

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

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## Letter from the Chair

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On behalf of the members of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, I am pleased to present our biennial report summarizing the work and recommendations of the Council's five subcommittees from January 2019 – December 2020. Outlined in this report are our accomplishments and recommendations on how to help individuals, children, and families in the Commonwealth live a life free of sexual assault, domestic violence and exploitation. Following the Council's End-of-Term Report in 2018, Governor Baker reaffirmed his commitment to the Council on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 by issuing Executive Order No. 586, officially reconstituting the Council and reemphasizing that our important work must continue.

Over the past two years, the Council has made great strides in addressing policy implications relative to sexual assault and domestic violence, while expanding its scope to include human trafficking and primary prevention. As the work of the Council has evolved, we have been able to take on a broader range of issues, bringing experts in their respective fields to the table to take a deeper look at the interconnectivity of issues relative to sexual violence, control, and coerciveness.

To the members of the Council, participants from the subcommittees, and outside organizations, I would like to thank you for your commitment to moving the work of this Council forward. Your passion for education, intervention, and protection of individuals throughout the Commonwealth is extraordinary.

While I am proud to put forth this report, I also acknowledge the work that still needs to be done. I look forward to building upon the work of this Council in 2021 and 2022.

Sincerely,

Karyn Polito  
Lieutenant Governor



*Lieutenant Governor Polito*



## Council Members

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## Executive Summary

### Introduction

The Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence (Council), chaired by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, provides policy recommendations to the Governor with the goal of helping individuals, children, and families in the Commonwealth live a life free of sexual assault, domestic violence, and exploitation.

The Council consists of five Subcommittees, each representing a key priority outlined in Executive Order No. 586 and the 2019-2020 Action Plan: Assessment and Response; Human Trafficking; Military, Veterans, and Families; Housing Stability and Self-Sufficiency; and Prevention and Education. The Subcommittee's 2019-2020 accomplishments and 2021-2022 recommendations are outlined below and in greater detail in the Biennial Report.

### Key Statewide Initiatives and Accomplishments

- Human Trafficking: Combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation in the Commonwealth: In October 2019, the Commonwealth was awarded a three-year, \$1.5M grant from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to combat commercial sexual exploitation in Massachusetts. The goals of the grant are focused on strengthening law enforcement coordination, home-based placements for child and youth victims, and supporting a coordinated approach for responding to cases of human trafficking across counties to develop the capacity to hold perpetrators accountable. Currently in the first year of the three-year grant, work is underway to enhance the Commonwealth's response to cases of commercial sexual exploitation and support for victims to prevent further exploitation and abuse.
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Handbook: An Overview for Housing Providers: In January 2020, MassHousing published a one-of-a-kind, free resource outlining the complexities related to VAWA's housing policy for housing professionals and sexual assault and domestic violence (SDV) providers across the Commonwealth. The Handbook outlines information on legal obligations and rights afforded to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Healthy Relationship Grant Program: To enhance the RESPECTfully campaign, the FY20 GAA included \$1M in grant funding to promote healthy relationships and prevent sexual assault and dating violence through direct prevention education. In February 2020, the Department of Public Health (DPH) awarded funding to five organizations to develop innovative, evidence-informed prevention strategies that are tailored to one or more youth populations disproportionately impacted by sexual assault and dating violence.
- Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking System: In 2018, *An Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform* granted the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) the authority to establish and maintain a statewide sexual assault evidence collection kit tracking system. After extensive engagement with state agencies and stakeholders, the Track-Kit system was implemented in every county by March 2020. The Track-Kit system provides survivors with a confidential and secure way to track the location and status of their kit, from the point of collection to its final storage location.



## Executive Summary

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### **Key Statewide Initiatives and Accomplishments, continued**

- **RESPECTfully:** In partnership with the Legislature, the FY19 and FY20 GAAs included a combined \$1M in funding to develop a statewide public awareness and prevention campaign. In May 2019, the Administration launched “RESPECTfully,” which promotes healthy relationships among Massachusetts youth aged 12-18. Developed with extensive input from youth and subject matter experts, RESPECTfully promotes short, animated videos and organic content where youth spend much of their time—on social media platforms and online. Phases 1 and 2 of the campaign resulted in 34,867,622 total impressions. Additional ads were placed in areas visible to youth across the state, including MBTA stations, MassDOT billboards, Bank of America ATM screens, and at Logan Airport.
- **Response to COVID-19:** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Administration partnered with SDV providers and other stakeholders to ensure victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence had access to resources. Specific efforts included expanding and promoting the statewide 24/7 domestic violence hotline (SafeLink) to triage calls to local area rape crisis centers, standing up 6 Isolation and Recovery sites for individuals in shelters who tested positive for COVID-19, distributing personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies, and creating appropriate health and safety policies for SDV providers.

### **Subcommittee Recommendations for 2021-2022**

- **Assessment and Response:** The Subcommittee recommends focused attention to domestic violence homicide prevention and the Domestic Violence High Risk Teams, enhancing previous efforts to break down barriers for communities that have been traditionally marginalized, particularly areas with the highest lethality.
- **Human Trafficking:** The Subcommittee recommends enhancing primary and secondary prevention efforts, continuing efforts to develop Human Trafficking Guidelines and a statewide law enforcement training, and expanding survivor supports.
- **Military, Veterans, and Families:** The Subcommittee recommends strengthening partnerships among federal and state agencies, SDV providers, and healthcare providers to enhance hospital response for military-affiliated survivors and share information related to military benefits and human services more broadly.
- **Housing Stability and Self-Sufficiency:** The Subcommittee recommends collecting and reviewing data, expanding trainings and services for housing providers, and creating a new subcommittee devoted to economic self-sufficiency.
- **Prevention and Education:** The Subcommittee recommends continuing its collaboration with the Department of Higher Education to address issues involving sexual assault and domestic violence affecting colleges and universities across the Commonwealth.



## Executive Order No. 586 and 2019-2020 Action Plan

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### **Executive Order No. 586: Reaffirming and Reconstituting the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence**

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Governor Baker signed Executive Order No. 586, reaffirming his commitment to the work of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. The new Executive Order built on the Council's accomplishments of the Baker-Polito Administration's first term and serves as the Council's roadmap for the Administration's second term, with several structural and procedural changes to more effectively support the Council's mission:

- Adds the Secretary of Transportation as a member of the Council to serve as a resource with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to aid in the Commonwealth's human trafficking efforts.
- Adds the Secretary of Veterans' Services as a member of the Council to lead on several new initiatives generated from the Veterans, Military, and Families Subcommittee.
- Increases membership to bring additional subject matter expertise to the Council and expands the Council's regional representation.
- Identifies key priorities for 2019-2020, with a biennial report due in December 2020.

To carry out Executive Order No. 586, Lieutenant Governor Polito announced the Council's 2019-2020 Action Plan on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

- The 2019-2020 Action Plan outlines actions and deliverables for the Council's five standing subcommittees and the RESPECTfully public awareness campaign.
- The Action Plan designates state agencies to coordinate with the Council's subcommittees and external stakeholders.
- The full text of the 2019-2020 Action Plan is available on the next slide.



## 2019-2020 Action Plan

Subcommittee	Year	Action	Lead	Deliverable	State Agency Involvement	Additional Partners
Veterans/Military Families	2019	1. Collaborate with OVC TTAC in creating best practice military-civilian SA/DV Tools	DPH/ DVS / Subcommittee	Provide sample documents to include policies & procedures, MOUs, roles and responsibilities, and training	DVS, DPH, DCF, MPTC	Municipal police, DA, Jane Doe, SA/DV providers, OVC TTAC, MOVA
	2020	2. Explore and identify opportunities to expand Military & Civilian response training/ policy/ practice to DPH, DCF, and Veteran Services	DPH/ DCF / DVS	Provide status update on strategy to incorporate Military Affiliated training, policy development and response for DPH, DCF, and DVS	DPH, DCF, DVS, EOPSS	Appropriate military personnel as identified by the Subcommittee
Housing Stability and Self-Sufficiency	2019	1. Explore and provide recommended safety nets if Violence Against Women Act is not reauthorized	DHCD / MassHousing / Subcommittee	Provide status update and recommendations for training, collaboration, system/policy changes.	DPH	Jane Doe, Housing Providers, Service Providers
	2020	2. Increase collaboration between SA/DV and shelter/housing systems and subsidized housing models to promote existing best practice solutions and expand housing options	DHCD/ MassHousing/ DPH	Provide status update on strategy to increase collaboration between SADV and shelter/housing systems to include incorporating training, policy development and response for DHCD, MassHousing and DPH.	DCF	SA/DV Providers, Jane Doe, housing programs, MOVA
Prevention and Education	2020	1. Complete "Skills Chart" across educational sectors and identify opportunities for adoption and implementation	DESE	Provide final document to Council, along with recommendations for adoption	EEC, DESE, DHE, DPH	SA/DV Providers, Jane Doe
	2020	2. Identify opportunities to support launch and sustainability of consistent messaging for the Statewide Public Awareness Campaign.	Subcommittee	Provide recommendations for long term, sustainable impact of desired outcomes for the Public Awareness Campaign.	DPH, DCF, DESE, EEC	Jane Doe, MACA, SADV Providers, Schools
Assessment and Response	2019	1. Coordinate attendance for Regional Chief's Meetings across Massachusetts to discuss DV Toolkit	EOPSS	Provide status update to council by December 2019	MPTC	Regional Chiefs, SA/DV Providers
	2020	2. Coordinate and establish distribution process of guidelines/best practices for domestic violence high risk teams.	EOPSS	Provide completed guidelines to Council	EOHHS, DCF, DTA, DA's, MPTC, MSP, Probation, Parole, OGR	SA/DV Providers, Trial Court
	2020	3. Explore and identify opportunities to expand safety nets for victims and perpetrator accountability	Subcommittee	Provide status update on research findings	HHS, EOPSS, OGR	Service Providers, Law Enforcement, MPTC, DA's Office, Trial Court
Human Trafficking	2019	1. Continue to work towards expanding Child Sexual Exploitation training/policy/practice to DYS, DCF and DMH	DYS, DCF, DMH	Provide status update on progress of incorporating Child Sexual Exploitation Cases (CSEC) training and response.	EOHHS	Service Providers, Law Enforcement, EOPSS, MACA
	2019	2. Identify opportunities for increased collaboration between the High Risk Victims Unit (HRVU) of the Massachusetts State Police and District Attorney's Offices (DA).	EOPSS	Provide status update on collaboration specific to child trafficking cases	MSP HRVU	CSEC Coordinators, DA Offices, Municipal police
	2020	3. Research the strategies/best practices associated with the identification, safe recovery and ongoing supports of child victims.	Subcommittee	Provide status update on research findings	DCF, OGR, MSP, PSS, HHS	MA Child Trafficking Leadership Advisory Partners, Attorney General's Office
Public Awareness Campaign	2019	1. Small panel of experts to work with a vendor to assist in developing a campaign; identify the audience and resources for support; & assist in monitoring the quality of the project	MORE Advertising	Execute Public Awareness Campaign Spring of 2019	HHS / DPH	DCF, Service Providers, JDI, MACA, Youth Serving Organizations





## Human Trafficking: Combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation in the Commonwealth

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### **\$1.5M Awarded in Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking**

In October 2019, the Commonwealth was awarded a 3-year, \$1.5 million grant from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). The grant builds upon the established county-wide multidisciplinary team (MDT) model to design a statewide systemic approach to preventing, intervening, and combating child and youth sex and labor trafficking. The grant objectives will be accomplished in partnership with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), the Attorney General's Office (AGO), and through collaboration with state and local law enforcement and community-based agencies dedicated to working with victims most at risk for further exploitation and abuse. The grant focuses on three goals:

1. Strengthen law enforcement coordination
2. Strengthen home-based placements for child and youth victims
3. Support improved coordination across counties to develop the capacity to hold perpetrators accountable

The following progress was made during the first year of this three-year grant:

- The Worcester and Hampden County District Attorney's Offices (DAO) were assigned troopers from the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) High Risk Victims Unit (HRVU) to assist in human trafficking (HT) investigations and enhance multijurisdictional protocols.
- Dr. Amy Farrell, the researcher identified within the grant, is working with EOHHS agencies, My Life My Choice (MLMC), and Roxbury Youthworks, Inc. (RYI) to conduct focus groups with identified youth and foster parents. The focus group feedback will be used to develop training curriculum for the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Family Resource Staff, and Intensive Foster Care provider staff.
- The Massachusetts Children's Alliance (MACA) hired a Statewide Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Coordinator. This position enhances the multijurisdictional approach and works directly with the local DAO's CSEC Coordinators across the state.
- EOPSS hired a full-time Project Coordinator to assist with project implementation and work with partnering agencies and local MDTs to better facilitate multijurisdictional efforts.
- In November 2020, the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) hosted a statewide conference on HT with over 50 MA veteran law enforcement officers in attendance.



## Human Trafficking: Combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation in the Commonwealth, continued

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### **\$250,000 Awarded in Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr., Community Safety Initiative Grant Program (Shannon Grant)**

To support multijurisdictional investigations and prosecutions, the Shannon Grant Program awarded \$125K to both the Hampden and Worcester County DAOs in partnership with their local Shannon Grant-funded municipal law enforcement departments.

- The District Attorneys' intend to focus on enhancing a pilot program within their respective counties designed to combat serious acts of violence.
- Each DAO designated a Special Prosecutor or Assistant District Attorney (ADA) and Victim/Witness Advocate (VWA) to focus solely on cases related to human trafficking and other violent community crimes.

Some of the initiatives of the Hampden and Worcester Counties' Commercial Sexual Exploitation Pilot Programs include:

- Developed a referral process model within each county. Under the model, the ADA and VWA receive referrals for suspected instances of HT or CSEC from DCF, UMass Child Protection Program, law enforcement, and community-based organizations. After the point of referral, the team identifies a course of action, which may include a meeting with the MDT.
- Enhanced the capacity of the Hampden and Worcester Counties to share information on multijurisdictional investigations and referrals.
- Implemented the Community Action to Reduce Demand (CARD) program, which provides education to individuals charged with attempting to purchase sexual services. To date, Hampden County has had zero re-offenders who participated in the CARD program.
- Developed a specific module within the MSP Case Management System (ACISS) to enhance Worcester and Hampden Counties' capacity to share information on multijurisdictional investigations and referrals.
- Sponsored a HT virtual training in conjunction with MSP, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).



## Human Trafficking: Combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation in the Commonwealth, continued

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### **\$1M Awarded in Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) Human Trafficking Grants**

In April 2020, building on DCF, Department of Mental Health (DMH), and Department of Youth Services (DYS) policy initiatives and the priorities of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence (Council), EOHHS allocated \$1 million in Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) HT grants to three agencies providing services to survivors of human trafficking. The grant awardees were: Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps (RFK), Living in Freedom Together, Inc. (LIFT), and MLMC.

- These new programs are designed to meet the needs of youth aged 10 to 24 including male and female cisgender youth, and gender non-conforming youth who are survivors of, or at risk of, human trafficking through commercial sexual exploitation (CSE).
- The funds supported six new survivor mentors with "lived experience" related to exploitation to provide interpersonal supports for youth survivors and youth at risk of exploitation.
- Between April and June 2020, 90 youth received specialized services; 89 youth received assessments, case management, case coordination, and/or individual service plans; 60 youth served were youth of color; 38 youth received direct financial assistance; and 32 youth were referred for additional services to other providers.



## Key Statewide Initiatives and Accomplishments

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### **Development of the VAWA Handbook**

In January 2020, MassHousing published [\*The Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\), Massachusetts State Law and Housing: An Overview for Housing Providers\*](#). This project was initiated by MassHousing's Community Services Department in partnership with Piltch Associates. The handbook is a free, one-of-a-kind resource for housing professionals and sexual assault and domestic violence (SDV) providers across the Commonwealth and available on the MassHousing website.

- The VAWA Handbook provides public and assisted housing providers information regarding their legal obligations and the rights afforded to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including the obligation not to discriminate, and practical guidance and resources that can be used when a survivor is denied housing.
- The Department of Public Health (DPH), Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and the Council's Housing Stability and Self-Sufficiency Subcommittee served as key partners in outlining and reviewing the Handbook.

### **\$1M Awarded in Healthy Relationship Grants**

In February 2020, DPH funded five teams of organizations across the state to develop innovative, evidence-informed prevention strategies that are tailored to one or more populations disproportionately impacted by violence.

- The goal of the Healthy Relationship Grant Program is to build off of the established RESPECTfully public awareness campaign, providing more targeted primary prevention.
- Five organizations received funding: Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc. (Pittsfield); Boston Public Health Commission (Boston); Family and Community Resources, Inc. (Brockton); Triangle, Inc.'s IMPACT: Ability Program (Boston); and Safe Passage, Inc. (Northampton).

### **Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking System**

In 2018, *An Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform* granted the EOPSS the authority to establish and maintain a statewide sexual assault evidence collection kit (SAECK) tracking system.

- After extensive engagement with state agencies and stakeholders, the *Track-Kit* system launched in January 2020, with regional implementation completed by March 2020.
  - *Track-Kit* system provides survivors with a confidential and secure way to track the location and status of their kit, from the point of collection to its final storage location, providing victims more control and transparency.
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## RESPECTfully: Public Awareness Campaign

On May 22, 2019, Governor Baker, Lieutenant Governor Polito, Secretary Sudders, members of the Legislature, community advocates, and members of the Youth Advisory Group launched “RESPECTfully”, a statewide public awareness and prevention campaign. This is the first public awareness campaign of its kind in Massachusetts in almost 20 years.

- RESPECTfully delivers the key message that everyone deserves respect, honesty, and open communication. The campaign aims to:
  - Increase awareness about what constitutes a healthy relationship by defining characteristics and using examples of acceptable vs. unacceptable behaviors.
  - Emphasize that respect is essential for maintaining healthy friendships and romantic relationships.
  - Help teens identify the escalating behaviors that lead to unhealthy or unsafe relationships and safely remove themselves from those relationships.
- RESPECTfully’s target audience is Massachusetts youth between the ages of 12-18.
  - Secondary audiences include youth-serving individuals and organizations and parents/caregivers of youth aged 12-18.



*Press Conference with Governor Baker, Lieutenant Governor Polito, Secretary Sudders, Debra Robbin JDI, Representative Hogan, Members of the RESPECTfully Youth Advisory Group*



## RESPECTfully: Development Process (2018-2019)

- In partnership with the Legislature, the FY19 budget included \$500K in funding for a statewide sexual assault and domestic violence campaign. DPH selected MORE Advertising as the vendor through a competitive procurement process.
- In October 2018, the Council established a subcommittee of experts from across the Commonwealth to act as a sounding board on content development.
- MORE Advertising developed ways to engage stakeholders during the entire development process including interviews, online surveys, and focus groups with youth, advocates, community members, youth serving organizations and caregivers.
- MORE Advertising created a Youth Advisory Group to assist with developing relevant content for teens throughout Massachusetts.
- As part of Phase 1, MORE created six animated videos with extensive feedback from the Youth Advisory Group, Public Awareness Campaign Subcommittee, EOHHS, and DPH. At the youth's suggestion, all videos are 20-25 seconds long and highlight unhealthy relationship traits, including "Name Calling", "Jealousy," and "Drama."
  - All campaign videos are located here: [RESPECTfully Videos](#)
- To reach teens where they spend the most time, social media platforms served as the primary source for campaign content, accounting for 63% of the total paid media budget. The campaign also utilized MassDOT billboards, MBTA digital screens, Logan Airport digital screens, Bank of America ATM screens, and convenience store posters (in Western MA and Cape Cod) to spread campaign awareness.



*Campaign Logo*



*RESPECTfully videos and content feature animated characters.*





## RESPECTfully: Phase 1 (2019)

Phase 1 of RESPECTfully occurred from **May 26, 2019 through October 5, 2019** and utilized a variety of paid media placements, state resources, and in-kind resources to promote campaign messaging including animated videos. The platforms included:

- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat)
- Bank of America ATM Screens
- Convenience Store Posters
- MBTA Station Posters/Digital Boards
- MassDOT Billboards
- Massport's Logan Airport Digital Boards
- Massport's South Boston Waterfront Transportation Center Digital Board

## PHASE 1 KEY RESULTS

### TOTAL WEBSITE ACTIVITY

 **71,492**  
PAGEVIEWS

 **63,454**  
SESSIONS

 **62,225**  
USERS

### TOTAL AD ACTIVITY

 **22,132,757**  
IMPRESSIONS

 **977,891**  
COMPLETED  
VIDEO VIEWS

 **88,181**  
AD CLICKS

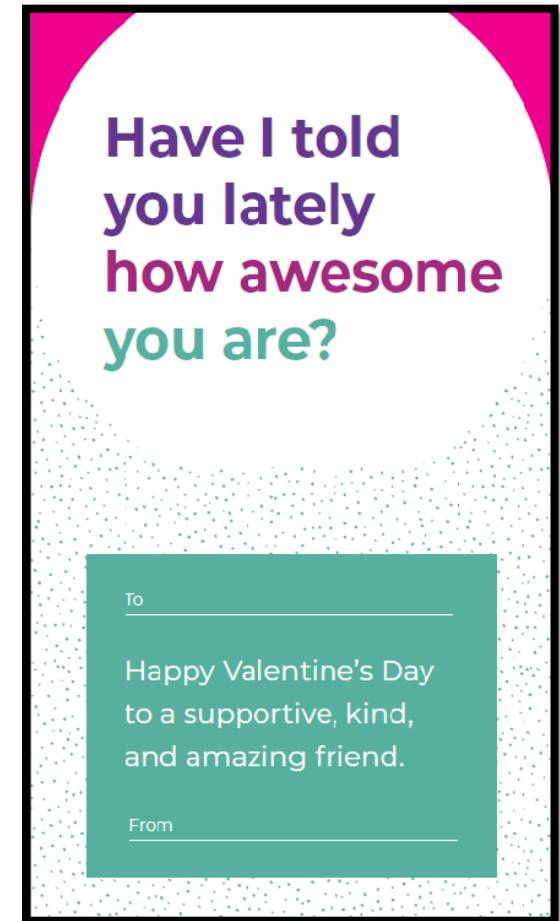
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AD ENGAGEMENTS





## RESPECTfully: Phase 2 (2020)

- Following the end of Phase 1, the Youth Advisory Group and Campaign Subcommittee members refined the methods of engagement for teens. This included the development of engaging social media posts (i.e., quizzes), more in-depth video sequels, and in-school promotion.
- **Phase 2 of the campaign was launched at Brockton High School on February 6, 2020** via a roundtable with Lieutenant Governor Polito, Jane Doe, Inc. (JDI), MORE Advertising, and students.
- Phase 2 paid media was launched on February 2, 2020, with placements on Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, and TikTok.
- Simultaneously, the campaign team made a concerted effort to increase awareness around the topics of healthy relationships in middle schools throughout the Commonwealth. With the Youth Advisory Group's input, MORE Advertising developed two versions of valentine messages. Every student at a public middle school in Massachusetts received a printed valentine to share with a friend, totaling over 190,000 valentines.
  - Given the middle school demographic, the valentines focused on friendships, rather than romantic relationships. There are two valentine styles—one to share with a close/best friend and one more generic.
  - During the week leading up to Valentine's Day, Lieutenant Governor Polito visited middle schools across the Commonwealth and participated in media interviews to promote messages of healthy friendships and relationships.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, paid social media was temporarily suspended in March 2020. The paid media restarted on July 7, 2020 and ran through October 25, 2020.
- In Summer 2020, the Youth Advisory Group began creating organic social media to grow the RESPECTfully brand and enhance online engagement.



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## RESPECTfully: Phase 2 (2020)

Phase 2 occurred from **July 7, 2020 through October 25, 2020** and used a variety of paid social media placements, including TikTok. In addition to promoting the campaign through paid media, the Youth Advisory Group members developed organic social media content to share on the RESPECTfully TikTok and Instagram profiles.

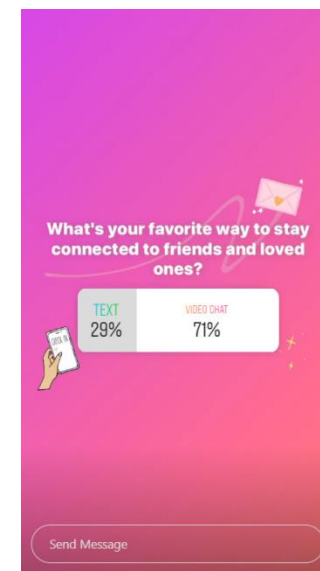
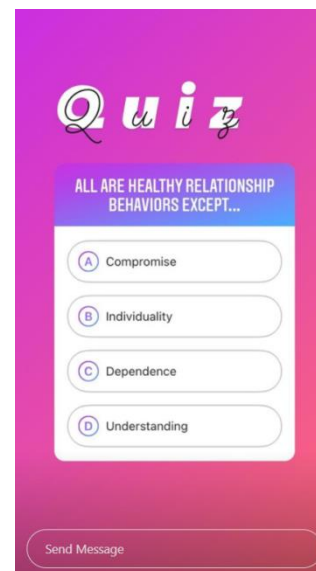
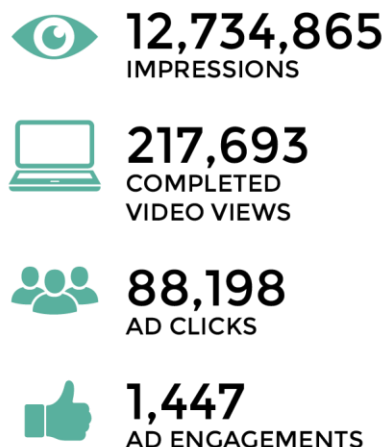
- New Phase 2 youth-created organic social media content included Instagram quizzes, Teen Takeovers on the @RESECTfully Instagram page, and TikTok videos.

## PHASE 2 KEY RESULTS

### TOTAL WEBSITE ACTIVITY



### TOTAL AD ACTIVITY





## Response to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic left survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence particularly vulnerable and at an increased risk. The necessity to stay home and practice social distancing left victims and survivors increasingly isolated and unable to access resources, adding more complexity to already traumatic experiences. In response to the pandemic, the Administration employed a number of initiatives to ensure those who needed resources could still access them.

- In April 2020, Lieutenant Governor Polito announced the expansion of SafeLink, Massachusetts' statewide 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline to triage calls to local area Rape Crisis Centers to create a "no wrong door" policy. In a conscious effort to have a centralized number to connect those seeking services to trained local professionals, SafeLink, under the leadership of Stephanie Brown at Casa Myrna, expanded their capacity to connect to both Domestic Violence Organizations and local area Rape Crisis Centers. This triage effort was also added into the established 2-1-1 line.
- To amplify this effort, EOHHS, in coordination with DPH and the Governor's Office, worked with a variety of partners to distribute a one-page flyer, which could be printed and hung in highly visited areas. This effort focused on reaching victims and survivors where they were, enabling them to connect to resources. The Governor's Office, EOHHS, and DPH worked with the following partners:
  - Jane Doe, Inc.
  - AGO
  - Massachusetts SDV programs
  - Representatives Cronin and Decker
  - District Attorneys' Association
  - DHCD
  - MA Convenience Stores
  - MassHousing
  - Massachusetts Food Association
  - Massachusetts Medical Society
  - Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance

**Have you or someone  
you know experienced  
sexual, physical, or  
emotional abuse?  
You are not alone.**

**Call SafeLink**



A confidential 24/7 statewide hotline  
to connect with local support.

**Call: (877) 785-2020**

**Chat: CasaMyrna.org/chat**

Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals can  
reach SafeLink via video relay service.

*SafeLink flyer distributed as a part of the  
COVID-19 response to local stores to raise  
awareness around resources.*



## Response to COVID-19, continued

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- The COVID-19 Command Center and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) stood up six Isolation and Recovery Sites across the state to give people who tested positive for COVID-19 and are experiencing homelessness a safe place to isolate and recover. Part of this population included domestic violence survivors within the shelter community.
  - In an effort to ensure safety of survivors during their time at the isolation and recovery sites, DPH established safety protocols for those sites titled, "Code Purple". This protocol was created in partnership with the Council, EOHHS, DPH, JDI, as well as the domestic violence shelters throughout the Commonwealth.
  - The protocol included safety planning at the Isolation and Recovery Sites, as well as onsite coordination for specific services and potential shared resources among providers to support a regionalized approach.
- To ensure continuity of sexual assault and domestic violence services, EOHHS and DPH helped SDV providers access numerous sources of COVID-19-related federal emergency funding to help offset the extraordinary expenses created by the pandemic. Additionally, EOHHS provided supplemental state funding to SDV providers.
- EOHHS and DPH recruited colleagues in Infection Control to ensure SDV services were included in the distribution of personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies. Further, EOHHS and DPH assisted programs in developing appropriate policies for social distancing, quarantine, and isolation in domestic violence shelters.



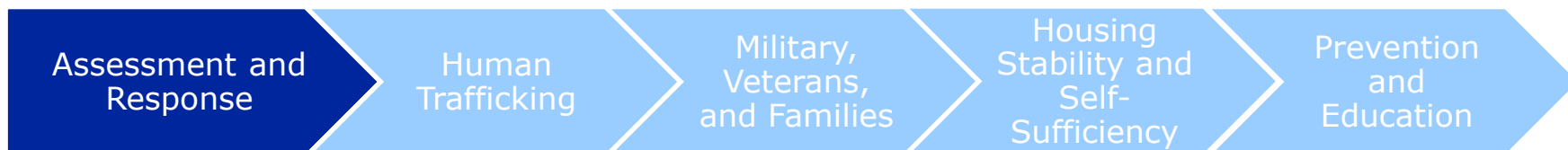
## Assessment and Response Subcommittee

*The mission of the Assessment and Response Subcommittee is to develop recommendations that improve the Commonwealth's identification and response to domestic violence cases.*

**David Adams, Co-Chair**  
**Courtney Cahill, Co-Chair**

### **2019-2020 ACTION PLAN GOALS:**

- ✓ Coordinate attendance to Regional Chief's Meetings across Massachusetts to discuss Domestic Violence (DV) Toolkit
- ✓ Coordinate and establish distribution process of guidelines / best practices for Domestic Violence High Risk Teams
- ✓ Explore and identify opportunities to expand safety nets for victims and perpetrator accountability





## Assessment and Response Subcommittee

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### 2019-2020 Accomplishments:

#### **Domestic Violence Toolkit (DV Toolkit)**

- The DV Toolkit was presented at the six Regional Chief's meetings and to all DAOs to spread awareness on the purposes of the DV Toolkit and how to utilize within departments.
- By the end of 2019, the DV Toolkit was implemented in over 65 cities and towns across the Commonwealth and was added to the MPTC training. As outreach continued through 2020, EOPSS created and distributed surveys to municipal police departments to gauge how many additional departments are utilizing the DV Toolkit.

#### **Domestic Violence High Risk Teams (DV HRT)**

- Following the completion of the *Recommended Best Practices for DV High Risk Teams*, Bristol and Northwestern DAO's hosted a statewide conference in November 2019 in partnership with the Subcommittee. Over 300 law enforcement officers, advocates, prosecutors, and other professionals attended the conference.
- Lieutenant Governor Polito announced the release of *Recommended Best Practices for DV High Risk Teams* during a January 2020 press conference at the Mansfield Police Station.
- EOPSS, in partnership with EOHHS and the Subcommittee, updated the *DV High Risk Team Directory*, a directory of all current DV HRTs across Massachusetts. Every county in the Commonwealth now has active DV HRTs.

#### **Domestic Violence Civilian Police Advocates (DV CPA)**

- In January 2020, Bristol County DAO, in partnership with the Subcommittee, hosted a statewide civilian police and community advocate (CPA) meeting with over 60 advocates in attendance, representing over 100 police stations. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss job-specific best practices, barriers, relationship building, and creative ideas for the future.



## Assessment and Response Subcommittee

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### **Recommendations:**

#### **Domestic Violence Homicide Review:**

- Identify opportunities that will enhance service models and response in order to reduce conditions that may increase likelihood of DV homicides. This includes barriers for populations at highest risk, including women of color, immigrants, and LGBTQQI+.

#### **Domestic Violence High Risk Teams:**

- Continue assessment and impact of the HRTs across Massachusetts to enhance coordination and collaborations on multidisciplinary efforts for prevention of further harm.
- Explore practices for expansion of risk assessments for immigrants.
- Explore with appropriate stakeholders the need and possibility of creating a program for sexual assault similar to the HRT model.



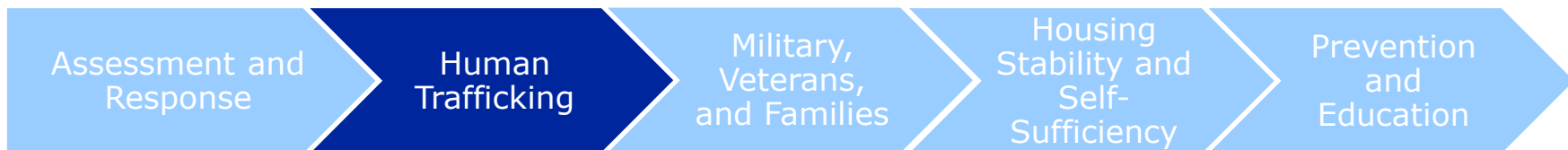
## Human Trafficking Subcommittee

*The mission of the Human Trafficking Subcommittee is to develop recommendations for creative strategies for preventing, identifying, responding to, and supporting high risk or trafficked victims in the Commonwealth.*

**Christina Bain, Co-Chair**  
**Undersecretary Catherine Mick, Co-Chair**  
**Undersecretary Terrence Reidy, Co-Chair**

### **2019-2020 ACTION PLAN GOALS:**

- ✓ Continue to work towards expanding Child Sexual Exploitation training/policy/practice to DYS, DCF, and DMH
- ✓ Identify the strategies/best practices associated with the identification, safe recovery, and ongoing supports of child victims
- ✓ Identify opportunities for increased collaboration between the High Risk Victims Unit of the MSP and the District Attorney's Offices





## Human Trafficking Subcommittee

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### **2019-2020 Accomplishments:**

#### **Department of Children and Families (DCF)**

- In September 2019, DCF, in partnership with MLMC and the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Suffolk County, completed work related to the *Massachusetts Child Welfare Human Trafficking Grant* (MCWHTG). This grant built upon the work of the Suffolk County CSEC MDT model and established consistent practices and local systems of care for youth who are at risk of exploitation or who have been exploited.
- DCF established a Leadership Advisory Board (LAB) that was developed to manage the five-year MCWHTG. As the grant period has ended, MACA coordinates the LAB, which develops and supports operational best practices and training initiatives across the Commonwealth.

#### **Department of Youth Services (DYS)**

- DYS established a Human Trafficking Training and Policy Work Group (DYS Work Group) with representatives from the DYS Executive Team and from each of the five DYS Regions to develop policy and implement training that reflect best practices related to human trafficking prevention and intervention.
- DYS developed and implemented a plan for training DYS's state and provider workforce. Approximately 600 employees have been trained to date. DYS had planned to complete all staff and provider training by the end of FY20, but the timeline has been revised due to the COVID-19 pandemic. DYS now plans to train a total of 1,600 state and provider employees by the end of FY21.

#### **Department of Mental Health (DMH)**

- DMH expanded staff and provider knowledge of CSEC through training and consultation with MLMC. In FY21, DMH staff will partner with a human trafficking survivor to run a 13-week prevention group at group homes and in the community.
- Additionally, three DMH staff (one in Northeast MA and two in Western MA) were trained on *Preventing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Adolescent Girls: A Facilitator Certification Training for Using the My Life My Choice Curriculum*.
- Members from each of the DCF, DMH, and DYS groups participate in county-based MDTs that are affiliated with law enforcement, the courts, and local systems of care.





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### **2019-2020 Accomplishments, continued:**

#### **Department of Public Health Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (DPH SANE)**

- Since FY19, the DPH SANE Program has provided education to its staff and contracted SANEs to increase awareness of the risk for CSEC and human trafficking among SANE patients. During this same time period, the DPH SANE program served 908 youth and young adults, ages 12-24, through in-person SANE or TeleSANE emergency department response.

#### **Department of Public Health, Division of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention and Services (DPH SDV)**

- DPH SDV contracted with MACA, who subsequently worked with the CAC of Suffolk County to train SDV providers on CSEC. The trainings were conducted in May (Greater Boston) and June (Western MA) 2020.
- A total of 66 staff members from 35 rape crisis or DV programs were trained on trafficking laws, dynamics, implications, and impact of CSEC, as well as how to work with survivors most effectively. This training series was a critical first step in removing artificial barriers between SDV programs and CACs or other agencies working with CSEC survivors.



## Human Trafficking Subcommittee

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### **Recommendations:**

#### **Prevention:**

- *Primary Prevention:* Identify evidence-informed internet/online safety training resources for youth.
- *Secondary Prevention:* Develop and implement collaborative pilot in four Bristol County Emergency Departments to include CSEC/HT training for emergency clinicians by SANE staff. The pilot will support enhanced identification of youth at-risk for trafficking, implementation of an expanded medical screening protocol for at-risk youth who are missing or absent from DCF care when they are found, and training for emergency DCF staff on protocols.

#### **Investigation:**

- Worcester and Hampden County DAOs' investigations continue to develop tele-forensic interview model, expand collaborations with state and federal partners for stings, and focus attention to technologies utilized in HT cases.
- Continue development of Human Trafficking Guidelines and a statewide law enforcement training.

#### **Survivor Support:**

- Continue expansion and implementation of CSEC-specific policy, protocols, and trainings within DCF, DMH, DPH, and DYS and provider settings. Integrate survivor voice into development of policy, protocols, and training. Ensure the services provided integrate the latest available public health information related to COVID-19.
- Identify best practices to strengthen the continuum of residential and community-based services that are responsive to the unique needs and challenges faced by exploited youth and are informed by survivor voice. Services will be informed by survivor input and respectful to the gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, language, and cultures of youth served.



## Military, Veterans, and Families Subcommittee

***The mission of the Military, Veterans, and Families Subcommittee is to develop collaborations among military and sexual assault and domestic violence resources to increase accessibility of appropriate supports for veteran/military survivors.***

**Sabrina Cazeau-Class, Co-Chair**

**Jersouk Touy, Co-Chair**

**Chief Scott Allen, Co-Chair (January 2019 – February 2020)**

### **2019-2020 ACTION PLAN GOALS:**

- ✓ Explore and identify opportunities to expand Military & Civilian response training / policy / practice to DPH, DCF, and Veteran Services
- ✓ Collaborate with the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) in creating best practice military-civilian SDV Tools





## **Military, Veterans, and Families Subcommittee**

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### **2019-2020 Accomplishments:**

- In April 2019, the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS), in partnership with DPH and the Subcommittee, held a statewide voluntary training for Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) with over 100 individuals in attendance. The training connected SDV providers and VSOs, allowing them to learn more about their respective organizations. Major takeaways from the training included:
  - Need for annual trainings to bring providers and VSOs together
  - More trauma-informed training for VSOs
  - Need to strengthen partnerships between SDV providers and VSOs
- Through March 2020, Subcommittee members from the Hanscom Air Force Base Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPR) Office worked with EOPSS and DPH to:
  - Create a military-centric resource brochure. EOPSS printed and included 2,000 copies of the brochures in Commonwealth sexual assault evidence kits.
  - Add "military affiliated" verbiage to hospitals' Provider Sexual Crime Report (PSCR).
- In September and October 2020, the Military SAPR Office presented to 24 Boston SANEs and 11 Western MA SANEs. The purpose of these presentations was to share information and resources specifically for military-affiliated survivors.



## **Military, Veterans, and Families Subcommittee**

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### **Recommendations:**

#### **Enhancing Partnerships Across the Commonwealth:**

- DPH's SANE and SDV programs to review their trainings, policies, and procedures as it relates to hospital response across the Commonwealth for military-affiliated survivors who are going through the sexual assault evidence kit collection process and wanting a Military Advocate (i.e., Sexual Assault Response Coordinator) present. Military Advocates have confidentiality and privilege, as with civilian SDV advocates.
- DVS to partner with DPH SDV service providers to create a collaborative training to strengthen the understanding and supports between SDV service providers and Veteran Service Officers. The purpose of this collaborative training is to link the Veteran Service Officers with their respective SDV agency for information sharing such as military benefits and human services in order to better serve their overlapping population.
- DPH's SDV service providers to partner with Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) SDV programs to strengthen understanding and supports, including the referral process between the MA VA's and local SDV service providers. Also, explore opportunities to implement a veteran representative in rape crisis centers to act as a liaison for survivors to enhance the referral process.
- DPH to partner with the Department of Defense SAPR Office within Massachusetts to strengthen understanding and supports between the military and civilian service healthcare providers and SDV responders.



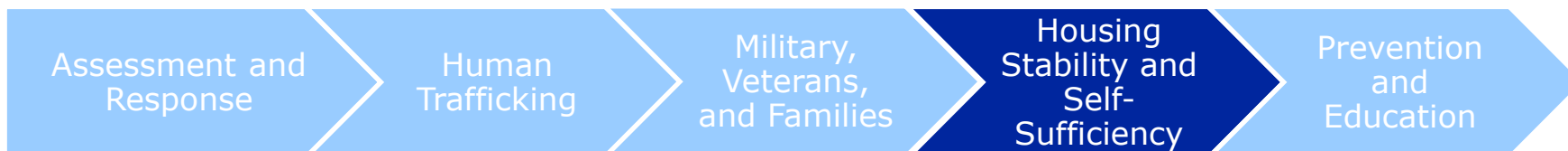
## Housing Stability and Self-Sufficiency Subcommittee

*The mission of the Housing Stability and Self-Sufficiency Subcommittee is to develop creative housing, housing stability, and homelessness prevention strategies for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.*

**Stephanie Brown, Co-Chair**  
**David Eng, Co-Chair**  
**Kara Pillsbury, Co-Chair**

### **2019-2020 ACTION PLAN GOALS:**

- ✓ Explore and provide recommended safety nets for victims' housing protections
- ✓ Increase collaboration between SA/DV and shelter/housing systems and subsidized housing models to promote existing best practice solutions and expand housing options





## Housing Stability and Self Sufficiency

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### **2019-2020 Accomplishments:**

- Subcommittee provided feedback to DHCD in the development of their forthcoming DV guidance to local housing authorities.
- Subcommittee provided feedback to DHCD in the development of the VAWA-required emergency transfer protocols for their HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Trust Fund funded units.
- Subcommittee reviewed the roll-out of the Intensive Co-Assessment and Planning Process (ICAPP) pilot.
- MassHousing, in collaboration with the Subcommittee, surveyed the Continuum of Care Programs' interest in partnering with SDV providers for training and technical assistance on developing SDV housing programs and applying for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding.
- MassHousing finalized the VAWA Handbook in partnership with Subcommittee members. The Handbook was rolled out in conjunction with MassHousing training and is available as a free resource at [masshousing.com/vawa](https://masshousing.com/vawa).
- MassHousing and partner organizations provided 2 regional SDV trainings and 5 webinars with 637 participants.
- In 2019, MassHousing, in partnership with service providers across the Commonwealth, hosted 4 resource forums and offered their annual conference titled "*Supporting those Affected by Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Housing.*" Attendees were primarily housing professionals including property managers, resident services coordinators, maintenance staff, and other social service providers.
- In partnership with DPH and JDI, MassHousing completed a survey of SDV providers' housing training needs.
- Per the Subcommittee's recommendation, MassHousing hosted housing literacy trainings for SDV advocates in October 2020.



## Housing Stability and Self-Sufficiency

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### **Recommendations:**

#### **Data:**

- Identify data sources and/or research studies related to SDV survivors, homelessness and associated costs, including surveying SDV survivors within the DHCD Emergency Assistance (EA) population. Identify entities interested in exploring a business case for providing housing to homeless SDV survivors.
- DPH, DHCD, and Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) work together to learn from DHCD and DTA's experience with homelessness. Determine what data is needed and how it can be collected from DPH-funded SDV providers to thoughtfully plan programming to support survivors in exiting homelessness.

#### **Training and Services:**

- Expand housing knowledge and expertise among SDV service providers.
- Expand staffing and staff capacity among SDV service providers to partner with housing providers to move SDV survivors out of emergency shelters/housing instability and into permanent affordable housing, following best practice models developed to house homeless families.
- Explore other creative housing solutions to utilize existing housing resources (e.g. Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund (HPSTF), HUD Moving to Work (MTW), Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP), etc.) to move SDV survivors out of emergency shelters/housing instability.

#### **Evaluation:**

- Evaluate the pilot expansion of HomeBASE, which allows EA-eligible SDV survivors to access HomeBASE as a resource.
- Elevate "economic self-sufficiency" to its own Subcommittee. This newly formed Economic Self-Sufficiency Subcommittee should work closely with the Housing Stability Subcommittee as the two areas will depend on resource sharing and collaborative partnerships.





## Prevention and Education Subcommittee

***The mission of the Prevention and Education Subcommittee is to provide recommendations on how to build a program focused on promoting healthy relationships through education and the prevention of harassment, stalking, dating, and sexual violence for Massachusetts youth.***

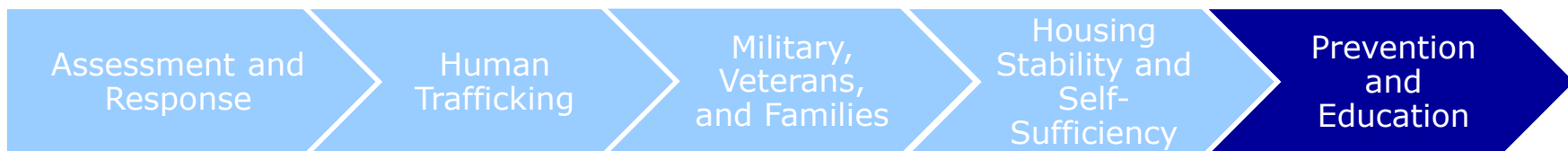
**Mark Bergeron-Naper, Co-Chair**

**Duane de Four, Co-Chair**

**Michelle Smith, Co-Chair**

### **2019-2020 ACTION PLAN GOALS:**

- ✓ Complete “Skills Chart” across educational sectors and identify opportunities for adoption and implementation
- ✓ Identify opportunities to support launch and sustainability of consistent messaging for the Statewide Public Awareness and Prevention Campaign





## Prevention and Education Subcommittee

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### **2019-2020 Accomplishments:**

- Completed draft of *Guidelines for Educators and Childcare Professionals on Building Healthy Relationships Skills in Children and Youth* and shared with Executive Office of Education (EOE) and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

### **Recommendation:**

#### **Higher Education:**

- Collaborate with the Department of Higher Education (DHE) on their efforts in addressing sexual assault and domestic violence on campuses.



## Appendix: Glossary

<b>ADA:</b> Assistant District Attorney	<b>HUD:</b> United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
<b>AGO:</b> Attorney General's Office	<b>ICAPP:</b> Intensive Co-Assessment and Planning Process
<b>CAC:</b> Children's Advocacy Center	<b>JDI:</b> Jane Doe, Inc.
<b>CARD:</b> Community Action to Reduce Demand	<b>LAB:</b> Leadership Advisory Board
<b>Council:</b> Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	<b>LGBTQQI+:</b> Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Intersex
<b>CPA:</b> Civilian Police Advocate	<b>LIFT:</b> Living in Freedom Together
<b>CSE:</b> Commercial Sexual Exploitation	<b>MACA:</b> Massachusetts Children's Alliance
<b>CSEC:</b> Commercially Sexually Exploited Children	<b>MACWTG:</b> Massachusetts Child Welfare Human Trafficking Grant
<b>DAO:</b> District Attorney's Office	<b>MDT:</b> Multi-Disciplinary Team
<b>DCF:</b> Department of Children and Families	<b>MEMA:</b> Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
<b>DESE:</b> Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	<b>MLMC:</b> My Life My Choice
<b>DHCD:</b> Department of Housing and Community Development	<b>MPTC:</b> Municipal Police Training Committee
<b>DHE:</b> Department of Higher Education	<b>MRVP:</b> Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program
<b>DMH:</b> Department of Mental Health	<b>MSP:</b> Massachusetts State Police
<b>DOJ:</b> United States Department of Justice	<b>MTW:</b> Moving to Work
<b>DOT:</b> Department of Transportation	<b>OGR:</b> Office of Grants and Research
<b>DPH:</b> Department of Public Health	<b>OVC:</b> Office for Victims of Crime
<b>DTA:</b> Department of Transitional Assistance	<b>PSCR:</b> Provider Sexual Crime Report
<b>DV:</b> Domestic Violence	<b>RFK:</b> Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps
<b>DVS:</b> Department of Veterans' Services	<b>RYI:</b> Roxbury Youthworks Inc.
<b>DYS:</b> Department of Youth Services	<b>SAECK:</b> Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit
<b>EA:</b> Emergency Assistance	<b>SANE:</b> Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
<b>EOE:</b> Executive Office of Education	<b>SAPR:</b> Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
<b>EOHHS:</b> Executive Office of Health and Human Services	<b>SDV:</b> Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
<b>EOPSS:</b> Executive Office of Public Safety and Security	<b>SSYI:</b> Safe and Successful Youth Initiative
<b>EOTSS:</b> Executive Office of Technology Services and Security	<b>TTAC:</b> Training and Technical Assistance Center
<b>FLETC:</b> Federal Law Enforcement Training Center	<b>VA:</b> Department of Veteran Affairs
<b>HPSTF:</b> Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund	<b>VAWA:</b> Violence Against Women Act
<b>HRT:</b> High Risk Team	<b>VSO:</b> Veteran Service Organization
<b>HRVU:</b> High Risk Victims Unit	<b>VWA:</b> Victim/Witness Advocate
<b>HSI:</b> Homeland Security Investigations	
<b>HT:</b> Human Trafficking	



## Appendix: 2019-2020 Council Meetings

DATE	MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS
February 6, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation on RESPECTfully, the statewide public awareness campaign (MORE Advertising)</li> </ul>
April 10, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement of Executive Order No. 586</li> <li>Announcement and presentation on 2019-2020 Action Plan</li> </ul>
June 12, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation from Victim Rights Law Center</li> <li>Presentation on Supporting those Affected by DV and SA in Housing (MassHousing)</li> <li>Housing Choice Update (DHCD)</li> <li>RESPECTfully Campaign Updates</li> <li>Swearing-in Ceremony</li> </ul>
September 4, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action Plan Status Updates from Subcommittee Co-Chairs</li> <li>Presentation on Plymouth County Outreach (Chief Scott Allen)</li> </ul>
November 6, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RESPECTfully Campaign Updates</li> <li>FY20 Healthy Relationship Grant Update</li> <li>Presentation on Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking Grant (EOHHS and EOPSS)</li> <li>Presentation from Statewide Sexual Assault Response Unit, Disabled Persons Protection Commission</li> </ul>



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DATE	MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS
<b>January 29, 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the launch of Phase 2 of the RESPECTfully campaign (MORE Advertising)</li> <li>• Announcement and demonstration of Track-Kit, the Commonwealth's new sexual assault evidence kit tracking system (EOPSS and EOTSS)</li> <li>• Presentation on Domestic Violence High Risk Team Guidelines (Response &amp; Assessment Subcommittee)</li> </ul>
<b>April 21, 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Updates from Lieutenant Governor, EOHHS, EOPSS, and Trial Courts</li> </ul>
<b>May 20, 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Updates (Administration and Legislature)</li> <li>• Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking Grant Update (EOPSS OGR)</li> <li>• SANE Update (DPH)</li> <li>• FY20 Healthy Relationship Grant Update</li> <li>• RESPECTfully Campaign Update</li> </ul>
<b>July 15, 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Updates (Administration and Legislature)</li> <li>• Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking System: Statewide Implementation Update (EOPSS)</li> <li>• VAWA Handbook Announcement (MassHousing &amp; Piltch Associates)</li> </ul>
<b>September 9, 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Updates (Administration and Trial Courts)</li> <li>• RESPECTfully Campaign Update (MORE Advertising)</li> <li>• FY20 Healthy Relationship Grant Update (DPH)</li> </ul>
<b>December 9, 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and Release of 2019-2020 Biennial Report</li> </ul>



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