



Action Coalition on Human Trafficking

FOCUS GROUP GUIDE

Research questions	Focus Group Questions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the root causes of sex trafficking of women and girls in Edmonton? 2. What are the strengths of existing policies and services in Edmonton and why? 3. What needs to occur to improve existing policies and services and 	<p><u>Introductory Questions</u></p> <p>What agency do you work with and what is your main role as a service provider or expert in responding to sex trafficking of women and girls in Edmonton?</p> <p>What are some ways that you have you been able to help women/girls who have been trafficked?</p> <p><u>Primary Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From your experience, what do you believe to be the root causes of sex trafficking of women and girls in Edmonton? 2a. From your experience, what do you believe are the strengths of existing policies and services in Edmonton? 2b. From your experience, what have been the most effective services or policies that you have relied on to help women/girls who have been sex trafficked in Edmonton and why are they effective? 2c. From your experience do any of the existing policies and services help with reducing and/or preventing sex trafficking of women and girls in Edmonton, why or why not? 2d. From your experience, what are the main services required and/or requested by trafficked women and girls in Edmonton and why? 3. From your experience, what needs to occur to improve existing policies and services in Edmonton and why?

<p>why?</p> <p>4. What are the gaps of existing policies and services in Edmonton and why?</p> <p>5. What population of women and girls are at a greater risk of being impacted by sex trafficking in Edmonton and why?</p>	<p>4a. From your experience, what are the current gaps of existing policies and services in Edmonton?</p> <p>4b. From your experience, why do you believe that these gaps exist and how can they be addressed?</p> <p>4c. Have there been times when you wanted to help a victim in some particular way, but there was no way for you to do so and why?</p> <p>4d. From your experience, what kind of support does your agency need and from whom?</p> <p>5a. How many suspected or confirmed sex trafficked women/girls have you had contact with in Edmonton?</p> <p>5b. What are the characteristics of these sex trafficked women/girls in Edmonton? (i.e., socio and economic background, age, ethnicity)</p> <p>5c. In your experience, is a particular population of women/girls disproportionately represented among those who are/have been sex trafficked in Edmonton?</p> <p>Concluding Question: Is there anything else that you would like to add that you think is important for us to know but have not had the opportunity to share?</p>
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The above questions have been adapted from Quarterman, Kaye, & Winterdyk's (2012) research project on human trafficking in Calgary and the Government of Canada's (2013) *Local Safety Audit Guide: To Prevent Trafficking in Persons And Related Exploitation*.