

# Labor Trafficking Survivor Needs in 2026

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Survivor-led Panel Discussion

Framework hosted a survivor panel focused on labor trafficking survivor needs in 2026. The event brought together survivors to share what anti-trafficking providers should understand as they support labor trafficking survivors in the current moment.

## About the Event

### Themes Covered

#### Healing Requires Stability

- Mental health support cannot be separated from housing, immigration, income, safety, culture, and community.

#### Immigration Uncertainty Impacts Well-Being

- Panelists shared how fear and delayed processes affect trust, movement, employment, and daily decision-making.

#### Economic Security Is Survivor Safety

- Survivors may need more than job placement. They may need financial inclusion, life skills support, legal stability, and time before re-entering work.

#### Support Must Be Individualized

- Rigid timelines and one-size-fits-all services can miss what survivors actually need.

#### Survivor Leadership Matters

- Survivors should be included in program design, paid consultation, decision-making, and advocacy.

“ Healing is not one size fits all, and our systems shouldn't be either. ”

### Survivor Voices

“ Believe the first story that a survivor tells you. ”

“ There's no survivor safety without economic security. ”

“ Train staff to recognize there is no right way to be a survivor. ”

## Coming Soon: Survivor-Created Provider Guide

Insights from this event will inform an upcoming survivor-created Framework guide for providers.

Building on survivor listening sessions and the panel discussion, the guide will offer practical recommendations, examples, and considerations for strengthening survivor-centered support for labor trafficking survivors in 2026.