

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

For

Human Trafficking Intervention for Mental Health Professionals: An Introductory and Advanced Training Opportunity

VIRTUAL Training for Louisiana Medicaid Behavioral Health Practitioners

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All applicants will be notified prior to training start date.

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1. TRAINING OVERVIEW

A. INTRODUCTION

The Center for Evidence to Practice (Center for E2P) has written this Request for Application (RFA) in order to identify behavioral health practitioners in Louisiana who are equipped to successfully participate in ***Human Trafficking Intervention for Mental Health Professionals: An Introductory and Advanced Training Opportunity*** training.

Due to the identified need for adequate specialized, trauma-informed, and evidence-based services for human trafficking (HT) survivors (specific to children and adolescents), this training has been selected by the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) as an evidence-based program that will be expanded statewide.

The Center for E2P along with Louisiana trainers, Stacy Faulkner, LPC-S and Heather Denenea, look forward to compiling a strong cohort of trainees based on the applications received. The trainers and E2P staff will be reviewing applications based on the ***Application and Selection Process (Section 3)***.

B. INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOUISIANA CENTER FOR EVIDENCE TO PRACTICE

The Center for E2P is a partnership between the Louisiana Department of Health – Office of Behavioral Health and the Louisiana Health Sciences Center – School of Public Health, which is tasked with improving access to evidence-based behavioral health practices for Louisianan children and families insured by Medicaid. Our mission is to support the state and its agencies, organizations, communities, and providers in selecting and implementing evidence-based interventions to promote youth and family well-being, improve behavioral health outcomes, and address challenges related to sustaining quality practice. For more information on the E2P please visit our [website](#) and [subscribe](#) to our newsletter for updates.

C. CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The Center is a CEH social work pre-approval organization through the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE). Additionally, we are pre-approved through the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) to offer CEHs for licensed professional counselors. Upon completion of meeting the required amount of training minutes as well as completing our end-of-training evaluation, you should receive a CEH certificate for your participation in this training opportunity. Also, for those whose credentials are outside of the LABSWE and NBCC; upon receiving your CEH certificate, we encourage you to submit it to your licensing board for approval.

D. TRAINING COMMITMENT

All chosen applicants are required to commit to participating in the training in its entirety. **Also, selected applicants will be asked to sign a Training Commitment to demonstrate their commitment to dedicate the time to ALL training days.** There is one Training Commitment for those that are accepted into the [Introductory Human Trafficking Training](#) and there is a separate Training Commitment for those accepted into the [Advanced Human Trafficking Training](#).

E. TRAINING COSTS

There will be no cost to agencies for the course itself; however, agencies must financially commit to the time and effort required to complete the training. That means that agencies and clinicians must set aside the allotted training time to fully participate in this training opportunity.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

A. INFORMATION ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERVENTION TRAINING

The objective of this *Human Trafficking Intervention Training for Mental Health Professionals: An Introductory and Advanced Training Opportunity* training is to equip Louisiana behavioral health practitioners to work with children and adolescent survivors of human trafficking. Over the course of a half training day, practitioners will learn how to address clinical issues specific to Human Trafficking. Practitioners will receive general training on Human Trafficking consisting of methods for overcoming barriers to mental health treatment and engagement.

Human Trafficking Intervention: An **INTRODUCTORY** Training for Mental Health Professionals

All selected practitioners can participate in this **VIRTUAL** training opportunity:

Date: Friday, February 2nd

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm CST

****This training has been executed four (4) previous times throughout 2022-2023. If you have already participated in this opportunity, you do not need to participate again. See the dates listed below in section B. Training Considerations for verification.***

PLEASE NOTE: Acceptance into this introductory training cohort enables clinicians to be able to participate in the advanced training opportunity for clinicians who are EMDR Basic-Trained, EMDR Certified, and/or TF-CBT Certified. It is also open to clinicians who are in progress towards becoming EMDR Basic-Trained and/or TF-CBT Certified.

Human Trafficking Intervention: An ADVANCED Training for EMDR and TF-CBT Clinicians

1) Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing (EMDR): EMDR Specialty Training for Human Trafficking Survivors

This advanced Human Trafficking training is for EMDR Basic-Trained or EMDR Certified Clinicians. *Please take note - this is the **SAME TRAINING** that was held September 13-14, 2021 that was offered through the Center. You **DO NOT** need to apply; it is simply being offered again for those who have not yet participated.*

Date: June 26-27, 2024

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Trainer Bio: Alex Castro Croy, LPC is a bilingual, bicultural, Trauma and Addiction Counselor and owner/Lead Clinician of Life Recovery Centers in Denver and Northglenn Colorado. He is also EMDR Certified and an EMDR Consultant in Training. First generation immigrant from Mexico who accomplished his dream in higher education receiving an AA in Pastoral Ministry (Dallas, Texas), Bachelor of Science in Human Services (MSU in Denver, Colorado) and MA in Community Counseling from Regis University (Denver, Co). He is continuing to pursue his MA/Ph.D. from Pacifica Graduate Institute in Jungian and Archetypal Studies. Alex's passion includes training, teaching, counseling, and consulting. He has been an Adjunct Professor for the Human Services Department at MSU-Denver for 9 years. He has served as an Interventionist for the Latino GLBTQ community, Drug Court Probation Officer at Denver Juvenile Court Probation (8 years), Bilingual Diversion Officer for Denver DA office (5 years), and is currently owner and director of Life Recovery Centers (7 years). He has worked with a variety of clients from all walks of life and his eclectic therapeutic interventions have proven to be effective in treating trauma and addiction. He is also an EMDR

2) Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT): Trauma-Focused CBT for Human Trafficking Survivors

This advanced Human Trafficking training is for TF-CBT Certified Clinicians. *Please take note - this is the **SAME TRAINING** that was held November 10-11, 2021 that was offered through the Center. You **DO NOT** need to apply; it is simply being offered again for those that who have not yet participated.*

Date: June 4-5, 2024

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Trainer Bio: Kelly Kinnish, Ph.D., is a Clinical Psychologist and the Director of the National Center on Child Trafficking in the Mark Chaffin Center for Healthy Development and the Department of Health Policy & Behavioral Sciences in the School of Public Health at Georgia State University. She has over 30 years of experience working with maltreated and at-risk children and families in clinical, research, and administrative capacities, with a specific interest and expertise in child trauma and trafficking. Previously Center for Evidence to Practice: Human Trafficking Intervention RFA

she was the Director of Clinical Services at the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy for 14 years, as well as the Director of Project Intersect and the Envision Project, federally funded programs focused on improving the well-being of commercially sexually exploited and trafficked children. She is active in both state and national task forces and working groups addressing this complex public health concern with a particular focus on effective interventions and collaborative systems response, including serving as Chair of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network Child Sex Trafficking Workgroup. She is a Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) National Trainer with specific expertise in applying this evidence-based treatment with commercially sexually exploited and trafficked children.

B. TRAINING CONSIDERATIONS

****IMPORTANT NOTE****: If you participated in **ONE** of the following introductory training dates:

- 1) Introduction to Human Trafficking Training Opportunity:
 - a. *Virtual: October 28, 2022 from 8:00am-12:30pm*
- 2) Understanding the Impact of Human Trafficking for Mental Health Professionals:
 - a. *New Orleans: April 28, 2023 from 8:00am-12:30pm*
 - b. *Lafayette: May 5, 2023 from 8:00am-12:30pm*
 - c. *Shreveport: June 9, 2023 from 8:00am-12:30pm*

You DO NOT need to apply for this introductory training opportunity as it is the SAME TRAINING. It is simply being offered again for those that have not yet participated.

****IMPORTANT NOTE****: If you participated in the following advanced training dates:

- 1) Advanced TF-CBT Training Opportunity: Trauma-Focused CBT for Human Trafficking Survivors:
 - a. *November 10-11, 2021*
- 2) Advanced EMDR Training Opportunity: EMDR Specialty Training for Human Trafficking Survivors:
 - a. *September 13-14, 2021*

You DO NOT need to apply for this advanced training opportunity as it is the SAME TRAINING. It is simply being offered again for those that have not yet participated.

C. TIMELINE OF EVENTS

<u>Events</u>	<u>Date</u>
RFA Released	Thursday, January 25, 2024
Informational Webinar	Accessible by clicking this webpage
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An INTRODUCTORY Training for Mental Health Professionals	Friday, February 2, 2024 from 9:00AM-1:00PM
An ADVANCED Training for EMDR Clinicians	June 26-27, 2024 from 9:00AM-2:00PM
An ADVANCED Training for TF-CBT Clinicians	June 4-5, 2024 from 9:00AM-3:00PM

D. SUSTAINED PRACTICE

Following the completion of this training, agencies/practitioners will be expected to sustain what was learned by facilitating ongoing referrals and engagement, maintaining caseload, and ensuring supportive supervision, leadership, and policy.

Having an agency's leadership (e.g., CEO, supervisors, and other decision-makers) directly involved in the implementation of an evidence-based program is key to its long-term success.

Upon selection, all applicants will be required to complete a *Training Commitment* between the applicant and E2P. As this is a free, state-funded training, all participants must demonstrate their commitment to training and to actively use the training approach with clients.

3. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

Selection will be based upon organization readiness for Human Trafficking (HT) implementation, acceptance of Medicaid-insured families, and relevance of HT to the population served by the applicant organization. ***Preference will be given to organizations that have multiple practitioners applying to be trained.*** Independent practitioners, especially those practicing in rural areas and accepting Medicaid payments, are eligible for this training.

INTRODUCTORY Training Acceptance Criteria: *Qualified behavioral health agencies/providers will be those who serve Medicaid-insured individuals and/or provide clinical therapy services to children and their caregivers in Louisiana free of charge; are licensed (or actively working towards licensure); and are actively (currently) treating children and their caregivers.*

ADVANCED Training Acceptance Criteria: *Qualified behavioral health agencies/providers will be those who serve Medicaid-insured individuals and/or provide clinical therapy services to children and their caregivers in Louisiana free of charge; are licensed (or actively working towards licensure); and are actively (currently) treating children and their caregivers. Additionally, those that are EMDR Basic-Trained, EMDR Certified, and/or TF-CBT Certified for those respective training topics. You must be able to access and submit your EBP certification documentation if accepted into this training opportunity.*

Additionally, only complete trainee applications will be considered.

All behavioral health providers selected to participate in the HT training will be expected to complete the training in its entirety. Upon selection, all providers will be requested to sign a Training Commitment between the agency and the Center for Evidence to Practice. As this is state-funded training, all providers must demonstrate their commitment to the training and sustaining implementation of this research-informed content.

B. APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

Upon receiving all the training applicants, an initial review of the applicants that meet the threshold requirements outlined in **Eligibility Requirements and Expectations** section will be executed. Following that initial review, the E2P staff will meet with the trainers and review the applicants based on their individual trainee application and their short answer responses.

C. INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR OPPORTUNITY

The Center for Evidence to Practice hosted an informational webinar on **Human Trafficking Intervention: A Training Mental Health Professionals** was held last year. This webinar gave practitioners interested in learning more about HT an opportunity to receive a brief introduction, learn about the training itself, and meet the trainers, Stacy Faulkner and Heather Denenea. A question and answer (Q&A) session followed. If you plan on applying to this training opportunity, it is **highly recommended** that you watch the recording of this webinar.

Human Trafficking Intervention: A Training for Mental Health Professionals
[WEBINAR RECORDING](#)

D. APPLICATION PROCESS

Human Trafficking Intervention:

A INTRODUCTORY Training for Mental Health Professionals is scheduled on **Friday, February 2, 2024, from 9:00am-1:00pm** with Louisiana trainers, Stacy Faulkner and Heather Denenea.

An ADVANCED Training for EMDR Clinicians is scheduled on **June 26-27 2024, from 9:00am-2:00pm** with trainer, Alex Castro Croy, LPC.

An ADVANCED Training for TF-CBT Clinicians is scheduled on **June 4-5, 2024, from 9:00am-3:00pm** with trainer, Kelly Kinnish, Ph.D.

The **TRAINEE APPLICATION** is to be completed by each applicant and can be accessed by filling out the **online application (through Microsoft Forms)**. You can access the **TRAINEE APPLICATION** by **[CLICKING HERE](#)**.

E. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Please review the **Request for Applications (RFA) for Human Trafficking Intervention: A Training for Mental Health Professionals** to be aware of training expectations.

- *(HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)* **ATTEND OR WATCH RECORDING OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERVENTION: A TRAINING FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR** so participants are aware of the time commitment and training in its entirety.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** For the **TRAINING DATE** you have applied to participate in.
- Submit a **TRAINEE APPLICATION** on behalf of yourself as an applicant. Acceptance into the program will be evaluated on an individual basis based on a fully completed trainee application.

F. NOTIFICATION OF TRAINING STATUS

Applicants will be notified via email **prior to the training date** regarding their status in the training.

*Thank you for your commitment to serving Louisiana's children and families.
We look forward to reading your application!*