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Strategic Partnerships

Building on the Foundation of MDT Success





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AGENDA

- Introduction
- “Strategic Partnership” Defined
- FBI MOU Applicability
 - Responsibilities
 - Information Sharing
 - Statistics
- Implementation/Next Steps



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Defined

Strategic Partnership





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Characteristics

- Common goal
- Team Work
- Agreement
- Aligned or outlined expectations
- Term limit
- Binding vs. non-binding
- MOU/Agreement



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Maintain

How do you maintain a
partnership/relationship?



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NCA & FBI MOU



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WHY AN MOU?

- Ensure that all children have access to the services of a CAC
- Have an evidence-based intervention that helps the victim and the family
- Ensures that our law enforcement partners have the resources they need to investigate and prosecute these cases.



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History & Purpose

- To directly address a historical problem that created pain points for both CACs and the FBI:
 - 1) Local FBI special agents are not authorized to enter into individual CAC MOUs. This document creates a vehicle for their involvement in local CACs on an official (and not ad hoc) basis.
 - 2) The FBI currently has no way of knowing which Accredited CACs want to be used for federal cases. This provides a means for CACs to voluntarily agree to serve those child/youth victims.
 - 3) Historically, neither CACs nor the FBI knew what to expect from each other and therefore this MOU is intended to improve consistency.



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PARAMETERS of the MOU

- Outlines the FBI'S use of CAC's, including the use of CAC employees trained as FI
- Outlines what CACs can expect from the FBI in these specialized federal cases.
- Clarifies the disposition of documentation and video recordings
- Solidifies a collaborative effort to provide supportive services to victims and their families



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BACKGROUND

- FBI Crimes Against Children
- FBI complies with federal law and the AG's General Guidelines
- Department personnel are required to provide age appropriate support services...and referrals for community based services.
- Guidelines also emphasize resources and the use of MDT's when feasible.
- When possible - interviews are conducted by trained personnel



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BACKGROUND

■ OVA

- Ensuring victims of federal crimes investigated by the FBI receive the rights, assistance, information, and services to help them cope through the traumatic event and judicial process.
- Provides oversight
 - Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewers (CAFIIs)
 - Field office-based Victim Specialists (VSs)



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BACKGROUND

- FBI Responsible entities
 - Office for Victim Assistance (OVA)
 - Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)

- VCACS
 - Child crimes; to include:
 - Sex abuse
 - Sexual exploitation
 - Pornography (to include production and distribution)
 - Human trafficking
 - Slavery
 - Physical abuse
 - Neglect



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History of FBI Interviewing Program

2001 - First two interviewers hired, first training

2014 - Six full-time interviewer positions

- Regionally located across the country to support all 56 field offices
- Two assigned to Indian Country
- Conducted more than 12,000 interviews
- Provided training to more than 11,000 law enforcement personnel across the world
- Expanded involvement of victim services professionals
- Expanded collaboration with CACs, MDTs



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FBI Forensic Interviewing Program

- First program in a federal investigative agency
- Managed by the FBI's Office for Victim Assistance
- Highly experienced/skilled forensic interviewers with mental health/social work backgrounds
- CAFE's conduct interviews, provide case consultation, assist with operational planning in cases and provide training.
- Interviewers may interview adult victims under special circumstances
- May testify as an expert in local, state, federal, military court proceedings



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Cases Involving FBI Forensic Interviewers

- Child Exploitation (Pornography)
- Juvenile Sex Trafficking
- Indian Country Violations
- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Homicide
- Child Abduction
- Color of Law
- Crime on the High Seas
- Human Trafficking (Labor)
- Any violation involving child/adolescent victim or witnesses.
- Counterterrorism
- International Parental Kidnapping
- Bank Robbery Witnesses



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Triage Model

The CAFE's triage each case when scheduling.

Goal is to:

- Utilize best interview resource for optimal outcome for both the case and the child/adolescent victim
- CAFE's triage case by case and provide consultation to determine:
 - Response time
 - Who is best resource to conduct interview
 - Best location for interview
 - Other considerations unique to each case



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NCA RESPONSIBILITIES

- NCA agreed to:
 - Establish a working relationship between NCA/Accredited CACs and the FBI.
 - Encourage membership to develop evidenced based FI collaboration with FBI.
 - Provide a liaison between the FBI and local CACs to troubleshoot and address concerns regarding the implementation of the MOU and regarding FBI led investigations/interviews of children.
 - Provide training on the MOU to interested Accredited CACs, Chapters, and other stakeholders.
 - Invite eligible CACs to voluntarily participate in the MOU and to provide the FBI with information about those that want to participate in the MOU.



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CAC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Accredited CACs to carefully consider their willingness and availability to assist federal law enforcement and improve their knowledge of child exploitation and trafficking cases.
- For those voluntarily agreeing to participate in the MOU:
 - Allow FBI CAFE's to utilize the CAC space to conduct interviews when available and consistent with NCA Standards.
 - Given the nature of these cases, to provide after-hours access for FBI interviews consistent with after-hours policy and practices for all law enforcement.
 - When requested, to provide a CAC interviewer. That forensic interviewer must demonstrate compliance with NCA National Standards for Accreditation training requirements.



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CAC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- For those voluntarily participating in MOU:
 - Consistent with NCA National Standards for Accreditation Victim Advocacy Standard, CACs or FBI victim specialist (as determined by the needs of the case) makes sure services are provided to the family.
 - Consistent with NCA's Case Review Standard regarding law enforcement participation, the FBI CAFI, Agent, or Victim Specialist will be notified of case review and invited to participate. Conversely, FBI cases will not be case-reviewed without such notification or presence.
 - CAC may be permitted to view an FBI-conducted interview. However, the decision will be made by the FBI based upon legal restraints.



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FBI RESPONSIBILITIES:

- FBI will triage their cases to determine the best interviewer, location, and time
- FBI CAFI's meet NCA National Standards for Accreditation forensic interviewing standards. FBI Special Agents and Task Force Officers who wish to conduct interviews themselves must demonstrate that they have completed an FBI forensic interviewing class (and thus meet NCA's forensic interviewing standard) or a nationally recognized training.
- FBI CAFIs will not conduct an interview without a law enforcement officer present.
- FBI will make a copy of their forensic interviewing protocol available to CAC signatories on the MOU.
- FBI will provide NCA with updates regarding the FBI interviewing protocol.



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FBI RESPONSIBILITIES (cont.)

- FBI CAFIs will follow the FBI interviewing protocol within the CAC environment; to include:
 - Presenting evidence
 - Interviewing victims who have not disclosed
 - Recording of interviews
 - Forensic interviews of "compliant victims"
- FBI will preserve and maintain all recordings of their interviews conducted at CACs. No other recordings may be maintained.
- FBI Victim Specialist will work with CAC staff to make sure services are provided for the family as needed.



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INFORMATION SHARING

- The Parties to this MOU will comply with the provisions of U.S. Constitution and all applicable laws, executive orders, and policies.
- The Parties acknowledge that the information involved in the MOU may identify U.S. persons, whose information is protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 and/or Executive Order 12,333 (or any successor executive order). All such information will be handled lawfully pursuant to the provisions thereof.



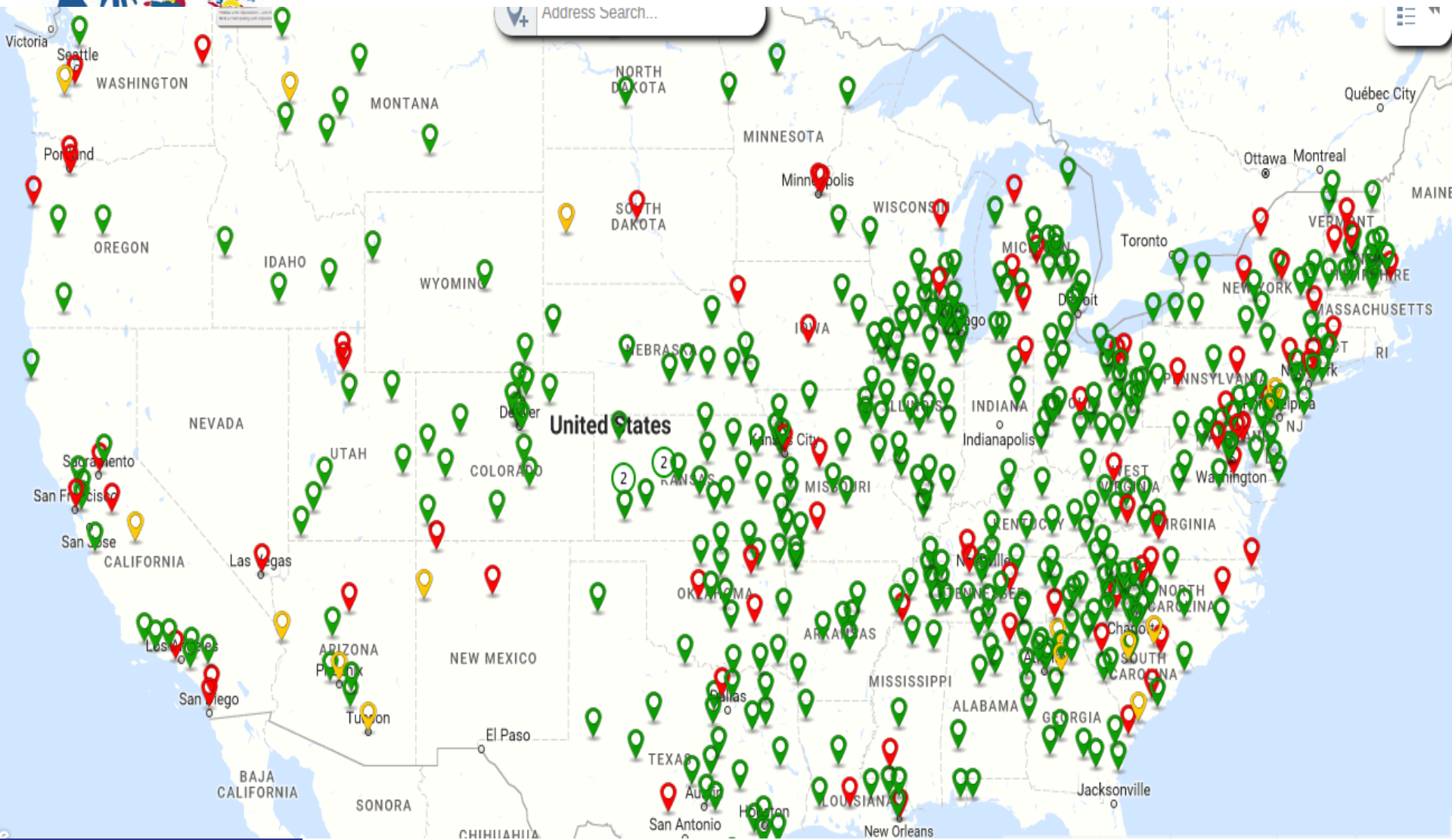
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Questions for CAC's

- Name of your CAC.
- The location of your CAC (Please be specific - address, zip, any special instructions for parking, etc.).
- Contact information (Primary and secondary contact information to include business and after hours phone numbers).
- After hours availability?
- Forensic Interviewer capacity (How many FI's do you have and are they willing to assist if the FBI requests an interview(s))? Please indicate if they are bilingual and if so, the language.
- Do you currently record your forensic interviews?
- Do you currently charge a fee for service? If yes, do you plan on charging the FBI a fee for service?
- Specific challenges regarding the MOU? (Keeping a copy of the recording, presentation of evidence, etc.)
- Any other concerns or questions?



GEO MAP





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Next Steps / Future

- Follow-up contact with all centers
- Information housed on NCA website
- Statistical gathering
 - Impact for CAC's
 - Impact for FBI
 - Impact for victims



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Next Steps / Future

■ Strategic Partnerships

- FBI enhancement
 - Tribal
 - Additional services
- Homeland Security
- Armed Forces
- Endorsements
 - National Sheriff's Association
 - National Association of Police Chiefs
 - International Association of Police Chiefs
 - National Association of Social Workers
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Ideas
Comments
Questions??



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