**VERMONT 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: Vermont **does mandate reporting** by all healthcare providers to the Commissioner for Children and Families (or their designee) orally or written **within 24 hours** in any cases in which one may reasonably suspect abuse, sexual exploitation, trafficking, or neglect of a child.

Hotline: 1-800-649-5285

18 and over: Vermont **does not mandate reporting** of trafficking of adults unless patient is a vulnerable adult protected under APS (call 800-564-1612). All other reporting should only be done with either patient consent or per HIPPA Privacy Rule regulations, if concern for imminent harm.