



2021 Human Trafficking Academy Curriculum Oct. 18 – Nov. 1, 2021

Assessing Human Trafficking through the Lens of Health Care: *Examinations in Health and Law. Healing with Integral Development.*

This year's Academy is offered exclusively online. The Academy Intensive Training is designed for participants to complete one full module per day from October 18 through October 22. However, in order to allow some flexibility for the working professionals, access to the Academy will be available from October 18 at 9:00 a.m. through November 1 at 11:59 p.m. (EST), while still maintaining the rigor that a certified training in an academic institution demands. Access to the Academy will promptly close at 11:59 p.m. (EST) on November 1.

WELCOME MODULE

Invocation

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President's Welcome Address

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Opening Remarks

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MODULE 1
Understanding Human Trafficking: Health Care Settings

<p>Session 1</p>	<p><i>The Definition and Scope of Sex Trafficking in Healthcare</i> Instructor: Professor Laura J. Lederer, J.D., <i>President</i>, Global Centurion <i>TIP Subject Matter Expert</i>, U.S. DOD, HSS, & DOJ <i>Founder</i>, The Protection Project at Harvard University</p> <hr/> <p>Human trafficking is a serious problem in the United States and abroad. In addition to a law enforcement and human rights implications, it is also a health issue. Recent research has shown that victims of human trafficking have serious physical and mental health problems, including acute and chronic illnesses, injuries, and impairments such as substance use disorders. A seminal study in 2014 found that 87.8% of survivors indicated that they had sought health care during the time they were trapped in the trafficking situation and that health care providers are first responders who need to be trained to know the signs and indicators of human trafficking and to know how to respond appropriately.</p> <p>Over the past five years, new legislation has been introduced and passed in Congress to address some of the health implications of human trafficking, but much remains to be done. Some key issues that have been neglected include the gynecological, reproductive and procreative health issues in trafficking, including pregnancy and childbirth in the context of trafficking. In this course students will examine the historical development of the issue of health care and human trafficking, discuss emerging issues, analyze current law on health and human trafficking and consider best practices to improve the assessment of human trafficking through the lens of health care.</p>
<p>Session 2</p>	<p><i>The Definition and Scope of Labor Trafficking in Healthcare</i> Instructor: Barbara A. Martinez, Esq., <i>Partner</i>, Holland & Knight LLP <i>Former Chief of Special Prosecutions Section</i>, United States Attorney’s Office, SDFL</p> <hr/> <p>The first part of the course will cover the definition of labor trafficking and provide insight into its root causes. The course will address certain industries where labor trafficking is more prevalent as well as victim vulnerabilities. Examples of recent cases involving certain industries will be provided and discussed. The instructor will also discuss the laws related to labor trafficking and victim protections with a focus on the unique challenges of labor trafficking.</p> <p>The course will then concentrate on the scope of labor trafficking in healthcare. The instructor will speak about the importance of healthcare workers in combatting labor trafficking and provide examples of healthcare workers encountering human trafficking. The instructor will highlight some of the healthcare workers’ legal and ethical obligations. Additionally, the instructor will discuss some of the challenges that healthcare workers face in identifying and reporting labor trafficking.</p>
<p>Session 3</p>	<p><i>Trauma-Informed & Person-Centered Strategies to Improve Patient Engagement and Health Outcomes for Human Trafficking Survivors</i> Instructor: Maria Clara Harrington, MS, <i>Training and Outreach Coordinator</i>, CHANCE Program Citrus Health Network, Inc.</p> <hr/> <p>Research has shown that people who have experienced trauma during childhood are more vulnerable than the general population to mental health problems, violence, and human trafficking. This presentation will discuss the intersection between Adverse Childhood Experiences, trauma, and human trafficking. It also includes an overview on understanding the social, behavioral, and emotional impact of trauma on the individual as well as the consequences on physical health. Additionally, it will focus on the importance of trauma-informed care and survivor-centered approaches to improve services and engagement when working with individuals who have experienced trafficking, as well as tips and strategies for healthcare providers to provide a safe environment for survivors and to increase the effectiveness and efficiency during medical interactions.</p>

MODULE 2

Principles in Practice: Improving Health Outcomes for Survivors

Session 1	<p><i>Physical Health Impact: Diagnosis and Treatment</i> Instructor: Prof. Mollie Gordon, MA, MD, <i>Speakers' Bureau</i>, HEAL Trafficking Associate Professor, Baylor College of Medicine</p> <p>This course will discuss where trafficked persons seek healthcare, their presenting complaints and the mental health and physical health sequelae of human trafficking. This includes infections and psychosomatic conditions, diseases of neglects, anxious, depressive, trauma and substance use syndromes. The instructor will also discuss how patient histories and vulnerabilities, and psychological and physical exam findings present to direct service providers. The instructor will discuss cases of labor and sex trafficking and their clinical red flags that suggest exploitation.</p> <p>Validated screening tools, and their implications and validity in healthcare settings will be explored. The instructor will discuss example questions that may be helpful but are not yet validated. Tips for safe, translator specific, interviewing and trauma-informed, patient-centered care will be discussed. Best practices for assessing patient's immediate needs and the utility of interdisciplinary team care will be reviewed. Provider role in reporting and training, and hospital's responsibility will be explained, along with discussion on capacity and consent.</p>
Session 2	<p><i>Mental Health Impact: Diagnosis and Treatment</i> Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth Hopper, <i>Director</i>, Project REACH, The Trauma Center at Justice Resource Institute</p> <p>This course will explore the psychological impacts of human trafficking, offering guidance on identification of trafficking survivors and providing a summary of short and long-term symptoms related to trafficking. We will discuss treatment issues such as barriers to treatment, treatment models, and common factors in trauma treatment for trafficking survivors. The session uses a question-and-answer format to create a broad overview of mental health issues related to trafficking. We will unfold the details of a case throughout the session to highlight common mental health impacts and to understand effective treatment approaches.</p>
Session 3	<p><i>Referrals: Using Multidisciplinary Partnerships to Combat Human Trafficking</i> Instructors: Dr. Ronald Chambers, <i>Medical Director</i>, Human Trafficking Medical Safe Haven, Dignity Health; and Jennifer Cox, <i>Program Director</i>, Human Trafficking Medical Safe Haven, Dignity Health</p> <p>This course will address the critical role a bridge of trust creates for victims of human trafficking in accessing trauma-informed integrated health services by a qualified team of physicians who utilize the strength and role of multidisciplinary partnerships in identifying gaps, creating streamlined referrals, and creating best practices for equitable access to care. This model is based upon the findings from a Readiness Assessment Survey Tool (RAST), which targets gaps in victim access, reported by survivors, and confirmed by resource agencies within the State of California. In response to the RAST, and built upon a foundational initiative by CommonSpirit Health, a Medical Safe Haven (MSH) model of care was established with a program design that includes physician training in trauma-informed care, and co-embeds a strategic partner agency patient advocate to support the full spectrum continuum of care needs. Paramount to this model is forming partnerships with local community agencies in order to build a bridge of trust that will encourage human trafficking victims/survivors to access integrated care within an appropriate healthcare setting, and secure stabilizing treatment to meet the trauma-based mental health needs of this patient population.</p> <p>This lecture includes in-depth perspective by a physician and large health care organizational leader who developed a nationally awarded Human Trafficking Medical Response program, through the development of a Medical Safe Haven (MSH). This course will demonstrate how multidisciplinary partnerships sustain a culture of survivor care.</p>

MODULE 3

Health, Law & Ethical Considerations: Human Trafficking

Session 1	<p><i>Laws and Regulations: Health Care and Human Trafficking</i> Instructor: Dr. Laura Chilcutt, MD, JD, <i>Pediatric Resident</i>, Nemours Children’s Health Systems</p> <p>This course will discuss the laws and regulations that govern patient care in the setting of human trafficking, including an overview of the law as it pertains to patient privacy, consent, release of records, and mandatory reporting for healthcare providers. This course will also review continuing education and training requirements for healthcare providers interacting with potential victims of human trafficking.</p>
Session 2	<p><i>Ethical Issues: Treating Trafficked Persons</i> Instructor: Professor Panagiota V. Caralis, MD, JD, FACP, <i>Medical Director</i>, THRIVE Clinic University of Miami Miller School of Medicine</p> <p>In order to provide care for survivors of human trafficking it is important to understand what human trafficking is and what its effect has been on the victim. Since human trafficking is fundamentally a human trauma, it is most appropriate that health care providers are aware of the principals of delivering trauma-informed, victim-centered care. Each patient is an individual with their own story. Understanding their personal history is the first step in providing trauma-informed, victim-centered health care.</p> <p>Providers must be aware of the guiding values and ethical standards for providing health care to victims and survivors. The key principles of trauma-informed care are establishing a safe environment, conveying trustworthiness, and promoting choice, collaboration, and empowerment. The uniqueness of human trafficking victims/survivors is particularly relevant to the ethical principles of health care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Respect for People’s rights and dignity and worth.</i> Survivors are experts on their own lives and providing care assists them in expanding knowledge and access to options that facilitate their healing, self-sufficiency, and ability to succeed.2. <i>Integrity.</i> One of the most important skills in providing services to human trafficking victims is the ability to establish trust. Providers need to be honest, fair, respectful of others, and aware of their own belief systems, values, needs and limitations if they are to be truly effective in their roles.3. <i>Professional and Social Responsibility.</i> Health care providers specifically should avoid false promises and misleading statements and avoid revictimizing the victim to further objectives of research or education.
Session 3	<p><i>SANE Nurse Perspectives: Participating in the Legal Process</i> Instructor: Angelita Olowu, BSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, <i>Forensic Nursing Specialist</i>, International Association of Forensic Nurses</p> <p>In this course, the instructor will review the importance of the medical forensic examination when conducted by a forensic nurse on a patient that has experienced human trafficking. The course will walk through the purpose of the exam and highlight vital components within the exam process. It will explain how a forensic nurse can contribute to civil and criminal cases through their testimony. The course will also provide ways to effectively collaborate with forensic nurses to get the most out of their testimony.</p>

MODULE 4
Intersections in Health and Human Trafficking

<p>Session 1</p>	<p><i>Organ Trafficking: International Standards and Comparative Models</i> Instructor: Prof. Dr. Mohamed Y. Mattar, <i>United Nations Senior Expert in Criminal Justice</i> <i>Clinical Professor of Law, Qatar University College of Law</i></p> <hr/> <p>Several forms of trafficking in persons raise health concerns including trafficking for the purpose of human experimentation, especially now with the urgent need to produce effective vaccines to face the Coronavirus crisis, trafficking in women and girls for childbearing or as stated in the Israeli law, “giving birth to a child and taking the child away,” or as the law of Tunisia defines “surrogacy as a practice similar to slavery,” and illegal trade in human organs, or what is sometimes referred to as “kidney and liver tourism.” In 2003, the <i>U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Act</i> was amended to call, under Section 112, for carrying out research on “the interrelationship between trafficking in persons and global health risks.” The focus of this course is to examine the “global health risks” in trafficking in human organs. The <i>UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons especially Women and Children</i> defined trafficking in persons to include removal of organs, but the Protocol did not devote any specific principles or guidelines to address this particular form of trafficking. Other international and regional instruments are more explanatory including the <i>WHO Guidelines on Human Organs and Tissue Transplantation of 2004</i>, the <i>Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism of 2008</i>, and the <i>Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs of 2015</i>.</p> <p>This course will address the international standards in combating illegal trafficking in human organs in accordance with these international rules. The course will ask the question of how does the 4 Ps formula, Prevention, Protection, Prosecution & Participation, is being utilized to combat this serious problem. The course will then ask, through different case studies, the question of how effective are national legislation in curbing this widespread activity that constitutes a serious “global health risk” that must be confronted and eliminated.</p>
<p>Session 2</p>	<p><i>European Union Anti-trafficking in Human Beings</i> Instructor: Professor Ryszard Piotrowicz, <i>Professor of Law, Aberystwyth University</i> <i>Vice-President of GRETA, Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (2017-2020)</i></p> <hr/> <p>This course will examine the state of human trafficking globally and in Europe. The instructor will discuss human trafficking as a form of “modern slavery,” and provide insights on the Trafficking in Persons reports and how they are researched. The instructor will also discuss intercontinental, international, and national human trafficking patterns; the state of human trafficking in Europe; intersections of trafficking and smuggling including exploitation during transit; and legal aspects of the integration of survivors of human trafficking. This course will also address monitoring human trafficking during the Coronavirus pandemic, and intersections with health care.</p>
<p>Session 3</p>	<p><i>Trafficking of Persons with Disabilities</i> Instructors: Sarah L. Bessell, Esq., <i>Deputy Director, Human Trafficking Legal Center</i>; and Ericka Reil, <i>Peer Specialist, Another Way Community Center</i></p> <hr/> <p>Individuals with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking. One of the first cases recognized in the United States as human trafficking involved a New York peddling and begging ring that exploited Mexican nationals who were deaf. This panel provides an overview of the trafficking of persons with disabilities, legal remedies under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, and best practices in providing social services.</p> <p>The course objectives are to (1) understand the dynamics and trend lines of trafficking of persons with disabilities; (2) identify the system failures and missed opportunities that contribute to the continued trafficking of persons with disabilities; (3) provide concrete case studies of trafficking of persons with disabilities to illustrate red flags; and (4) educate advocates about specific concerns in these trafficking cases.</p>

MODULE 5

Survivors Who Thrive: The Integral Development of the Whole Person as a Path to Healing

Session 1	<p><i>Human Flourishing: Reducing Vulnerability and Exploring Pathways to Self-Realization</i> Instructor: Dr. Philip Larrey, Ph.D., <i>Chair</i>, Logic & Epistemology, <i>Dean</i>, Philosophy Department Pontifical Lateran University, The Vatican</p> <p>The theme covered in this lecture concerns human flourishing as the pathway to reducing vulnerability. After an introductory description of the concept of human flourishing, the lecture develops five major points: (1) the notion of happiness or personal satisfaction; (2) the five broad domains of human life; (3) pathways to human flourishing (of which there are four); (4) common misconceptions regarding human flourishing; and (5) Humanity 2.0 goals and how to achieve them.</p>
Session 2	<p><i>Survivors’ Perspectives: The Impact of Health Care Professionals in Integral Development</i> Instructors: Patty Bennett, MA, <i>Survivor Expert Consultant</i>, Leadership & Anti-Trafficking Movement; Christine Cesa, MA, <i>Survivor Advocate</i>, Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (“CAST”); Jessa Crisp, MA, <i>Co-Founder & CEO</i>, Bridgehope; and Erik Gray, <i>Founding Partner</i>, Queers Uniting to End Exploitation.</p> <p>Between the time of exploitation and thriving many things take place within the lives of survivors of trafficking. For instance, research indicates that between “86-88% of survivors of trafficking have been in a healthcare setting during the time of their victimization and were not identified.” As healthcare professionals and other first responders, it is critical to know the medical indicators of exploitation, how to respond with trauma-informed care, the stages of change survivors experience as they leave a life of trafficking, trauma bonding, and the effects of trauma on an individual.</p> <p>Human trafficking and exploitation have long-term developmental, physical, psychological, and health effects that often impact a person’s whole life. In this module, participants will learn from lived experience experts who hold professional space within the anti-trafficking field. Grasp the unique ways that different typologies of trafficking impact the whole person, and how to move beyond identification to working with survivors of human trafficking in a trauma-informed manner.</p>
Special Session	<p><i>Survivors Who Thrive: A Fireside Chat with Dr. Roza Pati and the Honorable Robert R. Lung</i> Instructors: The Honorable Robert R. Lung, <i>District Court Judge</i>, 18th Judicial Circuit of Colorado <i>Chair (2018-2020) and Member</i>, U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking <i>Member</i>, International Council on Human Trafficking</p> <p>Dr. Roza Pati, <i>Founder & Director</i>, The John J. Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy, and <i>Executive Director</i>, LL.M./J.S.D. Program in Intercultural Human Rights, St. Thomas University College of Law <i>Member</i>, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, The Vatican</p> <p>The educational impact of learning from human trafficking survivor leaders is unmatched. Their voice, their resilience, their wisdom should guide all good law, policy and practice. This session will explore the factors that contribute to the empowerment of survivors of human trafficking, and the path that they follow to thrive and become leaders in our global community. Dr. Roza Pati, Founding Director of The John J. Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy will facilitate an insightful discussion with a foremost survivor leader – the Honorable Robert R. Lung.</p> <p>Among his many accomplishments, Judge Lung has received Presidential appointments to the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the U.S. (2017) and the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking (2018), on which he served as Chair until July 2020. Judge Lung also provides consultation to the Department of Justice, the Administration for Children and Families, the State Department, and NCMEC. During his childhood he suffered severe complex and chronic child abuse, he was also trafficked and tortured for several years. He regards resiliency and the grace of God for his ability to survive and he gives thanks that he transitioned from victim to survivor to “thrivers.”</p> <p>The John J. Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy is honored to have Judge Lung serve on its International Council on Human Trafficking.</p>

CLOSING REMARKS

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