# Introduction to WARN



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### What Is WARN?

- The Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network is a coalition of non-profit organizations created in 2004 to provide intensive case management services to survivors of human trafficking, both labor and sex trafficking.
- WARN serves all survivors of human trafficking regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender identity, country of origin, legal status, or industry where the trafficking occurred.



## **WARN Coalition**

#### Our current coalition consists of four organizations:



**IRC** works primarily with survivors of labor trafficking and distributes funding to coalition member agencies.



Real Escape from the Sex Trade works primarily with survivors of sex trafficking.



API Chaya works primarily with survivors who identify as South Asian, Asian, and/or Pacific Islander.



Kids in Need of Defense provides pro bono attorneys to represent unaccompanied children.



## **Introduction to WARN Services**



## **WARN Services**

WARN Advocates work with their clients on stabilizing once they leave a trafficking situation, identifying case management goals and working towards long term sustainability. Some examples of things we work on:

- Basic needs food, clothing, housing, transportation, phone, utilities, toiletries
- Benefit navigation DSHS and Apple Health/Medicaid
- Gathering needed documents passport, driver's license, birth certificates, etc.
- Medical and dental services Swedish partnership and MTI, etc.
- Immigration relief temporary and long-term options
- Emotional stability / mental health services / safety planning
- Education / ESL classes
- Job training
- Connection to civil legal services / family law services
- Financial literacy / budgeting
- Family reunification International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Language access

....and many more.



### **Trauma-Informed Care**

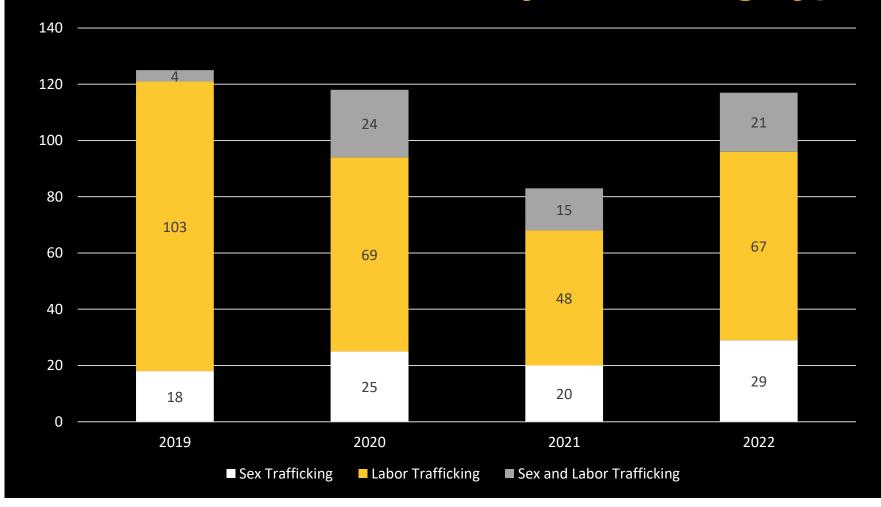
Survivor experience can include many traumatic experiences, including:

 Confiscation of documents, long working hours, abuse and assault, threats of deportation, little/no pay, inhumane conditions, isolation, lack of healthcare and food

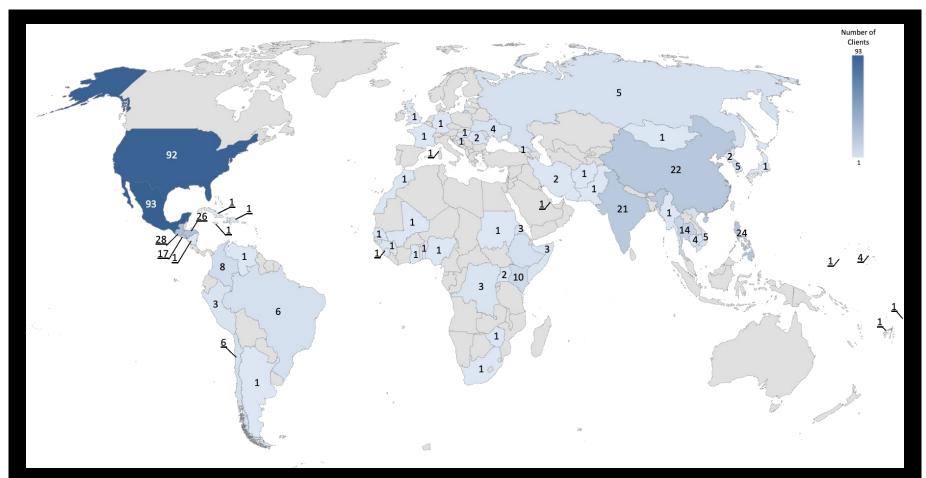
At WARN, we acknowledge that our clients may have experienced many traumatic situations and it takes time for clients to build trust and start the work towards recovery.



## WARN Survivors Served by Trafficking Type







Since 2004, WARN has served survivors of trafficking from **61 countries**, with the top three represented countries being Mexico, the US, and Guatemala. Survivors served have spoken **over 30 languages**, with Spanish, English, and Tagalog being the most common.



## **Minor Victims of Labor Trafficking**

- The Minor's program within the WARN team at the International Rescue Committee helps provide case management for minor's 18 and under.
- The Minor's program began due to a need in serving minor survivors of labor trafficking with a rising number of cases



### **MVLT** additional information

#### Objectives:

- 1. Minor survivors receive high quality trauma-informed care
- 2. Minor survivors are identified and referred for services through collaboration with and training of local partners
- 3. Minor survivors are referred to other essential services
- Data is collected and activities are assessed to ensure the program is meeting stated goals and objective



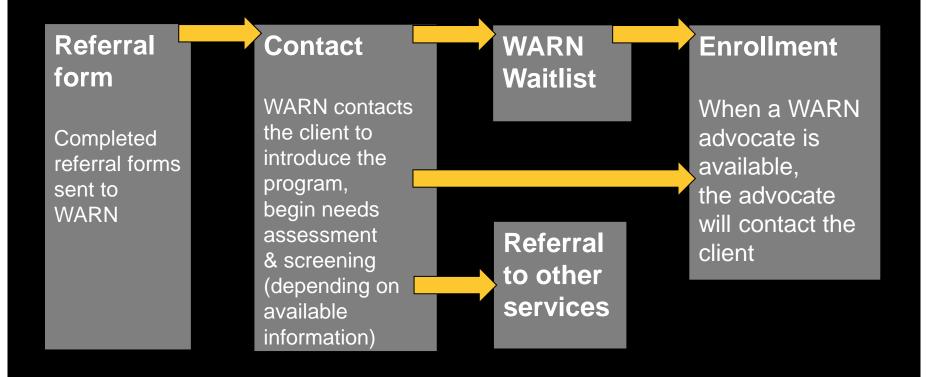
# **How to Report Human Trafficking**

Two general types of reporting:

- Suspected trafficking you have contact and/or working relationship with potential victim/survivor
  - First, make sure the individual you're working with would like to report our role is to provide information, not make decisions
  - Victim/survivor can call National Human Trafficking Hotline
  - Victim/survivor can self-refer or be referred to WARN services
- Suspected trafficking you have no contact or working relationship with potential victim/survivor
  - Call <u>National Human Trafficking Hotline</u>: 1-888-373-7888



## **Referral Process**





## **Additional Referral Tips**

- Referring party can determine trafficking, if trained to do so. If trafficking is determined by referring party, please indicate that on the referral form prior to sending it to WARN.
- If trafficking has not been determined, please note that on the referral form so at time of intake WARN can conduct a HT screening.
- If client already has an OTIP letter, please indicate that on the referral form so the client is not screened again for HT.



#### **Contacts**

- Referrals
  - Send email with WARN Referral Form to warnreferrals.irc@rescue.org
- WARN Assistance Line: 206-245-0782
  - Available Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 5pm, provide information and connections to community resources warnassistanceirc@rescue.org
- WARN Website Contact Form

http://www.warn-trafficking.org/



## **Questions?**

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