EMS On the Front Lines: Human Trafficking Awareness

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Overview

• How can EMS be one of the key links in helping identify?
• What factors about EMS work, makes this workforce the potential key to health care identification of human trafficking
• How and what do you teach, to make a difference?
Perhaps hiding in plain sight for EMS..
Location of Potential Human Trafficking Cases in the U.S.

This map only reflects cases where the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.
Human Trafficking & Healthcare

88%
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- Dentist: 26.5%
- OB/GYN: 55.6%
- Primary Care Provider: 44.4%
- Pediatrician: 3.4%
- Alternative Healer: 8.5%
- Don’t Know: 0.9%
- Other: 5.1%
Inside the thinking

- Might not see themselves as victims
- Shame/Self blame
- Double shame: drug abuse and sexual behaviors
Current status

• All recruit classes have training on identification of human trafficking
• Feedback on sessions with improvement for next training cycle
• Majority of command staff have received training