

2020 Impact Report

Washington Advisory Committee on Trafficking

Message from the Co-Chairs







We are pleased to present this 2020 impact report, developed from task force member feedback collected during the drafting process of our 2021-2025 Strategic Action Plan. The year 2020 was a challenging one for all of us working to support survivors of human trafficking. The numbers in this report illustrate the difficulties in connecting remotely with one another to coordinate investigations and meet survivors' diverse needs. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, however, our network was engaged as ever and used innovation to provide crucial remote support to survivors in need. We look forward to carrying out this important work together in 2021 to ensure that survivors continue to have access to a full spectrum of

comprehensive services and that we continue to investigate and prosecute trafficking crimes so that traffickers are held accountable.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for working collaboratively to fight human trafficking and address the needs of survivors.

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Acronyms

IRC International Rescue Committee in Seattle

SPD Seattle Police Department

WARN Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network

WashACT Washington Advisory Committee on Trafficking

The direct service provider gets to know the survivor's needs, supports them in meeting those needs, and keeps them informed of the coordination among partners. With the systems-based victim witness specialist, they also support the survivor through the criminal justice process.



The prosecutor's office works with law enforcement to develop evidence and ultimately bring criminal charges against the trafficker.





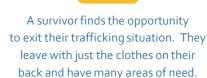


The immigration legal provider works with law enforcement to assess and apply for possible immigration relief and connects the survivor with legal assistance in their area of relocation.

Law enforcement works with the survivor to investigate the trafficking crime and help them find safety.



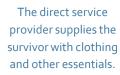








Law enforcement works with the Transportation Security Administration and the airlines to facilitate the survivor's travel to their place of relocation.





The systems-based victim witness specialist helps the survivor obtain

medicine for their injuries.









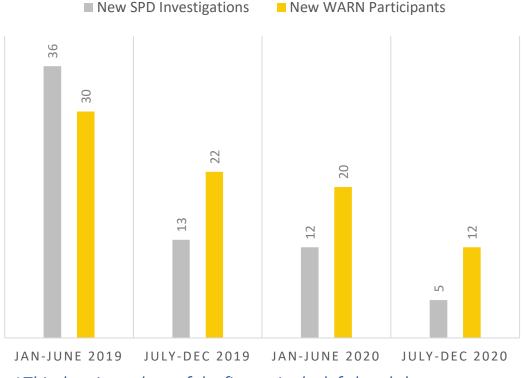
The direct service provider secures emergency lodging for the survivor.

Human Trafficking Investigations and Survivors Served

Active SPD Investigations and Survivors Served by WARN

■ Active SPD Investigations WARN Participants Served JAN-JUNE 2019 JULY-DEC 2019 JAN-JUNE 2020 JULY-DEC 2020

SPD Investigations Opened and Survivors Enrolled in WARN Program*

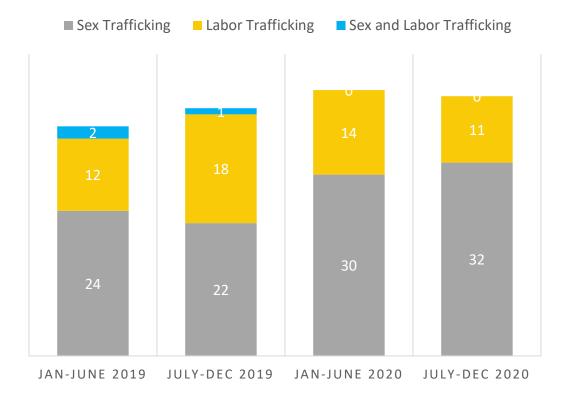


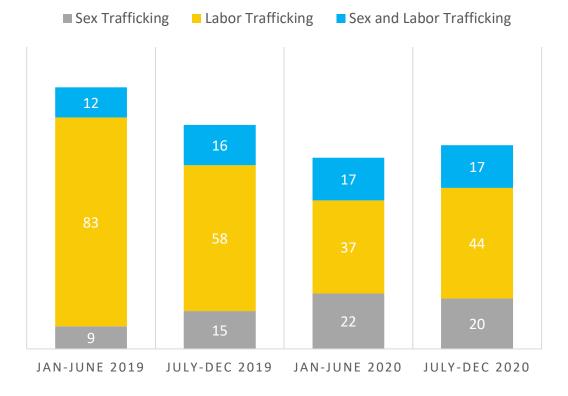
*This data is a subset of the figures in the left-hand chart.

Trafficking Types Encountered in Investigations and Direct Services

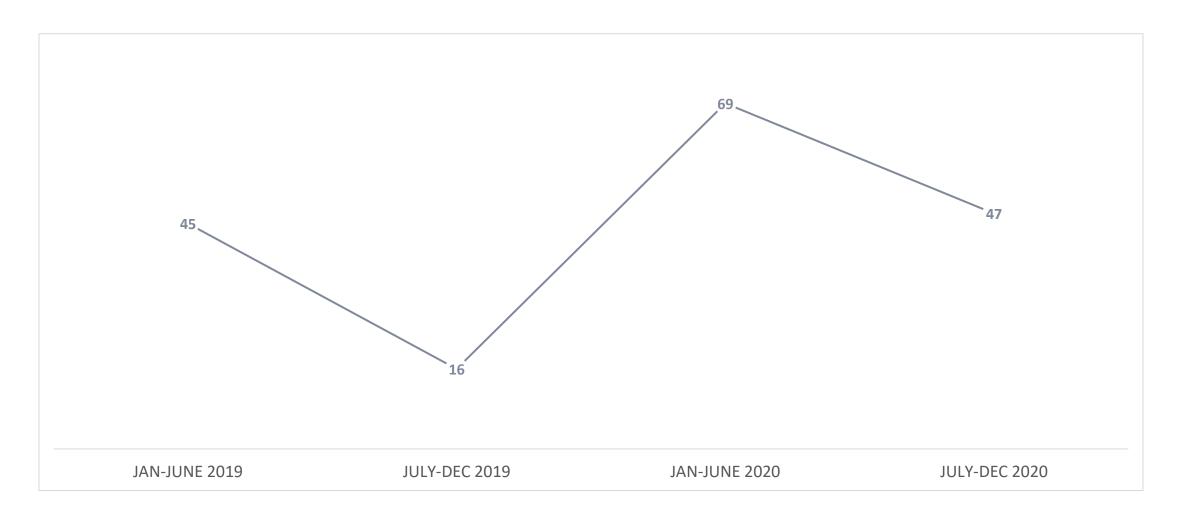
Active SPD Investigations by Trafficking Type

WARN Survivors Served by Trafficking Type

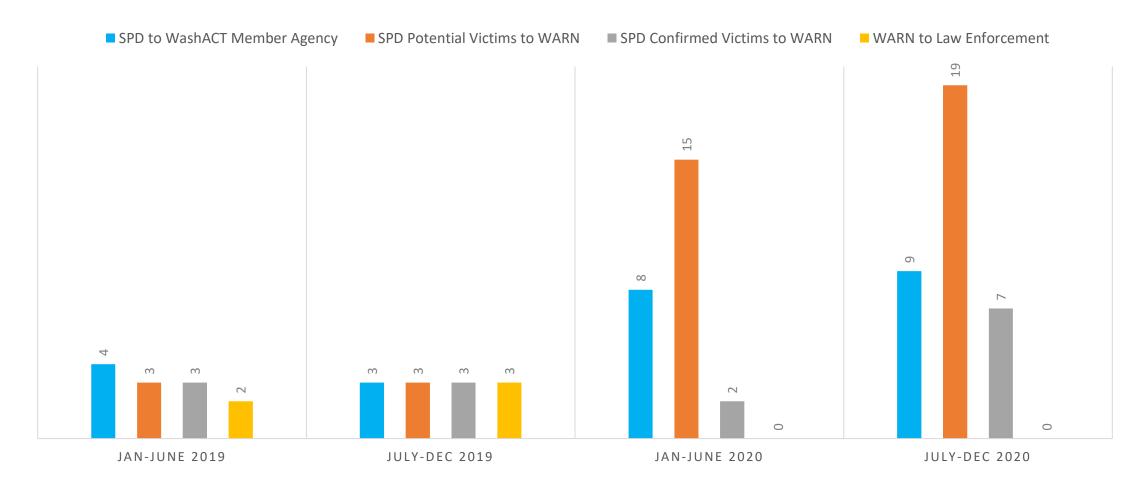




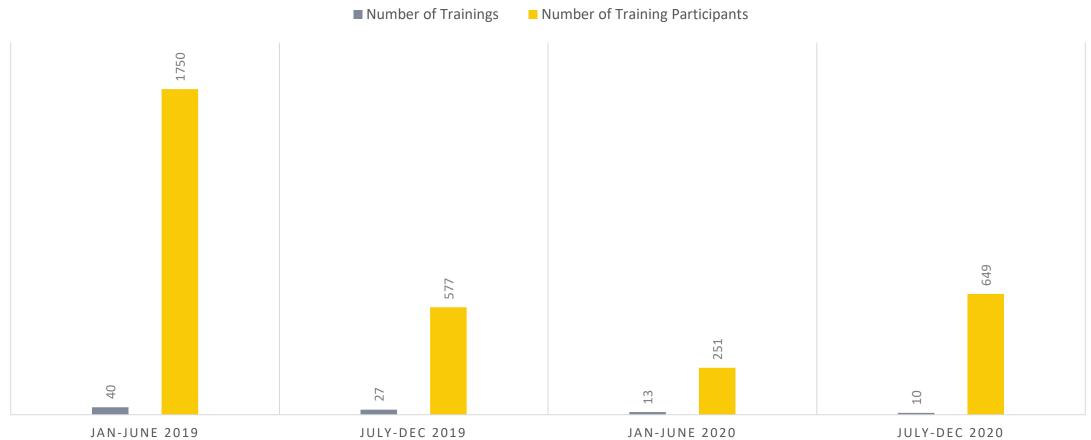
Human Trafficking Tips Received by SPD



WashACT Network Referrals Made by SPD and WARN



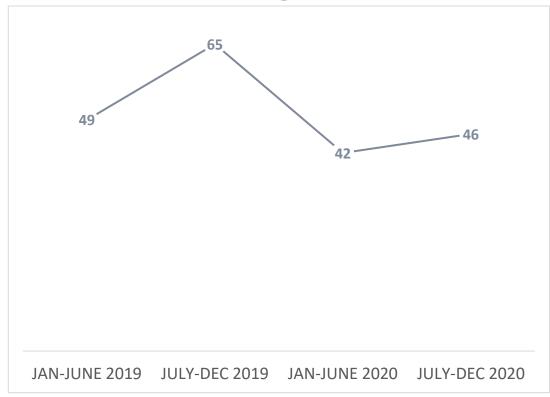
Trainings Conducted by SPD and IRC/WARN*



^{*}This data counts only trainings funded by the Enhanced Collaborative Model grant from the Department of Justice. Some trainings were conducted jointly by SPD and IRC while others were conducted separately.

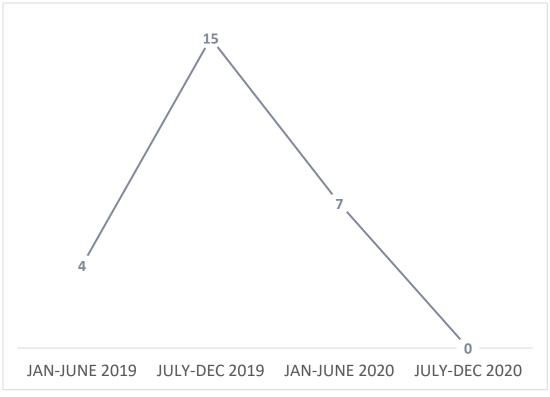
WashACT Member Participation

Unique Meeting Participants*

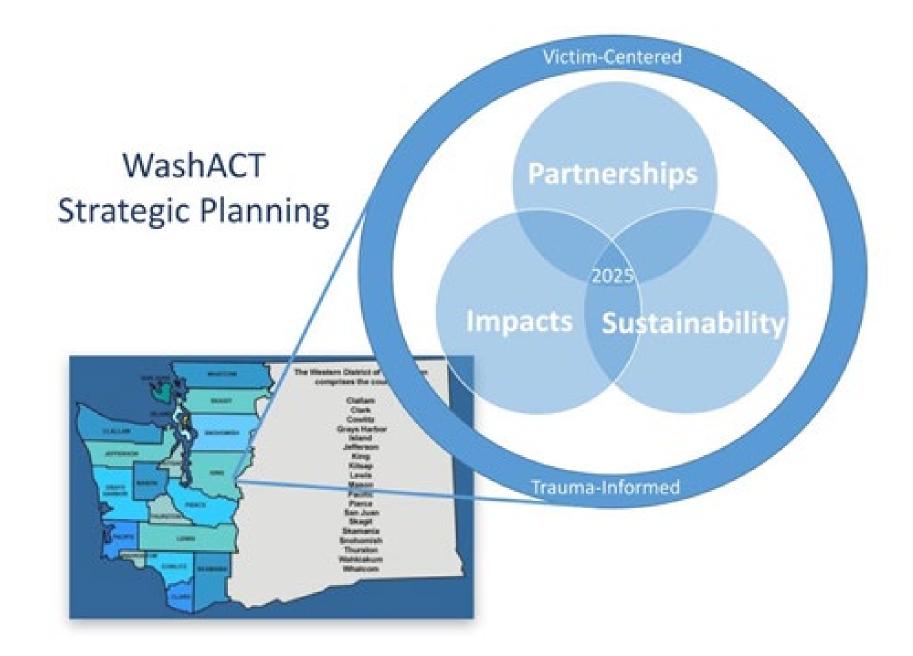


^{*} This chart counts each individual just once when they participated in a WashACT meeting, even if they attended multiple meetings per six-month period. The WashACT meetings counted are quarterly general membership meetings and subcommittee meetings.

New Members*



^{*}This chart tracks individuals who joined WashACT for the first time after attending a task force information session.



New Strategic Action Plan



In December 2020, WashACT's membership approved a five-year Strategic Action Plan to guide the task force's direction from 2021 through 2025. Drawing upon interviews and surveys of WashACT's membership, the Strategic Action Plan prioritizes the following areas of work:

- Promoting knowledge of WashACT members' work to support networking and increase community awareness of available resources
- Better informing both WashACT members and the public about task force efforts and achievements
- Maintaining and expanding aspects of WashACT assessed as effective in a May 2020 member survey
- Fostering trust-building and supporting conflict resolution between WashACT members
- Diversifying, extending geographically within the Western Washington Department of Justice jurisdiction, and strengthening WashACT membership and leadership
- Increasing the information value and communication functionality of WashACT's website
- Building and sharing relevant policy-related knowledge among WashACT member agencies
- Addressing the issues members want to learn about during WashACT meetings



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