Human Trafficking: The Role of EMS Providers

According to the Annals of Health Law, estimates suggest that up to “87% of trafficking victims have had contact with a healthcare provider while being trafficked.” EMS providers are on the front lines in the fight against human trafficking; strategically positioned to identify and respond to victims and survivors. The Ulster County Department of Social Services’ Safe Harbour Program in conjunction with The HEAL trafficking organization are teaming up to conduct a FREE two-hour training focusing on: definitions of sex and labor trafficking, high risk populations, power and control tactics utilized by traffickers, situational, physical, and emotional red flags, and what to do if you suspect a trafficking situation. The training will focus on both adult and youth populations.

Funded by the Office of Children and Family Services, the Safe Harbour Program seeks to raise awareness and educate the community and professionals about youth trafficking while also providing prevention education to youth. HEAL Trafficking is an independent, interdisciplinary network of health professionals working to combat human trafficking and serves as a centralized resource on health for the broader anti-trafficking community.

**When:** Monday, September 24, 2018

**Course Fee:** FREE

**Where:** HealthAlliance Hospital (2nd Floor Conference Room): 396 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**PRESENTERS**

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