

FIERCE BRAVERY: Harnessing Your Power to Advocate for Survivors and Create Lasting Change

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel - Dearborn, Michigan

	Day 1/Wednesday May 22, 2024					
7:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast					
9:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks Panel Discussion: Economic Empowerment for Survivors, Melissa Osborn, Comply-Yes, Laura Blanding, ASTERA Credit Union & Others					
10:30 AM	Break					
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10:45 AM	Surviving Exclusion: IPV, Sexual and Maternal Health and Identity - Amanda Barratt and Chéree Thomas, MCEDSV	Navigating the Intersection of Gender Identity and Violence - Andy Grossmeyer and Margaret Avery, Equality Michigan	Coerced Criminality - The Need for Criminal Record Relief for Survivors - Ashleigh Pelto, Greater Boston Legal Services	Does Your Inclusion Include Everyone? Disability Justice in Anti- violence Work - Mya White, Empowered Existence		
12:15 PM	Lunch Plenary: From Advocate to Expert Providing Expert Witness Testimony - Part I - Beth Meeks					
1:45 PM	Our Youngest Teachers - What We Can Learn from Child Witnesses of IPV - Ariana Deherder, HAVEN	Fierce Advocacy, Fierce Healing - Cultivating Dynamic Pathways to Healing & Prevention - Paige Allia, Hope Shores Alliance	Bravery - Aakwa'ode'ewin Through an Indigenous Lens Culturally Honoring Practice - Sandra Pilgrim Lewis and Stacey Ettawageshik, UTFAV	Teen Dating Violence - How Advocates Can Encourage Healthy Teen Relationships - Nina Patterson, S.A.F.E. Place		
3:15 PM	Break					
3:30 PM	Newly Added! More on Economic Justice for Survivors - details coming soon!	Unveiling Bravery a Trauma Informed Approach to Empower Survivors of Violence - Sabrina Bronni and Maya Mokh, ACCESS	Why Advocacy by Persons with Lived Experience is Brave, Fierce, and Essential - Lisa Chapman and Ashia Wilson, MI Coalition Against Homelessness	Best Practices for Accessing Civil Legal Services for Survivors - Megan Reynolds, Michigan Poverty Law Pgm, and Emily Miller, Crime Victims Legal Assistance Project		
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5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Join us for evening fun with a live viewing of MCEDSV Podcast, How Black is Black?, hors'de vours & cash bar					



	Day 2/Thursday, May 23, 2024					
7:00 AM	Fan Favorite!!! The Eritrean Coffee Ceremony is back and will be interactive this year! You are invited to a core cultural custom of Eritrea and Ethiopia, a routine ceremony focused on communing with relatives, neighbors and visitors and a form of care for self and for the community.					
7:30 AM	Registration (new arrivals)					
8:00 AM	Breakfast and Hotel Check-out (early check-out)					
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Plenary: Understanding the Formal Help-Seeking Experiences of Gay Men Who Have Experienced Intimate Partner Violence During the COVID 19 Global Pandemic - Dr. Kyla Williams					
10:00 AM	Extended Break - Hotel Check-out					
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10:30 AM	Michigan's New Extreme Risk Protection Law - How Advocates Can Use this Tool to Support Survivors - Chelsea Parsons, Everytown for Gun Safety, and Johanna Kononen, MCEDSV	Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities, Empowering Latinas, Immigrant Survivors - Blanca Mares, Centro Multicultural La Familia	Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Help Seeking of American Indian and Black Women Experiencing IOV - Hanan Abusbaitan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Alternate Sheltering - The Hotel Model (Part I); The Why and How - Rochelle Bannon and Maegan Swecker, Blue Water Safe Horizon		
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch Plenary: From Advocate to Expert Providing Expert Witness Testimony - Part II - Beth Meeks					
2:15 PM	Fostering a Mind Body Connection - Trauma-sensitive Yoga for Survivors - Krystal Diel and Alexis Hall, Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence	Empowering Survivors to Use Their Voice - Changing the Narrative on Sexual Assault Going Unreported - Emily Bernath	Equity in Reality - MCEDSV UMOJA	Alternate Sheltering - The Hotel Model (Part II); Lessons from the Field - Rochelle Bannon and Maegan Swecker, Blue Water Safe Horizon		
3:45 PM	Conference Closing Remarks Last Call - Raffle ticket purchase closes promptly at 4:00 pm!					
4:30 PM	Auction & Raffle Closing					