



What is HTR³?

This framework is the name given to National Safe Place Network's approach on how to recognize, respect and respond to victims and survivors of human trafficking (sex, labor, DMST, CSEC and other variants). The framework is meant to complement well researched , existing curricula while filling gaps that seem to exist in linking reactions and responses to strength-based and trauma-informed practices. Since 2013, NSPN has received supplemental funding to bring HTR³ to RHY grantees.

Efforts to Date:

In 2014, the goal of the RHY grantee supplement was to increase baseline knowledge of youth care workers on the basic identification and knowledge related to human trafficking. Eight webinars were produced and RHY grantees can view these webinars by accessing the e-learning site of RHYTTAC.net. In late December, 2014, a resource guide will be distributed to all SOP grantees. This guide will include links to resources, definitions of terms, red flags, tips and outreach strategies. A trainer of Trainers session was held in September, 2014 and clusters of grantees may request a training on-site by contacting tc@rhyttac.net .

What's Next?

The project will continue to focus on building the capacity of runaway and homeless youth grantee organizations to recognize, respect and respond to victims and survivors of human trafficking. Activities will include 8 additional webinars with accompanying tip sheets as well as a focused effort with a specific subset of organizations as we seek to create toolkits for best practice operations for RHY programs.

If you think you have knowledge or skills to share with other grantees and would like to be considered as a Subject Matter Expert, please e-mail TC@rhyttac.net and include HTR³ in the subject line.

Recognize

- Recognizing the signs of HT, Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children during outreach activities, intakes and ongoing services to youth.
- Recognizing the need to ensure that all staff are trained in appropriate and effective methods for validating the status of a youth regarding trafficking while maintaining safety for the youth, staff and the program.
- Recognizing the need for education and prevention programming to decrease the risk for RHY.

Respect

- Respect youth victims/survivors by focusing on strengths and opportunities to engage youth in change efforts.
- Respect the role of other entities (social services, law enforcement, the judicial system and local coalitions) in addressing the issues at a micro and macro level.
- Respect the impact the experiences of being trafficked/exploited may have had on the youth and the need for trauma-informed services.

Respond

- Respond to youth needs with evidence-based practices and trauma-informed approaches.
- Respond rather than react to the nature of the events that lead youth to seek assistance.
- Respond to the impact of service provision on staff by ensuring strong professional support and development activities.
- Respond to community prevention and intervention needs by linking RHY programs to resources and human trafficking coalitions and/or rescue and restore efforts.
- Respond to gaps in services by working with community coalitions to address missing resources.