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Overview

Healthcare Subcommittee

The Healthcare Subcommittee was formed in early 2018. Research has identified the healthcare setting as a key place of identification and intervention for survivors of trafficking. This subcommittee aims to better identify and serve survivors of human trafficking in all healthcare settings (hospitals, urgent care centers, outpatient clinics, federally qualified health centers, etc.) through the training of healthcare workers, protocol development, advocacy, technical assistance, and the sharing of best practices and referral mechanisms to service providers of the task force. The members of this subcommittee represent several healthcare systems across the Chicagoland area and includes dedicated medical, nursing, allied health and social work professionals who are working collaboratively to improve the healthcare response to survivors of human trafficking.

The Objective

To strengthen anti-trafficking prevention, identification, and response among healthcare professionals in Cook County.

- Increase effective response to trafficked patients through protocol development, advocacy, technical assistance and sharing of best practices
- Enhance the knowledge of human trafficking to increase identification and improve delivery of trauma-informed, patient-centered healthcare for survivors by providing healthcare-specific training.
- Create and deliver training and resource materials on identification and response to current and future healthcare professionals.
- Encourage healthcare professionals to address social determinants of health, in order to prevent trafficking and reduce risk factors for vulnerability to exploitation.
- Improve referral processes between healthcare providers and social service providers to ensure survivors receive quality follow up care and assistance with meeting both their medical and non-medical needs.



Execution Strategy

Bring professionals across healthcare disciplines together to collaboratively respond to those impacted by and at risk of sex and labor trafficking in the Chicago area.

- Hold bi-monthly meetings working on various projects related to the goals and objectives of the subcommittee.
- Provide training and technical assistance to healthcare professionals in Cook County.
- The Healthcare Subcommittee Chair can expect to work 6-8 hours a month while subcommittee members can expect a commitment of 3-4 hours a month.