

What We Offer...

Needs Assessment and Evaluation

The project staff conducts needs assessments to determine local and community capacity and needs to serve torture survivors.

Technical Assistance and Training

Based on outcomes from the needs assessment, trainings are tailored to meet local and community needs. Specialized trainers from the torture treatment movement provide practical and applied assistance in the areas of physical, psychological, social and legal services among other areas to increase awareness of the unique needs within the torture survivor population.

Peer Mentoring

Professionals from mainstream and refugee agencies can be linked with torture treatment professionals who will offer support and guidance, depending on needs, geographical location and organizational capacity to better serve survivors in the communities in which they live.

Multi-disciplinary Resources

In partnership with the Harvard Program for Refugee Trauma and the Marjorie Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture, NPCT gathers and disseminates promising practices from the torture treatment movement including resources from a wide range of disciplines that impact the healing process of torture survivors living in the United States today.

National Partnership for Community Training

*Advancing Promising Practices in the
Torture Treatment Field*

A program of Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services Inc.

NPCT is a technical assistance program for professionals, agencies and organizations working with immigrant populations to identify, refer, assist, and effectively serve torture survivors in the communities in which they live.

Clearwater Office:

14041 Icot Blvd
Clearwater, FL 33760
P:(727) 450-7274
TDD: 1-800-955-8771
F:(727) 450-7285
www.gcjfs.org

Miami Office:

101 Westward Dr., 2nd. Floor
Miami Springs, FL 33166
P:(305) 805-5060
F:(305) 805-5068
partnership@gcjfs.org

**The National Partnership for Community Training is
funded through the Office of Refugee Resettlement,
Administration for Children and Families,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.**

National Partnership for Community Training

*Advancing Promising Practices in the
Torture Treatment Field*



**A Program of Gulf Coast
Jewish Family Services, Inc.**

National Partnership for Community Training

Who We Are...

For over 46 years, **Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc.** has provided comprehensive services to Florida's most vulnerable persons including the mentally ill, persons with HIV/AIDS, disabled adults and frail elders, abused and neglected children, and the homeless.

Our programs include a continuum of services in 32 counties across Florida serving 40,000 clients annually. Divisions include: community mental health, elder and disabled adults, children's services, employment services, refugee programs and Jewish Family Services. The **Florida Center for Survivors of Torture** was opened in 2000 in the Tampa Bay area with services expanded to Miami-Dade in 2005. Current programs include targeted services to refugee youth, Haitian families and victims of crime who are limited English proficient as well as professional interpreting services. Gulf Coast is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible.



We envision a world in which every person enjoys human rights and every community torn apart by crisis is given the opportunity for healing and hope.

...Inspiring Hope and Understanding

The **Florida Center for Survivors of Torture** in partnership with the **Harvard Program for Refugee Trauma**, the **Marjorie Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture** and the **Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)**, is providing technical assistance to those working with refugees, asylum seekers and other immigrant populations, including the new Iraqi arrivals, to increase awareness in serving torture survivors.

Using promising practices from existing torture treatment programs around the world, NPCT promotes practical and applied techniques to identify, refer, assist and effectively serve torture survivors.

Torture Defined

US Code-Title 18 § 2340.

(1) "torture" means an act committed by a person acting under the color of law specifically intended to inflict severe physical or mental pain or suffering (other than pain or suffering incidental to lawful sanctions) upon another person within his custody or physical control....

There are an estimated 300,000 to 500,000 torture survivors living in the United States. Individuals and families are targeted for persecution and torture due to their political beliefs, religion, race, ethnicity or membership in a social group. Amnesty International has documented torture practices in over 100 countries.

Training Eligibility:

Trainings will benefit organizations and professionals serving refugee and immigrant populations and communities where there are no specialized torture treatment centers.

- State Agencies
- Resettlement Agencies
- Mutual Aid Associations
- National Professional Associations

Disciplines include:

- Medical
- Psychiatric
- Psychological
- Immigration Law
- Social Work
- Case Management
- Administration