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Area Educators to Learn about Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Awareness Next Week

ROCKFORD, III. – A sold-out crowd of 200 area educators will attend a Summit on **Tuesday, July 31, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Heartland Community Church** to learn about human trafficking and domestic violence awareness. Attendees will learn strategies for appropriately responding to signs and the agencies that are available for support.

Topics will also include the effects of trauma on child development, trauma informed response, and the connection between domestic violence, trauma and human trafficking. Keynote speakers include Mary Landerholm, M.S.W., a national trainer and expert for trauma-informed response to human trafficking, and Megan Brechon, Executive Director of Children's Safe Harbor.

The event is sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention, Rockford Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, Catholic Charities, Boone-Winnebago ROE, Rockford Public Schools, Golden Apple Foundation, Amanda Reed Foundation and Heartland Community Church.

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