

VICTIM RIGHTS STATEMENT

Any person who is serving you in the anti-trafficking movement (law enforcement, service providers, and legal professionals) should respect your individual rights and follow guiding principles that uphold those rights. Here are your rights and expectations related to working with Task Force partners:

- You have a right to be treated with respect and dignity;
- You have a right to not be judged;
- You have a right to privacy and confidentiality;
- You have a right to be treated fairly and equally;
- You have a right to be treated as a victim of a crime, not a criminal;
- You have a right to be called your preferred name, gender pronouns, and other identifiers;
- You have a right to choose the term you associate with your experience (victim, survivor, etc.), and to have that term used by providers outside of the court setting;
- You have a right to access services, regardless of: age, race, gender, sex, sexuality, immigration status, religious beliefs, etc.;
- You have a right to seek justice against your exploiters through the criminal justice system;
- You have a right to know all of your options before making a choice about interacting with providers or seeking services;
- You have a right to refuse any services you do not want;
- You have a right to refuse to engage with law enforcement or investigations;
- You have a right to have your voice heard and be empowered to make decisions for yourself and your family;
- You have a right to be free.