

The Intersection of Human Trafficking and the Drug Culture



At a glance...

The complex relationship between drug use and both labor and sex trafficking is a public health concern. The role of drugs in human trafficking is powerful and pervasive. Not only are those with drug abuse issues more vulnerable to being trafficked, but traffickers specifically target them. Traffickers can use drugs as a means of coercion. Many victims are forced to engage in criminality, such as illicit drug production and transportation. This presentation will explore the intersections of human trafficking and the drug culture, identify indicators of exploitation, discuss screening, and advanced clinical skills for the treatment of co-occurring mental health concerns.

Objectives

1. Describe how drug abuse impacts risks and outcomes of human trafficking victims
2. List the types and venues of human trafficking in the United States
3. Describe how to identify victims of human trafficking in health care settings
4. Compile resources available for those impacted by human trafficking

Speaker

Katie Papke, LMSW, CAADC, CCHTVSP, is a human trafficking survivor. She is a Licensed Master Social Worker, Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a Clinically Certified Human Trafficking Victims Services Provider. She is a School of Social Work Program Adjunct Professor at Grand Valley State University teaching classes on human trafficking. Katie has her own therapy private practice with Life Support Counseling and Coaching, LLC in Grand Rapids, MI. She has a passion working with victims and survivors of human trafficking, intimate partner violence and other forms of abuse. Her specialty is working with teens and adults who have a history of trauma, eating disorders, substance abuse, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking. She serves as the Vice President of the board of Sacred Beginnings in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Sacred Beginnings is a safe haven for victims of human trafficking. Katie is highly involved with her local Human Trafficking Task Force in Kent County, Michigan. She contracts with Kent Intermediate School District's to provide education to students about human trafficking as part of the Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Education grant. Katie graduated from Florida State University with her Bachelors and Masters of Social Work in 2006.



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