

# OHIO SCHOOL NURSE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING

In March 2012, through Executive Order 2012-06K, Governor Kasich established the Human Trafficking Task Force. Human trafficking, the illegal trade of human beings for commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor, is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises worldwide. On June 27, 2012, the Task Force submitted a report to Governor Kasich containing 26 recommendations the state of Ohio should act upon to better coordinate efforts to identify and rescue victims of human trafficking, create a coordinated law enforcement system to investigate these crimes,

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and provide services and treatment to trafficking victims.

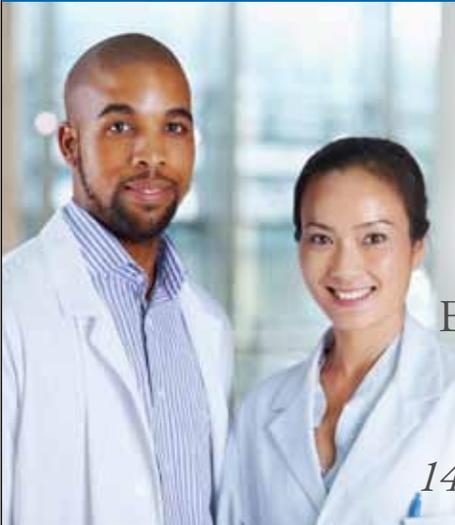
Task Force recommendation #22 was for the Ohio Department of Health's School Nursing Program to provide a one-day training session for school nurses. In response, ODH developed a School Nurse

Human Trafficking Protocol to assist with recognizing specific signs and indicators, provide basic screening questions, and provide information regarding making appropriate community referrals. On June 25, 2013, the ODH School Nursing Program, and the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

Prevention Program, provided a one-day *Human Trafficking: An Update for Nurses Working in Ohio Schools* training program. The program provided guidance on prevention and identification strategies and introduced the new School Nurse Human Trafficking Protocol. Continuing nursing education contact hours were awarded to nurses that attended the day's training.

According to ODH, on-line training will soon be available through Ohio Train with nursing continuing education contact hours available. Currently, OhioTrain provides a 40-minute online course entitled "Human Trafficking Training for General Public Health" (Course Id 1044217). To review the School Nurse Human Trafficking Protocol, and for training resources, visit the Ohio Department of Health website at: [http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/sadv/School\\_Nurses\\_Human\\_Trafficking\\_Protocol.aspx](http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/sadv/School_Nurses_Human_Trafficking_Protocol.aspx), or call (614) 466-2144. •

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