

Survivor-Informed Practice

SELF-GUIDED ASSESSMENT TOOL

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A survivor-informed practice includes meaningful input from a diverse community of survivors at all stages of a program or project, including development, implementation, and evaluation. The following tool has been developed to assist organizations in (1) assessing the degree to which their project or programming is survivor informed and (2) in identifying areas for improvement. Three areas for assessing survivor-informed practice are included.

Instructions: For each line, circle one answer, indicating the degree to which the practice is adhered to (never-0, occasionally-1, or always-2). Section scores identify areas of strength and weakness; total score indicates the degree to which a program or project is survivor informed.

	Never	Occasionally	Always
Meaningful input			
Program/project provides employment opportunities for survivors.	0	1	2
Survivors serve in leadership positions for the program/project (management, advisory board, etc.).	0	1	2
In the absence of survivor staff, survivor consultants are hired to provide input.	0	1	2
If direct survivor input is unavailable, survivor-developed guidance and resources are utilized.	0	1	2
Section Score:	_____ out of 8		
From a diverse community of survivors			
Survivor input represents both sex and labor trafficking perspectives.	0	1	2
Survivor input represents both domestic and foreign-national perspectives.	0	1	2
Survivor input represents other diverse survivor perspectives (adults, minors, LGBTQ survivors, etc.).	0	1	2
Project/program incorporates best practices from other survivor-informed fields (domestic violence, etc.).	0	1	2
A strengths-based process is in place for determining appropriate areas and levels of survivor engagement.	0	1	2
Section Score:	_____ out of 10		
At all stages of a program or project			
Survivor expertise is accessed in the development of initial program/project design.	0	1	2
Survivor input is incorporated into development of policies and procedures.	0	1	2
Survivor input is incorporated into the creation of program/project materials.	0	1	2
Survivor expertise is accessed throughout program/project implementation.	0	1	2
Survivor expertise is accessed in evaluation of program/project.	0	1	2
A process is established and utilized for obtaining feedback from survivor participants.	0	1	2
Section Score:	_____ out of 12		
TOTAL SCORE:	_____ out of 30		