

Rachel Fischer, RN Survivor Leader A native from Detroit, MI, Rachel is a survivor leader, chairs the TX Survivor Advisory Board and is a pioneer in the fight against human trafficking. She has a B.S. in Nursing specializing in human trafficking research and rescue and finding missing children. Rachel is an ER RN with a focus of adult and pediatric forensic nursing. Rachel began her speaking career in 2013 when she published her autobiography, Taking Back the Pen, and shares her story with various audiences. Rachel collaborates with several anti-trafficking agencies, both statewide and international to combat trafficking. Rachel has been to several countries doing research and undercover mission work, collecting intelligence from traffickers and those victimized by sex trafficking. She has undertaken several rescue operations in retrieval of missing children. She testifies in state and federal court as an expert witness. As a lived experience expert, Rachel consults with governmental and non-governmental agencies to formulate the best plan of action to fight sex trafficking on both the demand and the supply side. Rachel trains officers on insider's investigation tips and trains healthcare professionals on identification of trafficking victims using verbal and non-verbal cues. She addresses, "what's next?" after identification. She trains parents and students on social media trends and how to keep kids safe in the digital age. She explains multidisciplinary approaches meeting victims needs to bring families justice and hold offenders accountable. Rachel consults with several agencies formulating action plans to fight supply and demand of trafficking.