

Long Term Services

This online training course deals primarily with the immediate and early support needs that a trafficked person may have. Once a trafficked person has left their situation of exploitation and immediate needs have been met, longer term supports will be required.

Special Considerations

Each trafficked person's long term needs are unique but may include the following:

- Long-term and permanent housing.
- Life skills training.
- Education upgrading.
- Job seeking and career guidance.
- Legal assistance for matters that may require time to resolve such as long-term legal status issues, prosecution of the trafficker, etc.
- Long-term trauma informed care and counselling.
- Transition planning including integrating into the local community.
- Building and maintaining a social support network.
- Creating a self-care plan to deal with ongoing impacts of trauma.

Where to Look

When the person gets to this stage, you can help them research what their options are such as:

- career counselling agencies
- continuing education programs
- language programs
- trauma counsellors
- volunteering opportunities to gain skills and experience
- support groups, peer groups, and social networks

Returning Home

A person who has been trafficked into Canada may wish to return to their country of origin. When possible, it is important to help them plan a safe trip home and a supported re-integration into their home country and community.

For those who wish to be repatriated back to their country of origin:

- Ask the person if they have any family members, friends, or other trusted contacts that can help.
- If the person is involved in a police investigation or prosecution, ask the police and crown if they will be able to help.
- Contact the person's embassy or consulate to see if they can assist with repatriation plans. You or the consulate may also want to look into services in the person's home country or community, such as shelter, counselling, and other services that could assist upon their arrival.
- Contact organizations that deal specifically with migration and repatriation, such as the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), for information and assistance.