

Surviving Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Committee
Reporting Subcommittee
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- Director Reena Shah wants us to include more questions on access to justice (legal rights) and the court system.
 - How has the pandemic affected access to the courts in seeking justice.
 - How has the pandemic affected the court's ability to adequately assess reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation?
- We need to determine if we need and funding/cost covered for our Committee.
- Laura will collaborate with the Consumer Protection committee and Data & Outreach committee to see what those committees are working on and how we can collaborate with them to get the survey out. Will report back to you all.
- Sandy wants to include questions on special needs children and their IEPs.
 - "Have you/your child had access to your IEP [or other resource] during the stay at home order?"

Feedback on survey

- ~~— Add a Q: " Do you know where to go to report instances of ANE?"~~
 - ~~— Do you feel comfortable navigating the ___ system in reporting instances of ANE?~~
 - ~~— Which of the services do you need help accessing?~~
- Include a definition of vulnerable- it is very broad. May need to have your own.
- Include a definition of exploitation.
- INclude descriptors for abuse: mental injury, sexual abuse etc.
- Estelle will send a powerpoint which contains different definitions for these legal words.
- ~~— Have an opening question: Who are you?~~
 - ~~— If it is someone responding as a potential person who needs services v a service provider than the answer will guide them to the correct survey.~~
- Include a before/after questions on instances of child abuse before/during the pandemic so we can tell whether cases have gone up.
- More categories we need to add:
 - Domestic violence
 - Substance abuse disorders.
 - Human trafficking
 - Mental health services
 - Financial exploitation.

Include questions on guardianship, adoption etc.

Remove questions asking for age/sex/other demographics. Instead ask: who do you serve

We are going to focus on sending this survey to the broad service provider community:

What are they seeing in reporting? How has the pandemic affected their ability to help those who need to report instances of abuse, neglect and exploitation?

Social services, health departments, faith community etc, legal aid organizations etc.

For the next meeting: Keep thinking about stakeholders. Dorinda and Stephanie will continue making questions directed to legal services providers.

* Notes are struck out because during the meeting we changed our target audience.