



## **Intersection of Human Trafficking and Substance Use: Trauma-Informed Care and Collaboration Strategies to Support Survivors**

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### **Biographies for Presenters**

**Dr. Aron Steward** is the Chief of Psychology and Interim Assistant Medical Director for University of Vermont Health Network, Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital. She is currently co-chair of the state of Vermont Human Trafficking Taskforce and co-chair of the Human Trafficking Taskforce Housing Workgroup. Among her many recognitions, Dr. Steward received the State of Vermont Crime Victims Services Career Achievement Award for exemplary service to victims and initiatives that support crime victims.

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