

Empower

IMPROVING OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSE

TWO-DAY WEBINAR SERIES

Empower is an annual MAP event that addresses high-level challenges and collaborative solutions pertaining to **human trafficking**. Gather with us virtually this year, as we welcome experts from around the country to share best practices, research, and innovative ways to impact the anti-trafficking movement in Michigan and beyond!

MAY 28 **Buying and Selling Women – A Human Rights Violation**

10-10:50 a.m. *Taina Bien-Aimé* – Coalition Against Trafficking in Women

The Demand Side of Prostitution

11-11:50 a.m. *Alisa Bernard* – Organization for Prostitution Survivors

12-12:50 p.m. *Pete Holmes* – Seattle City Attorney

MAY 29 **Understanding & Identifying Familial/Gang Trafficking**

10-10:50 a.m. *Alice Jay* – Author, Sister Survivor Support Network

Online Predators & Grooming Tactics

11-11:50 a.m. *Alicia Kozak* – Internet Safety Expert & Survivor

Carol Ryan – Connections Counseling and Consulting

12-12:50 p.m. **Bringing Anti-Trafficking Advocates Together:
Connection, Skill-Building, and Empowerment**

Celia Williamson – Professor University of Toledo

\$10 Registration:
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BUYING AND SELLING WOMEN – A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION

This presentation will provide an overview of why sex trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and girls must be couched within a human rights framework – namely that fundamental rights are inalienable, indivisible, and universal. Buying and selling women must not be deemed an exception in efforts to achieve equality, a life free of violence, and a life with dignity.

THE DEMAND SIDE OF PROSTITUTION

Human trafficking is the only industry in which supply and demand are the same thing: human beings. People demanding the sale of people. How do we begin to tackle this issue of demand when it comes to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation? What legislative changes need to take place? What is the Buyer Beware program and how has it been effective in curbing demand? What types of pushback should we expect? How can we successfully leverage partnerships with other agencies and non-profits to combat this issue? Panelists will explore Seattle's approach towards ending the demand and what they would say to other cities that want to get involved.

UNDERSTANDING & IDENTIFYING FAMILIAL/GANG TRAFFICKING

As a survivor of familial trafficking and gang affiliation as a minor, I was forced into the life at gunpoint when I was eleven. This experience, along with twelve years of recovery, gives me a unique perspective in addressing and helping other gang trafficking survivors. I have worked with hundreds of children and young adults who have had the same experience, helping them in their path to recovery. In this presentation, we will review how I have used this experience to help others and how you can best identify and support survivors of familial and gang trafficking.

ONLINE PREDATORS & GROOMING TACTICS

Do parents understand how potent an online predators is? ANY child or teen can become the victim of an Internet predator. Predators do not discriminate based on gender, ethnicity, education, socioeconomic status, income, or religion. It can happen. It does happen. It is happening. Learn more about what is being done to stop it and what parents can do to protect their children.

BRINGING ANTI-TRAFFICKING ADVOCATES TOGETHER: CONNECTION, SKILL-BUILDING, & EMPOWERMENT

Involved advocates have little time to find the latest human trafficking focused research, best practices, or to find and connect with experts and other advocates in the field. Yet connection, collaboration, education, and skill building are the keys to providing effective services to survivors, while empowering and inspiring advocates to provide their best. The **Emancipation Nation Network** provides an online network offering a one-stop shop for advocates to connect with other advocates across the U.S. and abroad, locate credible and effective human trafficking focused information and materials, and build skills by taking human trafficking focused workshops and courses offered by experts in the field.

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