



Agenda

8:00-8:45 a.m. – Breakfast and Welcome

NCSL staff will address our new partnership with the federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and participants will be welcomed to the meeting by Illinois Senator Toi Hutchinson.

Moderator:

Sarah Brown, NCSL

Keynote Speaker:

Senator Toi Hutchinson, Illinois

9:00-10:15 a.m. – Expert Panel: Human Trafficking Perspectives and State Collaboration

This session will feature the expertise of four professionals working to combat human trafficking. After brief introductions, NCSL staff will lead a discussion examining each panelist's experiences, their work with trafficking survivors, and their successful collaborations with other anti-trafficking stakeholders. Panelists will share with participants the lessons they have learned and their strategies for the future.

Moderator:

Meghan McCann, NCSL

Panelists:

Lauren Ryan, Director, Safe Harbor/No Wrong Door Initiative, Minnesota Department of Health

Ryan Shields, Assistant Scientist, Department of Mental Health, Johns Hopkins University

Summar Ghias, Task Force Coordinator, STOP-IT, Salvation Army

Louis Longhitano, Supervisor of the Human Trafficking Unit, Cook County State's Attorney Office

10:30-11:55 a.m. - Legislator Policy Roundtable

NCSL staff will lead a discussion for legislator participants to reflect on the expert panel, share their previous experiences and develop priorities for action for safe harbor reforms in the future.

Facilitator:

Rich Williams, NCSL

11:55-Noon - Event Conclusion

NCSL staff will conclude the event and thank roundtable attendees for their participation.