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Anti-Sexual Assault Coalition, Healthy Masculinity Educator to Present at 2023 Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance

Columbus, Ohio – On May 8th and May 9th, Tony Porter, healthy masculinity educator and CEO of A Call to Men, will present a keynote address at the 2023 Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance, hosted by the Ohio Attorney General’s Office (AGO). Several staff members of Ohio’s anti-sexual violence coalition, the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) will also present. As the state’s federally designated anti-sexual violence coalition, OAESV is responsible for training sexual violence survivor advocates around the state.

According to the AGO’s website, the 31st annual event is a space for “conference partners and workshop presenters from across disciplines will offer an array of professional-development opportunities for victim advocates who serve their communities and the criminal justice system. The 2023 conference theme, Empowering Survivors to Rebuild Lives, reflects the work being done every single day in the world of advocacy.”

Porter’s organization, A Call to Men, is focused on “helping create a world where all men and boys are loving and respectful and all women, girls, and those at the margins of the margins are valued and safe.” His keynote address, “Changing the course: How a new definition of masculinity can prevent violence against women”, will encourage those in the victim-services field in Ohio to support men and boys in their work.

Continuing from his morning keynote address, Porter will also engage a smaller group in critical discussions centering on how to be intentional in the movement of healthy masculinity and how to change the dynamics that so often lead to domestic and sexual violence against women. This will be a deeper dive into the narrow gender role that society assigns to men and, through discussion and a Q&A, the workshop will help build allyship to end violence and to focus on how the notion of masculinity intersects with our lives. The workshop will be open to all genders.

Porter has worked frequently with Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, who also has several staff members presenting at the conference:

- Jayvon Howard (OAESV Manager of Engaging Men Initiatives); “Engaging Men and Boys: Working with Male Survivors of Sexual Violence”
- Nicole Kass Colvin (OAESV Manager of Coordinated Community Responses) with Dr. H. Louise Davis (Miami University), “Stewardship of Survivor Stories”
- Tony Porter (A Call to Men), Rosa Beltré (OAESV President & CEO), and Jayvon Howard, (OAESV Manager of Engaging Men Initiatives); “Critical Conversation: A Space to Heal and Redefine Masculinity”
- Nicole Kass Colvin (OAESV Manager of Coordinated Community Responses) and Sarah Ferrato (OAESV Manager of Sexual Violence Prevention & Public Health Initiatives); “What Makes a Monster?: Sexual Violence Perpetration, Responses and Justice”

Registration for the event remains open until Friday, April 28th. Learn more at <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims/Two-Days-in-May>

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Interviews available by request.

*As Ohio's statewide coalition, OAESV uses an anti-oppression lens to advocate for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors and to empower communities to prevent sexual violence. **Find our [press kit](#) here.***