

LIGHTING THE FIRE WITHIN GATHERING



March 24–25, 2025

Sharing Best Practices to Light the Fire Within Others

We recognize that the Lighting the Fire Within Gathering takes place on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples, under the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. We are honoured to be visitors to this territory and look forward to sharing our Lighting the Fire Within Initiative. UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service is located in the Robinson Huron Treaty territory and the Manitoulin Treaty. We are committed to the work that our leaders started and look forward to sharing our work to create meaningful change.

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INFORMATION

The Lighting the Fire Within Gathering brings together professionals in policing, mental health, justice, and community wellness to share best practices. This event focuses on culture and trauma-informed approaches and strengthening partnerships to better serve communities.

Who We Are

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service is a police service dedicated to community-focused policing, integrating cultural teachings, trauma-informed practices, and strong partnerships to enhance safety and well-being. Our mission is to provide effective, and efficient policing for the six First Nations we serve.

The Lighting the Fire Within initiative is a five-year project aimed at reducing domestic violence rates through training, education, and direct support programs.

Why This Gathering Matters

The Lighting the Fire Within Gathering is more than just an event—it's a space for learning, sharing, and strengthening the future of policing and community wellness. By bringing together law enforcement, mental health professionals, justice professionals, and cultural leaders, we aim to foster meaningful conversations and collaborations that lead to real change. Through trauma-informed approaches and cultural teachings, we aim to enhance support for individuals, families, and communities.

What To Expect

Over the course of two days, attendees will engage in expert-led sessions covering topics such as trauma-informed policing, crisis intervention, and community-based solutions. Presentations will explore front-line perspectives and experiences, mental health strategies, both from an internal and external perspective, and the role of cultural knowledge in public safety. Participants will leave with valuable insights, practical skills to implement within their work, and strengthened relationships that will last long after the gathering ends.



OUR SPEAKERS



Jonathan Rudin
Special Projects Director

Speaking on indigenous justice and the importance of understanding the past to address the future.



Ernie Louttit
Retired Officer & Author

Providing first-hand experiences and lessons from policing Indigenous communities.



Lauren Bernardi
Managing Partner, Bernardi Human Resource Law

Leading discussions on workplace well-being and leadership.



Dr. Nadia Aleem
Trillium Health Partners

Exploring mental health intervention strategies for frontline workers.



Dr. Phil Semple & David Mitchell
TNT Justice Consultants

Implicit Bias in Policing



Joe Smarro
CEO
SolutionPoint+

Sharing expertise on crisis intervention and mental wellness.



Dr. Lori Haskell
Psychologist & Trauma-Informed Expert

Offering insights into the psychological impacts of trauma.



Stan Wesley
Emcee

Guiding the Conversation with Energy & Insight



Dr. Marion Maar & Dr. Lorrilee McGregor
LTFW Evaluation Team

Discussing key findings and the impact of the Lighting the Fire Within initiative.

Dr. Sarah MacDonald
Forensic Interviewer & Psychologist

Providing specialized training on trauma-informed forensic interviewing.

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service Staff

Sharing insights on community policing and cultural responsiveness.

Aambe Daamnidaa program Panel of Officers, including:

- ◆ Sergeant James Panamick
- ◆ Sergeant Dave Mack
- ◆ Detective Constable Ed Simon
- ◆ Special Constable Matthew Bebonang

Cultural Knowledge Holders:

- ◆ James Carpenter
- ◆ George Couchie

N'Debwewin Program Facilitators:

- ◆ Greg Brown
- ◆ Dan Garcia

Culture and Trauma Informed Curriculum Developer:

- ◆ Taylor Sayers

AGENDA



Day One

Monday, March 24, 2025

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Ceremonial Welcome - <i>James Carpenter</i>
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	Chief's Address – <i>Chief of Police James Killeen</i>
9:00 AM – 9:20 AM	Project Overview – <i>Taylor Sayers – Director of Corporate Services</i>
9:20 AM – 9:40 AM	Project Evaluation Team – <i>Dr. Marion Maar & Dr. Lorrilee McGregor</i>
9:40 AM – 10:00 AM	Training Developments, Successes and Considerations – <i>Taylor Sayers, & Teresa Nahwegahbow – LTFW Community Mobilization Assistant</i>
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	Come to Play Developments, Successes, Considerations – <i>Sgt. James Panamick</i>
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	N'Debwewin Developments, Successes, Considerations – <i>Dan Garcia & Greg Brown</i>
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch – <i>Slides of Pictures from the Project</i>
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Speaker: Johnathan Rudin – <i>Historical Impacts of Policing on Indigenous Peoples from LTFW</i>
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Speaker: Ernie Louttit – <i>Indigenous Officer's Experience</i>
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Speaker: Lauren Bernardi – <i>Psychological Safety in Policing</i>
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Panel on Experiences - <i>Sgt. Dave Mack, Special Constable Matthew Bebonang, Detective Constable Ed Simon</i>
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Takeaways
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Meet & Greet/Networking (Light refreshments provided)



AGENDA (CONT.)



Day Two

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Recap & Acknowledgement
8:45 AM – 9:30 AM	Speaker: Dr. Phil Semple & David Mitchell from TNT Justice Consultants– <i>Implicit Bias in Policing and the Application to LTFW</i>
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Speaker: Dr. Nadia Aleem – <i>Mental Wellness & Taking Care of Yourself</i>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Speaker: Joe Smarro – <i>Mental Wellness for the Community and for You</i>
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch – <i>Slides of Pictures from the Project</i>
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Speaker: Dr. Lori Haskell – <i>Trauma-Informed Practices</i>
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Break
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Speaker: Dr. Sarah Macdonald – <i>Forensic Interviewing</i>
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM	Next Steps – What Happens Now?
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Closing Remarks by George Couchie



JONATHAN RUDIN



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Indigenous Communities and the Police: The Historical and Current Context

Jonathan Rudin received his LL.B. and LL.M. from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. In 1990 he was hired to establish Aboriginal Legal Services where his current role is that of Special Projects Director. Mr. Rudin has appeared before all levels of court, and over ten times at the Supreme Court of Canada including in *R v Ipeelee*, a decision focused on the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in jails. He was one of eight Commissioners on the South Australia Advisory Commission into Aboriginal Incarceration Rates; the Commission reported in early 2023. Jonathan has written and spoken widely on issues of Indigenous justice.

His book, *Indigenous People and the Criminal Justice System* was the recipient of the 2019 Walter Owen Book Prize from the Canadian Foundation for Legal Research; in July 2022 his book had a second edition published.

SYNOPSIS

Jonathan Rudin will present on *Indigenous Communities and the Police: The Historical and Current Context*. To understand the present, we need to understand what happened in the past. This understanding is particularly relevant when discussing Indigenous communities and the police. This session will look at the link between current perceptions by Indigenous people of the police and events that took place in the past, and present.

ERNIE LOUTTIT



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Investigation of Neil Stonechild's Death

Ernie Louttit is a highly sought-after speaker, multi-award-winning author and changemaker. Ernie has dedicated his career to advocating for the safety and protection of marginalized populations. With a passion for progressive leadership and social justice advocacy, Ernie paves the way to a future of empathy and tolerance. Born in Northern Ontario, Ernie Louttit is a member of the Missanabie Cree First Nation but was raised in the small village of Oba. Ernie joined the Canadian Armed Forces, where he served honourably for five years in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Ernie went on to become a military police officer and served in that role until his discharge in 1987. His time in the military helped to reinforce Ernie's belief that hard work and dedication were the keys to success. Ernie was only the third Indigenous police officer in the history of the Saskatoon Police force when he was hired in 1987. His arrival in Saskatoon coincided with the beginning of an era of tremendous change in both in policing and Indigenous ways of life in Canada. Despite the issues of crime, violence, and dehumanizing attitudes towards Indigenous persons and communities that dominated Ernie's career, he fought to maintain the understanding that these were residual effects of colonial traumas and systemic injustices.

SYNOPSIS

Ernie Louttit will discuss his involvement in the investigation of Neil Stonechild's death—a 17-year-old youth who was found frozen in Saskatoon in 1990. His role in the case began through his engagement with the Indigenous community and his firsthand experience with systemic issues within the Saskatoon Police, including official indifference, racism, and a lack of accountability. The 14-year journey that followed led to the Stonechild Inquiry, whose findings reshaped policing practices across Canada. Louttit will share the hard lessons learned and emphasize the importance of knowing the community you serve. His story highlights the critical role of integrity and ethics in law enforcement and the pursuit of justice.

LAUREN BERNARDI



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Creating and maintaining a psychologically safe workplace

Lauren Bernardi is a recognized leader in workplace respect, harassment prevention, and psychological health and safety. With a background in law and psychology, she specializes in workplace investigations, culture assessments, and training, particularly within police services. Lauren has conducted investigations into complex cases involving harassment, discrimination, and workplace violence, and has worked extensively with public and private sector employers, as well as First Nations organizations. She is a sought-after speaker and thought leader, contributing to national conferences and developing workplace investigation and mental health programs. Lauren is also the author of *Powerful Employment Policies* and has been featured in major media outlets.

SYNOPSIS

Creating and maintaining a psychologically safe workplace is essential for the health and well-being of any organization. This session equips supervisors with the necessary tools to achieve this. Key highlights include:

- Continuous Mental Health Conversations: Embedding mental health into daily interactions.
- Trauma-Informed Leadership: Approaching leadership with sensitivity to cumulative stress and its effects.
- Managing Change and Stress: Understanding how workplace change impacts psychological health.
- Supporting Employees: Differentiating between challenging behavior and employees experiencing difficulties, with a focus on accommodations for mental health and disabilities.
- Legal Responsibilities: Exploring the duty to inquire and provide accommodations.

Discover the complexities, opportunities, and successful strategies for fostering a psychologically safe workplace.

DR. NADIA ALEEM



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*What pre-disposes someone to mental illness and
how mental illness is defined*

Dr. Nadia Aleem is currently the Mental Health Lead Physician at Insight Solutions, Trillium Health Partners and is also an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto. Nadia works exclusively in Occupational Psychiatry, specializing in disability management and providing consultation and education on workplace mental health practices. Nadia has clinical specialization in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and treats many workers who have suffered from workplace occupational mental health and stress injuries. Nadia has been involved in extensive work with Public Safety personnel both in assessment and treatment.

SYNOPSIS

Dr. Aleem will be presenting on what pre-disposes someone to mental illness and how mental illness is defined. Nadia will address the topics of wellness to illness comparison and the stigma and experience of mental illness, especially in first responders. She will share her expertise on empathy definition, the impacts of communicating with individuals who are struggling with mental illness and how understanding these tools are critical as building blocks for healthy conversations.

JOE SMARRO



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Strengthening Resilience & De-Escalation: Tactical Strategies for Law Enforcement

Joe Smarro is a combat veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a former officer with the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), where he helped develop its nationally recognized Mental Health Unit. His expertise in crisis intervention led to his feature in the Emmy-winning documentary *Ernie & Joe: Crisis Cops* and his TEDx talk, *I See You*. In 2017, he founded SolutionPoint+, where he serves as CEO, and he is the Amazon best-selling author of *Unarmed: De-escalation Techniques to Cultivate Courage, Compassion, and Connection*.

SYNOPSIS

In high-pressure policing and first response, de-escalation and mental resilience are crucial. Joe Smarro will lead an interactive session on tactical communication, emotional intelligence, and self-care, helping attendees navigate crisis situations while protecting their own well-being. Using Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and the X-Factor Wellness Framework, participants will gain actionable tools to enhance performance, community trust, and personal resilience.

Key Takeaways:

- **Master De-Escalation:** Learn the SolutionPoint+ Protocol to handle high-stress situations.
- **Strengthen Mental Resilience:** Gain techniques to manage stress, prevent burnout, and maintain wellness.
- **Foster Psychological Safety:** Build peer support, leadership skills, and a culture of self-care.

DR. LORI HASKELL



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Trauma Informed Practices

Dr. Lori Haskell, a recipient of the Order of Canada for her groundbreaking research on violence and trauma, is a clinical psychologist specializing in trauma-informed approaches to mental health and the legal system. She has worked extensively on projects addressing the impact of trauma on Indigenous communities, developmentally disabled individuals, and survivors of gendered violence. Dr. Haskell has provided expert testimony in high-profile criminal trials and coroner's inquests, including domestic homicide cases. She frequently trains Crown Attorneys, legal professionals, and police forces across Canada on the neurobiology of trauma and its implications for the justice system. She is also the author of *First Stage Trauma Treatment: A Guide for Therapists Working with Women* and co-authored Justice Canada's *The Impact of Trauma on Adult Sexual Assault Victims* (2019).

SYNOPSIS

In her presentation, Dr. Haskell will expand on the neurobiological effects of trauma on victim behaviour during and after a sexual assault. Dr. Haskell will address what trauma does to memory, how memory impacts victim behaviour during and after a sexual assault and how implementing trauma informed techniques for interviewing is significant in the collecting of forensic psycho-physiological evidence of trauma.

DR. PHIL SEMPLE & DAVID MITCHELL



DR. PHIL SEMPLE **DAVID MITCHELL**

Dr. Philip Semple is an Implicit Bias expert. His personal and professional experiences have shaped his worldview and helped to make him a subject matter expert on racism at the micro-personal and macro-wider society levels. Philip retired from the Toronto Police Service in 2008 after serving for 31 years. In his time in law enforcement, he developed a police-led youth mentoring program called the Skill Hill Blues which continues to this day.

Since retiring from the police, Philip was a full-time Professor in the Police Foundations program at Toronto's Centennial College; a position he retired from in 2023.

David Mitchell is a Diversity Specialist with a varied background in community youth work, criminal justice and diversity. David was the founding President of the Association of Black Law Enforcers. In 1990 he joined Ontario's Correctional Services as a Correctional Officer. He has held progressively responsible positions in the field of Corrections and recently retired from public service as the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for the Youth Justice Division. David has been a regular guest speaker at the Ontario Police College as well as Ontario Public Colleges and Universities. Currently, Mr. Mitchell is the Community Chair of the Durham Regional Police Diversity Advisory Committee and volunteers within the homeless community.

SYNOPSIS

Diversity specialists Dr. Phil Semple and Mr. David Mitchell are honored to speak at the Lighting the Fire Within Gathering, where they will shed light on the critical topic of implicit biases in policing. This impactful presentation will draw on their extensive expertise, personal experiences, and proven strategies for addressing bias in law enforcement. They will also provide an exclusive overview of the training delivered to officers at the UCCM Police Headquarters during the summer of 2024. Join them for an engaging and thought-provoking session designed to inspire meaningful change and foster equity in policing.

DR. SARAH MACDONALD



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Understanding Trauma and Memory in Forensic Interviews

Dr. MacDonald is a Registered Psychologist in Alberta. As the Director of Forensic Services at the Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre in Calgary, she conducts forensic interviews on request for complex cases of sexual assault for police members from the Calgary Police Service, RCMP, and other organizations in Alberta. Dr. MacDonald provides training in child forensic interviewing for professionals in the criminal justice system across Canada. She has conducted and published research, including book chapters, examining cognitive processes underlying investigative interview techniques, psychological-based investigative practices, and child sexual abuse disclosure. Dr. MacDonald has presented her research internationally and is a TEDx speaker. She was recognized for her work by being named as one of the Top 40 Under 40 in Calgary in 2021.

SYNOPSIS

Take a Walk Down Memory Lane: Using a trauma informed approach in forensic interviews. In this session, Dr. MacDonald will orient listeners to what trauma is before delving into how we process and store memories. This practical lecture will cover tools she commonly uses in her forensic interviews with victims and how she uses specialized techniques for enhancing the quality of information elicited from witnesses. Dr. MacDonald will also highlight special considerations for interviews involving children. A Q&A session will follow.

GEORGE COUCHIE & JAMES CARPENTER



GEORGE COUCHIE

George Couchie is a highly respected leader with over 32 years of service in law enforcement. A proud member of Nipissing First Nation and the Red Tail Hawk Clan, George has dedicated his career to fostering community connections, advocating for youth, and promoting anti-racism initiatives. His commitment to justice and education has earned him numerous accolades, including the Order of the Police Forces, an Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Award, and an Honorary Doctorate from Nipissing University. Recognized for his unwavering dedication to youth, he has received two Eagle Feathers from his community. A former national police powerlifting champion, George continues to inspire through his leadership and mentorship. He resides on Nipissing First Nation with his wife, Carolyn, their three children, and three granddaughters.



JAMES CARPENTER

James Carpenter is a recognized Indigenous Traditional Healer and Oshkabewis (Helper). His First Nations Ancestry is from the Anishnaabek/Mississauga First Nation of Alderville, Chippewa ancestry from the Traditional territory around the Great Lakes, Oneida ancestry from Upper New York State, and the Cree Nation from the shores of James Bay. He continues to reclaim his Anishnaabek/Chipewyan and Cree languages. James specializes in providing Indigenous Traditional Healing Services and Sacred Indigenous Ceremonies to children, families, and communities.

N'DEBWEWIN FACILITATORS



GREG BROWN



DAN GARCIA

Greg Brown, a member of Wikwemikong First Nation, is an Indigenous veteran and justice advocate with extensive experience in corrections, probation, and Indigenous legal support. Holding a Double Honours B.A. in Law & Justice and Indigenous Studies from Laurentian University, he has worked with youth corrections, the federal court system, and provincial parole services. Greg has played a key role in developing Indigenous-focused programs, including Truth from Within, supporting men through culturally informed healing and accountability. He currently works at Noojmowin-Teg Health Centre.

Daniel Garcia, M.S.W., R.S.W., is Turtle Clan from Walpole Island First Nation and now resides in Whitefish River First Nation. With over 31 years of cultural knowledge, he carries a deep connection to Anishinaabe teachings, drumming, and ceremony, using them for personal healing from trauma, violence, and addiction. A registered Social Worker with 24 years of experience, Daniel provides mental health services on Manitoulin Island. He holds diplomas from Sault College and a Master of Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier University.

SYNOPSIS

In this presentation Greg and Dan will outline the focus and structure of the N'Debwewin program. This program was conducted as a pilot geared towards men- niiniwok. Both Greg and Dan have backgrounds working with men's health. They apply cultural and trauma-based approaches which are derived from their years of working and life experience. N'Debwewin was conducted within six- and eight-week programs. Feedback from participants was very encouraging and critical for moving forward. Lighting the Fire Within - references men's roles and responsibilities and encourages participants to focus on their wellness based on past, present and future experiences.

LTFW EVALUATION TEAM



DR. MARION MAAR

Dr. Marion Maar is founding faculty at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), Professor and Curriculum Chair for Northern and Rural Health. She has over two decades of experience in the area of Northern and Indigenous health and mental health research and has supervised more than 40 graduate and medical students on research projects in collaboration with First Nations. In her current work Marion collaborates with Health care providers, patients, Tribal Police and knowledge keepers to contribute to health and wellbeing in communities.

Since the inception of NOSM in 2005, Marion has co-led innovative community-engaged virtual learning with northern communities. She is the recipient of the 2011 Cancer Quality Council of Ontario's Innovation Award for her work with First Nations on cancer prevention and screening. In 2016, she was honored with NOSM's Scholar of the Year Award. Prior to her work at NOSM, Marion worked for eight years at Noojmowin Teg Health Centre on Manitoulin Island.



DR. LORRILEE MCGREGOR

Dr. McGregor is an Anishinaabe from Whitefish River First Nation. She is an Associate Professor in the Human Sciences division at NOSM University where she teaches about Indigenous peoples' health. Dr. McGregor has been a research consultant for nearly 25 years and works with Indigenous communities and organizations in Northern Ontario. For the past 20 years, Lorrilee has served as the Chair of the Manitoulin Anishinaabek Research Review Committee, a community-based Research Ethics Board that has reviewed over 100 research ethics applications.

SERGEANT DAVE MACK



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Sergeant Dave Mack has dedicated over 31 years to service in policing. Within this time, Dave has served in diverse capacities within the Toronto Police Service and South Simcoe Police Service. Dave is currently in his twenty-first year with UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service.

Dave's expertise spans criminal investigations, community policing, and leadership, fostering trust and collaboration between law enforcement and the communities he serves. As a seasoned investigator, Dave has played a key role in complex cases and has provided guidance to fellow officers through mentorship and training.

Known for his commitment to culturally sensitive policing, Dave is committed to upholding Anishnaabe traditions, understands the positive impacts which occur when Officers actively engage in community initiatives while still reinforcing public safety.

Dave continues to be an advocate of mental wellness, and the impact mental health has on every aspect of your day-to-day life. Dave believes that his leadership, professionalism, and dedication to mental wellness have made him a respected figure within UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and beyond.

CULTURE & TRAUMA INFORMED CURRICULUM DEVELOPER



TAYLOR SAYERS

Taylor Sayers is a member of Ketegaunseebee First Nation and serves as the Director of Corporate Services with UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. In her role, she provides senior leadership to the corporate functions of the organization. For the past 13 years she has worked closely with the Police Service Commission and the Chief of Police to deliver the organization's strategic objectives and is a part of the negotiating team that secures its ongoing core funding..

Taylor has been instrumental in the development of culturally responsive policing initiatives for the organization and co-created the project – Lighting the Fire Within. She developed the initial proposal and secured funding from Women and Gender Equality Canada for the project. She also developed the culture and trauma informed curriculum that was delivered. The curriculum focused on trauma informed approaches for policing, policing from a culturally safe lens, and ensuring a proactive approach to an individual's own mental health as a first responder.

Taylor is passionate about Mental Health in the workplace and serves as a member of various provincial and national working groups that focus on improving the mental health of public safety personnel. Taylor is a graduate of Business Administration from Laurentian University – Algoma University College and holds certificates in Labour Law and Workplace Mental Health Law from York University. In addition to her work, she also serves as an external member of the Board of Governors for Algoma University.

FAQS

We've compiled some frequently asked questions to help you navigate the Lighting the Fire Within Gathering. If you have additional inquiries, please reach out to our event team.

What is the purpose of the Lighting the Fire Within Gathering?

This gathering brings together policing service personnel and experts in trauma-informed practices, cultural awareness, and mental wellness. UCCM APS officers will share their experiences on how Lighting the Fire Within has helped them address domestic violence and enhance community engagement in the communities they serve, fostering stronger, culturally responsive policing initiatives.

Who should attend this event?

Police Managers (Commissioned and Non-Commissioned), Healthy Workplace members, Human Resources Managers, Policy Developers, Community Service Officers, Front-line Officers, Major Crimes Investigators (Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault)

Is there a registration fee?

Yes, there is a registration fee of \$250 for the two-day gathering. Dress is business casual.

What are the accommodation details?

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Toronto Centre Hotel for event attendees. Hotel bookings must be made on or before February 25th, 2025. Please ensure you secure your reservation as soon as possible to guarantee availability.

[Click here to book](#)

Are meals provided?

Yes! Breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days, along with light refreshments during breaks.

What should I bring with me?

We encourage attendees to bring a notepad, and an open mind for engaging discussions and learning. Dress is business casual.

Will there be opportunities for networking?

Absolutely! Attendees will have multiple chances to connect with fellow participants, speakers, and community partners throughout the two-day gathering, including the 5-6 pm Meet and Greet session following the first day.

What if I have accessibility needs?

We strive to make this event inclusive for all attendees. Please contact our event team in advance to discuss any specific accommodations needed.



CONTACT

For any questions or assistance before, during, or after the event, please reach out to our team.

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