Southeast Region

Human Trafficking Service Inventory and Needs Assessment

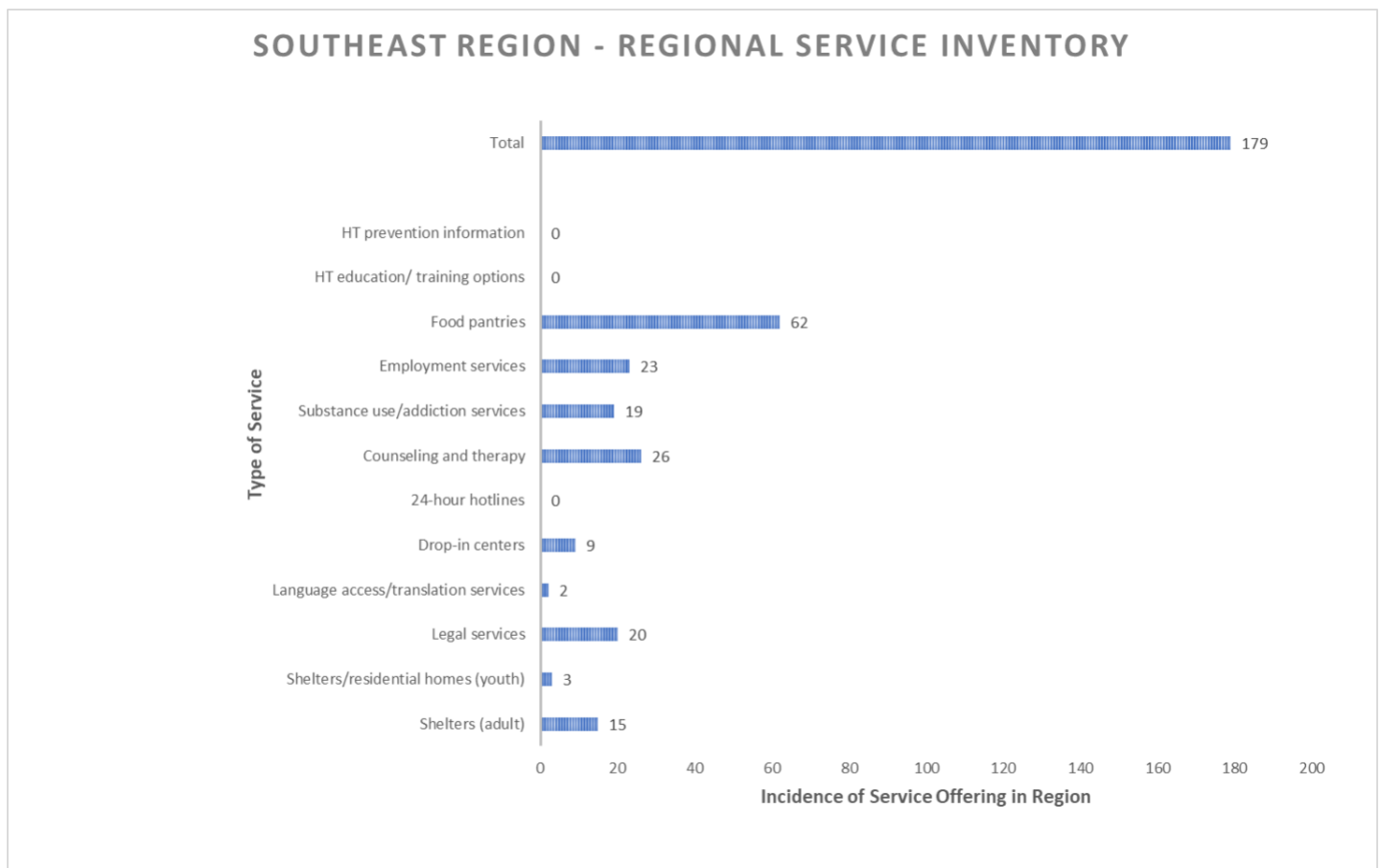# Southeast Region Human Trafficking Service Inventory and Needs Assessment

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 in 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 in the Southeast region.

Service Inventory

Service inventory data for the Southeast region (Figure 1) reveal several significant gaps, particularly in the categories of Human Trafficking education and prevention information, both of which had zero offerings in the region. This indicates the importance of organizations working statewide, such as CATE. Other lacking categories included youth shelters (only three offerings) and language access services (only two). Food pantries were an area of particular strength for the region, with sixty-two offerings available.

FIGURE 1: SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE INVENTORY

SOUTHEAST REGION - REGIONAL SERVICE INVENTORY

Type of Service	Incidence of Service Offering in Region
Total	179
HT prevention information	0
HT education/ training options	0
Food pantries	62
Employment services	23
Substance use/addiction services	19
Counseling and therapy	26
24-hour hotlines	0
Drop-in centers	9
Language access/translation services	2
Legal services	20
Shelters/residential homes (youth)	3
Shelters (adult)	15

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.

County level analyses within the region (Table 1) revealed service offerings were generally sparse: only five counties out of twenty in the region had ten or more service offerings of any kind. Services appeared in higher concentrations in Cape Girardeau, St. Francois, and Butler Counties, but were not prevalent even in these counties. Notably, substance use disorder has been identified as a problem in this region, although services to address them are not plentiful in any of the counties.

TABLE 1: SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE INVENTORY BY COUNTY

County	Shelters (adult)	Shelters/residential homes (youth)	Legal services	Language access services	Drop-in centers	Counseling and therapy	SUD services	Job Services	Food pantries	HT education/ training options	HT prevention information		Total
Dunklin	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0		8
Pemiscot	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	0		7
New Madrid	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0		7
Mississippi	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0		6
Scott	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	8	0	0		16
Stoddard	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0		5
Butler	4	0	2	0	0	3	3	5	5	0	0		22
Ripley	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0		8
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		2
Shannon	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0		6
Carter	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	0		7
Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0		6
Bollinger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		2
Cape Girardeau	2	0	6	0	1	3	2	1	5	0	0		20
Perry	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0		9
Madison	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0		6
Ste. Genevieve	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0		4
St. Francois	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	2	10	0	0		25
Iron	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0		3
Reynolds	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0		10
Total	15	3	20	2	9	26	19	23	62	0	0		179

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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). Though total services available in the Southeast region are certainly not insignificant, the needs assessment reveals that service availability is still outpaced by demand. Twenty-three of the thirty-seven categories featured in the needs assessment were reported as very high level needs, and eleven more were reported as high level needs. Interestingly, while language services emerged as a potential gap in the service inventory, with only two offerings, providers only assigned language services as moderately needed. Though some continued need for food pantry expansion is indicated, the relatively lower urgency rating (moderately needed) reflects the high total number of food pantries in the region; this is truly a strong point of the Southeast region's service offerings.

FIGURE 2: SOUTHEAST REGIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

SHELTER FOR ADULTS	
SHELTER FOR MINORS	
CULTURALLY COMPETENT SHELTER FOR LGBTQ+ POPULATIONS	
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	
GENERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE	
LEGAL ASSISTANCE/LEGAL ADVOCACY	
SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROGRAMMING	
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV) SERVICES RELATED TO TRAFFICKING	
RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES RELATED TO TRAFFICKING	
MENTAL HEALTHCARE	
ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION	
EMERGENCY/CRISIS SERVICES	
MEDICAL CARE (GENERAL)	
SEXUAL HEALTH	
STATEWIDE HUMAN TRAFFICKING DATA COLLECTION TOOL	
TRAINING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT	
TRAINING IN THE JUVENILE COURTS	
TRAINING IN SCHOOLS	
TRAINING IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES	
TRAINING IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	
PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS	
LIFE SKILLS ASSISTANCE	
STATEWIDE REPORTING PROTOCOL FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (RESIDENTIAL/DETOX)	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (OUTPATIENT)	
JOB TRAINING/EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES	
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE	
DROPIN CENTER	
MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM COORDINATION	
SCREENING TOOL TO HELP IDENTIFY TRAFFICKING	
SET OF INDICATORS (RED FLAG SIGNS) FOR PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION	
TRAINING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/IPV SERVICES	
TRAINING IN RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES	
MULTIDISCIPLINARY CROSSTRAINING	
LABOR TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROGRAMMING	
FOOD SECURITY/FOOD PANTRIES	
LANGUAGE ACCESS/INTERPRETATION/TRANSLATION SERVICES	

5=Very High Level Need

4= High Level Need

3=Moderate Need

2= Low Level Need

1=Very Low Level Need

MEDIAN RESPONSE