

Circle of Care Center for Families

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Circle of Care Center for Families Human Trafficking Response Guidelines

What is the actual definition of human trafficking?

The definition comes from the Trafficking Victims' Protection Act (2000, 2003, 2005, 2008) which defines "severe forms of trafficking" as:

- a. sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- b. the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to Involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

Note that a victim need not be physically transported from one location to another in order for the crime to fall within these definitions.

How do you identify a trafficking victim?

There are many examples of red flags or indicators of potential trafficking situations.

Just a few include:

- Whether the individual(s) can leave or come and go as they please
- Whether the individual is under 18 and is engaged in commercial sexual activity
- Whether the individual works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Whether there are unusual physical security measures present, such as bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, constant surveillance, etc.
- Whether the individual avoids eye contact or does not seem to be allowed to speak for themselves
- Whether the individual is in control of his/her own identification documents
- Whether the individual seems to have local knowledge and be aware of his/her location

Organizational Response.

If there appears to be imminent or immediate danger, call 911. Even if local law enforcement has not yet received training on human trafficking, they are trained to deal with emergencies. If it is not an emergency situation, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at 1-888-373-7888. This is the national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Call takers are trained to assess and properly refer case reports and hotline staff are multi-lingual. The WellHouse also has a helpline that can be utilized 24 hours a day, 7 days a week 1-800-991-0948.