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Baptist Health Care Hosts Human Trafficking Course for Health Care Workers

PENSACOLA, Fla. (Nov. 27, 2018) – Human trafficking is a growing problem in the United States, and Florida ranks as the third highest trafficking destination in the United States. To educate the health care workers on what happens to those caught in the web of commercial sex exploitation and human trafficking, Baptist Health Care will host a human trafficking training course on Thurs., Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to noon, in the Medical Meeting Room at Baptist Towers.

The course will teach health care workers to identify potential signs of commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking, indications of physical and emotional abuse, language and terminology, signs of branding, and the trauma bond that exists between the victim and the exploiter. It is one of a series that will be offered at Baptist throughout 2019.

Brad Dennis, National Search Director for the KlaasKIDS Foundation’s Search Center for Missing & Trafficked Children, will present the course. He has more than 28 years of experience in search and rescue and has managed search efforts for more than 300 missing or abducted children across the country, including the community – assisted search effort for Polly Klaas who was taken from her mother’s California home in 1993. His rescue efforts for missing children have been reported on CNN, The Early Show, The Today Show, Dateline, MSNBC and 48 Hours. He is a retired cryptologic master chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy. He lives in Pensacola.

The course is approved for two continuing education units (CEUs) for health care workers and meets mandatory requirements for license renewal.

The public is also invited to attend. Registration is not required but attendees are encouraged to arrive promptly.

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