



Quarterly CTIP Newsletter

Agency Highlights

William Beaumont Army Medical Center - Human Trafficking Training for Healthcare Professionals

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The Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Management Office (CTIP PMO) was invited to facilitate the Human Trafficking for Healthcare Professionals training at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center on March 24, 2023, for the Annual Army Medical Professional Development Conference. This was the first training of its kind for the Ft. Bliss community of medical providers with 400 participants in attendance.

Situated on the U.S. – Mexico border, the William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Ft. Bliss holds a unique position within the DoD due to its proximity to the largest international border in the United States.



The timing of the training also aligned with the community's uncertainty of the impact of the anticipated surge of migrants arriving at the border as the May 11, 2023, deadline approached for the expiration of the Title 42 Public Health Order. For many of the attendees, the border location provides heightened awareness of transnational crimes, including trafficking in persons (TIP).

The training debunked common misconceptions that TIP occurs only with foreign nationals or immigrants, or that trafficking incidents take place primarily in illegal or underground industries. In fact, newer research shows the prevalence of human trafficking in the United States. [A 2017 report](#) commissioned by the Criminal Justice Division at the Texas office of the Governor found more than 300,000 estimated victims of human trafficking in Texas alone. Healthcare providers are often the first point of contact for victims of human trafficking and need to be aware of the signs and indicators to improve victim identification. Subject Matter Expert, Laura Lederer, and CTIP PMO staff, Nicole Beeson, presented ways to identify signs of potential TIP incidents in a DoD hospital or Military Treatment Facility with emphasis on the patient presenting the chief complaint and providing their medical history during the medical exam. Laura Lederer provided research findings of a [landmark study in 2014](#) that found 87.8% of survivors indicated that they had sought health care while they were trapped in the trafficking situation. [Survey results from another study in 2016](#) found that 67.6% of survivors who experienced labor and sex trafficking had encountered a health care professional during the time they were experiencing human trafficking, yet none of them were identified as a victim during the encounter.

Participants also learned that over the past ten years, DoD members were involved in human trafficking as traffickers, as buyers of sex, and as victims. The training highlighted cases with a DoD nexus, demonstrating that the DoD received reports of trafficking in persons in government contracting, reports of victimization involving military members, and reports involving dependent children of Service members. The training featured stories of survivors whose parents or guardians were active military, as well as DoD employees whose children were being trafficked but did not seek help because they feared losing their job or security clearance. It also featured survivors who had been trafficked in and around military installations, who talked about how few military members understand that when they purchase sex, they are fueling human trafficking and enriching traffickers.

The training illustrated how victims are often hiding in plain sight and, when encountering medical personnel or receiving care, may not disclose the scope of their trafficking situation, and may not realize that they are victims of trafficking. Attendees participated in interactive case scenarios where trafficking is uncovered while providing care, with examples from the [DoD Survivor Voices of Human Trafficking page](#) highlighting the interface of TIP with the DoD community. The training also expanded upon the new International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems codes, enhancing the Defense medical community's documentation and tracking for cases involving human trafficking. Medical professionals also learned best practices for using an integrated victim services network when developing a trauma informed multidisciplinary team to address the wide scope of victim needs.



Finally, the training gave an overview of the CTIP mission and lines of effort; current CTIP initiatives in the DoD community; and the strategic partnerships between the DoD, other Federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the local community.

The CTIP PMO was able to successfully meet all the requirements for State of Texas Health and Human Services for the DoD Human Trafficking for Healthcare Professionals Training to be approved for Continuing Medical Education (CME) for health care practitioners. The online version of the training will be available on the [CTIP Website](#) later this year.

Featured Articles

New Trafficking in Persons Laws

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The United States Government (USG) renewed efforts to combat trafficking in persons with the passage of three new laws. A summary of the provisions in the three new laws that will affect the DoD include:

[Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 \(Public Law 117-348\)](#)

Signed into law on January 5, 2023, the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2022 reauthorized the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-386) that expired in September 2021 and provides an [estimated \\$1 billion](#) to address critical needs in the fight against human trafficking. The provisions in the TVPRA include:



Sec. 121: Comptroller General Report on Oversight of Federal Supply Chains:

A requirement for the Government Accountability Office to submit a written report no later than June 1, 2024 on Federal contract supply chain oversight related to the prevention of trafficking in persons.

The report will assess all Federal agencies' compliance with provisions in Title 17 in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY2013 (Public Law 112- 239) on the requirements to refer to suspension

and debarment officials' allegations of TIP activities on the part of contract, grant, and cooperative agreement recipients; to include the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Clause 52.222-50 in all contracts; and for agency enforcement and monitoring of contractors/subcontractors compliance with the annual certification requirements under the FAR Clause.

Sec. 122: Ensuring Anti-Trafficking-In-Persons Trainings and Provisions into Codes of Conduct of All Federal Departments and Executive Agencies:

In the Sense of Congress provision, it is suggested that each Federal agency's annual ethics training include a Trafficking in Persons module that outlines how to prevent, identify, and report TIP. It is also suggested each agency include anti-TIP provisions in their Code of Conduct, to be signed by employees and kept in the file of the employee. Violations of the Code of Conduct should lead to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. The next provision requires all Executive Branch employees be subject to policy with a minimum standard that contains provisions that prohibit engaging in TIP while employed by the USG and that sensitize all Federal personnel to TIP and ethical conduct. All personnel will be trained on how to recognize, prevent, and report TIP through new employee training and a refresher every two years. This provision also includes a requirement that all such personnel report to the applicable Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and agency TIP POC any suspected cases of misconduct, waste, fraud, or abuse relating to TIP.

The provision also introduces a new annual report to Congress from the Office of the Inspector General for each Federal agency to include the number of suspected TIP violations reported; the number of TIP investigations; the status and outcomes of such investigations; and any recommended actions to improve the programs and operations of such agency. The report will be available to the public.

[Abolish Trafficking Reauthorization Act of 2022 \(Public Law 117-347\)](#)

Section 113(b) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7110(b)), signed into law on January 5, 2023, was amended by adding at the end the following:

This Provision includes the Sense of Congress that health care and social service licensing boards and professional membership associations should facilitate access to trafficking-specific training to include the core competencies for Human Trafficking Response in Health Care and Behavioral Health Systems on (1) the scope and signs of human trafficking and child sexual abuse that present in the applicable health care, behavioral health, or social services settings; (2) how to interact with potential victims of trafficking (as defined in section 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102) and with survivors of human trafficking, using an age-appropriate, gender-responsive, culturally and linguistically appropriate, and trauma-informed approach; and (3) the manner in which to respond to victims and potential victims of trafficking or child sexual exploitation and abuse.

[End Human Trafficking in Government Contracts Act of 2022 \(Public Law 117-211\)](#)

Signed into law on October 17, 2022, this one-page law includes Sec. 2: Implementation of Trafficking in Contracting Provisions:

This law amends Section 1704(c)(1) of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2013 to include the requirement for agency heads to refer TIP violations to the agency suspension and debarment official upon receipt of an Inspector General's report substantiating an allegation.

These new laws, as well as all prior laws, policies, regulations, and guides are posted on the CTIP website under the [Document and Resource Library](#) for easy access and reference.





Interagency Activities

In January 2023, the U.S. Department of State welcomed [Cindy Dyer](#) as the new Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. President Biden appointed her to lead the United States' global engagement to combat human trafficking and support the coordination of anti-trafficking efforts across the U.S. government. Ambassador Dyer is a human rights advocate and lawyer with three decades of experience working at the local, national, and international levels to prevent and respond to human trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence.

In March 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime released new [audio-books](#) to support young survivors of human trafficking during their involvement with the justice system as a victim or witness in a human trafficking case. The resources are age appropriate and were created by national experts and young trafficking survivors.



DoD CTIP Program Office Updates

The CTIP PMO attended a meeting at the Pentagon requested by The Honorable Gilbert R. Cisneros Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD P&R). The USD P&R wanted to learn more about the CTIP office and its current efforts. The CTIP Director briefed Mr. Cisneros and Mr. Vazirani, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (DUSD P&R), on DoD's responsibilities and actions to combat TIP, information on its primary functions and stakeholders, priority projects, current audits, reports, and Congressional inquiries, and upcoming outreach opportunities.



The CTIP Director, Ms. Linda Dixon, partnered with the representative for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Blue Lightning Initiative for an in-person CTIP presentation at the Human Trafficking Aviation Awareness event at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and a virtual CTIP presentation to the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, College of Arts & Sciences Florida and Arizona campuses.

The CTIP PMO provided a briefing about CTIP in DoD contracting for the Defense Acquisition University's virtual "Contingency Contracting Officer Experience" Office Hours session. The recorded briefing covered examples of human trafficking in DoD contracting, information about the specialized CTIP Acquisition Personnel training required for DoD acquisition personnel, and the recently released [CTIP Acquisition Resource Kit](#).

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The CTIP PMO added three new survivors to the [Survivor Voices of Human Trafficking](#) page on the CTIP website: Hannah Blair, Desiree Trail, and Harold D'Souza, survivors of sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

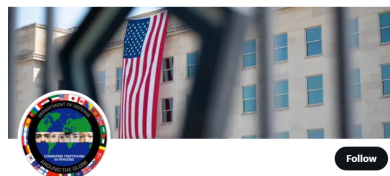
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Check out the [CTIP Website!](#) The website includes tabs for CTIP resources, acquisition resources, a resource library, and How to Report TIP!



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Upcoming Events

- o USNORTHCOM and USSPACECOM site visit will be on June 6, 2023.
- o The next CTIP Quarterly Task Force meeting will be July 12, 2023.