

VICTIM  
SERVICES



**Victims  
Services  
Committee**

# Who we are?:

Brings together victim services providers throughout the state of Maryland

191 individual members

Meetings are held monthly to discuss:

- Updates from agencies
- Discussions and Presentations on topics beneficial to members

Active listserv with information related to human trafficking

Provide training to mental health service providers throughout the state for the last 6 years

# Mental Health Training Collaborative Partners



HEALING | GROWTH | RESILIENCE



PARI: PREVENTION OF ADOLESCENT RISKS INITIATIVE



# Mental Health Training Series

3 level training series that includes:

Human Trafficking 101

Human Trafficking 201

Human Trafficking 301

# Human Trafficking 101

(Presenters are Law Enforcement, Victim Service Provider, and Survivor)

- Learn the elements and prevalence of Human Trafficking, inclusive of sex and labor
- Identify, indicators and vulnerabilities of human trafficking
- Identify methods of best practice in how human trafficking cases are investigated within Maryland
- Understand complex trauma and trauma bonds and the impact on survivors of human trafficking
- Understand the victimization dynamics of the Bottom Girl

# Human Trafficking 201

(Presenters are task force partner trauma therapists)

- Understand and identify mental health risks associated with trafficking and barriers to treatment for survivor
- Understand neurobiology of trauma and how it relates to treatment expectations
- Understand how traumatic bonding impacts the therapeutic alliance and ability to form and maintain new and healthy relationships
- Understand how abuse and the impact of poly-victimization for survivors of trafficking impacts their ability to engage in mental health therapy
- Learn Trauma-Informed interventions to address safety, build rapport, manage emotional dysregulation, build skills and process grief
- Be able to acknowledge the role of self-care, system collaboration and transparency of decision making in mental health treatment with survivors of trafficking

# Human Trafficking 301

(Presenters are task force partner trauma therapists and survivor)

- Be able to build rapport, and maintain an alliance using Motivational Interviewing strategies
- Be able to differentiate a bottom-up approach vs. top-down approach to clinical work
- Identify what body-based interventions are
- Understand the role of micro-expressions in therapeutic work
- Identify different “parts of self” as it relates to dissociation and post-traumatic growth

# **Mental Health Trafficking Training Series**

Trainings began in 2015 and were hosted across the state in various regions to allow for statewide participation.

## **Spring 2017- Fall 2019**

254 participants attended Human Trafficking 101

132 participants attended Human Trafficking 201

## **Fall 2020-Winter 2021**

111 participants attended Human Trafficking 101

84 participants attended Human Trafficking 201

## **January 2021-March 2021 Launched Advanced Level 301**

17 participants attended

67 participants registered for March 2021





# Development of the Human Trafficking Clinician Collaborative

- The mission of the *Human Trafficking Clinician Collaborative* is to create a sustainable, collaborative, trauma-informed group of therapists from across the state who are committed to ongoing training and consultation to best meet the clinical needs of survivors of trafficking.
- Therapists are eligible to join the collaborative after successful completion of the HT 101 and 201 Training.

*The Collaborative is moderated by:*

Chelsea Haverly, LCSW-C, Anchored Hope Therapy

Elisabet Martinez, LCSW-C, TurnAround Inc.

Shamere McKenzie, Survivor Leader

Roxie Farrow, Survivor Leader



# Human Trafficking Clinician Collaborative

## ***Human Trafficking Clinician Collaborative launched in August 2020***

- ***August 2020 Meeting:***
- ***Eligible for Invite: 128 Attended: 14***
- ***December 2020 Meeting:***
- ***Eligible for Invite: 140 Attended: 18***
- ***February 2021 Meeting:***
- ***Eligible for Invite: 140 Attended: 27***

***Meetings held Bi-Monthly.***

***Best practices in the field of trauma-informed therapy is to engage in consultation in the implementation of trauma-informed services. This meeting serves as a consultation group for therapist doing trauma therapy with survivors.***

## Sub-committees



Housing Committee



Medical Subcommittee

# Medical Sub- Committee

Brings together medical providers to discuss to discuss their role in addressing anti-trafficking efforts

## Serve Model Creation

- In 2015 the Task Force released the health care response protocol and found:
  - Significant gaps in understanding the critical role of health care providers to provide care to victims of trafficking remained
  - A lack of formalized commitment from hospital across the state.
- Recent developments in the field made it necessary to update key portions of the protocol in 2019 to stay current with emerging best practices and national trends.

# Rollout to Hospitals & Implementation:

In partnership with The Maryland Hospital Association, hospitals have begun implementing the updated guidelines, the SIRV Model

Training opportunities both statewide and at individual facilities.

Hospitals will need to continue to be supported as they build their hospital-based response programs

## Key contribution of SIRV Model:

Brought trafficking to the forefront of Maryland's healthcare community and offered a baseline uniform approach that is adaptable to a multitude of health care settings.

The SIRV guidelines offer recommended best practices and tools to serve, identify, respond, and evaluate efforts to combat trafficking in a medical setting.

SIRV creates a unique opportunity for healthcare facilities to leverage existing policies based on their own unique compositions and build an effective response system.

# Trainings

1. MHA Webinar: 117 participants- 41 from nursing, 31 from social work, 20 from leadership 17 physicians, 6 “other”, 2 pharmacy
2. Howard County General Hospital: Nursing Management Meeting (2 trainings): 77 medical providers
3. Human Trafficking Professionals Seminar: 45 participants- 25 social services providers, 20 medical providers
4. UMMC Midtown/Downtown: 60 medical providers
5. Howard County General Hospital: 15 medical providers
6. Prince George’s County Hospital Center (2 trainings): 18 medical providers
7. Regional 3 Trafficking Summit: 39
8. Medstar Montgomery Medical Center: 15 medical providers
9. University of Maryland St. Joseph’s Medical Center: 60 medical providers
10. Medical Training in York, PA: 8 participants- 5 from nursing, 3 from local task force

(Upcoming training for UMMC Addiction Treatment and Psych)

**Total:** 454 participants (including 8 from York, PA)