

EMPOWER 2017: CONTINUUM OF CARE

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The Empower conference is an annual MAP event that addresses high-level challenges and opportunities pertaining to human trafficking in Michigan. Empower is designed to equip experts and experienced community advocates who are working towards collaborative solutions.

Our 2017 topic is "Continuum of Care." Over the past several years, many have expressed concerns about gaps in comprehensive, wraparound services for victims and survivors. The intent of this year's conference is to take a measurable, collective step forward in developing a seamless continuum of care in the state of Michigan.

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Event Schedule

2:00 – 3:00 PM: Registration and Networking

3:00 – 3:30 PM: Introduction and Overview (Banquet Room)

3:45 – 4:45 PM: Breakout Session One (Classrooms)

5:00 – 6:00 PM: Breakout Session Two (Classrooms)

6:00 – 6:45 PM: Light Dinner (Banquet Room)

7:00 – 8:00 PM: Keynote Address, Heather Stockdale (Banquet Room)

Break Out Sessions:

Counseling Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking – Joyce Haskett

Many studies identify the serious and often complex mental health needs of victims of human trafficking. Victims may experience significant levels of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) because they have experienced, witnessed, or been confronted with threats of death or serious injury, and physical and mental abuse of self or others. Their response to these events frequently involves intense fear, helplessness, or horror. Because of the impact of trauma, there is a need for trauma-informed care. Joyce brings a wealth of personal experience and professional expertise to this session geared toward counselors, mentors, and professionals who are interacting with human trafficking survivors.

Youth (are) At Risk Panel – Maggie Dunn, Luke Hassevoort, Deena Policicchio

Human traffickers often go after America's most vulnerable, including children in foster care, homeless youth, children with mental health issues, LGBT youth and children who have been previously sexually abused. Networks of human trafficking have permeated all 50 states, including Michigan. If met with negligence or indifference, the crime of human trafficking will continue to grow -- and generations of young people remain at risk to the horrible fate of exploitation and slavery. Our expert panel speaks to parents, counselors, social workers, and educators - there is a part for us all to play in protecting our children.

Promising Practices of Case Management – Aleksandra Andjelkovic & Heather Stockdale

Case management is the central component in the provision of comprehensive victim-centered services to trafficking victims. A case manager performs multiple roles as point person, victim advocate, and facilitator of communication in order to help a victim navigate complex criminal justice and social service systems. Case management is one of the most vital services required by victims, as well as one of the most time-intensive. Join Aleksa and Heather as they discuss the importance of establishing comprehensive services and what it takes to build effective wraparound victim-centered approach. This session is geared toward social workers, service providers, health and welfare agencies, victim advocates and anyone who is servicing survivors.

Legal Challenges and Opportunities - Kelly Carter

The primary role of prosecution is to see that justice is accomplished. In the case of human trafficking, this means protecting the safety and rights of the victim and community by holding traffickers accountable. To accomplish this goal, prosecutors must work in a coordinated and collaborative fashion with the victim, law enforcement, federal agencies, and service providers.

End the Demand – Nathan Cole and Others

Effectively ending human trafficking requires not only prosecuting traffickers and protecting victims, but also preventing trafficking from occurring in the first place. End the Demand is a Michigan Abolitionist Project initiative to combat human trafficking by reducing the demand that fuels it. The initiative has three specific objectives: Address Pornography, Intercept Potential Online Sex Buyers, Educate Offenders. Peer-reviewed research and case studies have proven that pornography is a highly addictive substance that is rewiring minds, destroying relationships, and contributing to major social ills – including violence against women / children and even human trafficking. This session is for all who want to learn more about some of the ways MAP, and our partner groups and organizations are innovatively addressing demand abatement in Michigan.

Event Speakers and Presenters

Heather Stockdale, Executive Director & Co-Founder of Georgia Cares (Keynote Speaker)

Heather Stockdale is the Executive Director of Georgia Cares, the statewide coordinating agency for child victims of sex trafficking and exploitation in Georgia. In her role as Executive Director, she is responsible for the overall development and implementation of the organization's mission and strategic priorities. Her professional experience and training within the Trafficking and Youth Development fields serve her vision to pursue strategies that support holistic health and growth of youth while also building the State's capacity to support families and communities in the fight against Human Trafficking.

Kelly Carter is Assistant Attorney General in the criminal division of the Michigan Department of the Attorney General. Kelly is a statewide expert and serves on Attorney General Bill Schutte's Human Trafficking Unit where her work includes prosecuting human trafficking cases for the State of Michigan. The Human Trafficking unit works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to uncover and prosecute cases of slavery involving both children and adults. Kelly also chairs Governor Synder's Human Trafficking Commission.

Luke Hassevoort, Runaway and Homeless Youth Assistant Program Manager at Common Ground

Luke graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in Psychology, and Wayne State University with a Master's in Social Work. He has the privilege of working with youth, families, and community partners as the Assistant Program Manager of Common Ground's Runaway and Homeless Programs in Oakland County. Luke was also part of a team that created the documentary *Hope for the Voiceless*, a MAP video, which explores the demand for sex trafficking in the United States.

Maggie Dunn, Founder and Director of House of Providence

Jason and Maggie have been married for 21 years and they are the proud parents of eight amazing children! Together, they founded *House of Providence* in response to the foster care crisis in Michigan. They aim to bring love, care, support, and healing to those who have been victims of abuse and neglect. Maggie is a therapist and Christian woman on a mission to advocate for the orphan. She is passionate about justice and actively intervenes on behalf of the vulnerable foster youth in the state of Michigan.

Deena Policicchio Director, Outreach and Education Services at Alternatives For Girls (AFG)

Deena started as a volunteer in 1999, after working with high risk women in other organizations since 1995, and joined AFG's staff in 2000, becoming director of the Outreach & Education Services department, two years later. Ms. Policicchio has presented on the topic of sexually exploited young and adult women and effective risk reduction and outreach strategies at numerous conferences for over a decade, including the International AIDS Conference in Vienna, Austria in July, 2010. Recently, Ms. Policicchio can be seen in the MSNBC documentaries, "Sex Slaves: Motor City" and "Sex Slaves: Addiction."

Joyce Haskett LMSW, ACSW, Counselor Pathways2

Joyce is a licensed Clinical Social Worker and Therapist working at Pathways2 Christian Counseling Centers. She holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. Joyce knows first hand how human trafficking destroys a person's sense of self-worth, and strips away their dignity and freedom because she was trafficked across Michigan. Her trafficker threatened the lives of her family and children to keep him. She decided there was only one way out. Out of desperation, she killed her pimp to escape. Joyce was charged with premeditated murder, imprisoned, and after many appeals and 17 years later, she was finally released. While in prison, she became an advocate for women and was the first woman to graduate from the University of Michigan behind bars.

Aleksandra Andjelkovic, LMHC, LPC, Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative Director Salvation Army, EMI Division

Aleksa is addressing and combating issues of Human Trafficking by coordinating the Victim Service Provider responsibilities for the Salvation Army under the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Grant. She assists in coordination of various Joint Anti-Trafficking Task Force (JATT) responsibilities such as identifying victims and matching their needs with resources, educating and training victim services providers, law enforcement and other community members, and working toward building relationships and a collaborative working model to support wrap around services for survivors. Aleksa is a trauma and crisis response specialist and she has served on many task forces and initiatives addressing human trafficking in our state.

Nathan Cole, MAP Freedom Coalition Coordinator

Nathan leads MAP's Freedom Coalition and is the Project lead for MAP's End the Demand initiative. Nathan also leads the Human Dignity Department at Embassy Covenant International Church in Troy, MI which engages in humanitarian outreach and addresses societal issues here and around the world. Nathan has participated in various humanitarian missions, both domestically and overseas including Nicaragua - where he plans to construct a primary school for an impoverished village. He is also the author of *Exiting the Maze*, a book that chronicles his own theological and psychological journey from the torments of obsessive-compulsive disorder to faith and freedom in Christ Jesus.

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