

Two-Part Webinar Series on Human Sex Trafficking

Regular people, like you and me, CAN make a difference in the big issues of life. While some of the issues of our day seem beyond our healing/helping touch, there is one issue in which a few commonsense steps can have lasting impact on our families, neighborhoods and communities: human trafficking.

By participating in this webinar series, you will become more aware of what trafficking can look like in your area, access tools to guard your loved ones, and be part of bringing hope and healing to those trafficked.



Wednesday, Sept. 16
1:00 p.m.

Session 1: "Awareness and Prevention."
Provides an overview of sex trafficking:

- A basic explanation
- Where it happens
- What it looks like locally
- Vulnerabilities/grooming
- Personal and online safety

Wednesday, Sept. 23
1:00 p.m.

Session 2: "From Victim to Overcomer."
Reviews Session 1 and addresses:

- Restorative care
- Trauma-informed programming
- Community resourcing
- What victory looks like
- What trying again looks like
- National Initiatives



Karen Schultz, city director for Refuge for Women, Chicago, will lead the webinar series. Refuge for Women is a national network of restorative after-care homes offering a new beginning for women who have been trafficked and exploited. Karen was part of the team that launched a home in McHenry County for survivors and has worked with staff to implement the trauma-informed, evidence-based, three-phase programming model that has served more than 25 women to date since the home's opening in 2016.



Suzanne Martinez, coordinator for congregational outreach for the Office for Mission and Spiritual Care for Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Advocate Condell Medical Center and Advocate Sherman Hospital, will facilitate the webinars. Suzanne's role includes supporting area faith communities with health and wellness education seminars and developing new programs and activities that strengthen partnerships between Advocate Aurora Health and congregations.

Register for Session One: <http://tiny.cc/0grdsz>

Register for Session Two: <http://tiny.cc/9urdsz>

Learn more about the Human Sex Trafficking webinar series here:
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