

VAST 2018

Committee Descriptions

Community Engagement Committee – for Community Members

This committee will dedicate themselves to the continual need for raising awareness amongst the public and creating a systematic way to train agents in their fields for the proper trauma-informed identification and response. This committee will also explore the coordination of messaging about human trafficking and related topics in our local school districts. This group may perform canvassing events, information tables, documentary screenings, and/or special request awareness raising events.

Contact: Anna LeBeouf, anna@thevast.org

Research & Development Committee – for Community Members

This team is dedicated to research and development of a web-based platform that makes exploitation prevention and education resources available in an organized repository. These resources are chosen based on their trafficking prevention themes; themes that promote healthy, equitable relationships, online safety, and anti-objectification/commodification of persons. Resources include, articles, videos, books, presentations, curriculums, etc.

This committee meets: on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month.

Contact: Kathy Emeigh, kathy.emeigh@gmail.com & Valerie Moyer, valeriemoyer99@gmail.com

Development Committee – for Community Members

This committee is dedicated to developing VAST; whether it be in fundraising, infrastructure, research, and/or networking. This committee's goal is to take a bird's eye view of the organization and coalition, assess areas that need growth and support, and coordinate supports to strengthen the organization.

This committee currently meets:

Contact:

Speakers Bureau – for Anyone (*Interview & Special Training Required*)

This is a team of people who are oriented and trained to speak on topics such as Human Trafficking 101 to audiences varying from service professionals to youth.

This committee doesn't meet except for semi-annual training and refresher courses.

Contact: Anna LeBeouf, anna@thevast.org

Media & Marketing Team – for Anyone

This team oversees VAST's FB, Twitter, website, and email campaigning. They meet on a quarterly basis to plan the execution and improvement of media and marketing ideas and tactics.

This team meets quarterly or as needed.

Contact: anna@thevast.org

Voices Planning Committee – for Anyone

This team is committed to the vision, planning, and implementation of our annual fundraiser and awareness raising event, VOICES. This event has brought in ~\$15,000 the last two years and we are

hoping to double that in 2019. This event planning involves silent auction coordination, donor solicitation, sponsor solicitation, program planning, entertainment and food planning, etc. The theme of the event, raising our Voices, is incorporated throughout the event at the committee's creative discretion: red carpet interviews, participatory singing, etc

This team meets:

Contact: Anna LeBoeuf, anna@thevast.org

Outreach Program – for Anyone (*Interview required*)

An outreach worker builds rapport with the homeless and vulnerable communities in the Lehigh Valley who could be victims of sexual exploitation, survival sex, or sex trafficking. They are a warm-bodied bridge of trust to a pathway of care. As a bridge of trust, you will spend time building rapport, have a consistent presence, make in-person warm hand-offs, facilitate referrals or connections to community resources, and follow through with appointment accompaniment. While building rapport, an outreach worker gently and relationally screen for sexual exploitation, trafficking, and opioid use and ensure that are provided with the level of care and services needed.

Contact: Amber Karom, amber@thevast.org

Victim Services Committee – for Professionals

This committee meets to collaborate on cross-sector, cross-agency goals related to emergency shelter resources and seamless service referral system.

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Community Education Committee – for Professionals

This committee meets to collaborate on cross-sector, cross-agency goals related to raising awareness, increasing training opportunity, and creating agency anti-trafficking champions.

This committee meets:

Contact: Anna LeBeouf, anna@thevast.org

Board Finance Committee – for Anyone

This group of people help to manage VAST monthly finances and financial responsibilities, such as: income and spending tracking, donor tracking, invoicing, audits, financial admin, and Aplos (online software) maintenance.

Contact: Rick Dobrowolski, rickdob@gmail.com (Board Treasurer)

Board Governance & Policy Committee – for Anyone

This committee would help VAST to comply with contract mandated policy, non-profit laws, best practices, protocol collection/development, and human resource needs.

Contact: Heather Evans, hevans.vast@gmail.com (Board Chair)