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PROJECT SUMMARY

- Purpose: Provide a review of the national landscape of multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) addressing the sexual exploitation of children
- Multi-method and multi-phase project with three tasks:
 1. Systematic Review
 2. National Survey of MDTs
 3. Case Study Site Visits
- Interdisciplinary team across three universities + **Advisory Board**



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. What is the current state of research on MDTs addressing child sexual exploitation?
2. What processes and procedures guide the service delivery of existing MDTs addressing child sexual exploitation across the United States?
3. How do specific, diverse MDTs addressing child sexual exploitation function, and what are the implications of these models?
4. How do the findings from the different data sources inform best practices for MDTs to improve effectiveness, intended outcomes, and victim-survivor well-being?



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TASK 2: NATIONAL SURVEY

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TASK 3: CASE STUDY SITES

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NATIONAL SURVEY

Step 1:

DATABASE CREATION

- Develop database of stakeholders & agencies across the U.S.
 - Research team
 - Advisory Board
 - State & national networks
- Identify specific individuals within each MDT to complete survey

Step 2:

SURVEY DEVELOPMENT

- Informed by systematic review
- Survey components:
 - Structure
 - Participants
 - Children served
 - Outcomes
- Advisory Board feedback
- Focus group feedback (1-2)

Step 3:

ADMINISTRATION & ANALYSIS

- Administered via Qualtrics
- Ask professionals to share survey link with others in their networks
- Survey open for about one month, with reminder emails sent
- Responses will be analyzed for case study site selection

NATIONAL SURVEY THEMES

Survey themes will be finalized after consulting with the extant literature in the Systematic Review. However, preliminary themes are organized in four parts and include:

Structure

- Scope of the MDT
- Types of sexually exploitative cases (e.g., CSE material, trafficking, child sexual abuse)
- Size of MDT (e.g., agencies, individuals)
- Mechanisms of cooperation and collaboration
- Funding sources
- Formality (e.g., ad-hoc, permanent)
- Duration (e.g., how often meetings occur)

Participants

- Membership (e.g., length on MDT)
- Agency representation
- Role definitions

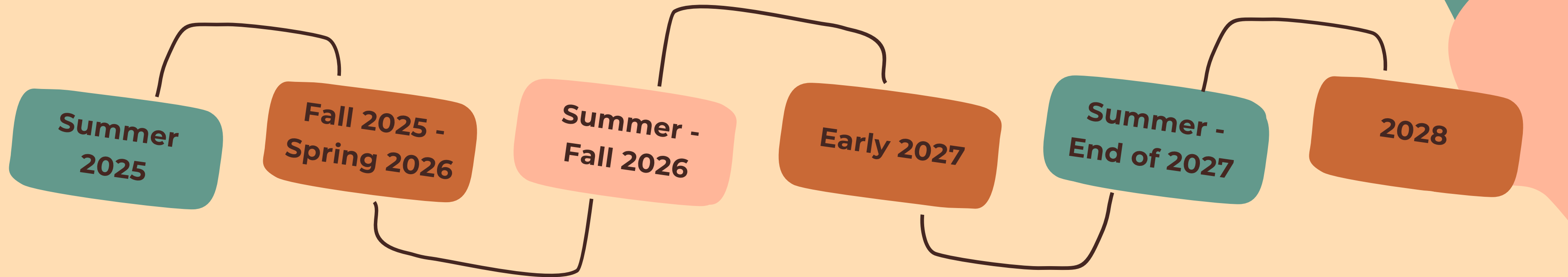
Children Served

- Number of children served by MDT
- Demographics of child victims reached
- Implementation of culturally appropriate services offered

Outcomes

- Goal tracking (e.g., what are objectives/outcomes for each case)
- Measurement of victim well-being
- Follow-ups with children and families

TIMELINE & CURRENT STATUS



- Systematic Review
- **MDT database development**

- Write up results of Systematic Review
- **MDT database development**
- **Develop survey instrument**
- Gather advisory board + focus group for feedback on survey
- **Obtain NIJ approval for survey administration**

- **Administer survey**
- Clean & analyze survey data
- Develop site visit instruments
- Select case study sites

- Send invites to case study sites
- Review pre-site visit documents
- Administer pre-focus group survey

- Conduct site visits
- Analyze case study data

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- Deliverables:
 - Final report
 - MDT guidebook
 - Interactive website
- Archive data

***Throughout** : Bi-weekly meetings of research team & monthly progress emails to advisory board.

REQUESTS FROM THE NCA

SURVEY DEVELOPMENT

- Provide any feedback on questions/topics that the national survey should ask teams about

SURVEY ADMINISTRATION

- Forward invitation email with anonymous survey link to NCA's list serv of CACs



THANK YOU!

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