



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: Training: Human Trafficking and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

As of January 1, 2016, Local Agency staff must participate in annual training for Human Trafficking and Intimate Partner Violence.

Monitoring for training for WIC Only agencies will occur July 1, 2016. Agencies that provide other DSHS services are currently being monitored.

WIC Local agencies do not need a separate policy. Requirements were added to the TR: 3.0 Required Local Agency Training/Summary.

Human Trafficking Training is available on the WIC Training website at:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/tng/texaswictrainingstaff.aspx>

- This training is designed for WIC clinic staff as public health professionals to help them understand human trafficking, identify the red flags and other indicators of trafficking and know how to respond to potential victims.

For more information concerning human trafficking and resources, visit the following websites:

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Human Trafficking Resources](#)
[CDC Human Trafficking.](#)

Other resources are included as an attachment. Local Agencies are encouraged to create local alliances.

Intimate Partner Violence Training is available at:

- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence:
<http://www.vawnet.org/elearning/DVBasics/player.html>

Additional IPV resources:

- National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence:
<http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/health/national-health-resource-center-on-domestic-violence/>
 - Providers can find a toolkit on addressing domestic violence in their practice, participate in free webinars, order materials for free and access the Center's technical assistance through this site.
- Texas Council on Family Violence: www.tcfv.org
 - General information and resources available on domestic violence, specific to Texas, as well as a searchable [Services Directory](#) for providers to locate local resources.
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: www.thehotline.org or 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
 - 24 hour information and referral line with highly trained advocates who can provide crisis counseling, safety planning and direct connection to domestic violence services.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [CDC Intimate Partner Violence](#)

Local Agencies can also contact local domestic violence shelters to request in-person training.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Rankine, Clinic Services Program Coordinator, Nutrition Education/ Clinic Services Unit, at Lisa.Rankine@dshs.state.tx.us or (512) 341-4582, or Ponna Sambasivan, WIC Group Manager, Quality Management Branch, at Ponna.Sambasivan@dshs.state.tx.us or (512) 776-3798.

Human Trafficking Resource List

Organization Publishing Materials	What is Provided	Description	To Order/View:	Comments
Texas Young Lawyers Association	Brochures, Videos	Texas based videos for a variety of disciplines. Slavery Out of the Shadows video length - 31 minutes	http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/projects/slavery-out-of-the-shadows-spotlight-on-human-trafficking/	Free Online Videos & Downloadable Materials
U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Blue Campaign	Overview of Human Trafficking, Awareness Training, Videos, Resources	Interactive awareness training. Videos and PSAs. Posters, Cards, Pamphlets, Information Sheets	http://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign	Interactive awareness training. Download materials or order by email.
National Human Trafficking Resource Center (operated by Polaris Project) - NHTRC operates the National Human Trafficking Hotline	Overview of Human Trafficking, Myths & Misconceptions, Recognizing the Signs, Resources	Resource Library, Referral Directory, Training Requests	http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org/	Download materials
Polaris Project	Overview of Human Trafficking, Recognizing the Signs, Order Materials	Labor Trafficking, Child Trafficking, Sex Trafficking, Statistics, Trends	http://www.polarisproject.org/	Download materials
United Against Human Trafficking	eLearning Course	Human Trafficking 101, Video-type playback with the ability to review chapters. Length - approximately 29 minutes	http://www.houstonrr.org/human-trafficking-elearning/	Interactive online training

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Texas Education Agency - Texas RISE to the Challenge	Training on Human Trafficking for Texas Educators	Training PowerPoint slides, links to external resources	http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Other_Services/Human_Trafficking_of_School-aged_Children/	Download materials
Children At Risk	Texas Human Trafficking Database, resources including reports, information sheets	Searchable database of social service providers and law enforcement agencies	http://childrenatrisk.org/content/?page_id=8025	Search database online
Truckers Against Trafficking	Training Videos	Videos focus on the trucking industry and their unique opportunity to identify human trafficking. Provides good overview of human trafficking and what to do if you suspect that you've seen it.	http://www.truckersagainstrafficking.org/	View online
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	Overview of Human Trafficking, Order Materials	DVD, Assessment Cards, Brochures, Posters	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/anti-trafficking	Materials can be ordered from the website or you may download the templates from the links and send them to your local printer.
Institute of Medicine - Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States	Video, guides, infographics, PowerPoint slides, report briefs, myths and facts	Guide for Health Care Sector, Guide for Providers: Victim and Support Services are available.	http://iom.nationalacademies.org/Reports/2013/Confronting-Commercial-Sexual-Exploitation-and-Sex-Trafficking-of-Minors-in-the-United-States.aspx	Download materials