



Shelley Gilbert

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Shelley Gilbert has worked at Legal Assistance of Windsor since 1993 and is currently the Coordinator of Social Work Services responsible for:

- Social work services and community development initiatives within Legal Assistance of Windsor

- Facilitating and leading the delivery of interdisciplinary services at Legal Assistance of Windsor.

- Developing initiatives to fill identified needs, enhance community capacities and promote social justice.

Ms. Gilbert is the Chair of the Windsor Essex Anti-Human Trafficking Action Group (WEFIGHT) providing support and advocacy to survivors of domestic and international human trafficking of forced labour/debt bondage, forced marriage and women trafficked into the sex industry. She has conducted training and workshops for both NGOs and law enforcement as to the identification and provision of service to survivors across the country. She has presented models of collaboration, policy gaps and best practice approaches at national and provincial conferences. She was awarded the Inspirational Leader Award by the Ontario Association of Social Workers in 2014 and the Attorney General Victim Services Award of Distinction in 2016.

Conference Plenary

Addressing the Issue of Human Trafficking

Thursday, May 17, 2018 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Presenter:

**Shelley Gilbert, Legal Assistance of Windsor
Chair, WEFIGHT**

Workshop Summary:

This session provides clinic staff with information on the issue of Human Trafficking that is occurring within our communities, the effects that this may have on our clients and how we may best assist our clients that have experienced this trauma. The session will also offer information on utilizing the Trauma Informed Practice model when interviewing clients with a focus on asking questions that help to identify the issue of Human Trafficking. The speaker will bring her expert knowledge with regards to assisting clients that have experienced or are experiencing Human Trafficking.

Format:

Information will be provided with regards to defining human trafficking and how human trafficking is affecting people in our communities in different ways (i.e. labour/debt bondage, sex trade industry, etc). The presentation will include skill development regarding the identification of Human Trafficking issues utilizing a trauma informed practice model. Information will also be provided regarding the provision of services for survivors and how to provide quality referrals to clients.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- (i) Identify issues and ask appropriate questions to assist with identifying victims of Human Trafficking when Triaging clients
- (ii) Provide appropriate referrals and or resources to clients that have experienced trauma that may or may not be associated with Human Trafficking
- (iii) Utilize the Trauma Informed Practice skills during client interviews