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Housing, Addiction, and Human Trafficking

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What resources have you found to address the intersection of housing, addiction, and human trafficking?



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With such a great need, why are there so few transitional housing facilities?

If housing is scarce, what other avenues can we tap in to?



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When starting a Human Trafficking Task Force, what suggestions can you offer to better identify and acknowledge the victims and the problems associated with their victimization?



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What should you do if you suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking?



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How often is addiction involved in trafficking?

Have you noticed an intersection between human trafficking and drug use?



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What do you do when a client does not want to address his/her addiction?



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Are there any support groups designed for trafficking victims and substance abuse?

What do you think about suggesting 12-step recovery groups to survivors of sex trafficking?



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How do you connect human trafficking survivors to resources like housing when there is a record present (evictions, criminal backgrounds, etc.)?



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What role do co-occurring disorders play in homelessness and human trafficking?



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Is there a way to require that a client be involved in recovery support services in order to obtain or keep housing if they fail a drug test?



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How do you navigate advocating for trafficking clients with mental health needs to housing programs that seem resistant to accommodate them?



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What should domestic violence organizations that are looking to expand services to meet the unique needs of trafficking survivors take into consideration?



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Is there any research surrounding victims bringing their personal cell phones into a shelter facility?



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What are your thoughts on having mixed genders in a facility and program for trafficking victims only?



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What services are available for male victims of trafficking?



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What was the biggest challenge you faced when starting your program, and how did you overcome/meet that challenge?

Is there any advice you would like to share?



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