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## Present the 35th Annual Conference

***Promoting Healthy Relationships and Online Safety for Children & Youth***

**FREE ONLINE!**

**Friday, October 22, 2021      8:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**To Register: Follow ALL steps below:**

- ✓ Click on the Registration Link: <https://preventchildabusenewyork.salsalabs.org/2021OCANNConference>
- ✓ Complete all fields on the form

**“Understanding and Responding to Sexual Behaviors in Children/Teens”:** Presenter Megan Dudziak, Education and Outreach Coordinator: Ms. Dudziak has worked in a variety of settings, foster care, medical – acute and long-term rehabilitative care, developmentally different populations ranging from birth through early adult, and in mental health settings. She has worked with families in the identification of needs and linkages to services and care providers to address identified needs. This has involved coordination with multidisciplinary teams with representation from medical, education, and community service systems. She has extensive outreach and training experience in many areas of the social welfare and child development/education systems. She has been a trainer and educator in all of her professional positions including parent education programs. Prior to the current online training model for mandated reporters, she was approved through New York State Education Department to train doctors, nurses and other health providers regarding their responsibilities as mandated reporters. In her current role, she provides outreach and training to professionals, students, parents, and other community members about the silent epidemic of abuse and related topics. She is the coordinator of the Western Region of New York Chapter of the Prevent Abuse Campaign – specifically the Enough Abuse Campaign. The goal of this initiative is to provide training to all groups from children to adults about what sexual abuse is, its prevalence, how to identify it, and how to assist a child once a disclosure has been made. She believes in the power of sharing the information and education to ultimately ensure the safety of our children in their homes, schools, and communities.

**“Survivor Perspective and Insight”:** Presenter Suzanne Skirvin was born and raised in Southern California. She grew up in the foster care system. At 13 years old she was adopted by her parents Steve and Kirsten. Suzanne Graduated from Gilbert High School. She went on to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. She began to date and that is when she met her trafficker. Suzanne was a victim for some time and was able to escape. When she returned with her family, she discovered she was pregnant. She is now a mother to her amazing son, Zion. She loves being a mother. She then pursued a career in law enforcement. She has since taken a break from law enforcement but has continued her education in international securities studies. She is currently working with a few non-profits to bring awareness and resources to survivors of Human-Trafficking. She is also working on her book when she has some free time. Her long-term mission is to bring awareness to human trafficking. She hopes that one day this nation is united together to combat this horrible crime and bring it to an end. Suzanne states “Even though I have escaped from my trafficker and have gone on to pursue a career and I have a beautiful son to tend to and I continue my journey of healing. I still cannot help myself but to think every single night as I lay my head down on my comfortable pillow and lay in my clean sheets knowing I am safe and able to go to bed. For a split second I must stop and think of all the women and men that are out there who are not safe. Who need my help and need to have the opportunity to know what it feels like to feel safe”. I long to make that an opportunity for everyone”. That is Suzanne’s mission.

**“The Online Superhighway: Caution- Danger Ahead!” :** For adults, navigating the Internet presents numerous challenges, risks, and pitfalls. Just imagine what it is like then for a child to be in cyberspace where predators lurk around every corner looking to exploit them by grooming them into giving up their innocence. Presenter David Fallon will discuss these dangers and ways to recognize and prevent them from occurring. For nearly 30 years until his retirement in July 2020, David investigated online predators for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For many years, he successfully ran a multi-agency task force dedicated to stopping these individuals from exploiting our children. Listen as David talks about the grooming process and uses real-world examples to show you that these dangers are real and that they happen everywhere...even in your own neighborhood.

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