

# Human Trafficking Training Resources

## Trainers with Healthcare Expertise and Backgrounds

### Lurie Children's Hospital

**Contact:** Sheila Hickey

**Professional Background:** Social Work

**Areas of Expertise:** Child Abuse and the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

**Training Content:** Social work's response to CSEC in the Emergency Department

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### Northwestern Hospital

**Contact:** Dr. Julia Geynisman-Tan

**Professional Background:** OB-GYN Physician

**Area of Expertise:** Sex Trafficking of Adults and Minors

**Training Content:** Identification of human trafficking in the healthcare setting from a physician's perspective, development of trafficking-specific healthcare clinics to address the needs of survivors

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**Contact:** Dr. Traci Kurtzer

**Professional Background:** OB-GYN Physician

**Areas of Expertise:** Connection of Family and Intimate Partner Violence to Human Trafficking, Sexual Violence, Sexual Abuse, Trauma-Informed Care

**Training Content:** Identification of human trafficking in the healthcare setting, Neurobiology of Trauma and Trauma Informed Care, medical protocol development and Advocacy, development of a dedicated post- sexual assault care clinic to support survivors of sexual violence, including human trafficking

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### Office of the Illinois Attorney General

**Contact:** Jaclyn Rodriguez

**Professional Background:** BSN, BS, RN, SANE-A, SANE Coordinator, Crime Victim Services

**Area of Expertise:** Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training, Protocols, Policies for Crime Victims and Intersection with Human Trafficking

**Training Content:** Identification of human trafficking in the healthcare setting from a SANE and RN perspective

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### **Rush Hospital**

**Contact:** Anna K. Saulitis

**Professional Background:** Licensed Clinical Social Worker – Hospital Based

**Area of Expertise:** Adults and Minors, Crisis Response and Safety Planning, Healthcare Responses to Human Trafficking, Clinic Based Intervention

**Training Content:** Human Trafficking Identification and Response in the Healthcare Setting

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### **Swedish Hospital**

**Contact:** Mariá Balata

**Professional Background:** Public Health

**Area of Expertise:** Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking

**Training Content:** Development of medical protocol, addressing human trafficking in the healthcare setting

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### **Advocate Aurora Condell Medical Center**

**Contact:** Chenel Vanden Berk

**Professional Background:** BS, JD, SANE-A, SANE-P, SANE Coordinator, active participant in several Lake County multi-disciplinary sexual assault response teams, including the Lake County Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

**Areas of Expertise:** Adult, Adolescent and Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Exams for human trafficking survivors

**Training Content:** Human Trafficking awareness and trauma informed response for the medical provider, awareness and support for adolescents, identification and response for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers.

## **Trainers with Expertise in Human Trafficking from Non-Profit Agencies**

### **The Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force's Training Subcommittee**

**Contact:** Shaina Fuller

**Professional Background:** Multidisciplinary subcommittee of social workers and attorneys who work in the anti-trafficking field and conduct regular training on human trafficking

**Areas of Expertise:** All types of human trafficking

**Training Content:** Human Trafficking Identification and Response in Your Community, HT 101 for First Responders

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### **Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation**

**Contact:** Madeleine Behr

**Professional Background:**

**Areas of Expertise:** Sex Trafficking

**Training Content:** Sex Trafficking Identification and Response, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Adults and Minors

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### **Heartland Alliance (Freedom from Trafficking)**

**Contact:** Summar Ghias

**Professional Background:** Social Work

**Areas of Expertise:** Foreign Born Survivors of Human Trafficking

**Training Content:** Human Trafficking Identification and Response, Addressing the Needs of Foreign Born Survivors, Labor Trafficking

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### **Legal Aid Society of the Metropolitan Family Services (LAS-MFS)**

**Contact:** Kayla Argeropoulos

**Professional Background:** Legal/Advocacy

**Areas of Expertise:** Human Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Adults and Minors

**Training Content:** Human Trafficking Identification and Response, Legal Services and Remedies Available to Survivors, Worker Rights

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### **Legal Assistance Foundation**

**Contact:** Lisa Palumbo

**Professional Background:** Attorney

**Areas of Expertise:** Human Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Adults and Minors

**Training Content:** Human Trafficking Identification and Response, Legal Services and Remedies Available to Survivors

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### **National Immigrant Justice Center**

**Contact:** Erika Asgeirsson

**Professional Background:**

**Areas of Expertise:** Human Trafficking, Foreign Born Survivors

**Training Content:** Human Trafficking Identification and Response, Legal Services and Remedies Available to Foreign Born Survivors

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## **The Salvation Army STOP-IT Program**

**Contact:** Rachel Ostergaard

**Professional Background:** Social Work

**Areas of Expertise:** Human Trafficking (Sex and Labor), Adults and Minors, Crisis Response and Safety Planning, Healthcare Responses to Human Trafficking

**Training Content:** Human Trafficking Identification and Response in the Healthcare Setting, Trauma-Informed Care, Crisis Intervention, and Healthcare Human Trafficking Protocols

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## **National Training Resources**

### **HEAL Trafficking**

HEAL Trafficking brings together physicians, advanced practice clinicians, nurses, dentists, psychologists, counselors, public health workers, health educators, researchers, social workers, attorneys, administrators, and other professionals who work with and advocate for survivors of human trafficking to address human trafficking through a public health lens. The HEAL Education and Training Committee focuses on educating health care providers about trafficking and making relevant, evidenced-based training resources more accessible.

Access training resources here: <https://healtrafficking.org/education-and-training-committee/>

### **SOAR to Health and Wellness Human Trafficking Training for Healthcare Providers**

Jointly provided by [Postgraduate Institute for Medicine](#), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center in collaboration with the Administration for Children and Families, Office on Trafficking in Persons and Office on Women's Health, the SOAR Online is a new series of CE/CME training modules that you can complete whenever, wherever you like. Each module discusses the SOAR framework and how to apply it where you work to identify individuals who are at risk or who have been trafficked and connect them with the resources they need.

Access online training here: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/soar-to-health-and-wellness-training/soar-online>

**American Medical Women's Association- Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans  
(AMWA-PATH)**

AMWA-PATH brings together healthcare professionals and students from across the country who work with and advocate for survivors of human trafficking. The professional facilitators can provide a virtual 3 hour comprehensive CME training for any medical group.

Access more information here:

[PATH | Physicians against the trafficking of humans \(doc-path.org\)](https://www.doc-path.org)