Supporting Survivors of Trafficking with Intellectual Disabilities: Prevention and Response Through Multi-Systems Collaboration

Presenter Bios
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Katherine Antall, MS is the Human Sexuality Specialist at The Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities. With a commitment to supporting survivors of sexual exploitation who have intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), Katherine plays a vital role in their empowerment and recovery. Her expertise extends to consulting for multidisciplinary teams, where she leverages her knowledge to enhance the quality of care and services provided to survivors with I/DD. Katherine’s engaging presentations shed light on the crucial intersection of trafficking and I/DD, raising awareness and facilitating dialogue on this critical issue. Additionally, Katherine is a passionate researcher, conducting qualitative studies to further understand and combat trafficking within the I/DD community.

Susan Kahan, MA, LCPC
As a member of the clinical staff at the University of Illinois at Chicago’s Institute on Disability and Human Development, Susan provides individual and group therapy for children through adults on a broad range of mental health, developmental, and behavioral concerns, specializing in trauma. Susan provides consultation around the country on disability-related topics including trauma and trauma-informed care, sexual abuse and human trafficking, sexuality and healthy relationships, and crisis intervention. In addition, Susan is certified in forensic interviewing, with additional certification in interviewing people with disabilities and people who do not speak. Susan provides training and consultation for law enforcement, trauma centers, disability agencies, professionals, schools, and families.