

RESOURCES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS



This resource guide contains the following tools developed to provide background information and guidance for health care practitioners in identifying and communicating with victims of human trafficking.

• Tips for Identifying and Helping Trafficking Victims

Health care providers in community clinics and emergency rooms may encounter victims of human trafficking without realizing it, therefore losing the chance to help these victims escape from their bondage. This tool provides tips and guidelines for identifying and assisting trafficking victims.

Screening Questions to Assess Whether a Person Is a Trafficking Victim This tool contains the types of screening questions health care providers should consider when trying to determine if someone is a trafficking victim.

• Understanding the Mindset of a Human Trafficking Victim

By understanding a trafficking victim's mindset – molded by coercion, violence and fear at the hands of the trafficker – health care practitioners can gain the victim's trust so they can provide optimal care and initiate important support services to help the victims rebuild his/her life.

Communicating with Victims of Human Trafficking

This tool offers health care providers suggested messages for communicating with victims of human trafficking. Because most victims are afraid and initially hesitant to cooperate, often fearing for their lives, these messages provide strategic word choice and usage geared to establish trust between the provider and the victim.

Health Problems Seen in Trafficking Victims

Trafficking victims may suffer from a host of medical problems – both physical and psychological – that are often neglected until they reach critical stages. This tool outlines problems to lookout for.

• PowerPoint Presentation for Health Care Providers

This PowerPoint presentation can be used as an information tool or training resource for health care providers to gain a better understanding of their role in helping to identify and assist victims of human trafficking.