

Role of Healthcare Providers in Human Trafficking



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Learning Objectives

- Understand risk factors of trafficking
- Identify vulnerable populations at risk
- Describe health problems victims present with in clinic
- Use indicators to help identify potential victims
- Respond to potential victims from trauma informed lens



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TX HCR35 | 2019-2020 | 86th Legislature



Texas House Concurrent Resolution 35 (*Adjourned Sine Die*)

TX State Legislature page for HCR35 [#]

SummarySponsorsTextsVotesResearchCommentsTrack

Status

Completed Legislative Action

Spectrum: Partisan Bill (Republican 4-0)

Status: Passed on June 7 2019 - 100% progression

Action: 2019-06-07 - Signed by the Governor

Text: [Latest bill text \(Enrolled\) \[HTML\]](#)

Summary

Recognizing human trafficking as a public health issue.

Tracking Information

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Title

Recognizing human trafficking as a public health issue.

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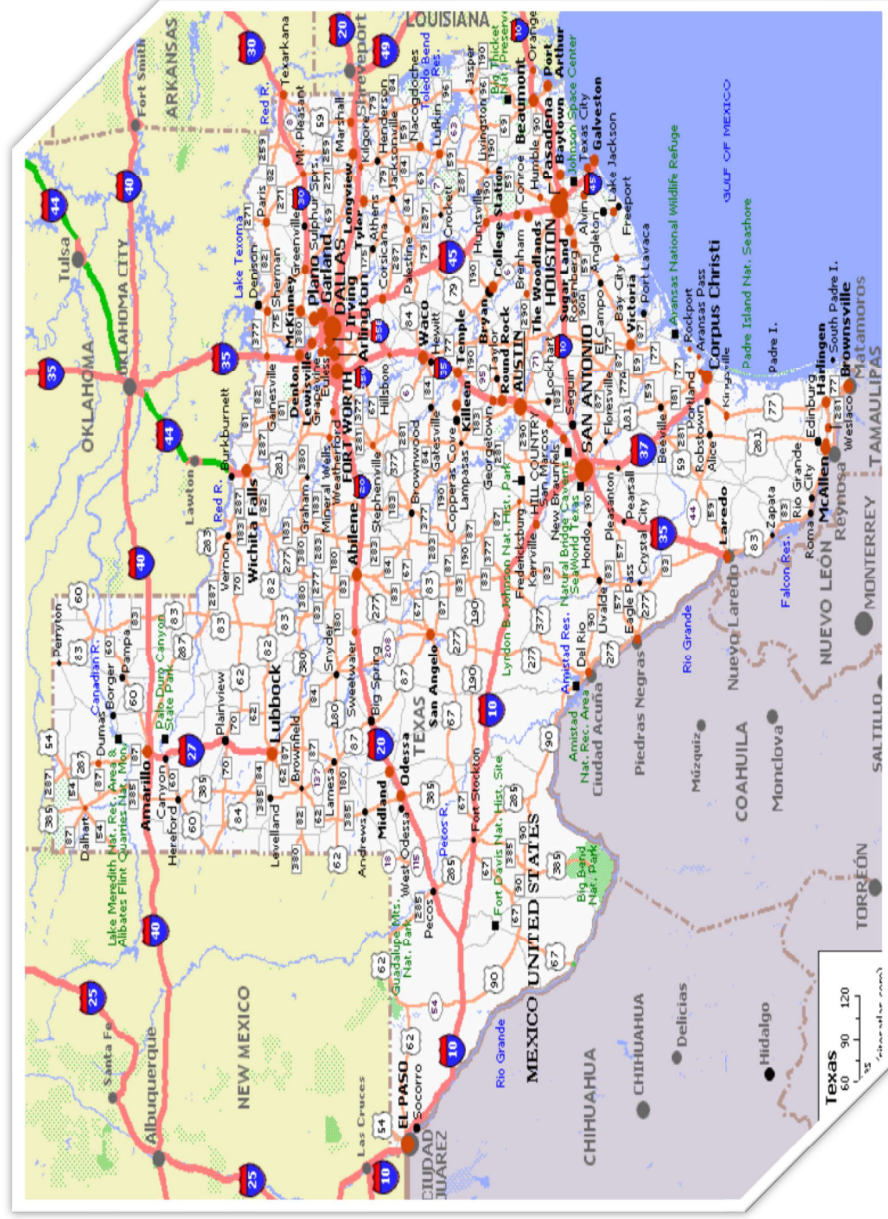
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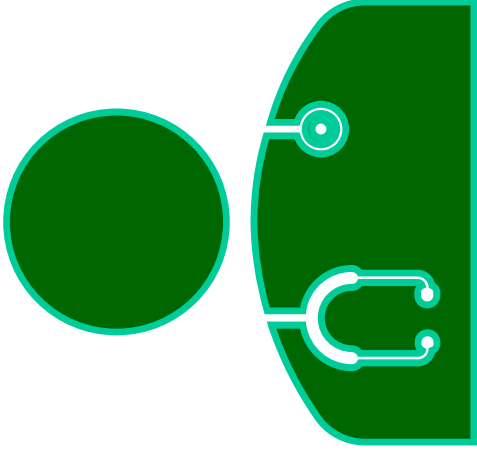


Medical Professional Societies prioritizing human trafficking awareness and training

- AMA
- IOM
- Am College Emergency Physicians
- ACOG
- Am Academy Pediatrics
- Am Academy Family Physicians
- Federation State Medical Boards



Role of Healthcare Providers



88% victims seen by healthcare professions during their captivity

More than half of providers did not ask about their personal circumstance.

Fewer than 6% identified these victims in their practice

Lederer & Wetzel, Ann Health Law, 2014



Radical Empathy Education Foundation

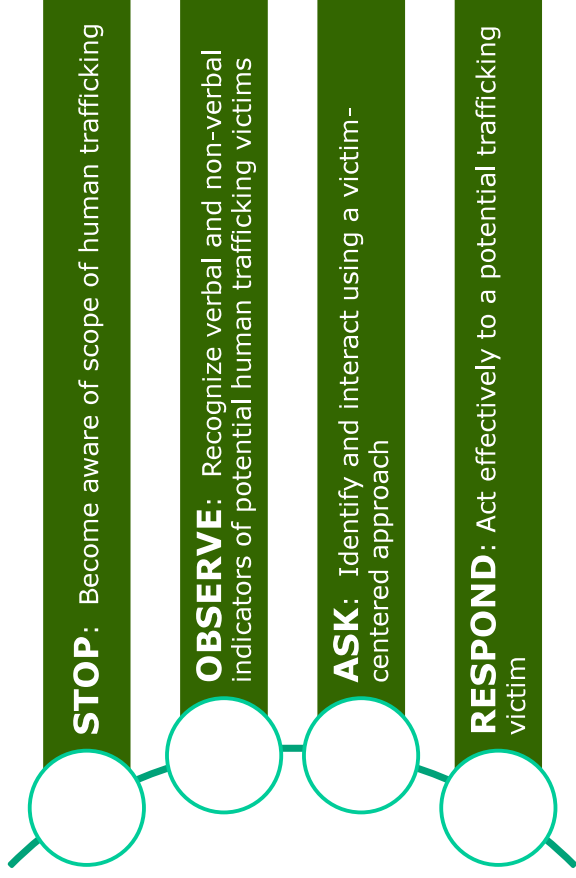
Billy Cain, President

Objectives

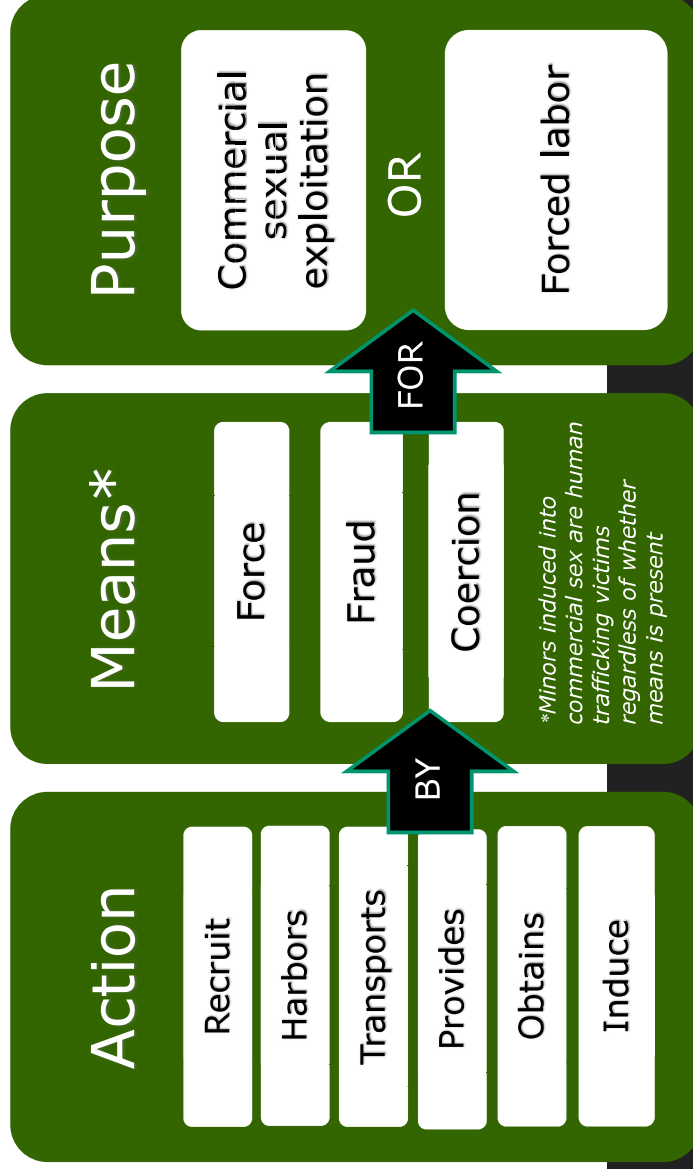
- Challenge current perceptions of trafficking
- Identify potential indicators of trafficking in healthcare
- Skills to communicate with victims in healthcare settings
- Step by step response to victims in healthcare settings

SOAR

Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, US Dept Health Human Services,
National Trafficking Training Center, Administration for Children & Families,
Offices of Trafficking in Persons, Office on Women's Health



acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/soar-to-health-and-wellness-training/soar-online



Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 2000

Human trafficking does not
always mean sex trafficking

TYPOLOGY OF MODERN SLAVERY

Recreational Facilities
Forestry & Logging
Commercial Cleaning Services
Carnivals
Escort Services
Remote Interactive Sex Acts
Factories & Manufacturing
Outdoor Solicitation
Arts & Entertainment
Residential
Illicit Activities
Health & Beauty Services
Illicit Massage, Health & Beauty
Hotels & Hospitality
Construction
Agriculture & Animal Husbandry
Traveling Sales Crews
Personal Sexual Servitude
Restaurants & Food Services
Health Care
Peddling & Begging
Pornography
Bars, Strip Clubs, Cantinas
Domestic Work

Polaris Project, 2018



UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

[UT News](#) > [Press Releases](#) > Study Estimates More Than 300,000 Victims of Human Trafficking in Texas

State Human Trafficking
Mapping Project, 2014
U of Texas at Austin

polarisproject.org 2018 Statistics from Hotline and Textline

Madam, 71, behind Texas' biggest ever sex-trafficking ring is sentenced to life for 10-year operation that charged 'johns' \$500-an-hour for sex with underage girls

TEXAS

Texas human trafficking epidemic among worst in nation

Federal authorities, local groups working to bring awareness to sweeping issue

CNN US • Crime • Justice • Foreign • Environment • Extreme Weather • Space • Science

Live TV • US Editors • P

A Texas couple has been sentenced to 7 years in prison for forcing a young girl to work in their home for 16 years

By Christina Mautoni, CNN

Updated 4:33 AM ET, Tue April 23, 2019

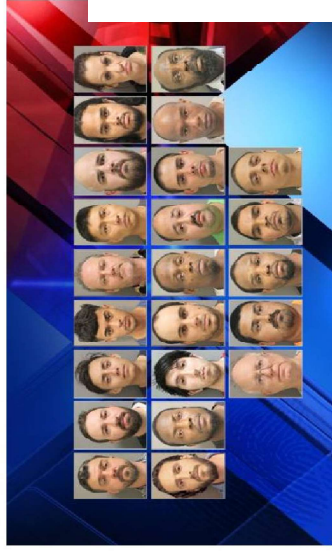


47 arrested, 2 juveniles recovered in human trafficking sting

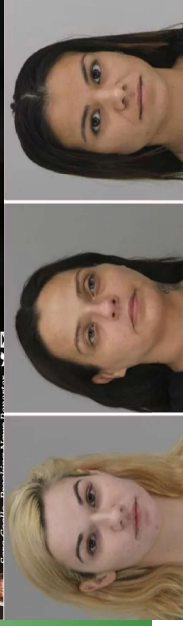
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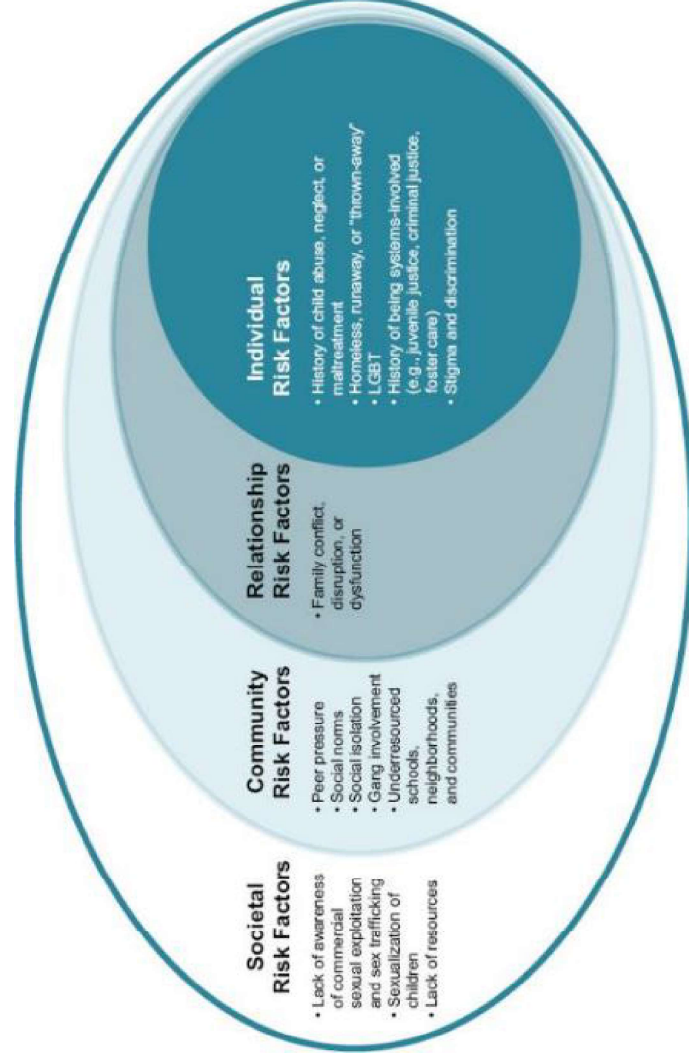
3 women accused in North Texas sex-trafficking ring spent thousands on Versace, Gucci, police say



Sex trafficking ring busted near Fort Worth after guns were used as payment, feds say

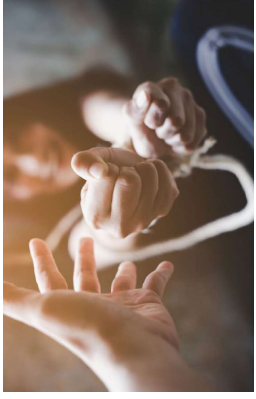
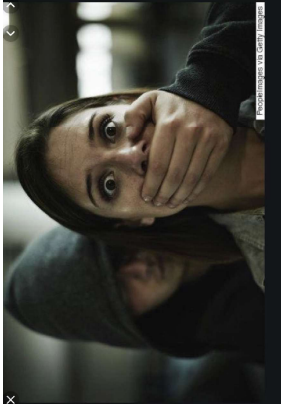
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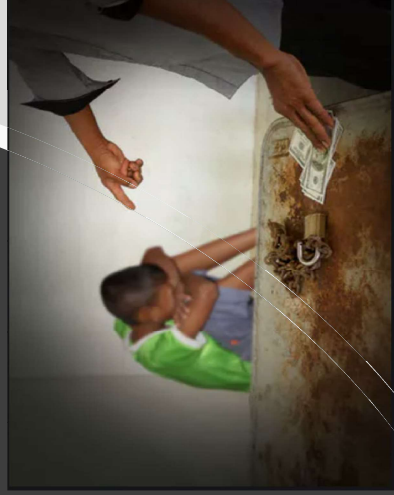
Socio-Ecological Model Determinants of Trafficking

Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in US (2013) -
Institute of Medicine & National Research Council of the National Academies



Populations at Increased Risk

- Children and adults
 - Girls/women disproportionately affected
- Vulnerable populations
 - Childhood abuse
 - Foster care
 - Homeless
 - Unstable homes
 - Refugees & Immigrants
 - Migrant Workers
 - Runaways
 - Poverty
 - Disabled
 - LGBTQ

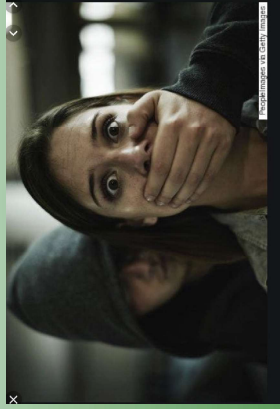


Befriend
Intoxicate
Alienate
Isolate
Desensitize
Capitalize

Grooming process

Preying on vulnerabilities,
not time limited, but
focused

- Target
- Trick
- Traumatize



Recruitment venues:

- shopping malls
- bus and train stations
- social networking internet sites
- schools

Recruitment Strategies

21 APPS

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SEPTEMBER 2019

Coconino County Sheriff's Office

PLenty OF FISH

PLenty OF FISH is a popular free dating app and website where users can find potential romantic partners. It allows users to create profiles based on location.

MOCOspace

MOCOspace is a free social media app that allows users to connect with friends and family. It features a "Moco" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

MEETME

MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with potential romantic partners. It features a "MeetMe" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

WHATSApP

WHATSApP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send text messages, voice messages, and photos. It is available on both iOS and Android devices. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

BUMBLE

BUMBLE is a popular dating app that allows users to find potential romantic partners. It features a "Bumble" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

LIVE ME

LIVE ME is a live-streaming video app that allows users to broadcast live videos to their followers. It features a "LiveMe" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

ASKFM

ASKFM is a popular question-and-answer app that allows users to ask and answer questions. It features a "AskFM" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

HI5

HI5 is a dating app where users can browse photos and videos of potential romantic partners. It features a "Hi5" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

BEST SECRET FOLDER

BEST SECRET FOLDER is a hidden folder app that allows users to hide their photos and videos from their contacts. It features a "Best Secret Folder" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

GRINDER

GRINDER is a dating app for gay, bi, and transgender users. It features a "Grindr" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

TIKTOK

TIKTOK is a popular video-sharing app that allows users to create and share short videos. It features a "TikTok" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

SNAPCHAT

SNAPCHAT is a popular photo and video messaging app that allows users to send "snaps" that disappear after a set time. It features a "Snapchat" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

HOLLA

HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "the world's largest live streaming video app" that allows users to broadcast live videos to their followers. It features a "Holla" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

CALCULATOR%

CALCULATOR% is a calculator app that allows users to perform calculations. It features a "Calculator%" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

NOT OR NOT

NOT OR NOT is a game app that allows users to play a game. It features a "Not or Not" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

WHISPER

WHISPER is an anonymous social media app that allows users to share secrets and rumors. It features a "Whisper" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

KIK

KIK allows anyone to connect and direct message your child. Kids can share photos and videos with anyone. Kik gives users the ability to share private photos, videos, and more. While this app is marketed for teens, it can be used by anyone, anywhere, anytime.

SCOUT24

SCOUT24 is a location-based dating app and website where users can find potential romantic partners. It features a "Scout24" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

MONKEY

MONKEY is a live video chat app that allows users to share photos and videos with random strangers. It features a "Monkey" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

ZOOSK

ZOOSK is a location-based dating app and website where users can find potential romantic partners. It features a "Zoosk" character that users can customize. Users can connect with friends and family via text messages or voice calls.

For more information, contact Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Community Affairs at 415.351.0005

Sex trafficker control tactics, by type.

Control Type	N	Percent (%)
Psychological Violence	280	36.7%
Sexual Violence	277	36.3%
Physical Violence	251	32.9%
Physical Violence without Weapons	167	66.5%
Drug Control	158	20.7%
Firearm Control	85	11.1%
Physical Violence with Weapons	67	26.7%
Physical Violence by Torture	16	6.4%

Table 13. Comparison of sex trafficker use of violence, gang member vs. non-gang member.

Variables	Gang-member (N=209)	Not-Gang Member (N=856)
Psychological violence**	188 (90%)	390 (45.6%)
Sexual violence**	169 (80.8%)	392 (45.8%)
Use drugs to control the victim**	131 (62.6%)	240 (28%)
Physical assault**	67 (32.1%)	176 (20.6%)

** $p < .01$, * $p < .05$.

Sex Trafficking Control Tactics



OBSERVE
indicators of
potential
human
trafficking
victim in
healthcare
settings

No single profile

*No universal
screening tool*

Fearful submissive demeanor

Accompanied by controlling companion
who insists on answering questions

Substance Use; Unaware of
surroundings

Clothing inappropriate for climate

Branding: burn, tattoos, or scarring
intended to show trafficker's ownership

Untreated chronic conditions

*Macias-Konstantopoulos, Ann Int Med 2016
Toney-Bulter, StatPearls, 2019*

OBSERVE:
Adult Sex
Trafficking
Health
Indicators

No single profile

*No universal
screening tool*

Physical

Multiple recurrent
STIs

High number sex
partners

Trauma to
vagina/rectum

Impacted tampon

Signs physical
trauma

Somatization
symptoms

Poor oral health

Behavioral

Depressed

Frequent ER visits

Conflicting stories /
distortion with time,
persons, and place

Drug / alcohol use

Suicide attempts

Detached / PTSD

Trauma Bonding

*Macias-Konstantopoulos, Ann Int Med 2016
Toney-Bulter, StatPearls, 2019*

OBSERVE:

Child Sex
Trafficking
Health
Indicators

No single profile

*No universal
screening tool*

Physical

Pregnancy at young age
Abortions at young age
Early sexual initiation
Trauma to vagina /rectum
Symptoms STI or UTIs
Abnormal number of sex partners for young age

Behavioral

History of running away
Stops attending school
Highly sexualized behavior or dress
Angry/aggressive with staff
Depressed mood
Drugs or alcohol abuse
Detachment / PTSD
Suicide attempts
Trauma bonding

*Goldberg, J Ped Adolesc Gyn 2016
Greenbaum, Adv Ped 2016*

OBSERVE:

Labor
Trafficking
Health
Indicators

No single profile

*No universal
screening tool*

Physical

Poor hygiene
Injuries, Accidents
GI infections
Work related injuries
Musculoskeletal syndromes
Respiratory inhalation symptoms
History of concussions
Skin lesions

Behavioral

Detached / PTSD
Fear / Anxiety
Shame/guilt
Conflicting stories
Long work hours

Toney-Bulter, StatPearls, 2019

ASK:

Use trauma sensitive language

- Talk with them alone
 - eye contact
 - prefer without cell phone
 - procedures/radiology/paperwork
- Explain your role
- Use open ended questions
- Maintain confidentiality
 - professional interpreter
 - do not discuss patient in non-private areas

*Tracy, Obstet Gyn, 2017
Greenbaum, Adv Ped, 2016*

Understand their language

The life/game =
prostitution process

Breaking bread =
giving money to
pimp

Chopped = getting
a beating

Square up= trying
to escape

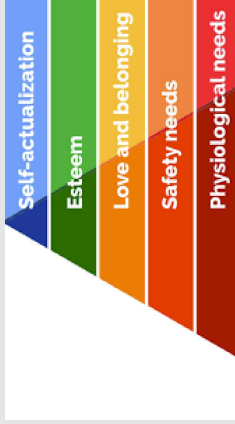
Shed = if don't
make quota, go to
shed to make porn
video

Renegade = person
without a pimp

Stable = number of
girls/boys pimp
keeps

Stack – daily quota
of money have to
make

Choosing up = 'eye
contact'



Barriers Preventing Identification

Client Barriers

- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs – how do I stay alive?
- Distrust, stigma
- Exams can trigger prior traumas
- Lacks awareness of victimization – trauma bonding, romantic relationship
- Language barrier
- Feels complicit in illegal act / shame
- Fears deportation or returning to abusive home
- Controller may be listening
- Real threats – child with trafficker

Healthcare Provider Barriers

- Lacks knowledge of trafficking
- Personal opinions
- Uncomfortable questions
- Lacks access to neutral interpreters
- Client unresponsive or hostile
- No info on what to do if suspect trafficking
- No good referral options

*Rollins AMA J Ethics, 2017
Judge, Ann Intern Med, 2018
Albright, Child Abuse Negl, 2019*

RESPOND:

suspicion of
trafficking

Goal is to

- ✓ provide safe space
- ✓ meet immediate healthcare need
- ✓ refer to appropriate source
- ✓ empower

- **NOT** disclosure or rescue
- **NOT** making promises
can't keep

Stay in your lane

RESPOND:

suspicion of trafficking

Trauma-informed & victim-centered care

Meet Basic Needs: Avoiding re-traumatization when conducting exams and providing clinical care

- respect wishes to stop at any time

Reassure Victim: Sensitivity to physical and emotional triggers

- setting up verbal cues for distress, keeping door ajar, including support person in room

Build trust and rapport: Trauma-sensitive communication

Remain Sensitive to Power Dynamics:

- Non-judgmental; providing choices during exam and decision making

Hemmings, BMC Health Serv Res 2016

RESPOND:

victim who does not want help

- Expect hesitancy to respond – distrust
- Respect their decision

'What can I do for you in this moment? Can I call anyone for you? I am here to help.'

'What you are experiencing is not ok, but when you are ready, you can come here for help.'

- Ask before giving resource information
- Mandated reporter for child trafficking
(Texas Family Code 261.101.)
- ICD-10 codes

RESPOND:

victim who
requests help

Patient and staff safety is priority

- Call 911
- Call clinic / hospital security
- Security responders should use private discrete entryways
- Involve SANE, if available
- Contact your designated social service worker or victims services (HIPPA)

Medical record notes
important – use quotes

ICD-10 codes

*Katstanis, PLoS One, 2019
Schwarz, Health Hum Rights 2016*

ICD-10-CM Codes

launched October
2018

*allows for
differentiation of
human trafficking
from other forms
of abuse*

T74.51 Adult forced sexual
exploitation, confirmed

T74.52 Child sexual exploitation,
confirmed

T74.61 Adult forced labor
exploitation, confirmed

T74.62 Child forced labor

T76.51 Adult forced sexual
exploitation, suspected

T76.52 Child sexual exploitation,
suspected

T76.61 Adult forced labor
exploitation, suspected

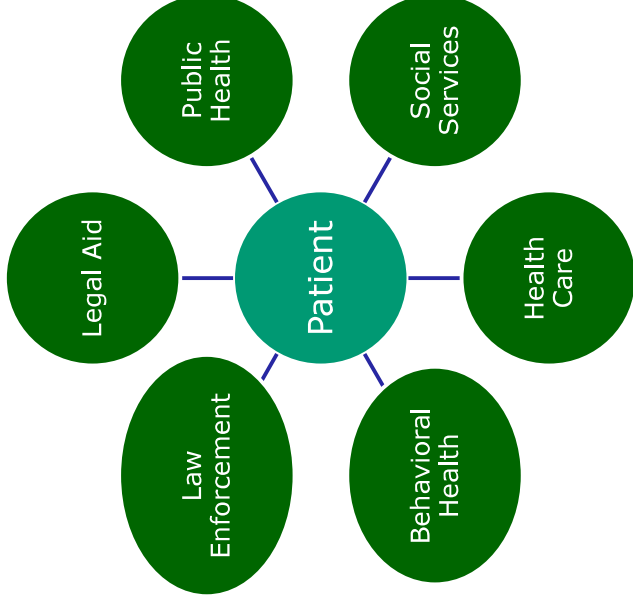
T76.62 Child labor exploitation,
suspected

Complex needs: Multi-level response

Build partnerships in advance and connect to specialized services – community coalitions

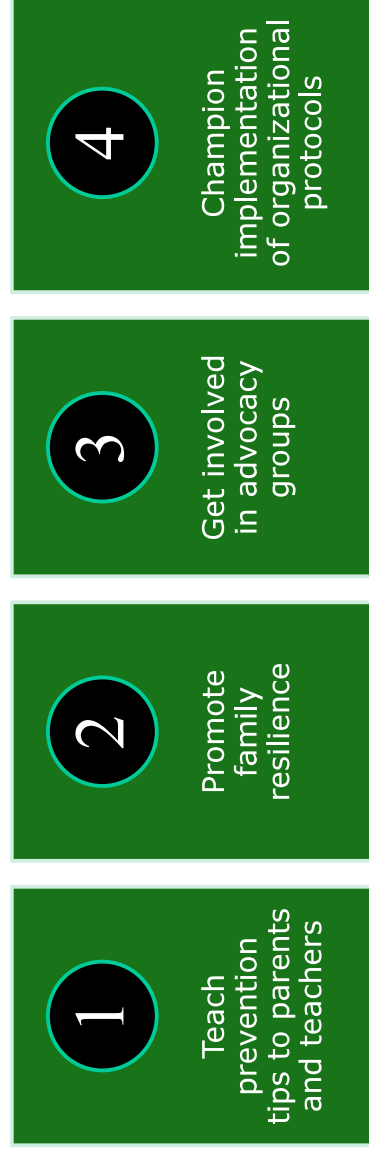
Systems integration of victim-assistance protocols

Needs of victims are great – takes a multi-level response to provide full array of services required

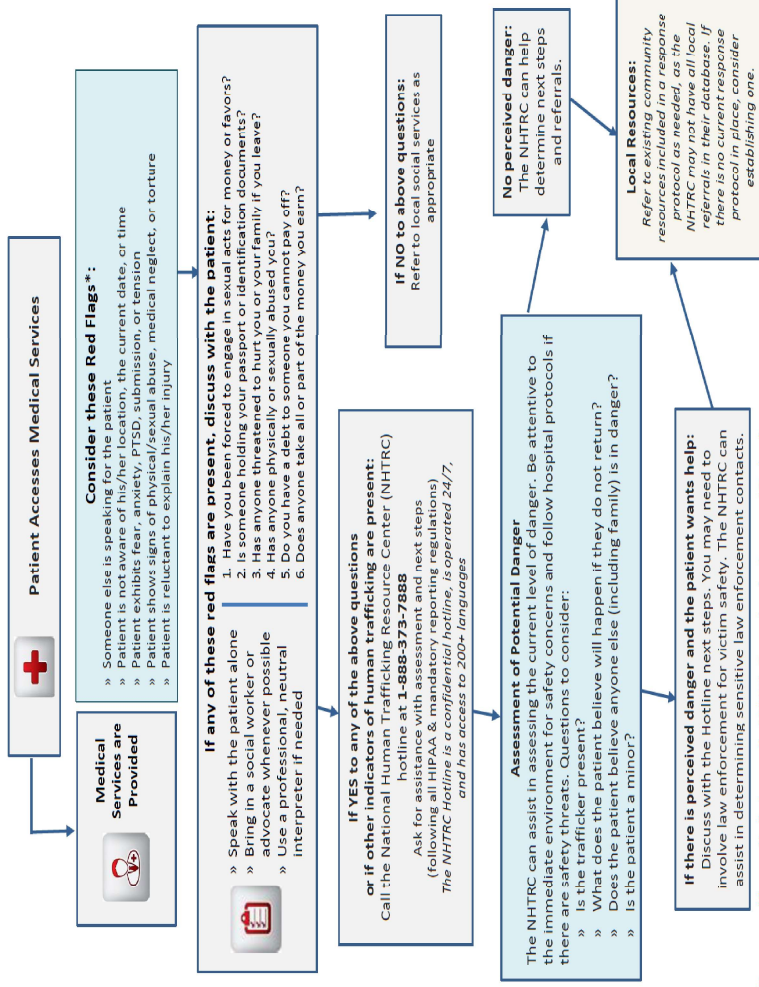


*Kiss, PLoS Med, 2019
Greenbaum, Prev Med 2018*

What else can I do?



Framework for a Human Trafficking Protocol in Healthcare Settings



Healthcare Training Resources

HEAL: Health, Education, Advocacy, Linkage
healtrafficking.org

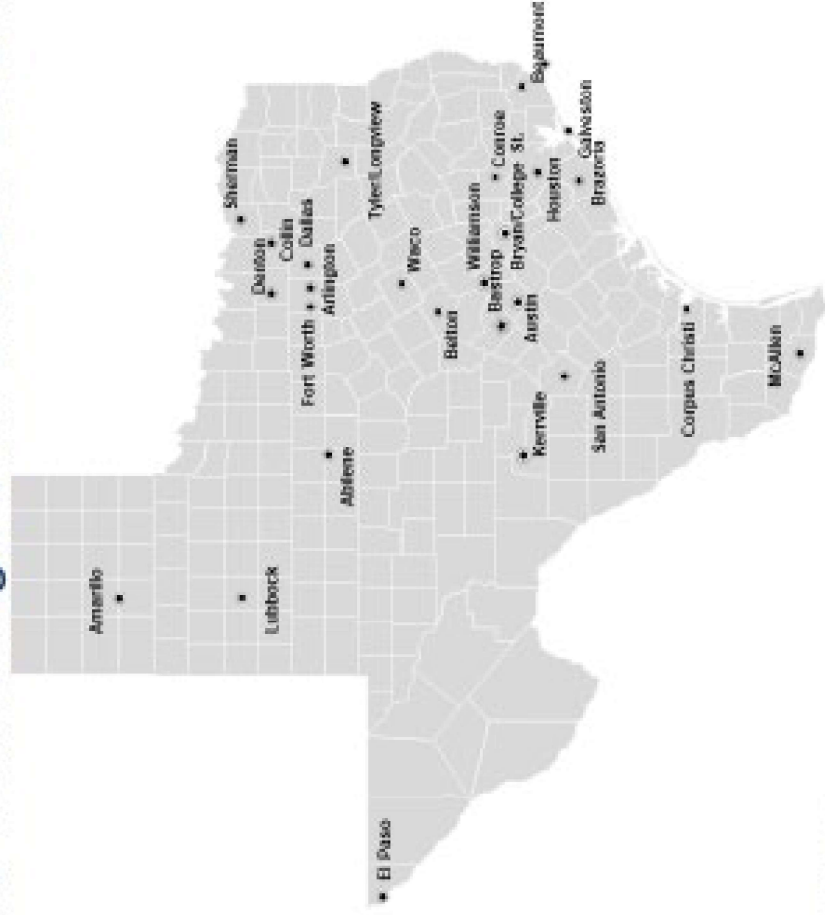
Dignity Health Shared Learning Manuals
dignityhealth.org/hello-humankindness/human-trafficking

PATH: Physicians Against Human Trafficking
doc-path.org

NAPNAP Partners (nurse practitioners): 3-PAART Education
napnap.org

Reclaim 611

Local Anti-Trafficking Task Forces & Coalitions



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Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth - Advocates CSEY Survivor Advocacy

NORTH

1. [Traffic911](#) (Dallas, Collin, Denton, Tarrant Counties)
2. [Unbound Fort Worth](#) (Tarrant and Denton Counties)

SOUTH

1. [BCFS Common Thread \(RGV\)](#)
2. [Refugee Services of Texas](#) (Harris)

EAST

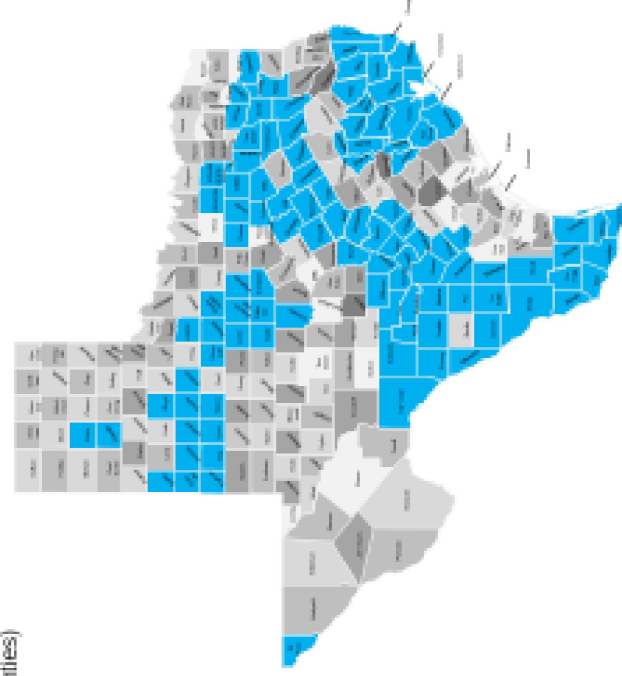
1. [BCFS Common Thread](#) (Greater Houston)
2. [For the Silent](#) (Tyler/Longview)
3. [Harvest House](#) (Beaumont)
4. [The Landing](#) (Houston)
5. [Unbound Houston](#) (Galveston)
6. [YMCA International](#) (Greater Houston)
7. [Refugee Services of Texas](#) (Houston)

WEST

1. [Family Support Services](#) (Amarillo)
2. [Paso del Norte Center of Hope](#) (El Paso)
3. [Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center](#) (Abilene)
4. [Voice of Hope](#) (Lubbock)

CENTRAL

1. [Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center](#) (San Antonio)
2. [AWARE Central Texas](#) (Killeen)
3. [BCFS Common Thread](#) (I-35 Corridor: San Antonio to Killeen)
4. [SAFE](#) (Austin)
5. [Unbound Waco](#) (Waco)
6. [Refugee Services of Texas](#) (Austin)



Specialized Services for CSEY



6 Drop-In Centers:

- Austin: SAFE's Selton House
- Dallas: New Friends New Life's Youth Resource Center
- Houston: The Landing
- Killeen: CTYS' Project Hope
- San Antonio: Roy Mass' Centro Seguro



5 Juvenile Justice Based Programs:

- Texas Juvenile Justice Department: Interventions for Victims of Complex Trauma
- Bexar County: New Life Expansion Project
- Dallas County: Poetic
- Harris County: Girls Inspiring Future Triumphs (GIFT)
- Montgomery County: Texas Center for Success and Independence



8 Long Term Residential Programs:

- Bastrop: The Refuge
- Bulverde: SJRC
- Dallas: Promise House
- El Paso: El Paso Center for Children (foster homes)
- New Braunfels: SJRC
- Houston: Freedom Place, Arrow (foster homes), Hope Rising (foster homes)
- Dallas RESET Long-term



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3 Emergency Shelters:

- Killeen: BCFS Common Ground
- New Braunfels: SJRC
- San Antonio: La Puerta
- Dallas - RESET

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Specialized Services to Heal Adult Survivors



5 Community Case Management and Counseling Programs:

- Dallas, Fort Worth: Valiant Hearts
- Houston: Rescue Houston, City of Houston Direct Services for HT Victims, YMCA International Counseling
- Pharr: City of Pharr HT Liaison



7 Residential-Based Providers:

- Dallas: Promise House
- Galveston: Keeping Innocent Sisters Safe
- Kilgore: Rahab's Retreat
- Lubbock: Lubbock Open Door
- San Antonio: Providence Place
- Spring: Redeemed Ministries
- El Paso: Paseo Del Norte Center of Hope



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Local Human Trafficking Resources

Fort Worth Police Department Human Trafficking Unit **817-392-4533**
Tarrant County Sheriff's Human Trafficking Unit **817-884-2941**

Unbound Fort Worth **817-668-6462** // 7 days week – 24 hours
Traffick911 **817-575-9923**
Safe Haven - Domestic violence Hotline 877-701-7233

POETIC Dallas **www.iampoetic.org**
Mosaic Family Services **214-823-1991**

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth – Office of the Governor
Child Sex Trafficking Team

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

Hotline: **1-888-373-7888**

text HELP or INFO to 233733(BEFREE)