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Child Sexual Exploitation & Trafficking During Covid

with Dr. Sharon Cooper

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Virtual Workshop

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTP://LACOE.K12OMS.ORG/1541-198390](http://LACOE.K12OMS.ORG/1541-198390)

About the Workshop: Teachers, caregivers, and all forms of educators are true heroes, but too often, they lack the right tools, resources, and knowledge to prevent and respond to instances of child abuse, exploitation and trafficking. This has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This session will share information, examples and resources around understanding and combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children, especially in LA communities and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Need for Prevention Education Now: The global COVID-19 pandemic is exacerbating the existing child abuse pandemic. The National Center for Exploited and Missing Children reports an increase in online child sexual abuse and exploitation and the Rape, Incest and Abuse National Network reports that more children, stuck at home with their abusers, are calling to disclose abuse and fears about risk. At the same time, communities' existing safety nets are significantly affected.



DR. SHARON COOPER is an exceptional leader, developmental and forensic pediatrician, producer, and author with expertise in all areas of child maltreatment, internet-facilitated crimes against children, and child sexual exploitation. She is a Board member and consultant to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and for more than a decade has taught several thousand special victim unit and vice investigators about victim vulnerability, health impact, and diverse forms of exploitation in sex trafficking.