

Stop. Observe. Ask. Respond to Human Trafficking A Training for Health Care and Social Service Providers

## What is SOAR Training?

Health care and social service providers may come into contact with victims of human trafficking and not recognize the red flags. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services developed the SOAR training so that these first responders can identify and assist potential victims. The training will be available in-person and virtually in August 2016.

## What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a crime where force, fraud, or coercion are used to compel a person to provide labor or services (Labor Trafficking) or commercial sex (Sex Trafficking). If a person younger than 18 is induced to perform a commercial sex act, proof of force, fraud, or coercion is not needed.<sup>1</sup>

Victims of human trafficking are men and women, adults and children, and U.S. citizens and foreign nationals



## **1** in 6

Estimated number of endangered runaway youth that are likely sex trafficking victims<sup>2</sup>



Approximate percent of human trafficking victims that have come in contact with health care professionals<sup>3</sup>

20.9 Million

Estimated number of people victimized by traffickers worldwide<sup>4</sup>

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For more information and to enroll in the SOAR training, visit the Office on Trafficking in Persons website at http://www.acf.gov/programs/endtrafficking/initiatives/soar.

1 Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), Pub. L. No. 106-386, 8 U.S.C. § 1101, § 7101, 114 STAT 1464 (2000)

2 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. "Child Sex Trafficking." <u>http://www.missingkids.org/1in6</u>.

3 Lederer, L. and Wetzel C.A. The health consequences of sex trafficking and their implications for identifying victims in facilities. The Annals of Health Law. 2014;23(1):61-91.

4 International Labour Organization. "New ILO Global Estimate of Forced Labour: 20.9 Million Victims." June 1, 2012. Accessed March 25, 2016.

http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS\_182109/lang--en/index.htm.

What will I learn in the SOAR training?

**Stop** Become aware of the scope of human trafficking

**Observe** Recognize verbal and non-verbal indicators of human trafficking

**Ask** Identify and interact with a potential human trafficking victim using a victim-centered approach

**Respond** Act effectively to a potential human trafficking victim

## Who should take the SOAR training?





**Public Health** 

Professionals

Health Care Providers



Social Workers Behavioral Health Professionals

Continuing Education (CE) and Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits are pending.