

# The Pulse

Keeping a pulse on healthcare integration at RBH



Human Trafficking Awareness Month was implemented to raise awareness among because most Americans think human trafficking only happens in other countries. Human trafficking happen all across the United States. Human trafficking is wildly lucrative and is growing at an alarming rate. Between January 2008 and June 2010, the FBI investigated over 2,500 suspected incidents of human trafficking in the U.S. According to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), in fiscal year 2019, the U.S. reported over 420 victims of human trafficking. The International Labour Organization estimates that over 40 million people are victims of human trafficking, 71% being women and young girls. Given the underground nature of trafficking, the consequences of trafficking are hidden and difficult to see. Trafficked persons often have limited access to basic necessities such as safety, food, sleep, hygiene, and medical care. All victims of trafficking are typically subject to physical, psychological, and social impacts. In addition, victims may be exposed to serious health risks, such as HIV/AIDS, as well as serious mental health risks. Anxiety, insecurity, fear, and trauma are all products of trafficking. Several studies indicate high levels of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in former trafficked persons. Trafficking can also lead to cognitive impairment, depression, and even suicide. Since Congress first passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) in 2000 the United States has continued to build a better system of laws to combat trafficking. Policies now address everything from victim protection to ensuring products brought into the U.S. are not made with forced or child labor.

For more information visit the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) website at <https://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/what-you-need-know-about-human-trafficking-awareness-month>

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OUT OF THE SHADOWS  
**EXPOSING THE MYTHS  
 OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

HUMAN  
 TRAFFICKING:  
**LOOK**  
 BENEATH  
 THE SURFACE

**MYTH** HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
 IS ONLY SEX  
 TRAFFICKING

**TRUTH**  
 OF THE 20.9  
 MILLION VICTIMS  
OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING GLOBALLY

68% FORCED LABOR  
 22% SEXUALLY  
 EXPLOITED  
 10% STATE-IMPOSED  
 FORCED LABOR

**MYTH** HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
 VICTIMS WILL  
 SELF  
 IDENTIFY

**TRUTH**



50% OF VICTIMS HAD CONTACT  
 WITH A HEALTH CARE  
 PROFESSIONAL  
**NONE**  
 WERE IDENTIFIED AS A VICTIM.

**MYTH** HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
 IS NOT IN MY  
 COMMUNITY

**TRUTH**

30,000+ CASES OF POTENTIAL HUMAN  
 TRAFFICKING REPORTED  
 IN ALL 50 STATES,  
 DC & US TERRITORIES



**MYTH** HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
 ONLY AFFECTS  
 THE VICTIM

**TRUTH**

THE CRIME OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A  
 SYMPTOM OF A SOCIETAL PROBLEM

**HOW TO HELP**

- KNOW WHERE YOUR GOODS & SERVICES COME FROM
- OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS
- REPORT IT: CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

**MYTH** HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
 ONLY HAPPENS  
 TO CHILDREN

**TRUTH**

SINCE 2012,  
 NATIONAL HOTLINE  
 CASES REPORTED:



**MYTH** HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
 ONLY HAPPENS  
 TO WOMEN

**TRUTH**

SINCE 2012,  
 NATIONAL HOTLINE  
 CASES REPORTED:



**Human Trafficking is a crime and  
 you can make a difference.**

Since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Hotline has received over 168,554 calls and identified over 26,243 potential cases of human trafficking. You can receive help, report a tip, or request information or training by calling:

**National Human Trafficking Hotline**

888-373-7888

[acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking](http://acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking)

# Be Well RVA Update!

Be Well RVA is our suicide prevention and domestic violence project. Although the SAMHSA grant funding ended on Nov. 30, Be Well RVA is happy to report that the majority of the services will be continuing! See below for an update.

- Direct Services: Early identification and rapid follow-up (care coordination, counseling, and peer supports) for clients coping with issues related to suicide and domestic violence. These services will be part of our RICH Integrated Care Clinic, accessed via the RICH referral form available in Profiler.

- Housing Support: Unfortunately we will no longer be able to provide financial assistance for housing. We will continue to look for grant opportunities.

- Prevention Services: Enhanced community and staff education/awareness of suicide prevention and domestic violence issues will continue, via training, resource identification, and use of Bewellva, the regional initiative promoted by the Friends of Prevention Coalition.



# Remember to do your part!

Vaccines are key to help prevent the spread of infectious disease. Remember, vaccines work with the body's natural defenses to lower the chance of getting sick. The RICH Recovery Clinic provides a wide range of immunizations for it's patients including: HPV, Hepatitis A & B, Influenza/Flu, and now COVID 19!

To make an appointment have your Case Manager email Chandra McMillan at [mcmillanc@rbha.org](mailto:mcmillanc@rbha.org) or Inga Robinson at [inga.robinson@rbha.org](mailto:inga.robinson@rbha.org).