

Training Institute on Human Trafficking Prevention: Health and Social Service Concerns for At-Risk Women and Youth

What is Human Trafficking? Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. Also known as trafficking in persons (TIP), human trafficking is a crime under federal and international law, and in the majority of U.S. states. As defined under U.S. federal law, the [Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000](#), victims of human trafficking include children involved in the sex trade, adults age 18 or over who are coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts, and anyone forced into different forms of "labor or services."

While anyone can become a victim of human trafficking, traffickers specifically target populations who are vulnerable to recruitment tactics and methods of control. These may include: children; runaway and homeless youth; undocumented migrants; victims of domestic or sexual violence; and oppressed, marginalized, and/or impoverished groups and individuals. Community and faith-based organizations from diverse service sectors may encounter cases of human trafficking.

The Training Institute will convene experts in human trafficking prevention and intervention with community-based organizations working in health, mental health, law and social services to for information sharing and coalition building on strategies to respond to the multifaceted needs of survivors of human trafficking.

Training Institute Background: The US Department of Health and Human Services Region II Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), the Administration for Children and Families, and The Freedom Network Training Institute are sponsoring the **Training Institute on Human Trafficking Prevention: Health and Social Service Concerns for At-Risk Women and Youth on October 17 – 18, 2012 at the Jacob Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York NY 10278.**

Goal: This Region-wide training will strive to raise awareness and action around the issue of women, youth and human trafficking prevention within New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The **overall goal of the Training Institute** is to promote the use of public health and social justice approaches to build the capacity of community and faith-based organizations to recognize the signs of human trafficking and make appropriate referrals. In addition, this Training Institute will provide resources for supplementary information, training, and technical assistance.

On October 17, Day 1 of the Training Institute, subject matter experts will present policies, program approaches and community perspectives on human trafficking prevention and advocacy. On Day 2, October 18, The Freedom Network will conduct its full-day comprehensive skills building training for front-line community organizations within diverse service sectors on identification, intervention and post-intervention services for survivors of human trafficking.

The **Learning Objectives** of the Training Institute will enhance the current skill sets of public health, mental health, and social service professionals to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the definition of human trafficking and its impact on the health and well-being of women and youth
- Describe national and statewide legislation on anti-human trafficking and their effects on service delivery
- Identify best and promising practices in community-based programs which address human trafficking and which provide trauma-informed care
- Develop partnerships to meet the health, mental health, legal and social needs of human trafficking survivors
- Identify resources for additional information, referrals, training, and technical assistance.

Target Audience: Invitees will consist of representatives from community and faith-based organizations working in the fields of human trafficking, trauma-informed care, women's health, minority health, mental health, interpersonal violence, law, law enforcement and related disciplines; as well as tribal nations, federal, state, and local government officials. Preference will be given to participants within the four jurisdictions of HHS Region II: New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

Registration: The two-day Training Institute will be provided free of charge. **There is no registration fee but registration is required by October 3, 2012.** Individuals may register for Day 1, Day 2 or both days of the Training Institute. Registration will be available via the web link below. Please complete registration form and select which training day(s) you will be attending. There can only be one registrant per email address. Space is limited, so we encourage you to register early.

[\[Training Institute on Human Trafficking Prevention Homepage Link\]](#)

Webcast:* For those unable to attend in person, we will offer a live webcast of Day 1 of the Training Institute, October 17. Please visit the [Training Institute on Human Trafficking Prevention Homepage](#) on Wednesday, October 17th to register and connect via webcast. The webcast link will go live starting at 8:30am on October, 17th. No prior registration is needed.

***Note regarding Webcast:** To ensure your system is compatible with webcast streaming, click on the [Webcast System Test Link](#) prior to October 17th. Please check with IT Help services at your agency to assist with system compatibility questions.

Training Materials: We are **Going-Green**. We will provide participants with: training agenda, evaluation and pad for note taking. PowerPoint presentations, Speakers Bios and additional handouts will be made available online via *HHS Region II Training Institute on Human Trafficking Prevention Homepage*.

You can download and print the training materials, or access them on the Homepage link from your electronic device. Wi-Fi will be available in the meeting and breakout session rooms. Please charge electronic devices prior to attending the training. Access to power outlets is not guaranteed.