

Hospitality
Saskatchewan's
2nd Annual
**HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
SUMMIT
AGENDA
2024**

Travelodge Hotel
106 Circle Drive, Saskatoon



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Hospitality Saskatchewan's Human Trafficking Summit Agenda 2024

OCTOBER 21ST DAY 1

12:00pm – 1:00 Registration

1:00 – 2:00 Prayers and opening remarks



JIM BENCE

Welcome - Delegates

It is with great honor and respect that I welcome you all to the 2nd Annual Human Trafficking Summit. Today, we gather not only as advocates and professionals from various fields but also as a united force against one of the most pressing human rights issues of our time.

Human trafficking is a complex and pervasive crime, it is a violation of dignity, freedom, and fundamental rights, and it requires our collective action to combat. This summit serves as a platform for meaningful collaboration, knowledge exchange, and shared commitment to creating lasting change. Through our discussions, workshops, and expert panels, we hope to deepen our understanding of the challenges and identify innovative solutions to end trafficking in all its forms.

2:00 – 2:30 Lived Experience



TRACY DESJARLAIS,

Indigenous Liaison

Tracy Desjarlais, born in Regina, is a proud mother and grandmother and member of the Piapot First Nation.

Tracy has been subjected to sexual trauma both as a child and an adult. Through the help of elders and her indigenous culture,

she was guided on a path to spiritual healing and growth. Tracy lives an alcohol and drug free lifestyle. Leading by example, Tracy has been, and continues to be a strong advocate and influence in her community.

2:30 – 3:00

Canadian Center to End Human Trafficking



ASHLEY FRANSEN-TINGLEY
*Director of Stakeholder Relations
& Partnerships*

The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking is a national charitable organization dedicated to ending all forms of trafficking in Canada, and operator of the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline. The Centre focuses on mobilizing systems change and advancing evidence-based solutions through intentional collaboration across sectors. The Centre's presentation will focus on recent advances in the effort to combat trafficking in persons in Canada, and emerging promising practices that are relevant for Saskatchewan. Ashley works to foster cross-sector collaboration by building strategic partnerships with frontline workers, survivor leaders, governments, advocates, law enforcement, and the private sector. Working with a dedicated team, she leverages expertise from the anti-trafficking field to support the Centre's advocacy, partnerships, engagement efforts, and Hotline operations.

3:00 – 3:30

Provincial HT Strategy Update

JIM BENCE

Jim Bence will provide an insightful update on Saskatchewan's Human Trafficking Strategy, highlighting the **importance of industry engagement** in tackling this issue. He will discuss the critical role **hospitality and tourism** play in both preventing and identifying instances of human trafficking. Jim will underscore the need for **ongoing education** and **training** for frontline workers, ensuring they are equipped to recognize the signs of trafficking and respond appropriately. He will also stress the value of **cross-sector collaboration**, noting that strong partnerships between **government, industry, and community organizations** are essential for a comprehensive and effective response.

3:30 – 4:00

Break

4:00 – 5:00

Hope Restored and
Salvation Army



KENDRA MAZER

*Executive Director,
Hope Restored Canada*

Hope Restored Canada, a non-profit in Saskatoon, is dedicated to combating sex trafficking and exploitation. As Saskatchewan's only organization of its kind, we follow the H.O.P.E. model to offer holistic support to survivors.

This session will showcase our programs and resources, emphasizing how the community can help.

About Kendra: Kendra spent 15 years with SK Foster Families, leading programs to support vulnerable children and families. Her advocacy and community engagement have been key to improving their well-being. At Hope Restored Canada, she continues to amplify the voices of those she serves, ensuring they feel heard and empowered in their healing journeys.



STEPHEN MOORGAN

*The Salvation Army,
Correctional and Justice
Services*

Presented on "Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking" offering wraparound services for the holistic healing and restoration of trafficking survivors. Aware of service gaps, the project aims to address these through unique, cross-collaborative partnerships.

Stephen has worked previously in law enforcement for thirteen years, in labor and employment relations, investigations of harassment as well as workplace suicide because of harassment and discrimination. In addition, he also had considerable experience working with issues related to forced labour practices within the province.

5:30

Reception and Networking
Session

OCTOBER 22ND DAY 2

8:00am

Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00 – 9:45

Sert / Human Trafficking And Counter Exploitation Unit



STAFF SGT. JEFF SMOLIAK

Insp. Sask. Enforcement Response Teams (SERT), RCMP F Division, Criminal Operations & Lindsey Badger, Corporal, Human Trafficking and Counter Exploitation Unit, RCMP F Division (SERT)

In this session they will discuss efforts and initiatives taken by SERT to address Human Trafficking and

the initiatives planned to move forward.

The Sask. Trafficking Response Team (STRT) are mandated to conduct law enforcement and intelligence activities with the objective of stopping or disrupting inter and intra-provincial criminal groups engaged in the trafficking of humans, firearms, and controlled substances.

Lindsey Badger graduated from St. Thomas University in 2014 with a Major in Criminology and a Minor in Human Rights. She joined the RCMP in 2015, serving Indigenous communities in Northern Saskatchewan for five years. In 2020, she transferred to Federal policing, working in units such as Federal Serious and Organized Crime. In February 2024, Lindsey was promoted to Corporal in the Human Trafficking and Counter Exploitation Unit.

9:45 – 10:30

How To Navigate Victim Supports



DINA UNGER

Dina Unger, CEO / Co-Founder, EVENforONE

EVENforONE envisions a world where safe pathways exist for survivors of human trafficking to reclaim their agency and freedom in their journey toward restoration.

Our mission is to unite the counter trafficking movement and remove barriers to restoration for survivors of human trafficking, ensuring rapid and safe access to

aftercare resources through innovative technology, education and advocacy.

Dina is the heart and soul behind EVENforONE's acute advocacy-based referral database and networking system, which are designed to help survivors/overcomers of trafficking reclaim their agency and voice as they navigate the intense journey from their exploitative circumstances to supported stability within safe and vetted programs. As a Lived Experience Expert and a credentialed advocate, she brings a depth of personal experience and compassion to her process of championing the needs of overcomers and helping them find and understand the resources available to their pursuit of healing.

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 Keynote: The Importance Of Specialized Prosecutors In Human Trafficking Prosecutions



SUE ORLANDO

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General

The HT Team is dedicated to prosecuting human trafficking cases, providing ongoing training and legal advice and implementing an Enhanced Prosecution Model for front-line Crowns and police.

Susan Orlando has been the Provincial Coordinator of Ontario's Human Trafficking Prosecution Team since it was formed on January 3, 2017. She leads a team of 14 specialized prosecutors from across the province, including Toronto and the GTA. Prior to assuming this role, she was the Deputy Director in the Office of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General – Criminal Law Division, Ministry of the Attorney General, where she was responsible for providing legal and strategic advice and support to the Chief Prosecutor for Ontario.

12:00 – 1:00 Soup & Sandwich Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 Keynote 2: ALERT (Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team)



ALERT

ALBERTA LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TEAMS

PETER KLBOCAN AND JAARED RUECKER

ALERT's Human Trafficking Counter Exploitation unit investigates domestic human trafficking involving sexual exploitation in Alberta. The integrated unit also works in collaboration with agencies and organizations that help rescue and support survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

The strength of the ALERT model lies in the integration of members from various police agencies who have expertise in intelligence, enforcement and support services. This co-operative approach to policing has proven to be an extremely successful model, especially as the criminal landscape evolves and pushes beyond local and regional boundaries.

2:30 – 3:00 Understanding Demand:

The role of sex buyers in human trafficking and how men can be part of the solution to prevent it



HENNES DOLTZE

*Project Leader,
EmpowerMen Project*

Project The EmpowerMen Project, part of Winnipeg's Indigenous-led MaMaWi Centre, engages men and boys to prevent sexual exploitation and trafficking. The workshop will focus on the role of sex buyers in trafficking and

discuss solutions for different sectors e.g. law enforcement, social services, youth work etc.

Hennes Doltze holds degrees in social work and non-profit management. With experience in mental health, child welfare, and criminal justice in Canada and Germany, he is passionate about engaging men to create safer communities for women and girls. He frequently presents training sessions for law enforcement, social services, and educators on human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and the role of sex buyers. He also speaks internationally at conferences on intimate partner violence and sexual exploitation.

3:00 – 3:30 Break

**3:30 – 4:00 Prevention & Intervention
Combating Human Trafficking
Through the Trucking, Bus and
Energy Industries**



DYLAN WECHT

Public Sector Engagement Specialist, TAT

TAT is a nonprofit that works throughout North America to combat human trafficking by partnering, training, and working with the transportation industry and the public sector. We raise awareness about trafficking, who it targets and its signs, and equipped individuals to act whenever their lives intersect with it and its victims. Our focus on collaboration, education and action fuels our mission to end human trafficking and restore dignity to survivors.

Dylan Wecht, Esq., is the Public Sector Engagement Specialist at TAT, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to educating and mobilizing key industries and agencies to combat human trafficking. He speaks across the U.S. and Canada about TAT's mission and trains law enforcement on victim-centered approaches to identify human trafficking during routine stops. Dylan holds a Juris Doctorate from Duquesne University School of Law and has previously worked as an immigration attorney in the Washington, DC area.

4:00 – 4:15

Closing - Jim Bence

OCTOBER 23RD DAY 3

7:30 – 8:30

Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 11:30

Human Trafficking Workshop

KENDRA MAZER AND STEPHEN MOORGAN

This workshop will feature facilitated roundtable sessions designed to foster in-depth discussions on practical solutions to the current challenges faced in the human trafficking field. Participants will engage collaboratively, sharing insights and experiences to identify effective strategies that can be implemented in various contexts.

Through these discussions, we aim to develop actionable outcomes that can be presented to policymakers, and service providers. Participants will leave equipped with knowledge and connections that can drive meaningful change.