



## WHO WE ARE

The National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) is a service of the Office on Trafficking in Persons at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NHTTAC seeks to strengthen the public health response to human trafficking by supporting professionals, organizations, communities, and local, tribal, and state-level government systems.

## WHY A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH?

Human trafficking is a public health issue that affects individuals, families, and communities across generations. Applying a public health approach allows us to:

- Emphasize education and primary prevention, in addition to response and intervention
- Tackle the root causes and address systemic inequities that contribute to increased and disproportionate risk of experiencing human trafficking
- Provide services to individuals and their families who have experienced trafficking during and after their trafficking experience to prevent future exploitation and mitigate impact of compounded trauma

“ This was awesome and probably the best training I’ve ever been to. It was planned and facilitated perfectly. Through us, you have positively impacted people you will probably never meet. Thank you. ”

— Participant, Ten-Ten Human Trafficking Response Muni Fellowship, 2019

## OUR FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES



**Intentionality:** We listen, learn, and engage with intentionality to address long-standing systemic inequities that contribute to the root causes of human trafficking.



**Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate:** We work with communities to help them develop culturally and linguistically appropriate services because human trafficking affects people from all races and cultures.



**Inclusivity:** We promote a response to human trafficking that is inclusive of labor and sex trafficking and of the diverse experiences of survivors.



**Multidisciplinary:** We collaborate with organizations and communities to strengthen implementation of a multidisciplinary public health approach.



**Survivor- and Trauma-Informed:** We emphasize trauma- and survivor-informed services in all our trainings and programming, which are informed by people with lived experience in human trafficking.



**Results Driven:** We help organizations implement effective anti-trafficking programs and policies based on research and evidence-based practice, driven by data from the field.



## OUR FREE SERVICES

### Technical Assistance:

Offerings include coaching, peer reviews, workshops, convenings, toolkits, and literature reviews that are:

- Tailored to each target audience
- Varied in format
- Survivor-informed, interactive, and collaborative
- Rooted in evidence-based intervention

### Survivor Engagement:

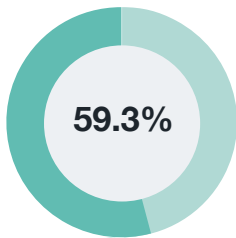
Professional development opportunities for survivors through fellowships and [scholarships](#). Our [Human Trafficking Leadership Academy](#) provides leadership development opportunities to survivor leaders and allied professionals. We partner with a diverse network of professionals with lived experience to ensure that all of our work and offerings are survivor-informed.

### Accredited Training:

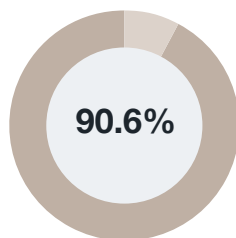
The SOAR trainings on human trafficking offer standardized, accredited trainings for individuals, organizations, and communities that address human trafficking in behavioral health, health care, public health, social service, and school-based settings. SOAR is available online and in person in English and Spanish and equips participants with anti-trafficking skills and resources.

## OUR IMPACT

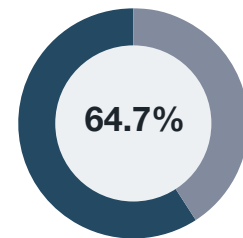
Since 2017, more than 65,000 people were trained. Three-month follow-up data showed:



**integrated victim-centered, survivor-informed strategies**



**further developed skills and knowledge about serving victims of trafficking**



**improved programs and practices**

## Spotlight on Capacity Building

Starting in 2018, NHTTAC collaborated with the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) to support development of agencywide best practices in responding to human trafficking. NHTTAC provided technical assistance on FDOH's 5-year strategic plan, including intensive coaching to understand survivor-centered approaches, establish best practices, identify categories for its strategic plan, and receive guidance on the drafting process.

NHTTAC provided a peer review of FDOH's strategic plan and an onsite visit to support FDOH in presenting the strategic plan to key stakeholders. During implementation of its plan, FDOH leadership across the state participated in SOAR for Organizations. SOAR *Online* is now available in FDOH's learning platform as one of the recommended trainings to meet new statutory requirements for training nurses on human trafficking.