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Vermont FTAP Presentation

FTAP All-Sites Meeting

April 5, 2022

Vermont

- ▶ Vermont's estimated firearm ownership is 50%-the highest of all New England states
- ▶ Vermont is the second least populated state (620,000 est.)
- ▶ Highest percentage (61.1%) of residents residing in rural areas
- ▶ 255 municipalities, only eight have a population > 10,000
- ▶ Half of all Vermonters reside in areas with no local police department & rely on state police instead
- ▶ 21% of Vermont has no cell service or spotty service

Vision

Kerrie Johnson, VT Defender General's Office

The systems victims rely on understand and respond to firearms risk:

- ▶ Immediate surrender to law enforcement/
federally licensed firearm dealer
- ▶ Clarify surrender process
- ▶ Set defendants up for success

Key support for the project

Sarah Robinson, VT Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

- ▶ Management team and workgroup commitments
- ▶ Judicial engagement
- ▶ Form-driven approach

Moving forward

Tari Scott, VT Courts

- ▶ Successful implementation of revisions to petitioner forms
- ▶ Law enforcement commitment
- ▶ U.S. Attorney's Office commitment
- ▶ Statewide impact

Where we are/challenges

Carolyn Hanson, VT Attorney General's Office

- ▶ Significant first steps
- ▶ Challenge: Defendant declaration
- ▶ Compromise: Return of service/compliance hearing

Engaging survivors

Sarah Robinson, VT Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

- ▶ Statewide coalition involvement
- ▶ DV Council
- ▶ Court liaison task force

Culturally specific organization involvement

Kerrie Johnson, VT Defender General's Office

- ▶ AALV
- ▶ Abenaki Nation
- ▶ Disability Rights Vermont

Community engagement plan

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- ▶ Involving underserved communities in the work
- ▶ Translation of forms and materials
- ▶ Engaging community partners to help address diverse needs

Next steps

Carolyn Hanson, VT Attorney General's Office
Kevin Lane, Vermont State Police

- ▶ Changes to protection order form
- ▶ Involvement of federally licensed dealers
- ▶ Interactive map re: storage
- ▶ Informational materials: public and litigants
- ▶ Compliance review process
- ▶ Stakeholder training
- ▶ Connect with statewide fatality review team

Something unexpected

Kevin Lane, Vermont State Police

