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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We now know that victims of human trafficking experience complex trauma. They often come from a background of sexual abuse, violence, and forced criminal activity. These victims struggle with the overwhelming stigma of involvement in commercial sex, and undocumented labor.

If you combine this with the additional stigma of co-occurring intimate partner violence, rape, drug addiction, and immigration status you have a victim population that simply cannot be served by just one person or organization. Historically, this has been the case for most victims. We have seen the impact of failing to offer a complete, community-wide array of support and services specific to suit their individual needs. Victims fall through the cracks, relapse, and return to the life they were determined to leave behind... simply because no one was there to take their hand when they needed it. Our human trafficking advocate provides leadership to the Human Trafficking Task Force which focuses on collaboration, the key to successfully providing services for victims.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to compel adults and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will. Under U.S. federal law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.

- In 2016, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children estimated that 1 in 6 endangered runaways were likely sex trafficking victims.
- Pennsylvania enacted Act 105, its first comprehensive anti-trafficking statute, in September 2014.

“For to be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”

- Nelson Mandela



PROGRAMS OFFERED

Introduction to Human Trafficking This presentation provides community groups, victim service advocates, and other organizations with an interest in the topic a solid foundation of knowledge on the issue of human trafficking.

Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking Geared to medical professionals, this training shows how to adapt current intake and screening process to include questions regarding trafficking. It will educate on the red flags and behavior that can indicate a patient may need help.

PA Act 105: Protecting Victims, Prosecuting Traffickers, and Preventing Human Trafficking An overview of Act 105, a comprehensive human trafficking law designed to complement the Federal TVP Act of 2000, and create statewide protections for victims of trafficking in Pennsylvania.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Unpack the myths and bias around children engaged in commercial sex work. We discuss the very specific challenges facing case workers, foster parents, and direct service providers working with “at risk” and trafficked youth.

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