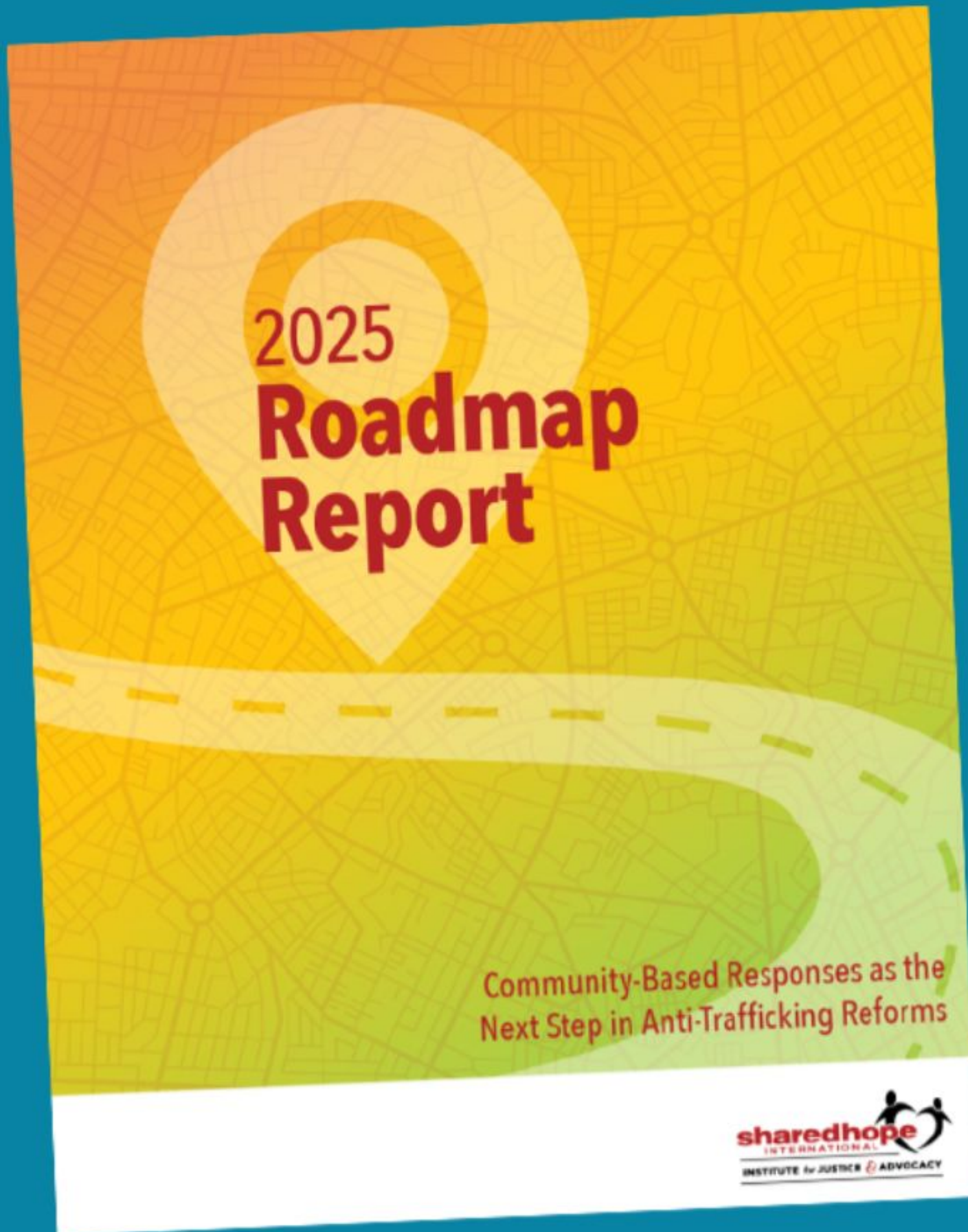
THINGS I WANT
MY
PARENTS OR COMMUNITY
TO KNOW



THINGS I
AM THANK
FOR

My relationship
with God
My brother
My mother

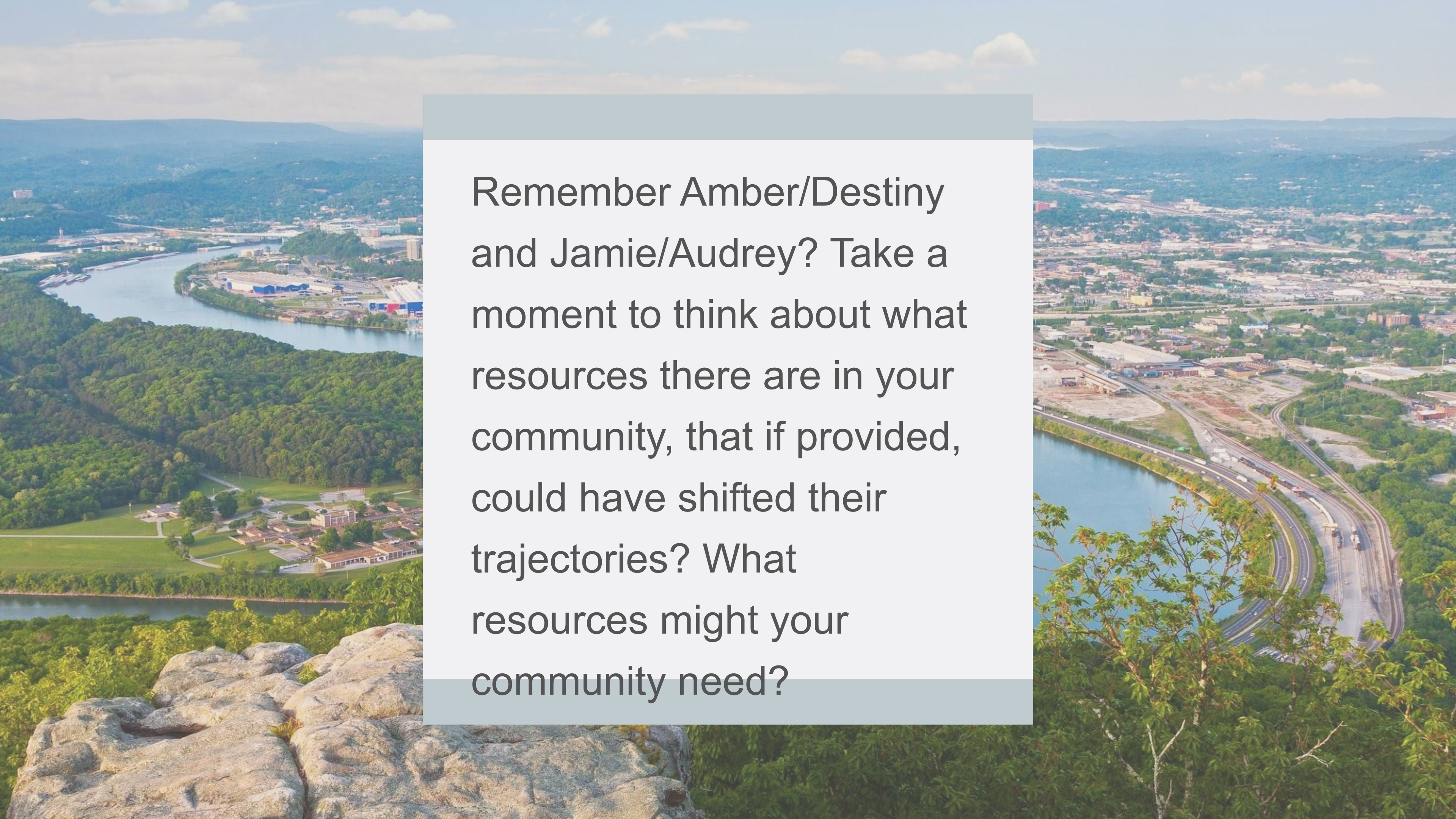




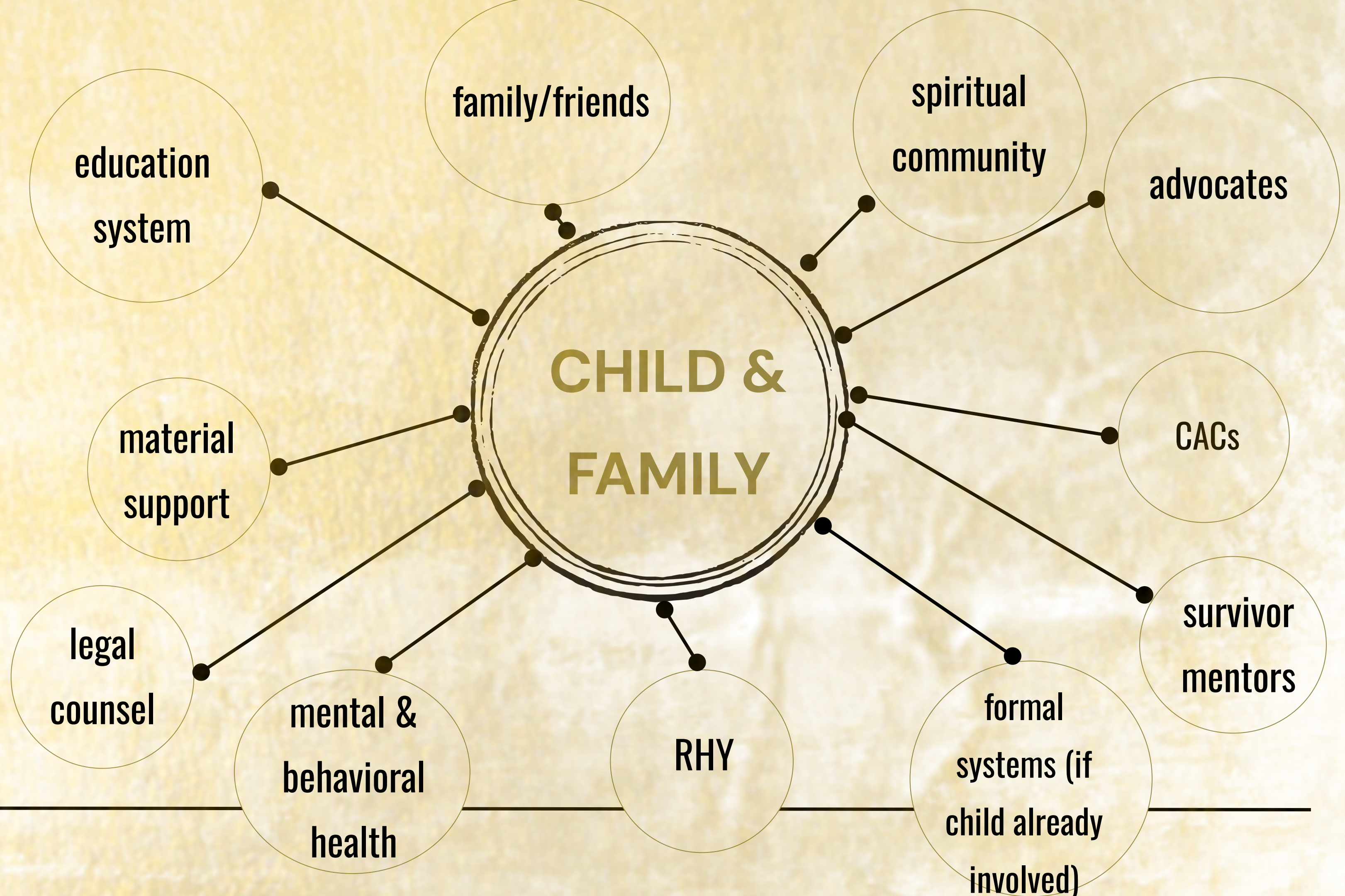
2025 ROADMAP REPORT

Community-Based Responses
as the Next Step in Anti-
Trafficking Reforms

This report examines opportunities to interrupt entry points into systems and strengthen the provision and accessibility of community-based services for children and youth at risk of, or impacted by, trafficking, providing guidance on:

A scenic view of a river valley, likely the Tennessee River, seen from a rocky outcrop. The river flows through a lush green forested area, with a city and a highway visible in the background. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the center of the image.

Remember Amber/Destiny
and Jamie/Audrey? Take a
moment to think about what
resources there are in your
community, that if provided,
could have shifted their
trajectories? What
resources might your
community need?





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