

KIMBERLY R. WILLIAMS



Kimberly Williams is a driven advocate with a wealth of experience caring for individuals in vulnerable situations. Williams is a graduate of the University of Florida and completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Baylor St Luke's Medical Center in Houston Texas.

Williams serves as the Human Trafficking Program Director at St. Luke's Health where she raises awareness, facilitates training, and collaborates with community partners to provide leadership in the Texas Region. She also serves as the founder and director of the Houston Area Human Trafficking Healthcare Consortium for healthcare professionals with direct patient contact in the Texas Medical Center. This group meets monthly to collaborate regarding human trafficking concerns.

In addition to the Consortium, Williams works in partnership with Harris Health System (Ben Taub General Hospital), Doctors for Change, San Jose Clinic and Law Enforcement to research and establish training for healthcare providers serving victims in the Houston region. Williams has trained over 9,000 healthcare and community partners on human trafficking and has received over \$1.7 million in grants to fund these efforts.

Williams was featured as a guest on The EthicsLab Podcast that explores current healthcare ethics issues, including human trafficking. Additionally, Nursing Administration Quarterly: April/June 2018 issue interviewed her in the article titled: "*Advocacy for All—But Especially for the Most Vulnerable*" by Kathleen Sanford, as a feature on the importance of advocating for at risk populations within our society. Williams was also featured in the American Hospital Association's Hospital Against Violence Human Trafficking Special Report. Williams also served on the City of Houston's Human Trafficking Council as the co-chair of the direct services committee.

Williams serves as a Board Member of Healing Hands of Joy, a community based, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization committed to improving the lives of women who have suffered from obstetric fistula and preventing more women from developing fistula in Ethiopia. She also serves at a Board Member for A 2nd Cup, a coffee shop and nonprofit dedicated to human trafficking awareness in Houston, TX. Williams is the founder of the Faith Collaborative, a nonprofit that provides care to survivors of human trafficking and their caregivers. Williams brings a wealth of resources and knowledge working with this underserved population.