



Implementing Trauma-Informed Court-Based Solutions

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AGENDA

- learn about the formation and phases of the TYLA court program
- introduce trauma-informed best practices when speaking to victims in the courtroom
- gain an understanding of the benefits of partnering with a NGO for a court diversion program



THE FIVE PROGRAMS OF SELAH FREEDOM



Outreach



Residential



Awareness



Prevention



Organizational Consulting

Turn Your Life Around

Mission Statement

To help individuals arrested for prostitution-related charges escape the sex trade industry by providing them with resources that address their root issues



History

- In 2013, TYLA was a prostitution diversionary program comprised of Selah Freedom, Sarasota Police Department, First Step (detox), and State Attorney's Office of the 12th Judicial Circuit of Florida.
- In 2018, TYLA branched out to Manatee County.
- Present date, non-prostitution charges involving a defendant who would be appropriate for TYLA may, by agreement between defense counsel and the State Attorney's Office, and after meeting eligibility requirements of the TYLA case coordinator, transfer to the TYLA docket.

Deputy Chief Pat Robinson, Sarasota Police Department
“After a few years [of partnering with Selah Freedom], prostitution dropped by 40% and is down 90% as of 2019.”



HOW IT WORKS



FIRST CONTACT

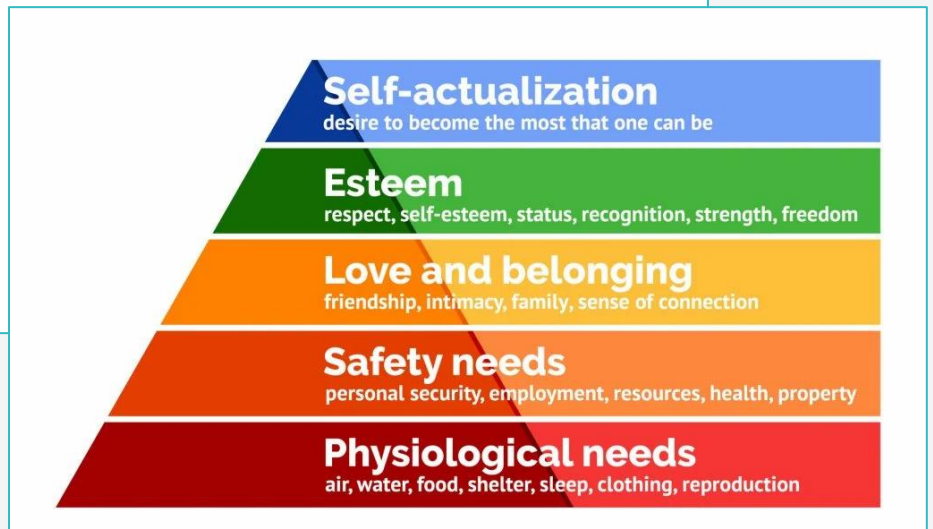
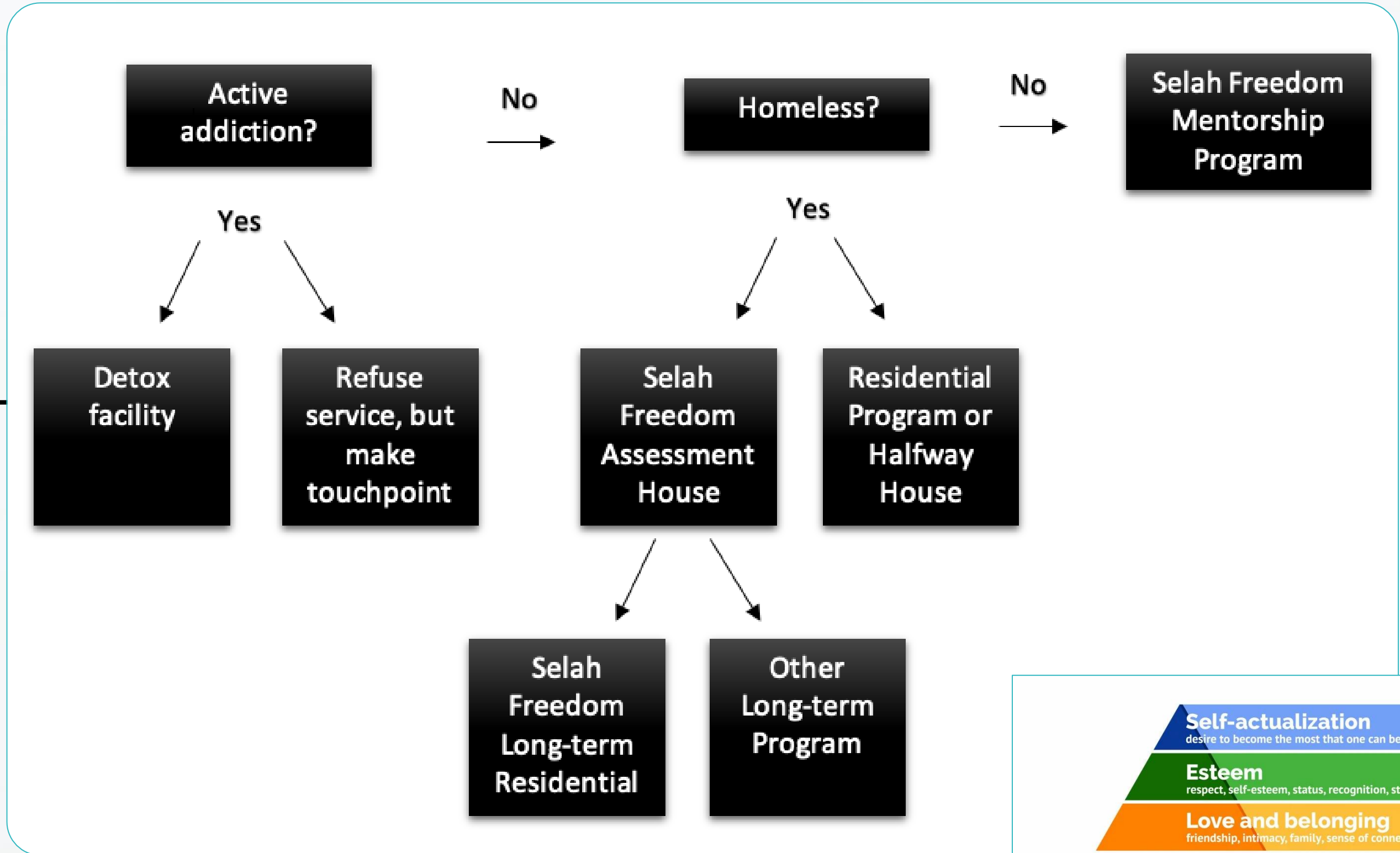
ASSESSMENT

COURT

CASE
MANAGEMENT



FIRST CONTACT



SCREENING BY OUTREACH



ASSESSMENT

- TYLA screening consists of Selah's clinical acceptance AND the SAO legal acceptance
- CAST is one of the tools used to screen for HT.

PROCESS: recruiting, harboring, transportation;
obtaining/providing

MEANS: force, fraud, coercion

ENDS: sex trafficking; minor sex trafficking; labor trafficking

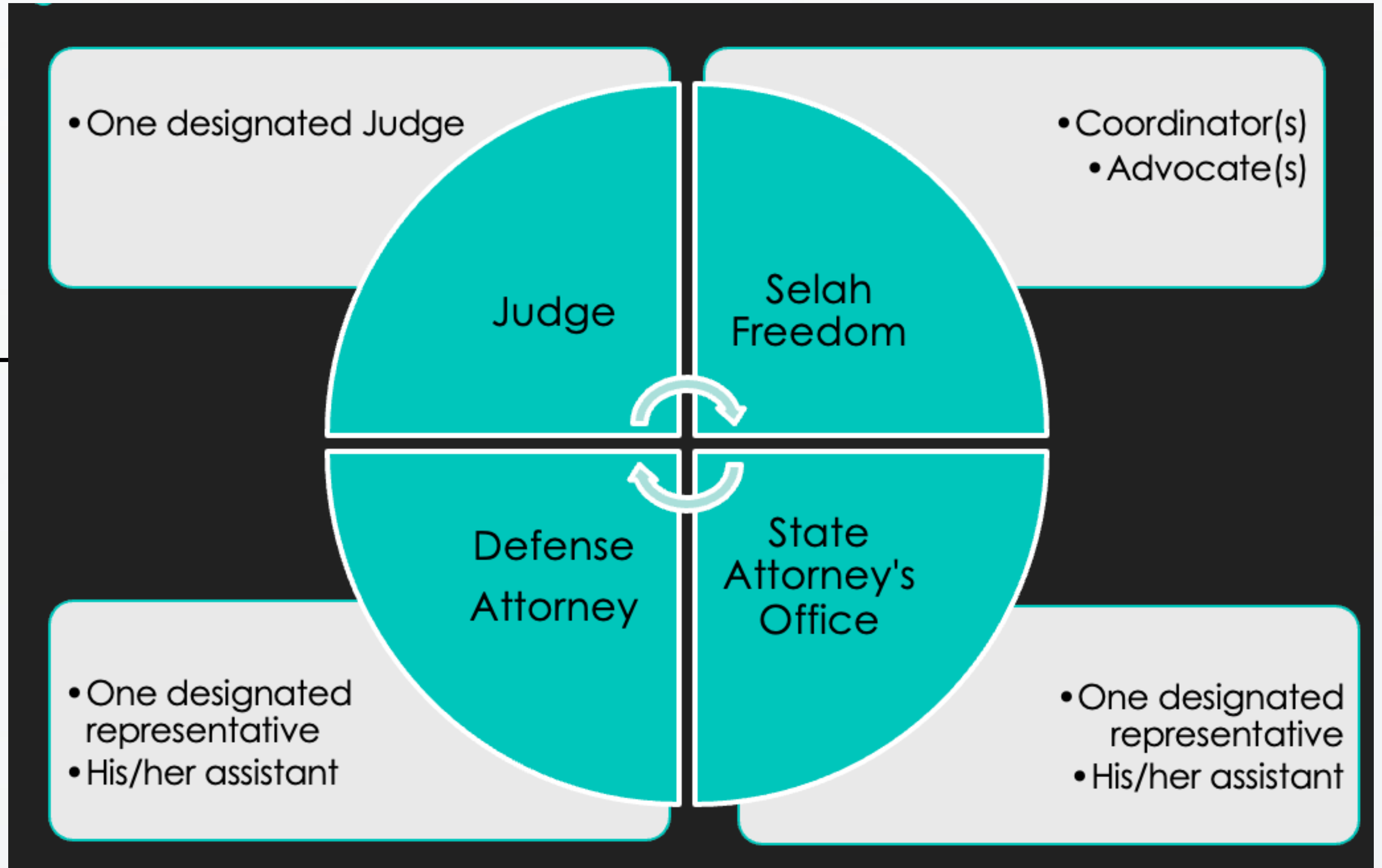
This form was created for social service providers to identify a victim of human trafficking and screen for eligibility of social services. This form was designed taking into consideration, privilege and confidentiality protections. To maintain these privilege and confidentiality protections, a social service provider only needs to obtain a "yes or no" answer and should not obtain any other additional trafficking facts. If a person answers yes to any question, then the correlating box should be checked. If you check at least one box in each column, then the potential client is "more likely than not" a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons under the federal definition (22 USC § 7102). If the social service provider suspect trafficking, she/he should call an attorney for a complete legal assessment.

Check the box if the answer is "Yes" – Remember you only need at least one checkbox from each column

PROCESS	MEANS	ENDS
Recruiting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Did someone promise you a different job than the job you were required to work? <input type="checkbox"/> Did someone promise you a job and then change the terms once you started working? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever done activities that were different from what you were promised or told? 	Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Did someone physically or sexually hurt you? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever worked [or did other activities] or lived somewhere where there were locks on the doors or windows or anything else that stopped you from leaving? <input type="checkbox"/> Were you forced to work while sick? 	Labor Trafficking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever been pressured to do anything you didn't want to do to pay back money that you borrowed or owed someone?* <input type="checkbox"/> Were you forced to work to pay off a debt to your employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Did anyone where you worked ever take your money for things (ex. transportation, food, or rent)? <input type="checkbox"/> Were you forced to give someone else the money you earned? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you worked for someone or done any other activities for which you thought you would be paid? <input type="checkbox"/> Did you ever feel like you couldn't stop working because someone was going to hurt you or your family? <input type="checkbox"/> Were you ever allowed to take breaks where you worked [or did other activities], for example, to eat, use the telephone, or use the bathroom? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever felt you could not leave the place where you worked [or did other
Harboring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Were you unable to contact your family and friends or was your contact limited? <input type="checkbox"/> Was another person in control of where you lived or worked? <input type="checkbox"/> Did you live in the same place where you worked? <input type="checkbox"/> Were you unable to come and go whenever you wanted? 	Coercion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Did anyone ever make you feel scared or unsafe? <input type="checkbox"/> Did someone threaten you, your family, or anyone around you? <input type="checkbox"/> Did anyone at the place where you lived or worked monitor you or stop you from contacting your family, friends, or others? <input type="checkbox"/> Did anyone you ever worked for or lived with threaten to report you to the police or other authorities? <input type="checkbox"/> Has your identification documents or passport been taken away from you? 	



COURT



TYLA Docket 7/19/2022

██████████ (DOB: ██████████)

Status: Client is graduating today!

Case: ██████████

Charge: Prostitution; Possession of marijuana; Possession of drug paraphernalia

Case: ██████████

Charge: Driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked after prior conviction

██████████ (DOB: ██████████)

Status: Client is currently at Selah Freedom Long Term Residential. Client is following all program guidelines.

Case: ██████████

Charge: Grand theft motor vehicle

██████████ (DOB: ██████████)

Status: Client is currently at Refuge for Women – Chicago. Client is following all program guidelines.

Case: ██████████

Charge: Sale or delivery of cocaine

Case: ██████████

Charge: Possession of a controlled substance

TO PLEA:

██████████ (DOB: ██████████)

Status: Client is currently at Manatee County Jail. She is on the waitlist for the Selah Freedom Assessment House.

Case: ██████████

Charge: Dealing in stolen property; obtaining money from pawn broker by fraud

OBSERVING

██████████ (DOB: ██████████)

Status: Client is currently at Manatee County Jail. She did not turn in program application to begin screening with Selah. Approved by State.

Case: ██████████

Charge: Sale or delivery of marijuana

Case: ██████████

Charge: Possession of MDMA, marijuana not more than 20 grams, cocaine

Case: ██████████

Charge: Driving while license suspended

Case: ██████████

Charge: Driving while license suspended

Name: ██████████

DOB: ██████████

TYLA Entry: ██████████

Case Number/s: ██████████

Charge/s: Possession of controlled substance, Possession of drug paraphernalia; Fraudulent use of credit card

Case Manager: ██████████

Insert Client Mugshot

Drug Screenings

Drug of Choice: Fentanyl, Crack

Date	Results	Notes
12/19/2022	Negative	Negative for all substances
1/13/2023	Negative	Negative for all substances
02/02/2023	Negative	Negative for all substances
3/02/2023	Negative	Negative for all substances
3/21/2023	Negative	Negative for al substances
4/29/2023	Negative	Negative for all substances
5/28/2023	Negative	Negative for all substances
06/16/2023	Negative	Negative for all substances
07/08/2023	Negative	Negative for all substances

Treatment Status to include recommendations, update in phase information, and any accomplishments/setbacks that may have occurred:

Date: 11/29/2022 Client signed TYLA contract.

Date: 12/19/2022: Client had a bed-to-bed transfer from Manatee County Jail into Selah Freedom’s Assessment House.

Date: 2/4/2023 Client had a bed-to-bed transfer from Selah Freedom’s Assessment House to Selah Freedom’s Long-term Residential House.

Date: 12/13/2022 Progress Update:

██████████ is at MCJ waiting for a bed at The Assessment house, Selah is looking to transfer her in the third week of December.

Date: 1/17/2023 Progress Update:

██████████ is doing well and meeting all program guidelines. ██████████ has begun the process of looking for long term programs. She at first only wanted to stay local but the more she has thought about it she is open to programs in other states. She said that she is enjoying the classes that she is taking at The Assessment house.

Date: 02/07/2023 Progress Update:



**CASE
MANAGEMENT**

Case Management

Genogram

Trauma Resolution Therapy

Educational Classes - Codependency, Boundaries, Healthy Relationships

Sex Trade Support Group

Recovery Groups (AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery)

Partnerships for Dental Work and Medical Needs

Tattoo Coverups

Clothing Closet

Bus Passes and Transportation Assistance

Victim Advocacy

DISPOSITION

Opt Out

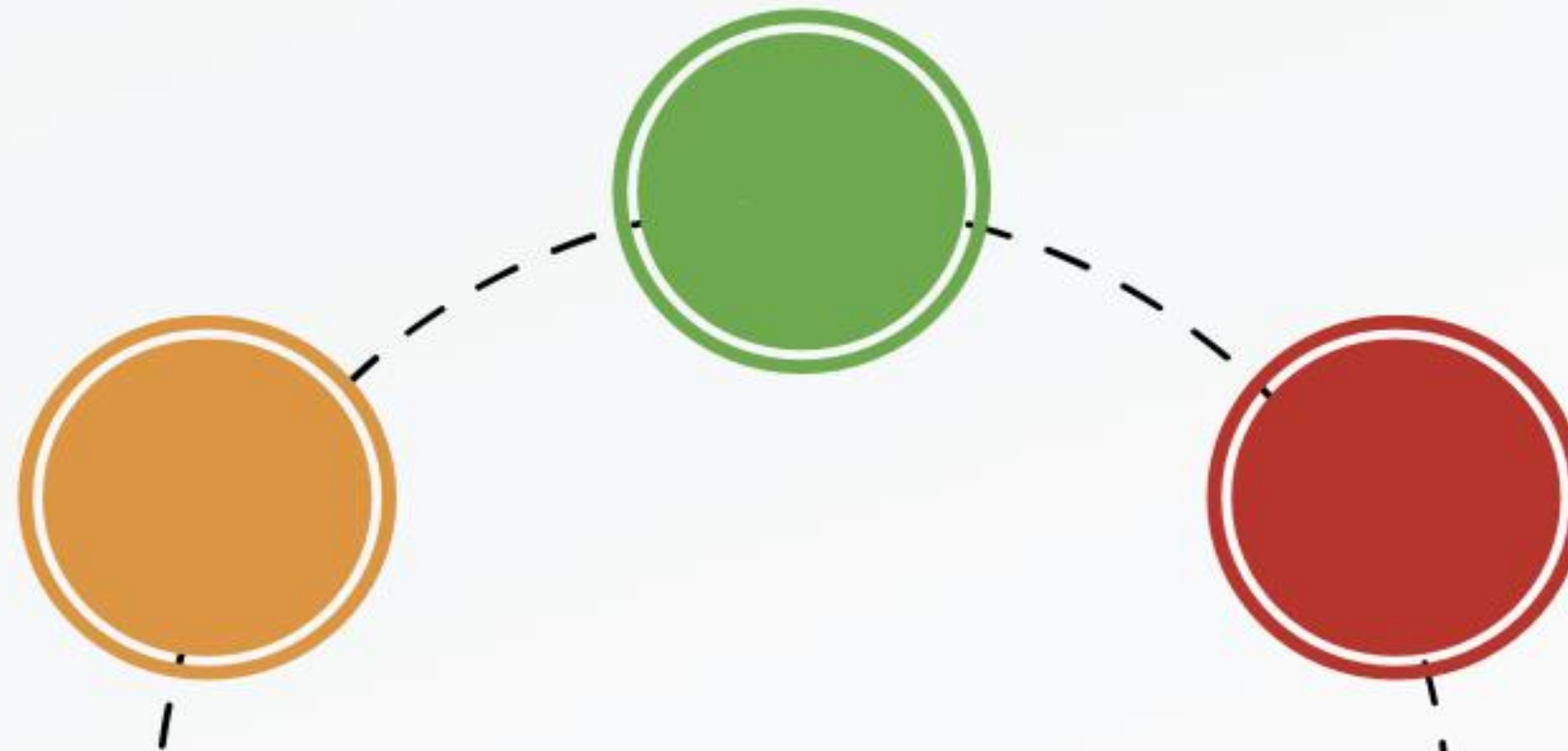
- Observed the docket
- Voluntary program
- Transfer back to criminal line
- May appear for another case in the future

Graduation

- Administrative dismissal
- Adjudication withheld
- Termination of probation
- Continued after-care

Dismissal

- Warrants issued
- Sentenced by TYLA Judge if plea entered



WHAT IS THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS IN THE PROGRAM? THERE IS NOT A BLACK AND WHITE ANSWER. THE ANSWER IS THAT THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS IS DIFFERENT FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL. EVERY CLIENT HAS A LITANY OF PERSONAL ISSUES AND TRAUMA THAT LED THEM INTO A LIFE OF LEGAL BURDENS. SOME HAVE MORE OF A CAPACITY TO DEVELOP THE NECESSARY TOOLS TO MOVE FORWARD THEN OTHERS. SOME HAVE A BETTER SUPPORT SYSTEM IN PLACE TO HELP THEM IN THEIR JOURNEY. HAVING THIS UNDERSTANDING IN MIND, ANY POSITIVE OUTCOME WITHIN THAT JOURNEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A SUCCESS.



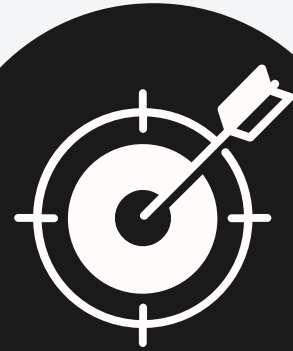
Gauging Success

TRIGGERS OF RE-TRAUMATIZATION

In order to avoid re-traumatizing the victim, we must understand the physical, social, and emotional impact cooperation will have on the victim and must avoid triggers such as:

- Lack of control
- Unexpected changes of circumstances
- Feeling threatened or attacked
- Feeling vulnerable or frightened
- Feeling shame

It's all about control.



- DEPRESSION
- SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
- ANXIETY
- DISSOCIATION
- COMPLEX PTSD

MIND



- DAILY RAPE
- SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIORS
- STI INCLUDING HIV
- PHYSICAL DAMAGE (INCLUDING DENTAL)
- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
- ADDICTION

BODY



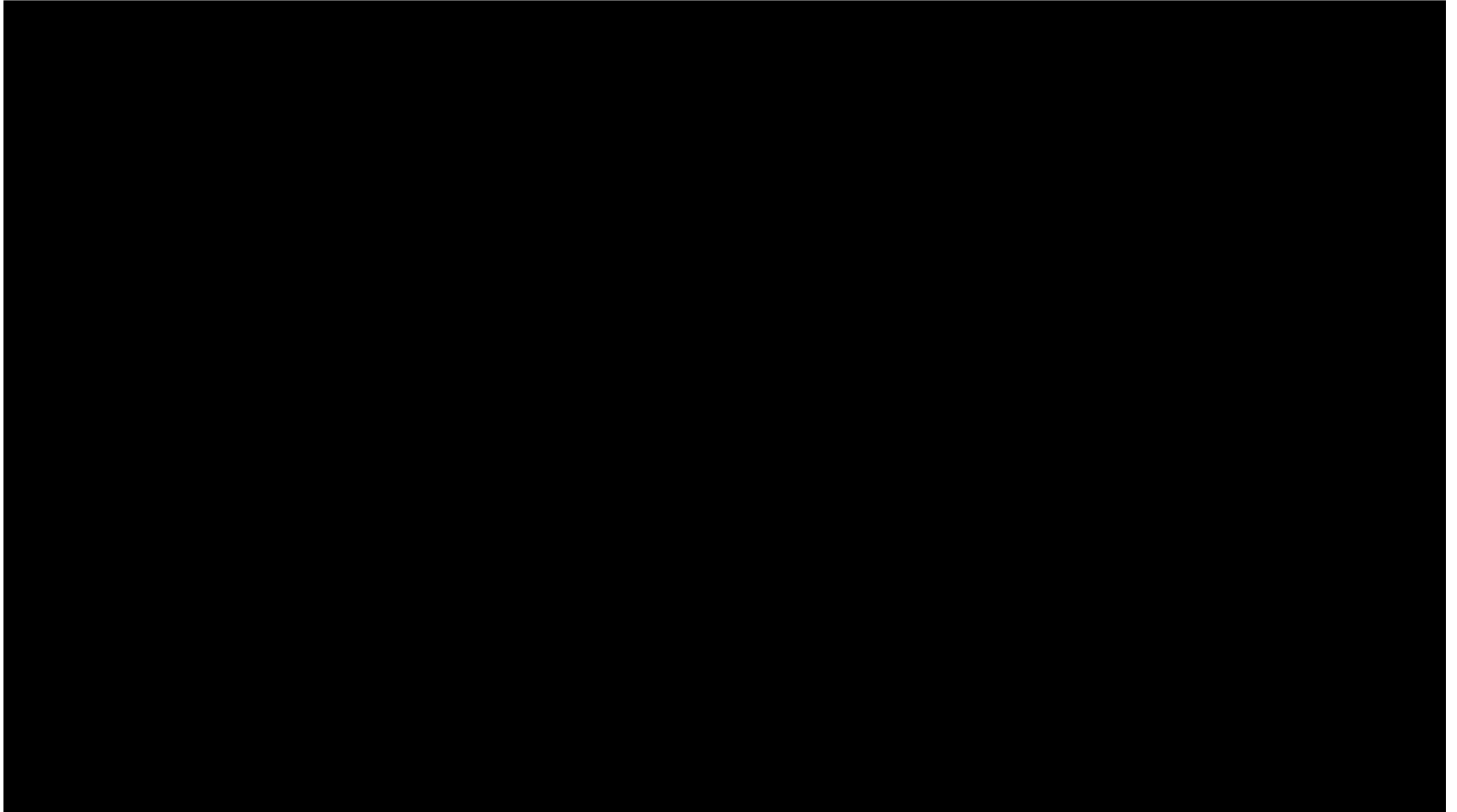
- ISOLATION – DISCONNECTION FROM FAMILY & COMMUNITY
- RAGE
- INTENSE GRIEVING
- SELF-HATRED
- DISPAIR
- HOPELESSNESS

SOUL

COMMUNICATION TIPS

- Empathize based on what you know about mind, body, and soul control
- Build rapport
- Do NOT make promises you can't keep
- Understand no two human trafficking victims will have the same experience
- Do NOT judge
- Do NOT challenge or question the veracity of the victim
- Be aware of cultural differences
- It's treatment court – relapse happens
- Celebrate little successes
- Use positive reinforcement, but have the hard conversations if facing dismissal

Case Study



Interested in the TYLA model?

- Available resources:
 - TYLA manual
 - TYLA contract
- Contact me to:
 - Present to your jurisdiction
 - Observe a TYLA court hearing

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MANATEE/SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

Case No(s):

v.

Defendant.
_____ /

TYLA CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is entered into on _____ by the above named Defendant (the "Client"); the Client's Attorney; the State of Florida through the State Attorney's Office representative; the Department of Corrections Probation Department designated representative and/or the County Probation Department designated representative (if applicable); the Court; and the Selah Freedom Case Coordinator (collectively, the "Parties").

1. The Parties agree that the Client is eligible to participate and will be participating in the Turn Your Life Around Program ("TYLA").
2. The Client acknowledges the following:
 - a. I understand that this program is voluntary. I have the right to have my above case(s) resolved in the regularly assigned criminal division until I have entered into TYLA through signing this Contract. I am making the decision that all charges in the above case(s) will be transferred to TYLA and I agree to enter and successfully complete the Pretrial Diversion Plan (the "Plan").
 - b. The terms of the Plan are established by the TYLA Treatment Team which includes the TYLA Judge, Client's Attorney, the State Attorney's Office representative, and the Selah Freedom Case Coordinator. Each TYLA participant has a different Plan based upon each person's individual circumstance. A Selah Freedom Case

PHASES of starting treatment court in your county

Goals &
Objectives

Creating a Team
or Task Force

Resources &
Stakeholders

Data Collection



**THANK
YOU!**

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