

The Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

Presents

**The 20th Annual
Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect Summit**

Michigan's Response to Child Trafficking: Policies and Practice

Thursday, May 5, 2016 - Friday, May 6, 2016



Grand Traverse Resort and Spa
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OBJECTIVE:

To provide judges, attorneys, human services professionals and policy makers insight into the court's involvement in child welfare cases and to explore how the child welfare system responds to, supports, and protects children and families.

CONFERENCE SITE AND ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS:

The conference will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. Participants wishing to make overnight accommodations at their own expense may call the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa at 800-748-0303. To obtain the hotel's conference rate, you must indicate you are attending the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect Summit. A block of guest rooms for this conference will be held until April 22, 2016, at the state rate of \$75 per night, plus taxes and fees.

REGISTRATION/CONFERENCE FEES:

There is no charge to attend the summit. The summit is sponsored by the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



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PROGRAM AGENDA

DAY ONE: Thursday, May 5, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration (Continental Breakfast provided)
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. Dr. Tana Bridge: Welcome
The Honorable John Hohman: Opening Remarks and Introductions
- 9:20 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Tribal Leader: Tribal Prayer
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Steve Yager: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Update
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. E. Benjamin Skinner: Keynote
Human Trafficking
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Break and Book Signing by E. Benjamin Skinner
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Panel Discussion)
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Dr. Lisa Markman: Human Trafficking in Michigan
- 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Angela Aufmuth, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: Human Trafficking
- 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Seth Persky and Tony Lewis: Adolescent Suicide in Michigan: Moving in the Right Direction
- 5:15 p.m. Closing

DAY TWO: Friday, May 6, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration (Continental Breakfast provided)
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Senator Judy Emmons: Legislation for Human Trafficking in Michigan
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Guy Thompson: Michigan's Family Preservation Programs
- 12:00 p.m. Closing

E. Benjamin Skinner
Co-Founder of TAU Investment Management
**Author of “A Crime So Monstrous:
Face-to-Face with Modern-day Slavery”**



In 2003, as a writer on assignment in the frontlines of the north-south Sudanese civil war for Newsweek International, E. Benjamin Skinner met his first survivor of slavery, Muong Nyong. Like Skinner, Nyong was 27 at the time, and pondering what to do with the rest of his life. Unlike Skinner, he had spent the first part of that life in bondage. After meeting Nyong, Skinner traveled the globe to find others like him. Finding them would prove the most daunting challenge of Skinner’s professional life.

Skinner is co-founder and senior vice president of TAU, an investment management firm that generates returns by transforming the social, environmental and operational profiles of its portfolio companies.

Named National Geographic Adventurer of the Year, Skinner is a graduate of Wesleyan University. Recently he was a senior fellow at the Schuster Institute at Brandeis University. He was a fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and served as a research associate for U.S. Foreign Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations, as well as special assistant to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke. As a writer engaged in the study of the U.S. and global political economies, he has been published in numerous publications including Bloomberg Businessweek, Time, Newsweek, Travel + Leisure, Los Angeles Times, Foreign Policy and others. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

Skinner is donating 25 percent of A Crime So Monstrous’ royalties to groups dedicated to fighting slavery. He lives in New York City.

Steve Yager

Steve Yager graduated from Cedarville University with a B.A. in psychology. He is currently executive director of the Children's Services Administration at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. He has more than 27 years of child welfare experience within the department, beginning as a children's protective services investigator and later serving as a children's services program manager, director of the Office of Family Advocate, county director and Child Welfare field director. Yager is a strong advocate for the wellbeing and protection of children and has demonstrated a commitment to working collaboratively with community partners and other child welfare stakeholders.

Lisa Markman, MD

Dr. Lisa Markman has been the associate director of the Child Protection Team at the University of Michigan Hospital and Health Systems since 2008. She obtained her medical degree at Wayne State University in Detroit and completed her pediatric internship and residency at The Children's Hospital in Denver, Colo. Dr. Markman is board certified in both pediatrics and child abuse pediatrics. She is a member of American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), the Michigan chapter of APSAC, the Ray Helfer Society and the American Academy of Pediatrics. For the last eight years Dr. Markman's career has focused on providing clinical evaluations for suspected victims of child maltreatment and education and training for both medical and non-medical professionals on child maltreatment.

Angela Aufmuth

Angela Aufmuth joined the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) in 1999 and is currently the program manager of the Special Analysis Unit within the Case Analysis Division. She is responsible for the daily operational oversight of two analytical teams: Child Sex Trafficking and Sex Offender Tracking. She has participated in and made presentations at numerous law enforcement investigative training programs. She has provided extensive technical assistance to law enforcement in the United States and in other countries on cases of noncompliant sex offenders and child sexual exploitation, specifically internet crimes committed against children. Currently, Aufmuth is part of the supervisory team in the Case Analysis Division that created the Child Sex Trafficking Team. This team of analysts is dedicated to supporting the FBI and other law enforcement agencies that are working to identify and recover children victimized through sex trafficking and successfully prosecute those individuals involved in trafficking children. Aufmuth holds a bachelor of science in Family and Child Development from Virginia Tech with a concentration in psychology.

Seth Perksy

Seth Perksy is the director of the Office of Family Advocate, a unit within MDHHS Children's Services Agency which focuses solely on issues of child welfare. Perksy started his career as a foster care worker and then worked as a supervisor with Michigan's Family Preservation programs. He served as a specially certified trainer for the state for over 10 years, developing and presenting trainings to thousands of staff and community members on all topics involving family preservation and child welfare. Perksy obtained his bachelor of psychology and masters of social work degrees from the University of Michigan and lives in Detroit.

Tony Lewis

Tony Lewis' career with the State Of Michigan began in 1986 with the Michigan Department of Corrections. In 2000, he joined the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and is a success coach with Pathways To Potential. He is the President of the Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention (MASP) and board member with LifeWays Community Mental Health for Jackson and Hillsdale County. Lewis is active with Jackson County Community Corrections Advisory Committee and Allegiance Behavioral Health Team.

Senator Judy Emmons

Senator Judy Emmons is a mid-Michigan native, fifth generation farmer, mother of three and grandmother of three. The senator serves more than 250,000 constituents in the 33rd Senate District, which includes five counties: Clare, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta and Montcalm. Senator Emmons continues to be an influential leader in raising awareness on human trafficking in Michigan. Michigan is now a model state on human trafficking laws after passing effective legislation from last session. Senator Emmons' leadership experience prompted her appointment to serve as chair of the Families, Seniors and Human Services Committee, and as vice-chair of Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security committees. She also has been appointed to two other committees: Economic, Development and International Investment Committee, and the Elections and Government Reform Committee.

Guy Thompson

Guy Thompson is a graduate of Mercy College. He has also completed a 13-month graduate program in Family and Consumer Resources at Wayne State University in Detroit. Mr. Thompson has worked with individuals and families throughout the child welfare system. His experiences include direct family preservation and reunification services to families. He has also worked as both a direct service worker and supervisor in residential services for youth, as well as, a supervisor for counseling staff in runaway services programs. For 20 years, Mr. Thompson has worked as a trainer, consultant and coordinator for family preservation services in Michigan. These services include: Families First of Michigan, Family Group Decision Making, Family Reunification Program and Families Together Building Solutions. He trained family preservation and child welfare staff in the areas of in-home, strength-based, solution focused engagement, assessment and intervention techniques with families. His special topic training areas are: working with substance-affected families, domestic violence and cultural diversity. Mr. Thompson currently works for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as the manager of statewide family preservation services and initiatives within the MDHHS Children's Services Agency. Thompson has served as a member of the Race Equity Coalition for the state of Michigan. Many other states and countries have sought to duplicate the approach that Michigan has taken to family preservation. To this end, Thompson has taught throughout the United States, as well as the United Kingdom, Portugal, Germany, the Netherlands and Israel.

Task Force Members

Nick Lyon
Term expires 12/31/18
Department of Health and Human Services

Danita Echols, Allendale
Term expires 12/31/17
Child Advocate

Susan Hull, Oxford
Term expires 12/31/17
Child protective services agencies

Lori Budnik, Rogers City
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Child protection services agencies

Lani Forbes, Hastings
Term expires 12/31/17
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Parents groups

Jennifer Pintar, Tawas City
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Health and mental health professionals

Robert Sykes, Ionia
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Judges and attorneys

Julie Nakfoor Pratt, Hastings
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Kelly Ramsey, Detroit
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Melinda Deel, Rochester Hills
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Child Advocate

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State Coordinator

DIRECTIONS



From Cleveland and Detroit:

Take I-75 north through Saginaw, until you reach M-72. Go west on M-72 at the Grayling exit, then approximately 30-35 miles through Kalkaska into Acme. Go north on US-31 about 1/2 mile. Resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From Lansing:

Take route 27 north to exit 254. This exit will turn into M-72. Go west on M-72 approximately 35-40 miles. Go north on US-31 about 1/2 mile. Resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From Cherry Capital Airport:

As you exit the airport, turn left on South Airport Road and continue until it comes to an end at 3 Mile Road. Turn left on 3 Mile Road and go to the light at US-31. Turn right on US-31 and go north approximately 10 minutes to the intersection of US-31 and M-72. Continue north through the light on US-31 and the resort will be on the right side of the road. The resort offers airport shuttle service to and from Cherry Capital Airport for guests who choose to fly in to the resort.

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Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Profession: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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***Required for registration confirmation**

Vegetarian Luncheon Requested.

Please register early as seating is limited and there is a need to allow for geographic and professional diversity. You can expect an email confirmation at least two weeks prior to the summit.

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