

Networking by Program Type: Street Outreach Program

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Insights from the field

Street outreach programs provide services directly or by collaborating with other agencies. Street outreach programs work closely with other organizations to protect and treat young people who have been or are at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation. Street outreach services include:

- Street-based education and outreach
- Access to emergency shelter
- Survival aid
- Individual assessments
- Trauma-informed treatment and counseling
- Prevention and education activities (alcohol and drug abuse; sexual exploitation; sexually transmitted infections, including HIV; and physical and sexual assault)
- Information and referrals
- Crisis intervention
- Follow-up support

Insights from the field

- Despite the challenges of 2020 (COVID, Civil Unrest) youth continued to reach out for SOP services
- Grantees had to quickly develop plans that included
 - Planning to remain open or to close drop in centers
 - Developing COVID 19 protocols
 - Ensuring safety of youth and staff
 - Meeting objectives within grant contract
 - Working with emergency shelters to keep youth safe
 - Ordering PPE and ways to distribute to youth

Networking Discussion Questions

- What do you see as the biggest challenge in delivering SOP?
- What are some successes of your SOP?
- What might be some new innovative ways to deliver SOP?
- What are the youth needing or talking about in regards to COVID 19/civil unrest?

Networking Instructions

- Initiated by participants based on shared topics of interest
- In the Booth Chat, pose questions or ideas you're interested in discussing & identify others to connect with
- Connect by Direct Messaging participants in the right column of Hopin
 - Click on People
 - Search for a name
 - Choose to chat (bottom of screen) or click to start a video call