

Human Trafficking: Informing Colorado's Healthcare Practice



LABORATORY TO COMBAT
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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Why are we here?

87.8% of survivors had contact with a healthcare provider while they were being trafficked.

63.3% of those were treated in an emergency room setting.

More than half (57.1%) of respondents had received treatment at some type of clinic.

A recent cross-sectional survey of 180 U.S. emergency department workers found that only 5% had ever received formal training on human trafficking.

73% believed that their patient population was not affected by trafficking.

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking =

**A severe form of exploitation for labor
(including sex) through the use of
force, fraud, or coercion.**

Trafficking laws in the United States (TVPA):

Three categories of trafficking

1. Those under 18 involved in commercial sex acts
2. Those 18 and over involved in commercial sex acts through force, fraud or coercion
3. Those forced to perform labor and/or services in conditions of involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery through force, fraud or coercion

Not limited to people who are foreign-born, youth, or females

Action

Recruit
Harbor
Transport
Provide
Obtain

Means*

Force
Fraud
Coercion

Purpose

Commercial
sex acts
OR
Labor or
Services



The Ideal Victim



**LOOK
BENEATH
THE SURFACE**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS
MODERN-DAY SLAVERY**

A victim of trafficking may look like many of the people you see everyday.

Ask the right questions and look for clues. You are vital because you may be the only outsider with the opportunity to speak with a victim.

There are safe housing, health, immigration, food, income, employment, legal and interpretation services available to victims, but first they must be found.

If you think someone is a victim of trafficking, **call 1.888.3737.888**
For more information about human trafficking visit www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING
CALL 911 or 888-3737
TEXT BeFree to #233

This hotline is intended to help victims of human trafficking. Local resources are available within your community and are listed on the back of this card.

Don't be afraid to say it for her!

Your courage is her hope. If you believe she is being hurt or kept against her will, please call us and we'll help. All calls and emails are anonymous.

**Tel: +420 605 988 566
+420 222 717 171**

www.say-it.cz mail@say-it.cz

**TOGETHER AGAINST
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**

Who is missing?



Red Flags and Indicators of Trafficking:

Physical Indicators

- Unexplained injuries (multiple scars, broken teeth)
- Evidence of prolonged infection or time since injury
- Signs of malnourishment or generally poor health:
Malnutrition, dehydration, exhaustion
- Frequent or repeated STIs or evidence of sexual trauma
- Multiple or frequent pregnancy/abortions
- Tattoos or other types of branding
- Repeated motion injuries, chronic back pain
- Substance misuse

Red Flags and Indicators of Trafficking:

Behavioral Indicators

- Individual claims to be “just visiting” an area; the individual does not know their current location
- Individual has numerous inconsistencies in their story
- Someone is claiming to speak for, or on behalf of them
- Individual does not have any type of legal documentation
- Not making eye contact
- Individual not being in control of their identification documents
- Paying with cash

Red Flags and Indicators of Trafficking:

Mental health Indicators

How a survivor responds will be affected by their own experiences, the accessibility of support, their coping and life skills and those of immediate family, and the responses of the larger community in which they live.

- Trauma can affect treatment presentation, engagement, and the outcome of behavioral health services.
- Trauma can lead to memory loss, disassociation, PTSD, paranoia, fear, anxiety, submission, tension and/or hostility
- Individual may either be in crisis, or may downplay existing health problems or risks
- Sleep deprivation, sometimes mixed with substances can lead to psychosis
- Co-occurring mental and substance-related disorders



COLORADO'S **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** HOTLINE



**Report
Tips**



CALL

866-455-5075



**Request
Referrals**



TEXT

720-999-9724



**Get
Help**



SEARCH

[combathumantrafficking.org/
directory](https://combathumantrafficking.org/directory)

THANK YOU



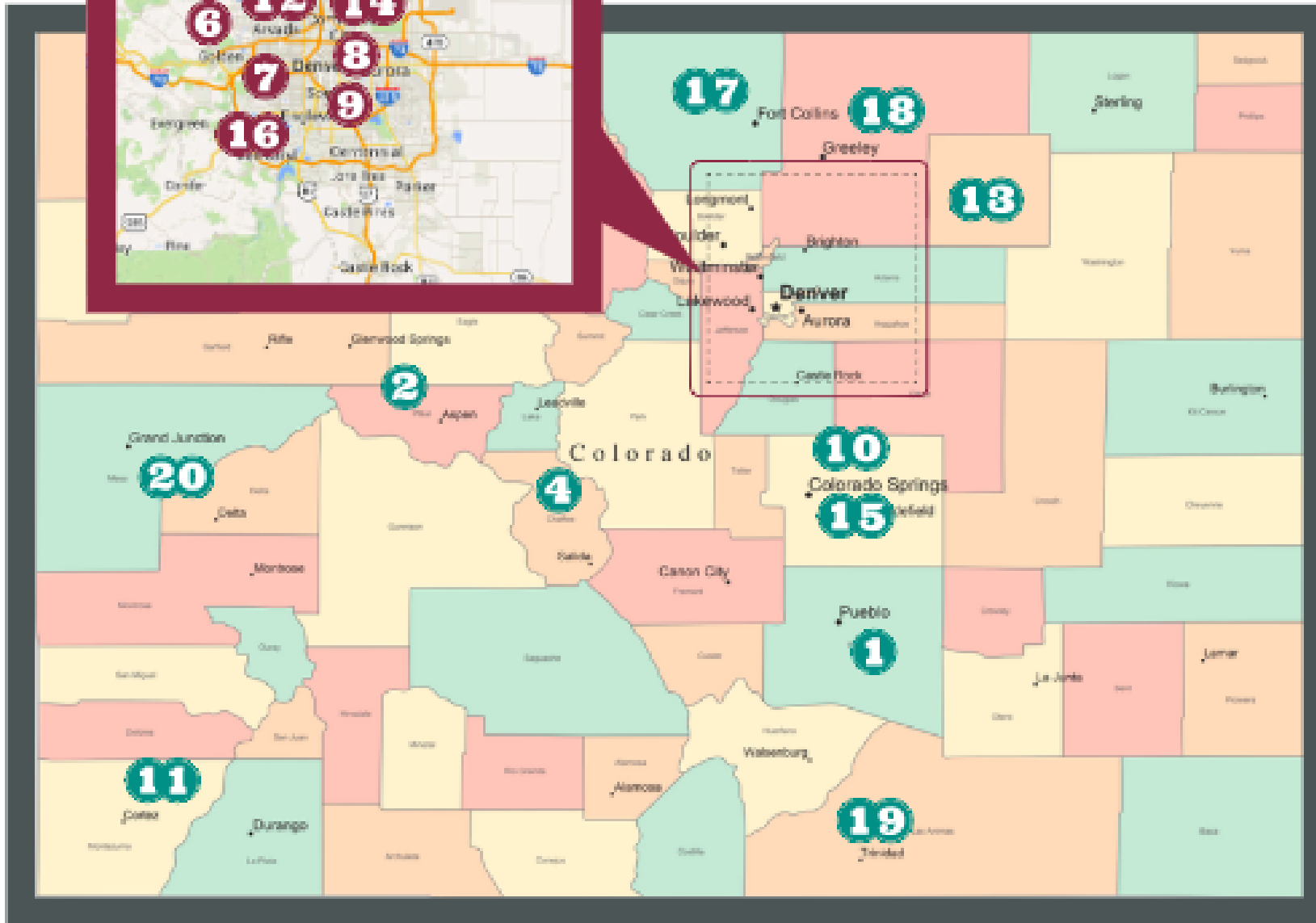
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Immigration Relief:

- Legal status
- Family reunification
- Opportunity to become legal permanent resident
- Refugee-type benefits* (T-visa only)

- U Visa for victims of serious crimes who have information about the criminal activity and cooperate with law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of the crimes.
- T Visa for victims of trafficking in persons who have reported the crime against them and complied with law enforcement request, and whose presence in the US is due to their exploitation

Colorado Anti-Trafficking Task Forces and Coalitions (2020)



- 1 Alliance to Combat Human Trafficking Pueblo
- 2 Battlement to Bells Anti-Trafficking Task Force (BATT)
- 3 Boulder County Human Trafficking Task Force
- 4 Buena Vista HOPE
- 5 Carbon Valley Coalition Against Trafficking
- 6 CDHS Human Trafficking Task Group (HTTG)
- 7 Colorado Human Trafficking Council (CHTC)
- 8 Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking
- 9 Denver Anti-Trafficking Alliance (DATA)
- 10 El Paso County Department of Human Services
- 11 Four Corners Anti-Trafficking Task Force
- 12 Front Range Anti-Trafficking Coalition (FRAC)
- 13 Ft. Morgan Human Trafficking Task Force
- 14 Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Task Force
- 15 Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado
- 16 Jefferson County Human Trafficking Sub-Committee
- 17 Larimer County Anti-Trafficking Response Team
- 18 Northeastern Colorado Coalition Against Trafficking (NECCAT)
- 19 Trinidad Alliance to Combat Trafficking
- 20 Western Slope Against Trafficking (WAST)