

Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: A Seminar for Health Care Providers

September 16th, 2015
9:00- 11:00am

CBC Health Science
Center, Room 249
891 Northgate Dr.
Richland, WA 99352

**No cost to attend,
but you
must register at
traffickingseminar@gmail.com**

Course Objectives

At the end of this activity, the participant should be able to:

- Describe what trafficking looks like in our community.
- Discuss potential physical & social behavioral indicators of possible victims.
- Understand the role of technology in the enticement/recruitment of victims.
- Ask pertinent screening questions related to trafficking
- Identify the needs of trafficking victims.
- Have a beginning knowledge of objective documentation of medical findings for forensic analysis.

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This training is a follow up to last November's training where participants learned some of the various ways victims are enticed into the web of trafficking. Lack of training has been identified as a significant barrier to health care professionals' ability to identify victims/survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation both nationally and regionally. When trainings are available for health care professionals, the trainings are often provided by non-medical professionals and focus on awareness building or the general dynamics of the phenomenon.

This course will focus on medical evaluation of persons affected by sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation and will expand on ways to identify potential trafficked victims and provide examples of potential screening questions.

Rachell Ekroos is a family nurse practitioner specializing in forensic nursing. She holds two national ANCC Board Certifications, one as a Family Nurse Practitioner and a second in Advanced Forensic Nursing. She has extensive advanced practice and interdisciplinary experience serving populations affected by violence. Her expertise related to violence across the lifespan includes sexual assault/abuse, intimate partner violence, interpersonal violence, and physical maltreatment. Additional areas of specialized expertise include human trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation and technology-facilitated crimes against children. She has served as a clinical resource and investigative consultant to numerous organizations and governmental entities.

Mrs. Ekroos is a published author and national speaker on various forensic nursing topics. Her teaching roles have included adjunct faculty, clinical faculty, preceptor faculty, and faculty for interdisciplinary forensic courses. Mrs. Ekroos is also a Distinguished Fellow of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, serves as a portfolio reviewer for the ANCC Advanced Forensic Nursing Board Certification program, and is Chair of the IAFN Scope and Standards of Forensic Nursing Practice task force.



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