What will I learn in the SOAR training?

Stop Become aware of the scope of human trafficking

Observe Recognize verbal and non-verbal indicators of human trafficking

Ask Identify and interact with a potential human trafficking victim using a victim-centered approach

Respond Act effectively to a potential human trafficking victim

Who should take the SOAR training?









What is SOAR Training?

Health care and social service providers may come into contact with victims of human trafficking and not recognize the red flags. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services developed the SOAR training so that first responders can identify and assist potential victims. The training is available through both in-person and virtual instruction.

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a crime where force, fraud, or coercion are used to compel a person to provide labor or services (Labor Trafficking) or commercial sex (Sex Trafficking). If a person younger than 18 is induced to perform a commercial sex act, proof of force, fraud, or coercion is not needed. ¹

Victims of human trafficking are men and women, adults and children, and U.S. citizens and foreign nationals



1 in 6

Estimated number of endangered runaway youth that are likely sex trafficking victims²



Approximate percent of human trafficking victims that have come in contact with health care professionals³

20.9 Million

Estimated number of people victimized by traffickers worldwide⁴



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For activity and complete accreditation info and to enroll in the SOAR training, visit the Office on Trafficking in Persons website at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/soar-to-health-and-wellness-training.

¹ Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), Pub. L. No. 106-386, 8 U.S.C. § 1101, § 7101, 114 STAT 1464 (2000)

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