

BE THE CHANGE *Symposium*

Preventing Sexual Violence in Philadelphia

Thursday, September 21 | 8am – 3pm

Great Hall in the Winnet Building, Community College of Philadelphia

Free and open to all. This event is in-person and streaming. Register at <https://BeTheChangePhilly.eventbrite.com>

Join us for the **Be the Change: Preventing Sexual Violence in Philadelphia Symposium** on September 21, 2023, to commemorate 50 years of supporting survivors and to imagine the end of sexual violence in Philadelphia. **This Symposium, breakfast, and lunch are free of charge.**

Get ready to engage in meaningful conversations, gain valuable insights, and connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for making a difference. **The symposium will kick off at 8 am, so be sure to arrive early to secure your spot and enjoy breakfast.**

Throughout the day, esteemed speakers from diverse backgrounds will share their experiences, ideas, and strategies for creating a world free from sexual violence. See below for topics and speakers.

Symposium Highlights and Topics include:

- **Breakfast Plenary:** 6ABC's Tamala Edwards will be joined by a group of speakers who will consider the movement to end Sexual Violence in Philadelphia then and now through the lens of WOAR at 50 years.
- **Panel 1:** Demystifying Human Trafficking in the City of Philadelphia
- **Panel 2:** Beyond the Incident: The Impact of Economic, Housing, Health, and Other Insecurities on Healing from Sexual Trauma
- **50th Anniversary Celebration Lunch with Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Sandra L. Bloom: Breaking the Cycles of Trauma that Bind Our Communities in Violence
- **Panel 3:** Trauma-Informed Care: Assessing and Integrating Physical and Mental Health Supports Following Sexual Trauma in Children and Adults
- **Networking Opportunities**
- **Optional Event: WOAR LIVE ANNUAL REPORT** featuring staff presenting on WOAR's continuum of services offered to the Philadelphia community.
Location: Stadium Classroom adjacent to Great Hall

Learn More: <https://WOAR.org/Symposium>

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/BeTheChangePhilly>



Questions?

Contact Michael Kellerman, Interim Executive Director, at MichaelK@woar.org

We will be joined by internationally renowned experts committed to fighting sexual violence. **Our esteemed speakers include:**

- **Sandra L. Bloom, MD** *Keynote Speaker* – Board-Certified Psychiatrist, Founder of the Sanctuary Model® and Creating Presence, Associate Professor of Health Management and Policy at the Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University
- **Jannie Blackwell** – former 6 term City Council Member and Advocate for Social Change
- **Ashley L. Coleman, BS, BA** – Executive Director, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
- **Susan DelMaestro, PhD** – Clinical Psychologist, Trauma Specialist, and Director of Psychology Internship and Residency Programs, Crescenz VA Medical Center
- **Tamala Edwards** – 6ABC News Anchor
- **Amber Goltz, BIA, MNM, MHR** – Human Trafficking Specialist at WOAR
- **Indira Henard, MSW** – Executive Director of DC Rape Crisis Center, Washington, DC
- **Alexis Krieger** – FBI Victim Specialist
- **Sakinah Love, MA, PhD** – Founder and Executive Director of Redeemed for a Cause, Adjunct Professor of Human Services, Rowan University
- **Omar Martinez, JD, MPH, MS** – Director, Implementation Science Research Lab, Associate Professor, Temple University
- **Florence Momplaisir, MD, MSHP** – Assistant Professor of Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
- **Roz Pichardo** – Founder of Operation Save Our City, Cease Fire PA's Invest in Safer Communities Coordinator
- **Lauren Realberg, BA, JD** – Deputy City Solicitor Child Welfare Unit, City of Philadelphia
- **Shea Rhodes, Esq** – Co-founder and Director of the CSE Institute at Villanova Widener School of Law
- **Willamette Simmons, PsyD, MBA** – Licensed Psychologist and owner of IPCS Wellness
- **Carol Tracy** – former Executive Director of the Women's Law Project for more than 30 years
- **Elizabeth Van Nostrand, BA, JD** – Associate Professor of Health Services Administration and Policy, Graduate Programs Director
- **Carolina Villamil-Grest, BS, MSW, PhD** – Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Temple University, College of Public Health



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