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Educational Intervention for Public Healthcare Providers Using the Trafficking Victim Identification Tool

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Abstract Summary:

The purpose of this presentation is to educate health care providers about the incidence and prevalence sex trafficking, how to incorporate the use of the Trafficking Victim Identification Tool (TVIT), and to increase awareness of the resources available for intervention and support of those being victimized.

Learning Activity:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	EXPANDED CONTENT OUTLINE
By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to identify traits of sex trafficking victims.	According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the issue of sex trafficking has no borders, no limits, and impacts men, women, and children from all communities causing emotional and physical distress with lasting negative health outcomes (2017). Sexual predators prey on vulnerable populations to manipulate their victims into a silent captivity, decreasing possibility for transition to fully functioning adult (Orem, Stockl, Busza, Howard, & Zimmerman, 2012). Women and children are more likely to be trafficked for sexual exploitation.

<p>By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to apply the Trafficking Victim Identification Tool (TVIT) to identify victims of sex trafficking.</p>	<p>It is important for health care providers to have a method to assess and identify sex trafficking victims to effectively advocate. The Vera Institute developed the Trafficking Victim Identification Tool (TVIT), (Simich, Goyen, Powell, & Mallozzi, 2014) screening tool as a template to identify sex trafficked victims and counter the criminal realm of sex trafficking. Trapped in this world of degradation and dehumanizing experiences, the proliferation of sex trafficking is seen in many settings, especially in global public health, and healthcare providers need to be able recognize and immediately intervene.</p>
<p>) By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to identify inter-professional resources available for victim referrals.</p>	
<p>By the end of the presentation, participants will rate confidence and competence in implementing the strategies: identify at risk individuals, screen for sex trafficking, and referring to inter-professional resources.</p>	

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Learning Objectives

- 1) By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to identify traits of sex trafficking victims.

2) By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to apply the Trafficking Victim Identification Tool (TVIT) to identify victims of sex trafficking.

3) By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to identify interprofessional resources available for victim referrals.

4) By the end of the presentation, participants will rate confidence and competence in implementing the strategies: identify at risk individuals, screen for sex trafficking, and referring to inter-professional resources.

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