Human Trafficking Issues in Michigan
David Manville, LMSW, ACSW

Human Trafficking is a worldwide modern day slavery issue that affects over 30 million people. The majority of people that are trafficked are women and children. These victims/survivors are forced into slave labor, sexual abuse and other forms of trafficking. Michigan has a larger than known trafficking issue and various aspects of trafficking will be shared including the scope and what more needs done.

Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Elizabeth Stoelt, LMSW

The Social Work Practice with individuals and Families Living with Autism Spectrum Disorder workshop will provide attendees with a basic understanding of the disorder, learn what the experiences are for individuals and families living with ASD, through clinical definitions, current research and case examples. Attendees will also learn evidence based treatment for ASD, community resources, and strategies to help serve the ASD community within their agencies and practice locations.

Working with Refugee Families
Shrina Eadeh, LMSW and Anya Abramzon, MSW

This workshop will explore issues related to refugee families with conversation on how trauma presents itself differently in children and adults. It will also explore potential family conflicts that can occur through the immigration process. The immigration process will also be reviewed.

Empowering Mental Health Recipients through Recipient Rights
Tana Bridge, LMSW, PhD and Daniel Pippo, LLMSW

The State of Michigan has established the Recipient Rights system as a way to both protect people in the Mental Health System and empower them to assert their rights. This will look at the history of rights, how to access it, and how it is used in different types of organizations both public and private. The link between Recipient Rights and ethics will serve as the context for the discussion.

Navigating Political Advocacy: A Guide for Private and Nonprofit Practitioners
Allan Wachendorfer, LMSW

Need to brush up on your policy advocacy skills? Section 6 of the NASW Code of Ethics outlines a social workers ethical responsibilities to the broader society, which includes promoting general welfare of society, informed public participation, and social and political action. This workshop will provide a review of the legislative process, show you how to get involved in lobbying efforts, and how to more effectively communicate with your elected representatives so you can be a stronger advocate for social justice.

Successful Stewardship of a Nonprofit Organization in Today’s Competitive Environment
Carmine DeVivo, LMSW

People are not born as true leaders rather leadership is learned over time following important underlying principles. Everything rises and falls in a nonprofit organization and in every endeavor around issues of leadership. It is also critical in nonprofits to balance service delivery demands with successful revenue generation through a structured budgeting process always being aware of current EEOC and other employment issues.

Keynote: Anna Byberg, LMSW, CAADC

“Our work is often challenging, frustrating, and difficult. How do we find hope, nurture it, mobilize it, while being effective and affirming in our work? How do we internalize our Code of Ethics and live our values in daily practice? We will discuss strategies for cultivating positivity and building resilience, with examples from addiction treatment and recovery.