



Northeast Region

Human Trafficking Service Inventory and Needs Assessment

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Background and Methods

In 2019, a small research team developed a [needs assessment](#) and demographic snapshot of human trafficking in the State of Missouri and the neighboring Metro East St. Louis area of Illinois. The needs assessment data were reanalyzed in 2021 and now reflect [CATE](#) regions. A research team also developed a [resource guide](#) of key resources survivors are most likely to indicate needing/ using for all Missouri counties and 8 counties in the Metro East St. Louis area. In 2020-2021, a small research team quantified the resource guides, developing a comprehensive service inventory. This report includes regional needs assessment and service inventory data, along with brief descriptive narratives depicting identified resource gaps.

Service Inventory

The service inventory reveals a region with limited service offerings as a whole. There appears to be somewhat more availability of services in Randolph, Adair, and Callaway counties, but they are limited in these counties as well.

TABLE 1: NORTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE INVENTORY BY COUNTY

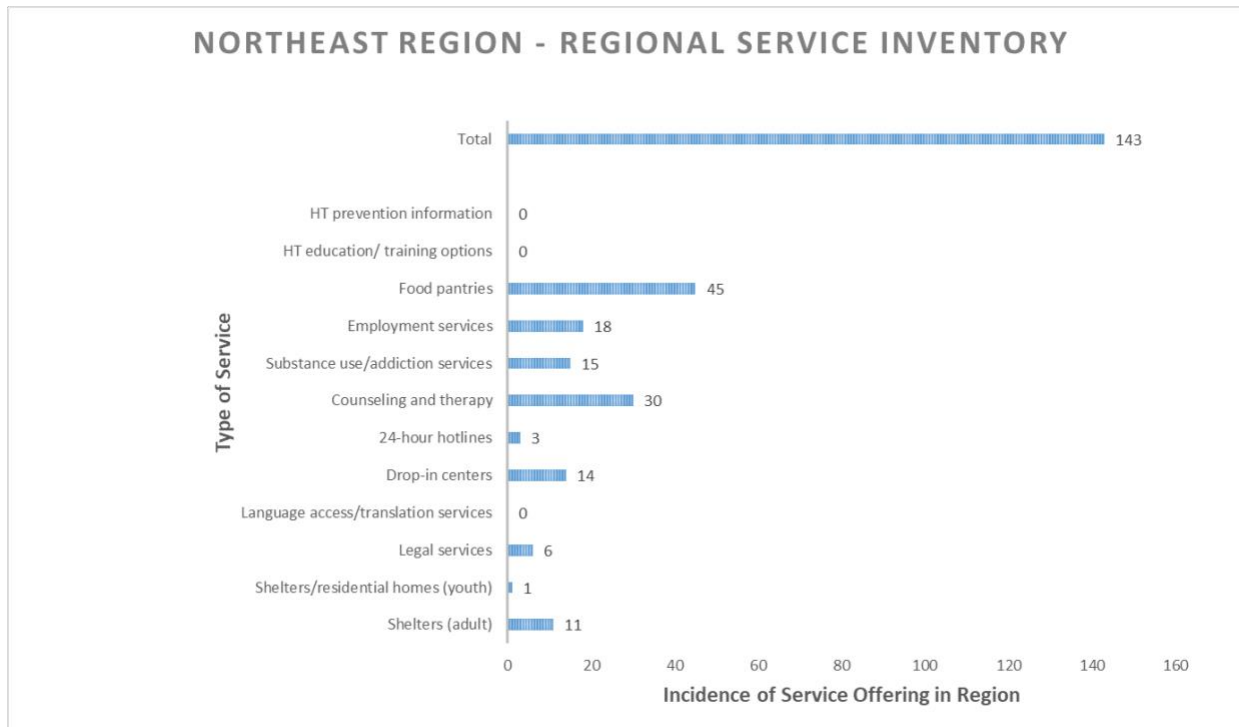
County	Shelters (adult)	Shelters/ residential homes (youth)	Legal services	Language access/ translation services	Drop-in centers	24-hour hotlines	Counseling and therapy	SUD services	Job services	Food pantries	HT education/ training	HT prevention	Total
Clark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Lewis	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	6
Marion	1	0	1	0	2	1	3	1	1	5	0	0	15
Ralls	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	4
Pike	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	7
Montgomery	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Audrain	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	2	3	3	0	0	16
Callaway	6	0	3	0	0	0	4	1	4	5	0	0	23
Randolph	2	0	1	0	3	0	3	4	4	4	0	0	21
Macon	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	10
Monroe	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Shelby	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	4

Knox	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Schuyler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Putnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Sullivan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Adair	1	0	0	0	2	0	6	1	3	7	0	0	20
Total	11	1	6	0	14	3	30	15	18	45	0	0	143

Note: Services were only counted in the counties they were located in to avoid duplication of counts, although service providers often serve neighboring counties and some serve statewide.

Combining service inventory data for the Northeast region shows several significant gaps in service offerings. Three service areas—language access/translation services, human trafficking prevention information, and human trafficking education/training options—had zero offerings in the Northeast region and may be considered an area of particular urgency for expansion. Only twelve residential shelters were recorded—and crucially, only one of the twelve specifically served minors. Food pantries and counseling/therapy offerings appeared to be points of relative strength for the region; 45 food pantries and 30 counseling/therapy programs were recorded.

FIGURE 1: NORTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE INVENTORY



Needs Assessment

Needs assessment data complements service inventory data to show not only what is available, but what service providers indicate is needed in their region (Figure 2, next page). Data from the CATE Northeast region largely suggest high levels of overall need—the lowest median ranking any needs-assessment category received was a 3 out of 5. Shelter for adults and minors, culturally competent shelters for LGBTQ+ populations, transitional housing, general housing assistance, mental healthcare, access to transportation, peer mentorship programs, and training needs in various sectors were reported as very high level needs in the region. Notably, mental healthcare needs received a median rating of 5/5 from service providers despite a relatively high concentration in the service inventory (30 offerings of counseling and therapy), suggesting that mental health programming could continue to be an area of focus/expansion to meet survivor needs. Emergency crisis services, life skills assistance, and residential/ detox substance use disorder services were reported as high to very highly needed services, indicating funding and expansion of these areas is needed in the region as well.

FIGURE 2: NORTHEAST REGIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

