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Cohort # 602 Capstone Project

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Abstract

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Capstone Chapter One

Capstone Focus and Rationale

Marginalized and underserved populations frequently deal with recurring contact and interaction with the criminal justice system and its existing organizations. The criminal justice system deals with an overwhelming amount of issues that directly impact these groups at higher rates than those not represented under these marginalized and underserved groups. One such area of interest that has presented itself as a growing plague for marginalized communities is human trafficking. The disparity with which human trafficking impacts these groups is indeed discouraging and evident of a need for further examination with regard to how these victims from these communities are being serviced by the criminal justice system that intended to serve and protect them.

This capstone addresses the interactions between the marginalized and underserved groups that represent the majority of human trafficking victims, and the criminal justice organizations that serve these groups. The specific focus is the exploration of the extent to which these human trafficking victims from underserved populations are being serviced by criminal justice organizations in an effort to do the following: identify, protect, and help those who are already victims; prevent further incidents of trafficking in these communities; and implement the use of tools and strategies that overall reduce the vulnerability of marginalized and underserved groups. By looking at some specific criminal justice organizations that frequently interact with human trafficking victims, it is possible to assess the level and extent to which these organizations are successfully engaging and creating change for these victims and their

communities. In addition, gaps and deficiencies in services to these groups may be identified, and suggestions or potential opportunities for improvement may be recognized.

When taking a look at the human trafficking dilemma and its prevalence in specific groups and communities, it is important to understand that this is not a new problem. Human trafficking is an ongoing public health issue that stems from interconnected factors at societal, community, family, and individual levels.