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Title of workshop:	Protection services for survivors of human trafficking:
Format of Workshop:	Présentation suivie de discussion / Workshop
Theme:	Justice, police et sécurité
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Title/Theme of presentation	Services de protection pour les victimes de la traite en Amérique du Nord: évitons-nous la revictimisation?
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Title/Theme of presentation	Social reintegration services for survivors of human trafficking in Canada: is empowerment part of the equation?
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Title/Theme of presentation	Protection of trafficking victims within the context of law enforcement
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Organization:	International Bureau of Children's Rights
Title/Theme of presentation	La traite des enfants à l'intérieur du Canada: comment les protéger?
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Title/Theme of presentation	Trafficking of domestic workers: difficulties of taking the legal enforcement route

Abstract

After 10 years attention to human trafficking, protection of victims remains a grey area. While legislation and prosecution against the practice has advanced in the Americas, psychosocial and socio-economic reintegration services are rare and poorly documented. This workshop will share new perspectives on protection services from Canada and elsewhere in the Americas.

Summary

After 10 years of government and community attention to the phenomenon of human trafficking, protection of victims remains a grey area for practitioners. While legislation against the practice has advanced in the Americas and prosecution is a clear concern of American states, psychosocial and socio-economic reintegration services are rare and poorly documented. In this workshop, academic, government and NGO presenters will share their perspectives on the current state of protection services for survivors of human trafficking across Canada and elsewhere in the Americas.

Louis-Philippe Jannard will begin the workshop by presenting his overview of the range of protective services offered within different legislative jurisdictions across the Americas. Different approaches will be explored and the implications will be discussed. Alexandra Ricard-Guay and Jill Hanley will present their analysis of the protection services offered by 40 community groups across Canada, putting the emphasis on the degree to which such services incorporate the interests and desires of victims and questioning whether the concept of "empowerment" is one that is applied in relation to human trafficking.

Pamela Matthews will share the perspective of Public Safety Canada as they work to expand protection services for potential victims of human trafficking intercepted in the course of law enforcement activities and support community-based services for trafficking victims in general.

Evelyn Calugay, of PINAY (the Quebec Association for Filipina Women), will give a community perspective on protection of trafficking victims, discussing in particular the difficulty of pursuing a legal response to human trafficking situations while still protecting the victim from deportation, destitution and – in the worst case scenario – retribution against themselves or their loved ones.

Finally, the International Bureau of Children's Rights will discuss the problem of human trafficking within Canada as a phenomenon that disproportionately affects youth and Aboriginal women. The protection services for these groups require a different approach than what is normally envisioned for international migrant victims of trafficking.