**OHIO IS A MANDATED REPORTER OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

### National Policies

Federal law **does** currently mandate reporting by healthcare providers of suspected human trafficking of patients **UNDER 18** (as child abuse per Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act); no mandated reporting for 18 and over.

**Sex trafficking**: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act that is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.

**Labor trafficking**: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

### State Policies

**Under 18**: Ohio **does mandate reporting** by all healthcare providers to The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Report should include (if known): (1) the names and addresses of the child and the child’s parents or persons having custody of the child; (2) the child’s age and the nature and extent of (or threat of) their injuries, abuse, or neglect; (3) any other information, including but not limited to results and reports of any medical examinations, tests, or procedures.

Hotline: 855-O-H-CHILD (855-642-4453)

**18 and over**: Ohio **does not mandate reporting** of trafficking of adults unless patient is a vulnerable adult protected under APS (call 855-644-6277). All other reporting should only be done with either patient consent or per HIPPA Privacy Rule regulations, if concern for imminent harm.

**Remember to consult with your patients about your concerns using trauma-informed care and respect patients’ autonomy.**

**Doctors, nurses, and social workers are mandatory reporters of all violations of human rights. Providers must get patient permission to report or call if 18+; it is a violation of privacy rights to report without consent.**

**Scan For**: The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 and Jones Day: Human Trafficking and Health Care Providers: Legal Requirements for Reporting and Education.

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**National Human Trafficking Hotline**

1(888) 373-7888