



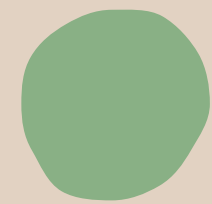
Series: What You Need To Know

# **Module 3: First Encounters with Victims and Trauma Informed Responses**

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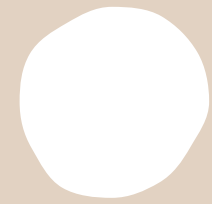
# Learning Objectives



Objective 1 Illustrate best practices for first encounters.



Objective 2 Demonstrate how to use screening tools effectively.



Objective 3 Reflect on your organization's trauma-informed practices.

# First Encounters

If you think your client is a victim of human trafficking

Promote Empowerment



Ensure Safety



Be Transparent



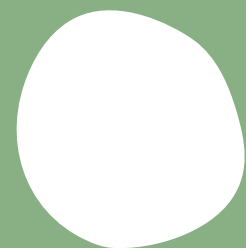
# Building Trust



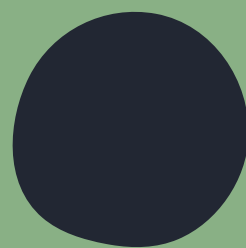
Be patient.



Do not mention to the person that they may have been trafficked.



Maintain confidentiality when possible.



Don't make assumptions.

# New Mexico Mandatory Reporting Law

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Every person who knows or has reasonable suspicion that a child is being abused or neglected in New Mexico must report the matter immediately to CYFD's Statewide Central Intake child abuse hotline (1-855-333-7233), or to law enforcement or the appropriate tribal identity. Specific professionals mentioned under the law as mandated reporters are: licensed physicians, residents or interns, law enforcement officers, judges presiding during a proceeding, nurses, schoolteachers, school officials, social workers, and members of the clergy who have information not privileged as a matter of law.

# Creating a Child Friendly Safe Space





# Check In



- Has your organization encountered a HT survivor?
- What policies or procedures do you have in place that can help you with first encounters?



# Screening: what is it and why do we do it?

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*What?*

What is screening? Screening is the first step in identifying potential trafficking survivors.

*Why?*

Why do we screen? We screen in order to ensure vulnerable clients and clients who are trafficked are identified and appropriate and effective services are provided.

# Your Role in Screening for Trafficking

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# Survivor-Centered Screening Techniques

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Screen for trafficking in a safe, private, and welcoming environment



Explain the purpose of questions



Maintain transparency throughout the conversation



Inform youth of any limits to confidentiality early in the conversation



# Screening Tool Example (QYIT)

<p>It is not uncommon for young people to stay in work situations that are risky or even dangerous, simply because they have no other options.</p> <p><b>Have you ever worked, or done other things, in a place that made you feel scared or unsafe?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Skip</p>
<p>Sometimes people are prevented from leaving an unfair or unsafe work situation by their employers.</p> <p><b>Have you ever been afraid to leave or quit a work situation due to fears of violence or threats of harm to yourself or your family?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Skip</p>
<p>Sometimes young people who are homeless or who have difficulties with their families have very few options to survive or fulfill their basic needs, such as food and shelter. <b><i>Have you ever received anything in exchange for sex (e.g. a place to stay, gifts, or food)?</i></b></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Skip</p>
<p>Sometimes employers don't want people to know about the kind of work they have young employees doing. To protect themselves, they ask their employees to lie about the kind of work they are involved in.</p> <p><b>Have you ever worked for someone who asked you to lie while speaking to others about the work you do?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Skip</p>

# Assess Your Organization's Trauma-Informed Response



# SAMHSA's Four R's

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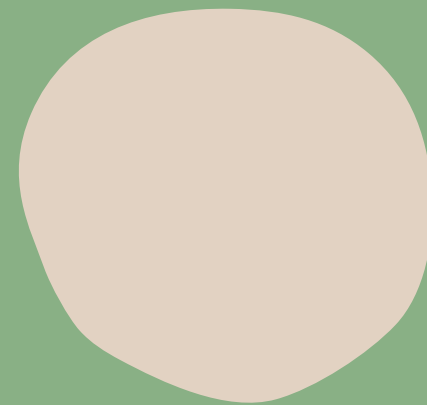
**Realize**



**Respond**



**Recognize**



**Resist**

**Retraumatization**

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