



## Child Abuse Prevention Seminar April 29 - 30, 2022

### NEW LOCATION

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Safe Communities (Lancaster PA) and A Better Way (Ohio) are partnering to bring this one-of-a-kind seminar to Lancaster County in April. Both organizations share a mission to prevent child sexual abuse, and support survivors in seeking justice and healing, including in Amish and Old Order Mennonite communities.

The Seminar will be held on Friday, April 29 from 1 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday, April 30, from 9 am to 4:30 pm at a **NEW LOCATION: Forest Hills Mennonite Church, 100 Quarry Road, Leola, PA 17540.**

Five Keynotes and 16 workshop choices from pastors, professionals and survivors will be featured. Opportunities to network, and safe spaces for survivors, are offered throughout the seminar. Topics include When School is Not a Safe Place, What Does God Say About Abuse, Understanding Why Sexual Abusers Continue to Abuse Children, Self-Care for Advocates, How the Court System and Advocates can Help Survivors Find Justice, What the Legal Process of investigating a Report Looks Like, Understanding Trauma's Lifelong Effects in Adulthood and Finding Pathways to Healing and much more.

The inaugural exhibit of the "What Were You Wearing?" project will be on display. The unique project collects clothing from survivors in Plain communities in response to the question, "What were you wearing when you were first abused?"

**"Most of the clothing contributed to the Exhibit brings home the stark reality that most sexual abuse starts at very young age."** said Linda Crockett, Director of Safe Communities. **"We need everyone in our community to wake up, get educated, and help to stop this."**

The registration fee of \$99 per person includes the full two-day seminar as well as dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday, catered by Shady Maple. In addition, breakfast items and snacks will be on hand. A Zoom option is available as well.

A full schedule of workshops and the link for registration is at <https://abetterway.org/events/lancaster-2022/>

Contact Safe Communities at 717-560-9989 with questions or email [info@safecommunitiespa.org](mailto:info@safecommunitiespa.org)

**To learn more:**

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**Visuals:** 'What Were You Wearing' graphic

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