

Screening for DV/HT During In-person Intake

Definitions

- **Victim of Domestic Violence:** Behaviors that are used to gain or keep power and control over a romantic partner or family member. These behaviors can be physical, sexual, verbal, or financial. Help is available at 1-800-621-HOPE or nyc.gov/nychope.
- **Victim of Human Trafficking:** Forcing, tricking, or pressuring someone to work without pay or perform commercial sex acts. Help is available at 1-800-621-HOPE or nyc.gov/nychope.

Framing the issues:

“Now I am going to ask you a set of questions that are sensitive in nature. The reason we are asking these questions is to see if you qualify for free services. We can also provide you with resources connected to these questions if you are interested. You don't have to answer any questions if you don't want to, and you don't have to give me specific details about your experiences, or prove your experience for you to receive services.”

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“Now I am going to ask you about domestic violence. We define domestic violence as...

[Domestic Violence: *Behaviors that are used to gain or keep power and control over a romantic partner or family member. These behaviors can be physical, sexual, verbal, or financial.* Is this something you have experienced or are experiencing right now?”

“Now I am going ask you about human trafficking. We define human trafficking as...

[Human Trafficking: *Forcing, tricking, or pressuring someone to provide work without pay or sex acts for money.* Is this something you have experienced or are experiencing right now?”

Responding to disclosures for either and or DV/HT (sample language):

“Thank you for sharing this with me. I am sorry this is happening/has happened to you. Share resources. Hotline to connect someone immediately and NYC HOPE for additional information on various resources that exist in the city.”