



STATEWIDE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT 2023

**JANUARY 26TH 2023
8:30AM-2:00PM**

**ATTEND VIRTUALLY OR IN-PERSON AT:
MSU MANAGEMENT EDUCATION CENTER,
811 W. SQUARE LAKE RD., TROY, MICHIGAN 48098**

The annual Statewide Summit brings together advocates from across the state of Michigan. The 2023 Summit includes networking, discussions, interactions, and perspectives from subject matter experts, including those with lived experience. We encourage professionals to join us for this hybrid event where we explore best practices and resources for Michigan's service providers, community partners, funders, and others who serve trafficked persons and work to prevent human trafficking.

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SESSION ONE: GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THOSE SERVING TRAFFICKED PERSONS IN MICHIGAN

Kelly Carter - Michigan Human Trafficking Commission
Meredith Reese - Vista Maria
Rev. Karen Gray - Sheffield- Ascension Michigan
Karen Moore - Sanctum House
Jeynce Poindexter - Ruth Ellis Center
Lt. Wendy K Reyes - Oakland County Sheriff's Department

Do we really want to help, and do no harm? If we aren't carefully assessing the reasons why we provide services the way we do, and the ways we interact with survivors, it can be easy to mimic the behavior of traffickers, even unintentionally. We need to ensure survivors are in the "driver's seat" by making their own choices, and feeling supported in those choices. The Michigan Human Trafficking Commission has worked to develop and deploy best practices for those serving victims and survivors of human trafficking and has identified and evaluated the "Guiding Principles for Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking" resource developed through the U.S. Administration of Children and Families. This session features a panel of Michigan experts who will explore lessons learned and practical ways to apply and implement these principles.

SESSION TWO: INTEGRATING THE SURVIVOR'S VOICE IN MICHIGAN'S ANTI-TRAFFICKING MOVEMENT

Leslie King-Friday - Survivor, Advocate, Author
Alice Jay - Neighborhood Legal Services
Brigitte Henderson - BSW

Persons with lived experience of human trafficking have a vital role to play in combating human trafficking effectively throughout the world, as well as here in Michigan. The anti-trafficking movement needs the leadership of those experts with lived experiences to ensure our work is both survivor-centered and trauma-informed. They are in a unique position to enact change on policy, organization, and at individual levels. The voice of those with lived experience must not just be a final stamp of approval on a policy or program, but rather an integrated part of all stages of our work.

LUNCH KEYNOTE SPEAKER: "NEW" UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HUMAN TRAFFICKING CLINIC + LAB

Bridgette A. Carr - Clinical Professor of Law, University of Michigan

For over a decade, the Clinic relied solely on legal tools and direct representation to fight human trafficking. The Lab, launched in 2022, endeavors to create change at policy, service, and industry levels through collaborative partnerships across the nonprofit, corporate, and governmental sectors. They believe the law is an incomplete, imperfect solution to reducing exploitation and that interdisciplinary, cross-industry collaboration is necessary. The vision for the Clinic + Lab partnership is that the work with individual survivors in the Clinic will help ensure the Lab is victim-centered and informed by lived-experience.

SESSION THREE: CREATING A STANDARDIZED DATA REPORTING FRAMEWORK FOR MICHIGAN

Elizabeth Moon-Carter - The Salvation Army
Kelly Carter - Michigan Human Trafficking Commission
Kris McNeil - Measurable Change

This interactive session will explore ways data might be used to meaningfully improve services to survivors. The Michigan Human Trafficking Commission is working to create a standardized data reporting framework specifically for victim services providers with categories for victim typology and services provided. Once the data set is identified, the Committee plans to collect data from providers across the state to provide a periodic snapshot of trends in human trafficking victimization and service provision across Michigan. The data could be a valuable resource, especially for organizations applying for grants and crafting policy and legislation.