



# THE SAMARITAN WOMEN

## SCREENING GUIDE FOR DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING

The following questions have been adapted from the NYCTAP Screening Tool and may serve as a guide to suggest if an individual may be a victim of domestic sex trafficking. Affirmative responses do not necessarily conclude that the individual is a victim, but multiple affirmative responses **should be investigated by law enforcement**.

Before screening a candidate, ensure a comfortable and safe environment. You may invite the interviewee to elaborate on any of the questions, as appropriate, but it is advised that the interview give the interviewee full control of his/her responses and not probe unduly.

- Yes  No Has anyone you ever worked for made you a promise of the type of work you would be doing, but that promise turned out to be untrue?
- Yes  No Has anyone ever taken and kept your identification, or provided you with alternative identification that was false?
- Yes  No Have you ever worked for or lived with anyone in the U.S. who instructed you to lie about your age or the type of work that you did?
- Yes  No Have you ever worked without getting the payment expected?
- Yes  No Have you ever been punished (beaten, deprived of basic needs, isolated, etc.) for not making a certain amount of money?
- Yes  No Has anyone you ever worked for or lived with been responsible for your food (whether or not you ate, how much, what food, etc.)?
- Yes  No Has anyone you ever lived with or worked for controlled when you could sleep?
- Yes  No Have you ever lived in or worked at a place where the doors/windows were locked and you were restricted from leaving when you wanted?
- Yes  No Has anyone you ever worked for or lived with denied your contact with family, friends or others?
- Yes  No Has anyone you ever worked for or lived with taken/kept money that was yours in exchange for food, transportation, rent, clothing, beauty treatments, etc.?
- Yes  No Have you ever lived with or worked for someone where you felt that if you wanted to leave that situation, you—or someone you care about—would be in danger?
- Yes  No Have you ever received anything of value (money, housing, food, gifts, drugs) in exchange for any activity involving sexual contact?
- Yes  No Were you under the age of 18 when this activity occurred?
- Yes  No Was this work any of the following: escort service, strip club dancer, massage parlor, phone sex—or anything similar?

*Don't overlook the most important question: DOES SOMETHING JUST NOT SEEM RIGHT HERE?*