

JUST 2016

November 9-11 • Washington, D.C.



Conference Schedule

NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM **AMBASSADOR OF HOPE MEETING**
Chesapeake 12

9:30 AM **PRE-CONFERENCE CHECK-IN**
Potomac Ballroom AB

12:00 PM **SERVEing SURVIVORS**
Chesapeake 5

1:00 PM **PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**
Chesapeake Foyer

2:00 PM **SURVIVOR WORKSHOPS**
Chesapeake 6

4:30 PM **EARLYBIRD CHECK-IN**
Potomac Ballroom AB

EXHIBIT HALL OPENS

NOVEMBER 10

7:30 AM **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**
Potomac Ballroom AB

8:30 AM **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
Linda Smith, President and Founder, Shared Hope International
Potomac Ballroom AB

2016 PATHBREAKER AWARDS
Ernie Allen, Special Advisor, Shared Hope International

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9:00 AM **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** T. Ortiz, Survivor Leader

10:00 AM **SESSION 1**

11:30 AM **LUNCH BREAK**
Potomac Ballroom AB

1:00 PM **SESSION 2**

3:00 PM **SESSION 3**

5:30 PM **NETWORKING RECEPTION**
Bobby McKey's Piano Bar | 172 Fleet Street

NOVEMBER 11

8:30 AM **SESSION 4**

10:30 AM **SESSION 5**

12:00 PM **LUNCH BREAK**
Potomac Ballroom AB

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Marti MacGibbon,
CMHP, Survivor, Speaker, Author

2:00 PM **SESSION 6**

3:30 PM **CONFERENCE DISMISSES**

What is JuST?

The JuST Conference was born in 2013 out of a vision to bring high-quality training to a national audience while simultaneously fostering collaboration at all levels of the community.

This unforgettable and nationally renowned conference features today's most pressing issues facing professionals and advocates in the anti-trafficking field. Workshops focus on skill-building, survivor experiences, cross-discipline collaboration, case studies and lessons learned in the areas of investigation, prosecution and therapeutic services. Each year offers new speakers and an array of powerful new workshops, with the goal to inspire action and educate attendees on how to tackle juvenile sex trafficking from all sides.

2016 JUST CONFERENCE STATS

- ▶ This event was planned by one staff member, and will be miraculously executed by a team of 25.
- ▶ There are 750 attendees this year from 30 states, Canada and Jamaica.
- ▶ The majority of attendees are in social services, mental health, child welfare and law enforcement occupations, but we also have many attendees from probation, legal services, healthcare and education.
- ▶ 1st place for most attendees goes to Virginia (67), 2nd place to Texas (60) and 3rd to Florida (53).
- ▶ We received applications for 130 workshops, 53 of which made it in the final agenda this year.

JuST FACTS

- ▶ This conference strives to go beyond the basics in order to provide intermediate or advanced presentations including core subjects as well as hot topics, criminal trends, and rarely-seen material.
- ▶ Shared Hope believes Survivor voices are a critical component of all training and networking initiatives. You will always find Survivor leaders, presenters and consultants at our events.
- ▶ We know that each person in the community has an important role to play in preventing or ending commercial sexual exploitation, and that a collaborative community response is critical; therefore, we do not restrict attendance at our D.C. conference. Students, Soccer Moms, Investigators, and Therapists alike are welcome to receive training.
- ▶ Resource and information-sharing is critical to your organization's success. JuST attendees come from every state, so there's guaranteed to be someone here who can help you out when you need it.
- ▶ We are a small, but mighty training event. Shared Hope is a nonprofit and this event is not supported by grants. 100% of registration fees go towards conference expenses. JuST Presenters donate their time and expertise to be here.
- ▶ Networking socials and all scholarships for attendees are made possible by the donations of committed individuals, many of whom are here with you.
- ▶ The success of this conference comes down to you: learning, growing, conversing, teaching, collaborating, and returning to your community to put your tools in action.

About Shared Hope International

Shared Hope International is dedicated to bringing an end to sex trafficking through our three-pronged approach – prevent, restore, and bring justice.

Prevent

Training – Shared Hope offers training programs and resources to equip professionals and community members with the skills to identify and respond to survivors and potential victims.

Research – Our research promotes the creation of promising practices and the development of effective intervention and response.

Awareness – We advance the prioritization of this issue by initiating campaigns that raise alarm in communities and provide education to teens and parents on the warning signs of trafficking.

Collaboration – We share our expertise and resources with task forces, law enforcement agencies, community groups and others to accelerate solutions to combat trafficking.

Restore

Partners – We provide funding and technical assistance to programs operated by local partners in India, Jamaica, Nepal and the U.S. to offer safe homes, medical care, education, vocational training, therapy, outreach, and intervention services for survivors.

JuST Response brings together Shared Hope's research on services for domestic minor sex trafficking victims with its analysis of state laws to inform legislative efforts and the implementation of existing responses.

Bring Justice

We help strengthen trafficking laws and build better policies to protect victims by providing comprehensive legal research, expert testimony, coalition support, and advocacy initiatives.

The Protected Innocence Challenge is a comprehensive law analysis which results in an annual Report Card on the sufficiency of child sex trafficking laws in each state and recommendations for improvement.

The Demanding Justice Project is a research and advocacy initiative to promote demand deterrence through increased attention and advocacy on issues that impact demand.

To learn more about Shared Hope International please visit www.sharedhope.org

A grayscale photograph of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C. The large, seated statue of Dr. King is the central focus, set against a backdrop of a cloudy sky. The foreground shows the stone plaza and other parts of the memorial structure.


PRE- CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 9TH

SERVEing Survivors: A Methodology for Restorative Relationships

***Approved for 4.5 NBCC credit hours*

The SERVE methodology embraces what research tells us about working directly with individuals who live with the challenges of Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This training will examine the importance of a holistic approach in working to reduce adverse symptoms and empower survivors. The counterintuitive nature of serving survivors well and the use of evidence-based treatment modalities will be discussed. Special focus will be on brain development in childhood and adolescence, and how coping mechanisms for the abnormal stress of human trafficking become maladaptive.

 Located in Chesapeake 5 12:00 - 4:30 PM

Meet the Speaker

Bonnie Martin *Psychotherapist, Educator, Consultant; Founder, SERVE Survivors*




Bonnie is a technical expert in the development of trauma-informed mental health and psychosocial programs and has worked domestically and internationally for 15 years to reduce the effects of trauma on rule of law, interpersonal relationships, and education in stress-affected societies and marginalized populations. Bonnie specializes in complex trauma and has worked with thousands of victims of violence, exploitation and human trafficking. Bonnie teaches culturally-specific strength-based approaches for motivating behavioral change and building trauma resiliency. She has developed an evidence-based cross-cultural model for the prevention, intervention and treatment of complex traumatic stress that incorporates the most current neuroscientific research on brain development and attachment theory. Bonnie's work focuses on psychosocial capacity building by providing systemic training for corporations, government agencies, professionals, paraprofessionals and grass roots organizations. She also provides consultation for stakeholders and funders. Her fieldwork includes the countries of Mexico, India, South Africa, Swaziland, Serbia, Russia, Bolivia, Colombia, Thailand, Haiti, Nepal and the United States. Bonnie is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Therapist Supervisor in the states of Maryland and Virginia. She earned her M.Ed. degree in School Counseling from Wilmington University, and a post-graduate Certificate of Advanced Counseling Studies (CACS) from Regent University.

Emotional Money

(Survivors Only)

Whether leading a non-profit and needing to fundraise; being self-employed and having to put a price tag on your services; or working for others and having to negotiate compensation, dealing with money can be emotional and re-triggering for survivors of sexual exploitation. Whether down 'n out and low on cash or financially doing all right, money can cause a slow-down of the healing journey. Come listen to an entrepreneur survivor and a psychologist talk about the emotions and trauma triggers of money.

 Located in Chesapeake 6 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

***Approved for 1 NBCC credit hour*

Meet the Speakers

Marlene Carson, DD, CDKA

Founder, Rahab's Hideaway; CEO, The SWITCH



Marlene refers to herself as a SurTHRIVER. She created The Switch as a national anti-trafficking Network designed to empower a new generation of underground railroad conductors. Marlene knows from her own personal experience the perils faced by victims of human trafficking. At fifteen, she became one of the thousands who are exploited daily. Through faith in Jesus Christ

and sound Biblical teaching, Marlene's misery became a ministry. Her zeal has brought about a vision, unique in its application and effective in its efforts to break the cycle of exploitation, addiction, and poverty. Marlene believes that together, we can address one of the greatest human rights challenges of our day, and set survivors on a new "track" to freedom, hope, and restoration.

Becca C. Johnson, PhD

Licensed Psychologist, Rescue: Freedom International



Becca has been a licensed psychologist for over twenty-five years, focusing on helping victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Becca has served as the Clinical Director at Engedi Refuge, a residential recovery home for sexually exploited women and also as International Director of Aftercare Programming for Agape International Mission (AIM). Currently

she is International Program Director for Rescue: Freedom International, a non-profit which encourages, supports and empowers those providing direct services to victims of sex trafficking. Becca speaks and provides trauma care training and consulting to safe houses and programs both in the USA and abroad. She is author of several books, and is currently working on two others to encourage survivors and to help front-line trauma care staff.

Self-Care and Secondary Trauma Mitigation

(Survivors Only)

This presentation is specifically designed for trafficking survivors who are working with, or hoping to work with, other survivors recently out of their trafficking situation. Triggers, mindfulness exercises, and other methodologies will be explained, to assist in providing the best care possible while also taking care of ourselves.

📍 Located in Chesapeake 6 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

***Approved for 1 NBCC credit hour*

Meet the Speaker

Emily Waters, LMSW, MPA

Senior Director of Counseling Programs, Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County




Emily has been involved in various anti-trafficking efforts for over eight years and is, herself, a survivor of sex trafficking. She has served as a consultant in trafficking prevention, research, operational and leadership support, and aftercare solutions in Eastern Europe, and has conducted training and therapy assessments in Southeast Asia. Her research from Bulgaria was featured at the International Social Work Conference in Los Angeles in 2012, and her experience as a director for a CSEC youth treatment center was presented at the American Association of Children Residential Centers Conference in 2015. Emily holds a Masters of Social Work Degree from Azusa Pacific University and a Masters of Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University, and is completing her Ph.D. in Social Work at Adelphi University.

High Heels and HIV

Breaking the Barriers with Trafficking Victims

Sex trafficking victims are at an alarmingly increased risk of being infected with HIV from their consistent exposure to bodily fluids during forced, unprotected sex. The majority of sex workers interviewed for HIV services refuse to self-identify as trafficking victims during confidential interviews. Barriers such as stigma, HIV criminalization, and the threat of violence are major obstacles for non-disclosure. This workshop will explore various ways to identify potential barriers while conducting interviews with victims, demonstrate effective methods for encouraging disclosure, and highlight successful strategies that foster an environment where sex trafficking victims feel comfortable disclosing. As a result, community workers will be better equipped to overcome barriers while victims will be able to safely disclose their situation and gain access to the services provided for them while protecting the community from the spread of HIV.

 Located in Chesapeake 3

***Approved for 1.5 NBCC credit hours*

Meet the Speaker

Monica Charleston *President and CEO, Kaleidoscope International*



Monica is an advocate for human rights who lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She is determined to be a voice for those silenced by sex trafficking. She gained national recognition for her advocacy skills, her allegiance to educating the community, and being a leader for child sex trafficking survivors. Monica took a leap of faith to launch Kaleidoscope International in 2015. Kaleidoscope was created to advocate for victims and survivors of sex trafficking. Recently, she has testified in front of Virginia's General Assembly concerning available services for minors convicted of prostitution and civil rights of survivors of sex trafficking. Most importantly, Monica successfully had all of her 150+ Prostitution charges dropped in the state of New York, got her voters' rights reinstated, and is now an official voters' registrant for the state of Virginia. Monica is personally invested in these issues as a survivor of child sex trafficking. As a young person, for over ten years she was forced to sell her body every day with no way to escape. Monica has a brand new life now with her four beautiful daughters and earned an Associate's Degree in Human Services in 2011.

Prostitution, Sexual Coercion, and Violence

Why Sexploitation is Nobody's Job

In light of Amnesty International's call for full decriminalization of prostitution, old and lingering debates about the nature of prostitution have bubbled to the surface of mainstream cultural discourse. Questions abound: Does prostitution represent the world's oldest profession or oldest exploitation? Is commercial sex a form of work, or a form of coercion? Does criminalizing sex buyers adversely impact those in the sex trade? Will full decriminalization of prostitution (as a sector for the industrial sale of sex) have repercussions on the incidence of sex trafficking? Accordingly, this workshop aims to equip anti-trafficking advocates, victim service providers, and policy-makers with answers to these questions. The presentation will explore the nature of prostitution, present the common philosophical perspectives by which legal responses to prostitution are framed, provide research findings on the harms of prostitution, critique Amnesty International's policy approach, and discuss options for action.



Located in Chesapeake 12

Meet the Speaker

Lisa Thompson *Vice President and Director of Education and Outreach, National Center on Sexual Exploitation*



Lisa oversees strategic planning for increased public understanding of the full spectrum of sexual exploitation (i.e. pornography, stripping, prostitution, sexual trafficking, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, etc.) and pornography's role as the cornerstone of sexual exploitation. She conducts analysis, manages awareness campaigns, and advocates with public officials and corporations for policies that protect the right of sexual justice—freedom from sexual exploitation, objectification, and violence. Previously, Lisa worked with World Hope International and The Salvation Army USA spearheading their anti-trafficking efforts. Lisa is a contributing author to *Hands that Heal: International Curriculum for Caregivers of Trafficking Survivors*, as well as the book *Global Perspectives on Prostitution and Sex Trafficking*. Lisa also routinely speaks/trains about commercial sexual exploitation for a diverse range of audiences.

The Ripple Effect

Preventing Teen Trafficking

Juvenile sex trafficking can only be prevented if teens find out about human trafficking, how it affects our culture and their generation, the tactics that traffickers employ, and how to safely prevent and report it in their lives and the lives of their peers. This session will present proven tools to present human trafficking prevention education information to teens in relevant, engaging, age-appropriate, and effective ways that will allow teens not only to be advocates for themselves but for their peers as well. Participants will also learn how to safely and effectively engage teens in the movement to prevent and end human trafficking.

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Meet the Speaker

Jessica Willis *Executive Director, Richmond Justice Initiative, The Prevention Project*



Jessica manages human trafficking prevention education efforts through the Prevention Project® program, a multi award-winning, interactive set of sessions that educates teens on the facts and lures of trafficking, invests in student impact through character and leadership development, and equips school leaders - all in order to prevent and intercept human trafficking in schools and communities. Through Jessica's leadership, the Prevention Project® program has expanded from a pilot project to a fully developed, interactive curriculum that has now reached over six thousand students in schools, churches, and after-school programs throughout five states. She loves building relationships with advocates throughout the United States through sharing how each person can make a difference, partnering together, and equipping others to ultimately reach teens with anti-trafficking prevention education. Jessica is a dynamic speaker who has addressed groups at state-wide conferences, schools, churches, etc. on leadership, prevention education, social responsibility, and other anti-trafficking topics. She serves on the advisory committee for the National Educators to Stop Trafficking (NEST) and is a founding steering committee member of Fair Trade Towns, Richmond.

Game Changers

Tools to Build Emotional Resiliency

This is a session that encourages audience participation, discussion, and Q & A. Attendees can learn simple, effective, fun and portable strategies and techniques that are evidence-based in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, helping anyone to build emotional resiliency, avoid burnout, and keep a positive focus. These strategies can be a vital addition to a daily program of wellness, renewal and recovery. Marti will present in a way that is often fun and humorous, but genuine. You will learn skills in: mindfulness, celebration, gratitude, positive self-talk, cognitive reframing, and emotional connectedness. Attendees will learn how to rebound from emotional setbacks and annoyances in daily life, ways to manage emotional adversity, and skills to raise the levels of positive neurotransmitters in your brain, discovering how to “self-empower.”

 Located in Chesapeake 9

***Approved for 1.5 NBCC credit hours*

Meet the Speaker

Marti MacGibbon, CADC-II, ACRPS, CAPMS

Humorous Inspirational Speaker, Certified Mental Health Professional, Survivor Leader, Nationally Award-winning Author



Marti survived and triumphed over being trafficked to Tokyo and sold to Japanese organized crime, enduring adolescent sexual abuse/assault, domestic violence, PTSD, homelessness, and drug addiction. An award-winning author and advocate, she has lobbied and told her story at the White House, Department of State, and the California State Legislature. She serves on the Indiana Attorney General's state-wide anti-trafficking task force, IPATH, and is Assistant Clinical Director of Survivor Empowerment at SAFE Coalition for Human Rights. As a humorous inspirational speaker, Marti uses her personal story to raise awareness of, and strip stigma away from, human trafficking, domestic violence, addiction, and homelessness. She delivers presentations on trauma resolution, self-empowerment, and emotional resiliency, at conferences for medical professionals, mental health experts, law enforcement, and other service providers. As a certified mental health professional, Marti teaches life skills classes for at-risk populations. Since 2013, she has taught her Survival and Resilience class (SURE) pro bono at the Marion County Jail in Indianapolis. Marti is the recipient of the Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition's 2015 Lifetime Addiction Recovery Advocate Award.

The Power of Prevention

An Interactive & Effective Method for Addressing Devaluation of Women

A study in Minnesota summarized the cost-benefit of prevention services for female adolescents at risk for human exploitation and trafficking, and quantified it \$1 to \$34. Prevention must be a necessary component to stop human trafficking, beyond just education of what it is. Combining our experience with survivors of trafficking, high-risk teens, school educators and community groups – we bridge the gap by providing promising practices, tools and training resources for social services, educators and youth leaders. We will present a fun, interactive learning system addressing the cultural devaluation of women that can be used in a variety of settings.

 Located in Chesapeake 3

Meet the Speaker

Hannah Arrowood *Founder and Executive Director, Present Age Ministries*



Hannah is equipped with leadership and vision that draws people to act and motivate change. She is genuine and authentic in her passion and love for people, which enables her to quickly connect with individuals. With experience in corporate America for ten years, and six years' experience in the non-profit sector, she is able to blend purpose and passion into a recipe for achievement. In her role, she currently oversees the development and implementation of sustainable programs for females ages 12-18. This includes awareness and prevention as well as intervention (direct services) for female survivors of human exploitation and trafficking. Hannah works to ensure that integrity, excellence and sustainability is demonstrated by all staff, volunteers and partners to ensure the clients are receiving the utmost care and confidentiality. She demonstrates the unique ability to think outside the box to address hurdles, and effectively collaborates in order to bring together a team that provides holistic care for the clients.

Pornography as Propaganda

Forming the Cognitive Script for Sexual Violence

Pornography is a powerful teacher; its users consume potent themes which change attitudes and foster sexually violent behaviors. Pornography propagates lies, half-truths, and distortions about sex, relationships, and women and men it portrays. It is a form of propaganda rife with themes of sexual exploitation, violation, power, and hate which serve the interests of sex industrialists. For those working to end sexual exploitation, it is vital to understand how pornography creates a cognitive script in the minds of consumers which influences family, business, and intimate relationships, as well as sex-buying behavior. Accordingly, this presentation will review the key elements of propaganda, and demonstrate how themes of modern pornography parallel those elements, thereby orchestrating the dehumanization and destruction of both the user and the consumed.

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Using the *Chosen* Tool Effectively

Nick and Jo Lembo have presented *Chosen*, Shared Hope's most popular resource, hundreds of times to audiences from 10 – 2000 people. They have deconstructed the tool for maximum effectiveness in delivery, helping to train volunteers and community leaders across the nation to use it in order to impact audiences of all ages. Their presentation includes an overview of male and female perspectives on the issue, a demonstration on how to use the resource most effectively so audiences grasp how they can protect their community, how youth can defend their friends, and how any individual can recognize and report indicators of trafficking.

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Meet the Speakers

Nick Lembo Board Member, Shared Hope International

Jo Lembo Outreach Manager, Shared Hope International



Nick serves on the board of directors for Shared Hope International and is a leader and spokesperson for The Defenders. For the past four years, Nick has been a presenter for Shared Hope International at their national conferences and has spoken at community forums throughout the U.S. with a focus on empowering men. Nick is an active networker in arenas of education, business and politics throughout the Pacific Northwest to bring the message of prevention. His passion is to engage and equip men to wage war against sex trafficking and become defenders of all women and children. Nick often co-presents the *Chosen* documentary with his wife Jo to teens and adults.

Jo became a Shared Hope Ambassador and served in that capacity for several years before becoming a staff member at SHI. She helped open Terry's House, Shared Hope's transitional living home for survivors of sex trafficking, worked as Manager of Growth Strategies in the Pacific Northwest, and recently became manager of the Ambassadors of Hope program. She works tirelessly training Ambassadors of Hope to teach our kids to defend themselves and their friends from sex trafficking using the documentary *Chosen*. She firmly believes that bringing awareness will make the world much smaller for those who buy and sell our children in the sex trade.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

What is ACEs Training? Adverse Childhood Experiences include abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction such as exposure to violence, economic hardship or substance abuse. These childhood traumas can lead to mental health issues like depression and addiction as well as physical ailments. The ACEs training is recommended for individuals working with children of any age. Participants will learn more about ACEs, the red flags that can suggest a trauma history, how ACEs affect children psychologically and physiologically, and how their organization can serve trauma survivors in the community in a more compassionate and effective way.

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***Approved for 1.5 NBCC credit hours*

Meet the Speaker

Clay Walker, JD *Director of Juvenile Services, Caddo Parish Juvenile Services*



Clay oversees 80 employees who run the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center, as well as Probation Services for Caddo Juvenile Court. He received a bachelor's degree from Lewis & Clark College of Portland, Oregon and a Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston. As adjunct professor at Centenary College of Louisiana, Clay taught a course in juvenile delinquency, and has worked with the Southern Poverty Law Center on its Juvenile Justice Initiative. In 2008, he was appointed director of juvenile defender services for the state Public Defender Board, supervising all juvenile defenders in Louisiana's 64 parishes. He assumed his current position in 2011. Clay received a Leadership award from the National Juvenile Justice Network in Washington, D.C., the Catherine LaFleur Legal Advocacy for Children award, and the Professor Lucy McGough Juvenile Justice Award from the State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Children's Law Committee and the Louisiana Law Institute's Children's Code Committee.

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MAIN CONFERENCE

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 10TH

Rehabilitative Residential Programming for Survivors of Human Trafficking

This workshop will share the work of The Salvation Army Deborah's Gate, the only high-security wrap-around rehabilitative residential program in Canada, providing services for over 150 survivors of human trafficking. Started in 2009, Deborah's Gate serves girls, women, and transgender individuals who have been trafficked for sex, labor, or a combination of the two. Free, wrap-around rehabilitative programming includes specialized trauma counseling, art therapy, a farm-to-table gardening program, a physical fitness program, a dance residency to redeem the skill of erotic dancing into dignity, a culinary arts program, pet therapy, tattoo/branding removal, and access to Aboriginal specific services such as Elder mentorship.

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Meet the Speaker


Larissa Maxwell *Manager, Anti-Human Trafficking Programs, The Salvation Army: Deborah's Gate*



Larissa has over 10 years' experience in case management, advocacy, program development, and leadership in the field of exploitation and human trafficking of children, youth, and adults in Canada. She oversees Deborah's Gate Residential Program, New Hope Outreach Services, and Living Hope: Life and Living Skills Program for survivors of labor and sex trafficking from across Canada. Larissa has assisted in creating provincial and national programming and action plans to assist victims of trafficking and exploitation across Canada and the U.S. She is an instructor at the Canadian Police College Human Trafficking Investigators Course in Ottawa, ON, and has been a keynote speaker at The Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board, The Public Safety National Human Trafficking Forum, The Canadian Council for Refugees Annual Summit, and The Salvation Army Human Trafficking Service Provider's Conference in Colorado. Larissa has been consulted by community agencies and law enforcement in the U.S., UK, Netherlands, and Germany.

The Life-Long Process of Recovery (After the First Year)

This workshop will discuss what the process of recovery really looks like, beyond the first year of treatment. Join therapist and professional Bonnie Martin and survivor K.D. Roche as they co-present the subject of PTSD and its long-term impact on the brain. After working together in therapy for three years, Bonnie and K.D. will discuss which treatments they found to be most effective, as well as which treatment models K.D. experienced that prolonged her personal recovery process. Additionally, they will share input gathered in consultation with other survivors on the most common long-term needs that are inadequately addressed, and how providers can begin to incorporate services to meet them in the development of treatment or aftercare programs.

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for motivating behavioral change and building trauma resiliency. She has developed an evidence based cross-cultural model for the prevention, intervention and treatment of complex traumatic stress that incorporates the most current neuroscientific research on brain development and attachment theory. Her M.Ed degree is in School Counseling and her Certificate of Advanced Counseling Studies was earned at Regent University.

K.D. Roche

Survivor, Author, Speaker




K.D. is a survivor of human trafficking, a published author, and a professional in training communities on the subject of human trafficking, specifically in the LGBTQ+ community. She works currently in

Indiana, providing training to social workers, judges, law enforcement, and students. She is also working on developing an online training program to help survivors develop themselves professionally for careers outside of speaking and sharing their story.

No Longer Invisible

Florida's Collaborative Approach to Better Identifying CSEC Victims

In collaboration with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and several other agencies, Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) created a Human Trafficking Screening Tool (HTST) in response to the newly passed HB 7141 in 2014. The HTST is required to be used by child protective investigators, dependency case management and DJJ's intake screeners. DJJ began utilizing this tool statewide in April 2015 and as of January 2016 it must be used statewide by DCF. With the objectives of better identifying trafficking victims and informing service development within the state of Florida, the tool informs treatment recommendations at an individual level and enhances data collection at an aggregate level. This workshop will introduce the HTST including the legislative language mandating the tool, indicators that trigger the use of the tool, outcomes and trends from its first year of use and the benefits of using a uniform screening tool.

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Meet the Speakers

Sue Aboul-Hosn

*Regional Human Trafficking Coordinator,
Florida Department of Children and Families*



Sue began identifying human trafficking victims among Florida Department of Children and Families' missing children in 2003. Since 2009, she has assisted in over three hundred human trafficking investigations resulting from reports received by the Department of Children and Families' Abuse Hotline. In her current role she provides expert guidance to Child Protective

Investigators and Case Management, as well as developing and implementing policies that assist in identifying, documenting and determining the appropriate services for victims of human trafficking. Additionally, Sue has taken the lead in adapting and implementing the newly developed Human Trafficking Screening Tool among DCF's Child Protective Investigations and Case Management.

Bethany Gilot

*Human Trafficking Director,
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice*




Bethany joined Florida DJJ in 2014 after working at non-profit organizations serving sex trafficking victims and survivors in both Miami and West Bengal, India. She has direct care and program development experience working with adult and minor female victims of sex trafficking at multiple levels of the continuum of care, from in-home to residential services. In her current role she oversees all of the

Department's initiatives and programs targeting human trafficking as well as continuously working to enhance DJJ's efforts to identify and serve this population. This includes ensuring that all DJJ staff receive human trafficking training and can access local resources, developing programs to serve exploited youth, and implementing the Human Trafficking Screening Tool statewide in all of DJJ's intake facilities.

What is Post-Traumatic Growth?

A Story of Hope

The presentation will provide a case study of transgenerational trauma from the perspective of a mother, who survived sexual trauma, broke the cycle, and then prevented her daughter from becoming a victim of domestic sex trafficking. Empirical knowledge will be shared on the phenomenon of transgenerational trauma and growth, as well as the development of resilience and its impact on human potential. This mother-daughter duo is a pair of human sex trafficking activists who have a passion to reach today's parents and the millennium generation. Together, they will share their personal journey from grooming and victimization to healing.

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Meet the Speakers

Jessica Vera, PhD

Forensic Clinician, Authentic Living



Jessica has worked with abused, neglected, and exploited children and their families under the auspices of the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Family/Dependency Court in South Florida for almost two decades. Her professional career has been devoted to examining clinical

research, strategies, and best practices to help victims overcome the shame and guilt of sex trauma, as well as to educate aspiring clinicians as an adjunct professor at Barry University. In particular, her passion is to increase awareness, prevention, and sensitivity towards sexual abuse, exploitation, and trafficking. With the rise of visible domestic human trafficking in the U.S., Jessica recently published her first autobiographical, clinically influenced, spiritual freedom guide.

Samantha Parma-Vera

Student



At 15 years of age Samantha became entangled with and the target of a sex predator via social media. Fortunately, she was saved from becoming a sex trafficking victim and consequently has a great passion to speak out to others about the risks of seeking self-worth and validation through social media. Today Samantha is a student in a pre-med program.

The Psychological Impact of Complex Trauma

The Common Storyline of Juvenile Sex Trafficking

The experience of repetitive interpersonally-based trauma during an individual's childhood often has a profound negative effect on the emotional, cognitive, moral, social, physiological, and spiritual domains of a survivor's life. Victims of Juvenile Sex Trafficking, by definition, endure repetitive interpersonal traumas during critical periods of their physical and psychological development, often manifesting the hallmark signs of complex traumatic stress in adolescence, early adulthood, and beyond. Drawing insights from the latest research in trauma-informed care, we will highlight the common signs of complex traumatic stress and briefly review the empirically-based stages of recovery from repetitive and interpersonal traumatic experiences.

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Meet the Speaker

Dan Sartor, PhD, LCPC, NCC

*Director of Trinity Counseling Services and Associate Professor of Psychology,
Trinity Christian College*



Dan is the Director of Trinity Counseling Services and Associate Professor of Psychology at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, IL. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Richmond Graduate University in Atlanta, GA. He is licensed as a Clinical Psychologist (IL & GA), Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (IL), and Nationally Board Certified Counselor. Dan received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Biola University (Rosemead School of Psychology), and he holds an M.A. in Counseling from Reformed Theological Seminary. His personal mission is to facilitate spiritual vitality and relational restoration through teaching, counseling, writing, and personal encounters in the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Dan trained as a generalist in Clinical Psychology; his clinical specializations include trauma recovery, addiction recovery, sexuality issues, and crisis of faith/spiritual issues. More information about Dan's clinical work and experiences may be found at www.dansartorphd.com.

Start by Believing

A Message of Support for Survivors of Sexual Violence

End Violence Against Women International has created a public awareness campaign called Start By Believing, because a friend or family member is typically the first person a victim confides in after an assault, and each person's reaction is the first step in a long path toward justice and healing. Knowing how to respond is critical – a negative response can worsen the trauma and foster an environment where sexual assault predators face zero consequences for their crimes. Research shows that rapists attack an average of six times, highlighting that fact that one failed response by professionals can result in five additional victims. Start By Believing will lead the way toward ending this cycle, by creating a positive community response, an approach that is especially important when encountering a victim of sex trafficking, where too often the system or community views these victims as juvenile runaways, or consensual adult prostitutes.

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Meet the Speakers

Jerald Monahan

Chief of Police, Prescott Police Department



As Police Chief for almost three years, Jerald has worked to prioritize violent crimes against women such as domestic violence and sexual assault. He is actively involved with End Violence Against Women International, serving as Vice President of the Board of Directors. He received EVAWI's Visionary Award for his efforts promoting and training on the Start by Believing Campaign, work that resulted in Arizona becoming the first state to formally adopt the campaign. Jerald is also

a consultant and trainer for the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative and provides technical assistance to DV fatality review teams around the country. Current local initiatives include undercover sex sting operations and development of a domestic violence risk instrument that can be included in arrest documents for judges to consider.

Vivian Long

Vice President, Long Family Foundation



Vivian's private non-profit organization supports religious, educational, cultural and research endeavors. She has been involved with supporting survivors of sexual violence for over five years, working for organizations such as the National

Organization for Women – NYC, International Justice Mission and most recently, the Joyful Heart Foundation.

The Person Behind the Booking Number

(Law Enforcement / Prosecutors Only)

This interactive workshop is designed to educate law enforcement on the importance of developing a victim-centered approach during initial contact with victims of human sex trafficking. Following the presentation, officers will be able to identify both child and adult victims, and deliver quality service applying four key behavior modifications through evidence-based core components. Learners will understand the under-pinning effects of living as a victim of sex trafficking; how perceptions are learned, consistent and inaccurate; Stockholm syndrome and its application to victims; effects of change on individuals. The workshop will provide a safe atmosphere for officers' expression while emphasizing the patience required when working with victims who often do not present like victims in the minds of law enforcement.

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Meet the Speaker

Stephany Powell, PhD, Ed


Executive Director, Journey Out



Stephany is a powerful speaker, a tenacious educator and advocate for change. Her unique insight into the world of sexual exploitation and trafficking gained through her thirty years with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), coupled with her passion for education and her heart for community, make Stephany an unparalleled choice to lead Journey Out (formerly the Mary Magdalene Project). She retired from the LAPD as Vice Sergeant and accepted the leadership role at Journey Out in October 2013. In addition to her LAPD tenure, her doctorate is in Organizational Leadership and she utilizes that singular combination in a number of ways. She created and facilitated Team Building and Executive Leadership workshops for the Fire and Police departments. Additionally, she is an Adjunct Professor of Behavioral Science at the University of La Verne and the Los Angeles Trade Technical College. She uses her skills and insight to educate the community about the complex and often misunderstood world of sex trafficking and to create positive change for its victims.

Lessons Learned On Our Path to Agency Change with Trauma-Informed Care

Trauma-informed care is a growing movement in behavioral health care and a requirement for those working with victims of juvenile sex trafficking. This presentation will present the basics of trauma-informed care and describe characteristics of a successful trauma-informed care organization. Also spotlighted will be Centers for Youth and Families participation in a yearlong Trauma-Informed Care Learning Community with the National Council for Behavioral Health. In a quest to become a trauma-informed care organization and better equip them in working with trauma survivors and victims of juvenile sex trafficking, the Centers encountered multiple challenges. Highlights will include mistakes made, lessons learned and accomplishments in recreating their agency in the wake of trauma-informed care.

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Meet the Speakers

Mark Bryant, MS, LPE

*Outpatient and Day Treatment Program Manager,
The Centers for Youth and Families*



Mark has been a Licensed Psychological Examiner in Arkansas for fourteen years at The Centers, providing psychotherapy services for children and families including children with severe behavioral problems, trauma history, and sexualized behavior. Mark is also a member of the Arkansas State Legislative Task Force for the Prevention of Child Abuse and represents

The Centers as a member of the Pulaski County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team. In these roles he advocates for victims of abuse and provides mental health recommendations. He graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology in 2001.

Heather Duran, LCSW

*Clinical Operations Director,
Centers for Youth and Families*




Heather has worked in the field of behavioral health for twenty years, all at Centers for Youth and Families. Centers for Youth and Families is the oldest continuously operating not-for-profit in Arkansas, having served Arkansas' most troubled and needy children for more than one hundred and thirty years. Prior to her position, Heather also served as the Utilization Management/Utilization

Review Director and Clinician. She serves as a member of the Program Director's Committee and Children's Subcommittee for the Mental Health Council of Arkansas. Heather received her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

State v. Roman Thomas

Roman Thomas is a repeat trafficker who used violence and branding to control his minor and adult victims. This case study examines his recruitment and control tactics, including his particularly vicious branding of a thirteen year old girl. It will discuss the repercussions of that branding on her life, including her “rebranding” by the media, and the impact her trauma has had on her childhood development. The study will include the efforts to recover the thirteen year old victim, the prosecution of Roman Thomas, and the gaps in legal infrastructure that have frustrated therapeutic efforts to help the victim. The study includes an overview of the combined efforts of government and non-government organizations in Florida to address the branding of human beings for purposes of commercial sexual exploitation, the privacy of human trafficking victims, and rape shield and closed circuit television testimony protections for human trafficking victims.

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Meet the Speaker

Brenda Mezick, JD

Assistant United States Attorney, Office of the State Attorney for Miami-Dade County



Brenda is Chief of Program Development & Public Policy of the Human Trafficking Unit. Over the course of her twenty-two years as an Assistant State Attorney, she has specialized in the prosecution of offenses involving human trafficking, cyber-crimes, capital sexual battery, and homicides. She has forensic sub-specializations in the areas of digital evidence investigation and DNA. She supervises her office’s ground breaking Human Trafficking-Child Plan and Recovery initiative. She has participated in the drafting of several successful legislative initiatives to help improve Florida’s legal infrastructure for minors and human trafficking victims. Brenda has taught for the National District Attorneys Association, the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, and the American Prosecutors Research Institute and lectures frequently to members of law enforcement and the community. She received her law degree from Georgetown University. She is the recipient of the Women’s Fund Law Enforcement Visionary Award, the National Crime Victims’ Rights Committee Justice for All Award, the CABA Pro Bono Award, the Dade Chiefs of Police ASA Recognition Award, the State Attorney’s Office Human Trafficking Award of Distinction, and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award of Distinction.

The Bottom Girl Phenomenon

Through this presentation, conference attendees will gain an understanding of the role of the “bottom girl” who operates as the pimp’s most “trusted” accomplice in the prostitution enterprise. The presenter will share her personal story of victimization, arrest and prosecution, revealing the reality of the bottom girl’s world, and provide honest tips and recommendations on how to better interact with females within this context.

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Meet the Speaker

Shamere McKenzie

CEO, Sungate Foundation; Program Director, The Salvation Army of Central Maryland



Through Sungate Foundation, Shamere provides educational opportunities for survivors of human trafficking. In her work with The Salvation Army, she designed a short term program to meet the needs of adult survivors of human trafficking including survivors with children, transgendered, and foreign national survivors. Shamere works tirelessly to raise awareness of human trafficking both nationally and internationally by speaking at universities, conferences, community events and with government officials. She has used her personal experience as a survivor of sex trafficking to train law enforcement on how to identify and respond to victims of human trafficking and to inform policy initiatives. In addition, she serves on the speaker’s bureau for both the Fredrick Douglas Family Initiative and Survivors of Slavery, and is a trainer with Airline Ambassadors alerting airport personnel on how to identify and respond to human trafficking. Shamere is a mentor to many survivors and an active member of the survivor networks. Her story has been featured on television, radio and printed news as well as social media and in several books including a college text book focused on social justice. She holds a BS degree from Loyola University Chicago in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Hot Topics and Strategies for Identifying and Protecting Juvenile Sex Trafficking Victims: JuST State Policy

While awareness surrounding sex trafficking in the U.S. has increased substantially over the past 10 years and has led to legislative advancements across the country, significant gaps in state laws persist, limiting our ability to combat domestic minor sex trafficking and protect child victims. This presentation will outline the pressing need to gravitate away from punitive responses for juvenile sex trafficking victims and instead provide protective responses that include specialized services, while holding all perpetrators, including buyers, accountable in a manner that reflects the seriousness of the offense. This presentation will also discuss how legislative gaps may create barriers to identifying and responding to child sex trafficking victims. These barriers include the failure to address buyers' conduct within the crime of sex trafficking which can seriously impact protections available to juvenile sex trafficking victims. Finally, the presentation will use hypotheticals to guide an interactive discussion with participants about promising practices in implementing non-criminalization policies for juvenile sex trafficking victims.

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Meet the Speakers

Christine Raino, JD

Director of Public Policy, Shared Hope International



As Director of Public Policy at Shared Hope International, Christine leads the management of Protected Innocence Challenge research and advocacy, with particular focus on access to services for juvenile sex trafficking victims and victim-centered approaches to demand enforcement. She directs legislative advocacy efforts and provides technical assistance to legislators. She also authors

and leads research initiatives on emerging topics related to juvenile sex trafficking. Christine is a licensed attorney. Prior to obtaining her law degree at American University, she worked with refugees, asylees and victims of trafficking through federal and state resettlement programs at the International Institute of Boston.

Eliza Reock

Director of Programs, Shared Hope International



As Director of Programs for Shared Hope International, Eliza Reock manages the funding and development of restoration programs, monitors and evaluates current restoration partners and works to identify leading field techniques to develop direct service provision systems for sex trafficking survivors. She provides critical policy support

to Shared Hope in the areas of establishing protections against Internet facilitation of child sex trafficking and developing protective system response mechanisms for identifying and serving sex trafficking survivors, and was instrumental in launching Shared Hope's JuST Response program.

In God's Time

Recovered Memories of Family-Controlled Human Trafficking

Delayed recall is common with survivors of familial abuse and exploitation. The presenter is a survivor of family-controlled sex trafficking, a retired social worker, and a filmmaker. Her memories of abuse, which surfaced when she was 37, were confirmed by four relatives with similar memories. In a quest to come to terms with her childhood, Knight interviewed professionals known as the nation's top memory experts. Video clips of these interviews will be used to explain the phenomena of recovered memories. With an increased appreciation of delayed recall, participants will be better able to relate to survivors who do not always remember their abuse.

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Meet the Speaker

Mary Knight, MSW


Mary Knight Productions



After obtaining her Masters in Social Work in 1980, Mary placed a hundred children in adoptive homes and conducted four hundred forensic evaluations in divorce cases in which custody or parenting time was disputed. She has served as an expert witness in court over a hundred times. She is now a full time filmmaker. Her short film about her first marriage is used by domestic violence organizations worldwide. Mary's current project is a documentary about her recovered memories of family-controlled human trafficking.

Engaging and Empowering Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth

Engagement with commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) victims and survivors empowers youth to see beyond their victimization, embrace their leadership skills, and helps them reintegrate back into their communities. This presentation will discuss practical engagement strategies that providers can implement to better serve this population, rooted in trauma-informed care, attachment theory, strengths-based treatment, and the Stages of Change model. The strategies will be discussed in three parts: initial engagement, ongoing engagement, and reengagement. The presenters will share case examples involving AWOL youth, as well as quotes and feedback from CSEC survivors about engagement strategies.

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Meet the Speakers

Nicole Klasey, PsyD

Consultant, Maryvale Residential Treatment Center



Nicole has worked in residential treatment for thirteen years. She consults with group homes on the development and implementation of CSEC programming and has been training providers on CSEC since 2015. She has developed several training curriculums that are currently being utilized to train providers in Los Angeles and throughout California to better equip providers on working with commercially sexually exploited youth and youth at-risk of recruitment of CSEC. She has authored the Los Angeles Probation Department's CSEC prevention curriculum, "Word on the Street: Educating and Equipping Young Women and Girls," as well as a CSEC parenting prevention curriculum and a CSEC parenting intervention curriculum. She is currently working on a CSEC intervention curriculum for female youth.

Gina Peck-Sobolewski, MA, LMFT

Assistant Vice President, Hathaway-Sycamores Child and



Family Services

Gina has worked in residential treatment for nineteen years. She has been training mental health staff and professionals for ten years on a variety of topics including clinical assessment/treatment, vicarious traumatization, risk management and Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC), most recently at Maryvale Residential Treatment Center. Gina has recently developed CSEC training curriculum in the areas of prevention, treatment and engagement and regularly presents on these topics. Gina now works for Hathaway Sycamores where she assists in developing initiatives and processes for youth in residential care and expanding treatment programming for CSEC victims, with a new emphasis on prevention and intervention for male youth.

Minnesota's Safe Harbor

No Wrong Door Development, Implementation and Evaluation

In 2014, Minnesota joined several other states in decriminalizing sexual exploitation for youth under the age of 18. Additionally, Minnesota has developed a robust, statewide intervention and service delivery model called No Wrong Door. This session will explore MN's Safe Harbor history; implementation of No Wrong Door including the use of service providers, called Regional Navigators; the development of statewide model protocols; and examine outcomes including data, evaluation and utilization of a public health approach. Monica Miller, a survivor who has previously worked as a Regional Navigator, will add her perspective to the discussion including her perception of rural sexual exploitation - debunking the myth that exploitation only occurs in big cities. The presenters acknowledge that each state has its own unique approach to this hidden and often misidentified victimization, and are eager to share lessons learned from the last two years.

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Meet the Speakers

Lauren Ryan, JD

Director of Safe Harbor, Minnesota Department of Health



Lauren is responsible for the coordination, implementation, oversight and evaluation of Minnesota's Safe Harbor/ No Wrong Door model, which ensures sexually exploited youth are treated as victims rather than criminals and have access to trauma-informed, victim-centered, and culturally and age appropriate services. Lauren graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 2008; prior to accepting this position, she

was a program manager at the International Institute of Minnesota, providing direct services to foreign born survivors of sex and labor trafficking. She is an active member of the MN Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force as a member of the Steering Committee and co-chairs the data subcommittee.

Monica Miller, LSW

Survivor Advocate



Monica is a passionate advocate for all victims of sexual exploitation. She was a victim of sexual exploitation at the age of 13. During her teen and adult years Monica was involved in gangs, drugs, and a violent lifestyle. After seeking help she was able to change her life and graduated from Bemidji State University with a B.S. in Social Work and a minor in Chemical Dependency.

Monica worked as the MN Safe Harbor

NW Regional Navigator helping to bring awareness, training and services for youth who have been sexually exploited. She continues to use her passion to bring awareness and education on sexual exploitation, especially on how it affects rural areas in MN.

Hiding in Plain Sight: A Case Study

This is an examination of one child as they move through the child welfare, juvenile justice and mental health communities. This child became involved with child welfare before their first birthday but nobody recognized the risk factors and the signs of exploitation until shortly before the child aged out. It is an exploration of a multi-system failure highlighting the points in which each system could have intervened to potentially prevent the subsequent exploitation. It examines the signs and indicators of exploitation in this child's case, which could have led to specialized placement and services prior to their leaving the system of care. As this youth is now an adult, we will also hear from the youth about their experience and they will share insights for the presentation participants to apply to their future youth engagement.

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Meet the Speakers

Kimberly Grabert, MPA, CPM

*Statewide Human Trafficking Prevention Director,
Florida Dept. of Children and Families (DCF)*



Kim has been with DCF for thirteen years and has worked in the Child Welfare field for sixteen years. She is responsible for the implementation and development of child welfare policy and administration for human trafficking issues across the state of Florida. She has her B.A. in Justice from American University in Washington D.C. and a Master's in Public Administration from Florida Gulf

Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida. She currently sits on the Advisory Council for the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force (GOHTTF). Kim previously Co-founded and Co-Chaired the Lake County Human Trafficking Task Force and Co-founded and Co-Chaired the Commercially Sexually Exploited Child (CSEC) Committee for the GOHTTF.

Bethany Gilot

Human Trafficking Director, Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice




Bethany joined Florida DJJ in 2014 after working at non-profit organizations serving sex trafficking victims and survivors in both Miami and West Bengal, India. She has direct care and program development experience working with adult and minor female victims of sex trafficking at multiple levels of the continuum of care, from in-home to residential services. In her current

role she oversees all of the Department's initiatives and programs targeting human trafficking as well as continuously working to enhance DJJ's efforts to identify and serve this population. This includes ensuring that all DJJ staff receive human trafficking training and can access local resources, developing programs to serve exploited youth, and implementing the Human Trafficking Screening Tool statewide in all of DJJ's intake facilities.

When the Victim Victimizes

This workshop addresses national and international trends where perpetrators train and groom adolescent victims to enforce violence, manage elements of the trafficking business, or engage in other forms of criminal activity while they are simultaneously being victimized, resulting in increasingly complex consequences and impacts for the survivor. The varying complexities and differences involved in appeasement and consent are discussed, especially as it relates to the impacts of trauma and adolescent development, addressing promising practices for supporting survivors to untangle their circumstance and make sense of the cycles of victimization and perpetration - simply put, how we address issues that arise when traffickers coerce victims to victimize.

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Meet the Speakers

Larissa Maxwell

*Manager, Anti-Human Trafficking Programs,
The Salvation Army: Deborah's Gate*



Larissa Maxwell is the Manager of Anti-Human Trafficking Programs for The Salvation Army in the Canada/Bermuda Region, and has over ten years' experience in case management, advocacy, program development, and leadership in the field of exploitation and human trafficking of children, youth, and adults in Canada. She oversees Deborah's Gate Residential

Program, New Hope Outreach Services, and Living Hope: Life and Living Skills Program for survivors of labor and sex trafficking from across Canada. Larissa has assisted in creating provincial and national programming and action plans to assist victims of trafficking and exploitation across Canada and the U.S. Larissa has been consulted by community agencies and law enforcement in the U.S., UK, Netherlands, and Germany.

Becca C. Johnson, PhD

*Licensed Psychologist, Program Director,
Rescue: Freedom International*




Becca has been a licensed psychologist for over twenty-five years, focusing on helping victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Becca has served as the Clinical Director at Engedi Refuge, a residential recovery home for sexually exploited women and also as International Director of Aftercare Programming for Agape International Mission (AIM). Currently

she is International Program Director for Rescue: Freedom International, a non-profit which encourages, supports and empowers those providing direct services to victims of sex trafficking. Becca speaks and provides trauma care training and consulting to safe houses and programs both in the USA and abroad. She is author of several books, and is currently working on two others to encourage survivors and to help front-line trauma care staff.

Juvenile Justice Response to Human Trafficking and Trauma

A Multidisciplinary Approach

Caddo Parish Juvenile Services developed the Specialized Intensive Unit (SIU), the first DMST-specific juvenile probation unit in Louisiana, and partnered with over 30 interdisciplinary agencies on a community level to develop a multidisciplinary team called the Community Response Team (CRT). Meeting together twice a month, the CRT developed successful partnerships across disciplines that work in collaboration to review suspected or confirmed DMST cases, and develop holistic treatment plans to support children and families. Members of the CRT will present their screening protocols (using Intervene and CANS) and methodology, their MDT model, along with proven methods for fostering trauma-informed care across systems.

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Meet the Speakers

Laurie McGehee

Manager Probation Services, Caddo Parish Juvenile Services



Laurie is a thirty year veteran of the Juvenile Justice System and has served the Juvenile Court for Caddo Parish in many different capacities prior to her present position and is recognized as a trainer in human trafficking, trauma, and adolescent development. She has been instrumental in starting many of the Court's Specialized Programs including the Specialized Intensive Unit for victims of human trafficking and the Caddo Parish Community Response Team for human trafficking. Recently, the Caddo Parish Community Response Team was recognized for its work with victims of human trafficking. Laurie is a Certified Trainer for the Probation Officer Skills Certification Training and has presented this training at the Louisiana Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice for the past fifteen years, as well as at the American Probation and Parole Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Volunteers for Youth Justice, the YWCA, the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission.

Shobana Powell, LMSW

President and Co-Founder, F.R.E.E.: The Coalition to End Human Trafficking



Shobana works full-time as the Mental Health Court Coordinator for Caddo Parish Juvenile Services. In her role as FREE Coalition President, she facilitates multidisciplinary collaboration across government and nonprofit agencies to enhance the systems-based approach to human trafficking prevention and intervention. As the Mental Health Court Coordinator, Shobana conducts mental health evaluations on juvenile justice involved youth, assessing how mental health and trauma may impact delinquent behaviors. She works closely with Caddo Parish Juvenile Services' juvenile sex trafficking unit and serves on the Caddo Parish Community Response Team as a mental health and trauma specialist, developing multidisciplinary, holistic treatment plans for survivors of DMST and children who are at risk. Shobana's experience as a counselor for children, adolescents, and families focuses on trauma work with survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence. She received her Bachelors in Social Work at New York University and her Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University.

Clay Walker, JD

Director of Juvenile Services, Caddo Parish Juvenile Services




Clay oversees 80 employees who run the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center, as well as Probation Services for Caddo Juvenile Court. He received a bachelor's degree from Lewis & Clark College of Portland, Oregon and a Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law of Boston. As adjunct professor at Centenary College of Louisiana, Clay taught a course in juvenile delinquency, and has worked with the Southern Poverty Law Center on its Juvenile Justice Initiative. In 2008, he was appointed Director of Juvenile Defender Services for the state Public Defender Board, supervising all juvenile defenders in Louisiana's 64 parishes. He assumed his current position in 2011. Clay received a Leadership award from the National Juvenile Justice Network in Washington, D.C., the Catherine LaFleur Legal Advocacy for Children award, and the Professor Lucy McGough Juvenile Justice Award from the State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Children's Law Committee and the Louisiana Law Institute's Children's Code Committee.

Sex Trafficking of LGBTQ+ Youth

Key Considerations for Effectively Identifying and Assisting Victims

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ+) youth are disproportionately represented among the homeless youth population in America, and, as such, are at increased risk for exploitation. Despite this documented vulnerability, LGBTQ+ youth routinely encounter barriers to receiving necessary services, oftentimes solely on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. During this workshop, transgender survivor Kalypso Vassalotti and advocate Jessica Emerson will educate the audience on key considerations for effectively identifying, engaging and assisting LGBTQ+ victims. After attending the workshop, participants will possess an advanced level of cultural competence and have a better understanding of the increased vulnerabilities and unique pathways to exploitation specific to LGBTQ+ youth. In turn, audience members will be able to more competently and sensitively assist this population.

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Meet the Speakers

Jessica Emerson, LMSW, JD

*Clinical Teaching Fellow, Human Trafficking Prevention Project,
University of Baltimore School of Law*



Jessica began the Human Trafficking Prevention Project in August of 2015. Prior to joining the faculty, she was an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Women's Law Center of Maryland, where she began an innovative project focused on assisting survivors of sex trafficking in vacating their prostitution convictions. Jessica received her J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 2013. Prior to

attending law school, she was a social worker in New York City providing intensive individual and group counseling to HIV-positive and sexually high-risk adolescents and survivors of DMST. Jessica received her Masters of Science in Social Work degree from Columbia University. She is a barred attorney in Maryland and a licensed social worker in New York State.

Kalypso Vassalotti

Student and Advocate



Love gave me the audacity to hope. Hope gave and continues to give me the right to dream. My dreams will continue forever and a day. I would like to believe my eyes tell my story. A story filled with pain and glory. I am here today because

everyone's life is a blueprint of hope. Maybe my story will help if only one soul find piece in the midst of the melee. I am Kalypso a survivor a striver and most of all I am a human.

Sex Trafficking & Strip Clubs

The Worlds Collide

This workshop will review an investigation from beginning to end where the underage victim worked out of a Beaverton-area strip club, was sexually abused by a manager and forced into prostitution from inside the club. The investigation led to numerous arrests and the conviction of the club manager as well as her boyfriend. This case study will also review the post-conviction settlement agreement between the city and the strip club, showcasing unprecedented and innovative guidelines that the club was forced to comply with in order to remain open.

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Meet the Speaker

Chad Opitz


Detective, Beaverton Police Department



Chad has been a law enforcement officer for 17 years and a detective for the last nine. He is a Task Force Officer on the Portland FBI Child Exploitation Task Force and an Investigator with the Washington County Major Crimes Team, working sex trafficking related crimes since 2008. Chad is currently the primary investigator on all sex trafficking cases with the Beaverton Police Department and has done extensive undercover work in sex trafficking and prostitution investigations. Previously, Chad worked child pornography cases with the FBI Innocent Images Task Force and spent five years assigned to the street crimes unit of the Beaverton Police Department. He has provided training for law enforcement officers, victim advocates, social service workers and prosecutors both in Oregon and around the United States on sex trafficking. Chad is also active with Compassion First, an organization providing long-term solutions to survivors of sexual exploitation.

Effectively Utilizing a Group Model in Residential Treatment for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children

In residential treatment, there are several treatment modalities that can be effective in working with female youth who have been sexually exploited. This presentation will focus on how two residential treatment centers – Devereux Georgia and Devereux Florida – utilize the group process to facilitate treatment and help youth recover from sexual exploitation. Presenters will discuss the use of screening and assessment, dynamics to consider when facilitating a CSEC group, and treatment focus areas utilizing a curriculum specific to addressing issues of exploitation including: a full understanding of sexual exploitation; “telling the story” in a safe, shame-free setting; and instilling skills to develop a safer and healthier lifestyle.

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Meet the Speakers

Amy Waldron, LPC, BCBA

Clinical Director, Devereux Georgia



Amy has worked at Devereux with children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral challenges for the past thirty years. She has extensive experience working with victims of emotional, physical, and sexual trauma and is well versed in trauma models such as TF-CBT and DBT. Amy has extensive experience in clinical supervision and program development and

has been integrally involved in implementing best practice program models with the CSEC population at Devereux. She has been trained as a trainer through the Georgia Governor's Office for Children and Families to train others to work with victims of CSEC as well as completing the intensive train-the-trainer program through the GEMS Program in New York.

Casi Knowles, LMHC, LPC

Clinical Coordinator, CSEC Treatment Track, Devereux Florida



In her role, Casi offers services throughout the continuum of care for victims/survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. She offers consultation and support for the Devereux clinicians working with Commercially Sexually Exploited Children as well as providing training across the state for case


managers, foster parents, and family members of victims/survivors. Casi has over ten years of experience working with youth in foster care and has worked with Commercially Sexually Exploited Children since 2009.

Beware of the Buyers

Understanding Review Boards and Sex Buyer Networks as Organized Crime

(Law Enforcement / Prosecutors Only)

Although much attention has been paid to prostitution sites such as Backpage.com, far less attention has been directed toward online “review boards” where sex buyers brag about their prostitution experiences. These review boards cultivate large, toxic communities of sophisticated sex buyers by offering access, intelligence, safety and anonymity. These websites also provide a forum for promoting trafficked adults and children. Using the take-down of the infamous buyer review site, The Review Board, as a case example, Val Richey will discuss the massive, national sex buyer networks that exist online, how they operate, how the review sites encourage and normalize sex-buying for huge numbers of members, and how this leads directly to the exploitation of women and children for profit. One survivor described the closing of the website as follows: “It was like having my pimp and all the men who bought me arrested in one fell swoop.” Additionally, Val will discuss innovative opportunities for intervention and disrupting these online communities to reduce exploitation.

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Meet the Speaker

Valiant Richey, JD

Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office



For the last seven years, Val has worked in the Special Assault Unit, which handles cases involving the sexual abuse of children and adults and the physical abuse of children. Currently, he is a senior trial attorney in the unit and is responsible for prosecuting cases involving sex traffickers and the purchase of children for sex. He is also one of two coordinators for “Buyer Beware: A Partnership to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation,” a King County initiative funded by Demand Abolition. Val has conducted numerous trainings and briefings on sex trafficking for law enforcement, service providers, policy makers and the general public. In 2013, he was appointed by the Attorney General to the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Statewide Coordinating Committee. He has a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science from Boston University and a J.D. from the University of Washington.

A black and white photograph of the Atlantic City Boardwalk Fountain. The fountain features a central tall column with a large water spray, surrounded by several smaller columns with circular nozzles. In the background, a stone archway is inscribed with the word "ATLANTIC". The scene is set against a backdrop of trees and a clear sky.

MAIN CONFERENCE

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 11TH

Plenary Speaker: Marti MacGibbon

Certified Mental Health Professional, Survivor Leader, Speaker, Author

Gratitude, Celebration, and the Power of Second Chances



MARTI MACGIBBON HAS RECOVERED FROM AND TRIUMPHED OVER

human trafficking, adolescent sexual abuse/assault, homelessness, domestic violence, severe PTSD and hard-core drug addiction. Today, she is an internationally-known humorous, inspirational speaker and a nationally award-winning, bestselling author.

Marti employed simple, effective strategies to transform her life, and shares them to motivate, encourage, and energize audiences. Marti's background in professional standup comedy, combined with her clinical training and experience, enables her to deliver both light humor and deep insights. She uses dynamic, moving stories to carry her message of hope, healing, and daily renewal. In an energetic, upbeat and entertaining style, she will reveal:

- ▶ How you can harness the power of the present moment to create positive change
- ▶ Tips for building your resiliency, courage and personal power
- ▶ How gratitude and celebration can increase your creativity, flexibility and sense of fun
- ▶ Strategies for discovering “unconditional happiness” in the present moment


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“Let’s Chat”

This workshop provides an informal discussion with the daughter of a serial sex offender, who was also her pimp, and the daughter of an adult sex trafficking victim. Connie Rose and Vanessa Morris will share their unique perspectives and personal experiences in facing sex trafficking through a child’s lens. You will learn how incest and pornography played a vital role, what keeping secrets can do to a teenage girl, common risk factors, how to identify CSEC, and what to do once it has been identified.

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Meet the Speakers

Connie Rose, MEd

Director of Training and Survivor Leadership, Selah Freedom

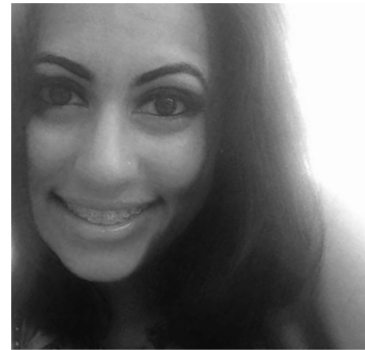


Connie has a diverse background in both non-profit and the business world and serves as the ambassador for Selah Freedom, bringing a face and a voice to sex trafficking. Connie travels nationally providing training to organizations, survivors, social services, schools, law enforcement and the community on awareness of the issue, prevention, education and intervention of domestic

sex trafficking. She is a specialist in personal and social transformation with over 25 years of experience as a speaker, media contributor, coach and educator. Her personal journey of transformation includes over 16 years of domestic violence and childhood sexual exploitation at the hands of a sex offender father who was also her pimp. Selah Freedom is a nonprofit organization committed to confronting the issue of sex trafficking and exploitation.

Chloe Vega

Prevention Coordinator, Selah Freedom




Chloe holds an Associate Degree in Pre-Med from Hillsborough Community College and is working towards her B.S. in Criminology from the University of Tampa. She has over 2 years of experience working with survivors to find healing and educating teen girls about sex trafficking. Chloe’s

passion stems from being the daughter of a survivor and has overcome her own battle of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Beware of the Buyers

Understanding Review Boards and Sex Buyer Networks as Organized Crime

Although much attention has been paid to prostitution sites such as Backpage.com, far less attention has been directed toward online “review boards” where sex buyers brag about their prostitution experiences. These review boards cultivate large, toxic communities of sophisticated sex buyers by offering access, intelligence, safety and anonymity. These websites also provide a forum for promoting trafficked adults and children. Using the take-down of the infamous buyer review site, The Review Board, as a case example, Val Richey will discuss the massive, national sex buyer networks that exist online, how they operate, how the review sites encourage and normalize sex-buying for huge numbers of members, and how this leads directly to the exploitation of women and children for profit. One survivor described the closing of the website as follows: “It was like having my pimp and all the men who bought me arrested in one fell swoop.” Additionally, Val will discuss innovative opportunities for intervention and disrupting these online communities to reduce exploitation.

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Promising Practices in Trauma-Informed, Cross-Jurisdictional Outreach Services

This workshop will review the Freedom Model of Case Management pioneered by The Salvation Army New Hope Outreach Services in Canada which has supported over 250 survivors to date. This model provides a survivor-centered case planning framework aimed to give back and develop personal agency by working with the survivor to gradually take back freedom and choice, utilizing a network of over 300 supports (law enforcement, legal, children's aid, medical, social services, housing, etc.) cross-jurisdictionally across Canada. The Freedom Model has been used to provide long distance and localized coordination, transportation, repatriation, and case management for survivors of human trafficking, including youth and those caught in the age-out gap, those in remote areas, and those who are still engaged in forms of exploitation.

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Meet the Speaker

Larissa Maxwell *Manager, Anti-Human Trafficking Programs, The Salvation Army: Deborah's Gate*




Larissa has over 10 years' experience in case management, advocacy, program development, and leadership in the field of exploitation and human trafficking of children, youth, and adults in Canada. She oversees Deborah's Gate Residential Program, New Hope Outreach Services, and Living Hope: Life and Living Skills Program for survivors of labor and sex trafficking from across Canada. Larissa has assisted in creating provincial and national programming and action plans to assist victims of trafficking and exploitation across Canada and the U.S. She is an instructor at the Canadian Police College Human Trafficking Investigators Course in Ottawa, ON, and has been a keynote speaker at The Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board, The Public Safety National Human Trafficking Forum, The Canadian Council for Refugees Annual Summit, and The Salvation Army Human Trafficking Service Provider's Conference in Colorado. Larissa has been consulted by community agencies and law enforcement in the U.S., UK, Netherlands, and Germany.

Myths, Facts and Masculinity

Breaking Barriers with Male Survivors

Join a mental health professional, and male survivor, as he discusses the myths and facts about sex trafficking victimization. The presenter will explore masculinity pre and post victimization, offering effective ways providers and outreach workers can break cultural barriers to engage men and boys in services.

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Meet the Speaker

Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, QMHP *Behavioral Health Specialist; US Advisory Council on Human Trafficking*



Suamhirs grew up in Honduras where he suffered extreme violence at the hands of his father; at 14, he was kidnapped and brought to America where he was trafficked and sold. When he was finally rescued, he was further traumatized for years, in a system that was designed to “help” him. During his 17 different residential placements he was heavily medicated and experienced abuse and bullying that left the non-English speaker suffering from PTSD. Suamhirs now travels the country advocating for youth and teaching caregivers and service providers how to create a relationship of trust and open communication with children who have been abused and traumatized. He offers suggestions about how the choice of words and actions can create rapport, impart trust, and empower youth to focus on their inner strengths as a way to move forward and become self-sufficient, productive adults. In December 2015, Suamhirs was appointed by President Obama to the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. Suamhirs will serve as the youngest member of the council and will advise on matters of national security in human trafficking to the President, the Senior Policy Operation Group and the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Creating A County Wide CSEC MDT

Flying The Plane As We Are Building It...

Presenters will discuss the creation of a county-wide multidisciplinary team that collaboratively addresses commercial sexual exploitation from a “hierarchy of needs” and bio/psycho/social approach to prevention, therapeutic intervention, investigation, prosecution, and data collection. The workshop will cover the programs and services supported by this approach, such as: CSEC Court; First Responder ID Tool; Human Trafficking Task Force; system advocacy and faith-based network; hotel outreach; CSEC-specific interventions; a female-specific multi-disciplinary workgroup; In Custody Girls’ Program; trauma-informed and CSEC trainings; survivor inclusion in program development; the RISE Project (Resiliency Interventions for Sexual Exploitation).

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Meet the Speakers

Lisa Akoni, MA, MFT

Supervisor, Behavioral Wellness Facilities and Sexual Assault Response Team



Lisa has worked in the field of family, child and adolescent behavioral health for over eighteen years. She is the Supervisor and program developer for the RISE Project (Resiliency Interventions for Sexual Exploitation) with the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness. Her academic training and expertise is in Clinical Psychology with specializations in juvenile justice, personality disorders, DBT, female-specific care, crisis intervention, trauma-focused treatment and childhood/adolescent trauma and CSEC. Under the Department of Behavioral Wellness, Lisa’s current projects include numerous multi-agency collaborations in efforts to create trauma-informed, female-specific and promising practice interventions for trauma exposed and sexually exploited youth. In addition, Lisa provides regular multi-disciplinary trainings in DBT, trauma informed care, childhood trauma, female specific treatment and sexual exploitation/CSEC.

Carrick Adam, MD, MSPH, FAAP

Medical Director, Santa Barbara County Juvenile Detention Facilities and Sexual Assault Response Team



Carrick is board certified in Pediatrics and Addiction Medicine. For the past 10 years she has worked exclusively with juvenile justice involved adolescents and is a member on a specialty panel of physicians for a private organization that provides medical and mental health services for law enforcement and detention facilities. As a passionate advocate for the effective treatment of drug addiction and gang involvement, Carrick is a founding member of Fighting Back of Santa Maria Valley, an anti-violence/drug prevention community coalition. Carrick is a certified Trauma-Informed trainer involved with multi-agency collaborative efforts focused on developing female-specific, trauma-informed interventions for juvenile justice involved and trauma exposed youth; she conducts regular outreach efforts to educate the community on topics related to CSEC, Early Childhood Trauma, Adolescent Development and Substance Abuse.

Rita Truman McGaw, MS, MFT

Victim Witness Program Supervisor, Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office



Rita has a Master's Degree in Family Therapy and worked with the Kansas Attorney General's Office to develop and implement a Human Trafficking Rapid Responder Protocol. Rita specializes in trauma-informed, holistic, female-specific, expressive, and attachment-based therapies. She has trained social workers, resource parents, law enforcement, and caregivers around best practices for parenting and caring for CSEC in the child welfare system. She provided regional and statewide trainings implementing a collaborative response to human trafficking, delivering both national webinars and providing public outreach as a keynote speaker. She is now a part of several CSEC specific MDTs for protocol creation, policy development and service provision. She has direct experience providing advocacy and therapy to victims of crime and specifically trafficking victims. She has overseen the development of the Human Trafficking and Advocacy Program in the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office forming key partnerships with Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Court and the Department of Behavioral Wellness Clinical Program.

What is Justice Supposed to Look Like?

We will explore crime victims' rights and learn that survivors have legal rights to be represented in court by an attorney during a trafficker's prosecution. We will review testimonial accommodations that are available to minors that have been trafficked and efforts to allow for minors to testify via closed circuit television rather than in the same courtroom as the trafficker. Data shows that when crime victims' rights are asserted, survivors are empowered during the justice process and it helps to prevent re-victimization during the courtroom process. Additionally, two CSEC cases will be highlighted. The audience will watch a video clip involving a minor who was attacked and shamed in court, brainstorm which rights were violated, then discuss the possible outcome if the victim's rights had been asserted.

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Meet the Speaker

Rose Mukhar, LLM, JD

Founder, Justice At Last




Rose is a social justice and human rights attorney and she recently founded Justice At Last, a nonprofit law firm dedicated to empowering trafficked survivors in the San Francisco Bay Area. Justice At Last is modeled after Rose's pro-bono law practice exclusively representing survivors for the last several years and it provides direct legal services to trafficked survivors, including immigration relief, legal advocacy of crime victims' rights, criminal expungement, divorce, custody and restraining orders. Rose also works for the Office of Women's Policy for the County of Santa Clara as a management analyst on anti-trafficking policies. She earned an LLM degree in International Legal Studies, and her JD from Golden Gate University School of Law, and spent a summer studying the prosecution of war criminals and war crimes involving child combatants in The Hague, Netherlands, through American University, Washington College of Law. Rose also has an MA in International Relations from the United States International University, and a BA in Political Science from Wellesley College.

Listening In

Wiretapping in Sex Trafficking Cases

(Law Enforcement / Prosecutors Only)

This workshop will discuss the application process required to obtain an order to conduct wire and electronic surveillance, focusing on the type of investigation necessary to meet the high legal burden for wiretapping. We will discuss how to successfully utilize a wiretap as a tool in the investigation, and the pros and cons of the type of evidence that is likely to develop as a result of a wiretap. The workshop will focus on the Clearwater Area Human Trafficking Task Force's investigations into sex trafficking organizations run by Peter Kitt and Robert Wyche. We will discuss the admissibility and use of wiretap evidence at trial, with examples from the jury trial, *The State of Florida v. Peter Demond Kitt, III*. Attention will be paid to how wiretap evidence effects the jury's perception of the case and the victims.

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Meet the Speakers

Joseph Spataro, JD

Assistant Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution



Joseph is board certified by the Florida Bar in criminal trial law. At Statewide Prosecution, he prosecutes organized criminal enterprises, focusing on electronic surveillance investigations, and assists the Statewide Prosecutor in the review and approval of electronic surveillance investigations being

conducted throughout the state. Joseph's trials at Statewide Prosecution have focused on the use of Florida's RICO statute, and included trials focusing on street gangs, human traffickers, burglary rings, long con frauds, and drug trafficking organizations.

Julie Sercus, JD

Assistant Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution



Julie began her legal career as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County where she served as an Assistant Chief of the Career Criminal/Robbery Unit. She joined the Office of Statewide Prosecution in 2013 and currently prosecutes cybercrimes, sex crimes, drug trafficking, and white-collar crimes; however, her main focus is on the prosecution of human trafficking cases. In

October 2014, Julie and colleague Joseph Spataro tried Peter Kitt in a RICO case involving sex trafficking. The case was tried in Pinellas County, Florida and Kitt was convicted of RICO and Conspiracy to Engage in a Pattern of Racketeering Activity. Kitt was sentenced to thirty years in Florida State Prison.

Trafficking in the LGBTQ Community

Vulnerabilities, Treatment, and Acknowledgement

This workshop will cover the basics on understanding and identifying the different types of LGBTQ youth along with specific needs that must be addressed within this population. The presenter will discuss the various vulnerabilities of LGBTQ youth that can lead to exploitation and trafficking, the additional challenges LGBTQ survivors may face, and explore how organizations, including faith-based, can understand and incorporate LGBTQ youth in their programming and outreach.

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Meet the Speaker

K.D. Roche *Survivor, Author, Speaker*




K.D. is a survivor of human trafficking, a published author, and a professional in training communities on the subject of human trafficking, specifically in the LGBTQ+ community. She works currently in Indiana, providing training to social workers, judges, law enforcement, and students. She is also working on developing an online training program to help survivors develop themselves professionally for careers outside of speaking and sharing their story.

From Criminal to Victim to Survivor

One Survivor's Mental Notes

Making the mental switch from criminal to victim can be difficult. Due to brainwashing by the trafficker, as well as being viewed or treated as a criminal by society, law enforcement, social services, and the media, victims may develop emotional scars or “mental notes” that can prevent them from self-identifying and/or accepting assistance from others. Without appropriate intervention, those “mental notes” can last a lifetime, affecting every part of a victim's life, subsequently passed down to the next generation in his/her family. Utilizing police reports, child welfare reports, court documents and news articles on her trafficker, Shanna Parker presents her own case study to facilitate a discussion on the struggles of psychologically moving from criminal to victim, ultimately allowing herself the ability to become a “survivor.” This session will identify methods that law enforcement and social services can utilize in their interactions to help re-write a victim's mental notes, aiding in the recovery process.

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Meet the Speaker

Shanna Parker *Founder and CEO, AngelsGoToWork*



Shanna is an overcomer and survivor leader. At thirteen years old she left an abusive home to be homeless and within weeks was with a pimp. After she learned she was pregnant at fourteen, her “Romeo” pimp became a “Gorilla” pimp. Police and The Department of Child Services were a constant presence throughout her teens; she was viewed as a criminal delinquent. She had just turned eighteen when her pimp committed a heinous double murder that included another victim Shanna had lived with for three years. After the trial, Shanna raised a family, received a degree in Psychology, and built a career in management. In 2011, she joined the fight against human trafficking and is the award winning founder/CEO of AngelsGoToWork. She works to educate others, performs trafficking outreach, and works with youth who have been trafficked or are at high risk. She partners in her community with many different organizations and government agencies and she works through a local university to train professionals. Her book *And He Called Me Angel*, tells the story of her life as a victim of trafficking. Shanna's desire is to be a contributing part of the world that puts in the work to eradicate human trafficking.

Working With “Active” CSEC Youth

A Model in Action

As one of the few residential providers in the United States that accepts youth (male and female) who are currently being commercially sexually exploited, Corbett Group Homes, Inc. and The R.I.S.E. Program can offer unique and different perspectives on engaging this vulnerable and traumatized population. As a provider working with California Social Services Agencies, Annie has found that 95% of referrals are youth who are currently “in the life,” and either don’t acknowledge commercial sexual exploitation or have recently acknowledged being exploited. The presenter will address topics such as: safety, risk, engagement, staffing issues and concerns, and training.

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Meet the Speaker

Annie Corbett, MBA *CEO, Corbett Group Homes, Inc. and R.I.S.E. Program*



Annie has extensive experience in Public Administration, facilitating the relationships within the foster care community and public officials at the county and state level, while fostering the future vision, progress and growth of Corbett Group Homes and The R.I.S.E. Program. Annie possesses a BA in Psychology and an MBA. Annie is currently completing a Ph.D. in Psychology. Her current research involves CSEC and the efficacy of survivor-led programming. She came to the non-profit arena in 2000 by creating, building, shaping and molding Corbett Group Homes, Inc., and has become a leader in Santa Clara County, CA by providing high level therapeutic residential services to foster youth. In December 2013, Annie founded the R.I.S.E. Program, which includes a high-level therapeutic group home and drop-in center for CSE individuals (active and exited), and includes all genders. Annie has presented workshops on CSEC at the California Alliance for Children and Family Services, the American Association of Children’s Residential Centers, and the APA Conference 2016: Division 32, local law enforcement, and the Santa Clara County Office of Education. She has been CSEC trained by GEMS (CSEC 101 and VSL: Train the Trainer), the Justice Resource Institute (My Life/My Choice), and Ending the Game.

The Application of the Stages of Change Model for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children and Transitional Age Youth

The Stages of Change model has been identified as a best practice for working with commercially sexually exploited (CSE) youth and adults; however, many providers have struggled to understand the model and apply it. The presenters will provide: an overview of the model as it applies to working with CSE youth, discussing the context of change by looking at the impact of the continuum of abuse, poverty, stigma of prostitution, etc.; a description of the respective stage as well as the goal of that particular stage; vignettes of CSE victims and survivors at the various stages- discussing the difference between revictimization, relapse, and lapses; an overview of the processes of change that help individuals move from one stage to another. The presenters will discuss organizational ways the CSE-informed Stages of Change can be applied, ways it can be applied to individual treatment plans, and how to utilize CSE-informed Stage of Changes within the context of existing trauma-informed models or evidenced-based practices.

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Meet the Speakers

Nicole Klasey, PsyD

Consultant, Maryvale Residential Treatment Center



Nicole has worked in residential treatment for thirteen years. She consults with group homes on the development and implementation of CSEC programming and has been training providers on CSEC since 2015. She has developed several training curriculums that are currently being utilized to train providers in Los

Angeles and throughout California to better equip providers on working with commercially sexually exploited youth and youth at-risk of recruitment of CSEC. She has authored the Los Angeles Probation Department's CSEC prevention curriculum, "Word on the Street: Educating and Equipping Young Women and Girls," as well as a CSEC parenting prevention curriculum and a CSEC parenting intervention curriculum. She is currently working on a CSEC intervention curriculum for female youth.

Gina Peck-Sobolewski, MA, LMFT

Assistant Vice President, Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services




Gina has worked in residential treatment for nineteen years. She has been training mental health staff and professionals for ten years on a variety of topics including clinical assessment/treatment, vicarious traumatization, risk management and Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC), most recently at Maryvale

Residential Treatment Center. Gina has recently developed CSEC training curriculum in the areas of prevention, treatment and engagement and regularly presents on these topics. Gina now works for Hathaway Sycamores where she assists in developing initiatives and processes for youth in residential care and expanding treatment programming for CSEC victims, with a new emphasis on prevention and intervention for male youth.

Vicarious Trauma

Putting Your Oxygen Mask On First

Are you frequently asked, “How do you do what you do?” Or, do you hear “I couldn’t do what you do”? It is a widely-accepted fact that those who work with the traumatized at some time or another will experience vicarious trauma - it’s inevitable. Yet, many don’t understand or recognize it, while others believe it to be a sign of weakness. Vicarious trauma is the term used for the experience of those working with trauma victims. Little bits of others’ trauma experiences seep into our lives, subtly accumulating. Someone wrote about vicarious trauma, “*It’s not a matter of ‘if’ but ‘when.’*” Our approach to the trauma we experience by helping the traumatized is summarized well, “*Caring for others is noble; caring for yourself is required.*” Come learn ways to identify, prevent and recover from the “front lines trauma.”

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Meet the Speaker

Becca C. Johnson, PhD *Licensed Psychologist, Program Director, Rescue: Freedom International*




Becca has been a licensed psychologist for over 25 years and has a passion to “help the hurting heal.” Her work focuses on helping victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Becca has served as the Clinical Director at Engedi Refuge, a residential recovery home for sexually exploited women in Washington State and also as International Director of Aftercare Programming for Agape International Mission (AIM). Earlier this year she was appointed International Program Director for Rescue: Freedom International, a non-profit which encourages, supports and empowers those providing direct services to victims of sex trafficking in seven nations. Dr. Becca (as she’s often called) speaks and provides trauma care training and consulting to safe houses and programs both in the USA and abroad (in 15 countries). Her trainings focus on “making the complicated uncomplicated” and “engaging the heart, not just the head.” Becca is author of several books dealing with abuse, guilt and anger and is currently working on a book to encourage survivors and another book to help front-line trauma care staff.

Human Trafficking – Child Plan Recovery (HT-CPR)

A New Model for Recovering Missing Commercially Sexually Exploited Children

Recovering missing commercially sexually exploited children can be extremely challenging. Trauma bonding, community “snitching codes,” child welfare legal infrastructures, lack of police resources, and a sometimes less-than-helpful response from the hotel and adult entertainment industries can impede the best efforts of law enforcement and child welfare missing child specialists. In response to these challenges, the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office created Human Trafficking-Child Plan and Recovery (HT-CPR), an inter-agency initiative to recover children who have not been successfully recovered for an extended period. HT-CPR brings together police departments, prosecutors, child welfare case managers, missing child specialists, and therapists to share information and create a child profile for collaborative investigation and recovery while also working to identify and dismantle impediments to the recovery of exploited children.

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Meet the Speaker

Brenda Mezick, JD

Assistant United States Attorney, Office of the State Attorney for Miami-Dade County



Brenda is Chief of Program Development & Public Policy of the Human Trafficking Unit. Over the course of her twenty-two years as an Assistant State Attorney, she has specialized in the prosecution of offenses involving human trafficking, cyber-crimes, capital sexual battery, and homicides. She has forensic sub-specializations in the areas of digital evidence investigation and DNA. She supervises her office’s ground breaking Human Trafficking-Child Plan and Recovery initiative. She has participated in the drafting of several successful legislative initiatives to help improve Florida’s legal infrastructure for minors and human trafficking victims. Brenda has taught for the National District Attorneys Association, the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, and the American Prosecutors Research Institute and lectures frequently to members of law enforcement and the community. She received her law degree from Georgetown University. She is the recipient of the Women’s Fund Law Enforcement Visionary Award, the National Crime Victims’ Rights Committee Justice for All Award, the CABA Pro Bono Award, the Dade Chiefs of Police ASA Recognition Award, the State Attorney’s Office Human Trafficking Award of Distinction, and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award of Distinction.

Disrupting Trafficking Enterprises Through Innovative Technology

(Law Enforcement / Prosecutors Only)

The internet has become the point of sale for illegal goods and services including trafficked individuals, illegal weapons, and drugs. DARPA's Memex program aims to build tools that: 1) increase law enforcement access to deep and dark content on the web, and 2) enable investigation in ways that traditional search engines cannot. During this presentation, DARPA will demonstrate the capabilities of Memex tools to help law enforcement fight human trafficking.

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Meet the Speaker

Wade Shen

Program Manager, DARPA



Wade Shen joined DARPA in 2014 as a program manager. Currently, he manages DARPA programs including DCAPS, ENGAGE, Memex and XDATA. His research interests include machine learning, machine translation, speech recognition and data analytics for improved human/computer interaction. Mr. Shen joined DARPA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory where he was an associate group leader in the Human Language Technology Group. Mr. Shen's area of research involved machine translation; speech; speaker and language recognition; information extraction and prosodic modeling for both small- and large-scale applications. Mr. Shen has served as the chair of Lincoln Laboratory's Advanced Concept Committee, on DARPA's Information Science and Technology (ISAT) study group and as the US technical representative for NATO's IST-078 and IST-102 speech/language processing study groups.

Knowledge Is Powerful and Helpful

How Trauma Can Impact Interviews of DMST

Human Trafficking is a crime that plagues the United States. Participants will receive an overview on how the different dynamics of trauma can impact a variety of interviews that need to be conducted for domestic minor sex trafficking victims. The presenter will provide the audience with an understanding about the variables of trauma as well as tactics to reduce trauma in the interview process. Specific examples will be discussed.

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Meet the Speaker

Iona R. Rudisill, LGSW


Program Operations Manager and Human Trafficking Program Manager, Baltimore Child Abuse Center



Over the past sixteen years, Iona has become an expert in forensic interviewing and its national and international protocols, where she has conducted over three thousand interviews. She served as the Lead Forensic Interviewer at Baltimore Child Abuse Center for over five years, where she co-developed interview scripts, including a script specific to Domestic Minors of Sexual Trafficking (DMST). As a member and certified trainer of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF), Iona has delivered trainings within the state of Maryland on issues related to DMST. She has also presented specifically on DMST at several national conferences. Through her affiliation with MHTTF, Iona has co-authored a medical screening protocol and served on a sixteen-member work group that instituted guidelines for conducting forensic interviews with victims of DMST. In her present position, Iona is in the process of developing a program to enhance the Child Advocacy Centers' response to Human Trafficking in Maryland. She was recently nominated and accepted the position as the Co-Chair of the MHTTF Victim Services Subcommittee. Iona is also a board member of Araminta Freedom Initiative.

Leveraging a Successful Girl's Safe Home to Open a Boy's Safe Home for Transgender Youth

The U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking, a faith-based, non-profit organization, is opening a CSEC safe home for transgender youth. The operating model has been adapted from the highly successful girl's safe home model operated by Redefining Refuge. In this no holds barred presentation, take a deep dive into the benefits of leveraging an existing residential model when establishing a new safe home, and the significant time savings and credibility gained without reinventing the wheel. Additionally, everything is on the table when discussing the challenges of opening a transgender shelter as a faith-based organization, along with the questions raised by both the Christian and LGBTQ communities. Learn how to collaborate for greater effectiveness in the fight against trafficking, and ways to bridge the gap between faith-based views and LGBTQ perspectives.

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Meet the Speakers

Natasha Nascimento

Executive Director, Redefining Refuge



Natasha's diverse life experience cultivated a sensitivity to acknowledge and find ways to serve others in need. Recognizing the local need to develop advocacy on behalf of sexually exploited children, she launched Redefining Refuge. The innovative Safe House Program, opened in 2012, remains the first and only home of its kind in the Tampa Bay area that provides a therapeutic safe haven for girls aged 12-17 rescued from this depravity.

Since its inception, Redefining Refuge has advised the state legislature and been featured on ABC Action News, Positively Tampa Bay and a WEDU documentary highlighting the organization's productive advocacy efforts as well as the prevalence of sex trafficking in Tampa Bay. Other recognition includes the Spirit of Humanity Award and Community Hero Award.

Geoffrey Rogers

CEO and President, U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking



Under Geoffrey's leadership this national faith-based, non-profit organization fights sex trafficking across the country. The U.S. Institute against Human Trafficking is opening the first safe home for boys in the State of Florida, focused on serving transgender youth. This residential program model has been adapted from the highly successful girls' safe home run by Redefining Refuge. In addition, Geoffrey

and his wife, Kerri, run the Ships of Tarshish, a nonprofit, Christian production company in Tampa, FL, with a mission to engage Christians across America on critical social issues that the Church needs to address. Their latest project, titled "Blind Eyes Opened," is a nationwide Christian documentary about the truth of sex trafficking in America.

The Aftermath

Empowering the Lives of Survivors

This interactive workshop is for individuals and organizations that seek guidance in strengthening their programs and overall impact while empowering the lives of Survivors. The session will cover the qualities and skills demonstrated by three successful leaders who work collaboratively as a team with backgrounds as a social service provider, survivor leader, and former law enforcement officer; explore the impact of a diverse working group and a greater success; provide an overview of the Haven Atlanta EMS (Empowerment, Mentoring, Support) model; identify various barriers and challenges, offering strategies that produce effective outcomes. Attendees will be challenged to re-examine personal values and beliefs and discover unwanted stereotypes and beliefs. Presenters will help attendees develop an openness and appreciation of differences and embrace the richness that diversity can add to an organization.

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Meet the Speakers

Melba Robinson, MSW

Program Director, Salvation Army Haven ATL



Melba has an extensive history of working for and collaborating with CSE victims throughout Georgia and various other states. As a social worker, her expertise is in working with children and families, case management, and program and curriculum development. Melba joined Haven ATL with the Salvation Army as a case manager then transitioned to Program Director, where she oversees the development of the program and connects

with partnering agencies to offer more resources for the girls and women who have survived commercial sexual exploitation. Her vision for the girls and young women is to provide a safe environment for them where they can be empowered and begin to work on their journey to wholeness.

Keisha Head

Program Assistant, Salvation Army Haven ATL



Keisha is more than just a survivor of child sex trafficking. Today, she serves as a nationally recognized speaker and advocate, aiming to end all forms of human trafficking. Her hope is to promote healing and peace into the lives of other survivors. Keisha believes that with the right support system, anyone can overcome their past. She uses her experience as a victim--turned survivor and emerging

leader--as the knowledge base and skill set to ensure effective program outcomes. She believes in programs that promote self-sufficiency as the means to overcome victimization. Her passion is helping others see their full potential and taking the necessary steps to obtain their dreams while eliminating all excuses.

“Church” Controlled Human Trafficking

What It Is and How To Stop It

When perpetrators of family-controlled human trafficking are in church leadership roles, they use their power to hide the crimes they commit against children. The presenter’s father and grandfather were elders of their conservative church. Knight was abused by them, by other male ministers, and by a female Sunday School teacher. As a trained and experienced forensic evaluator, Knight has developed specific tactics that can help detect and stop the type of abuse she personally endured as a child. She will share the lessons learned from her unsuccessful attempts to report concerns about a minister to three different denominations. Participants will be given the tools they need to make their church and their community a safer place for children.

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Meet the Speaker

Mary Knight, MSW

Mary Knight Productions




After obtaining her Masters in Social Work in 1980, Mary placed a hundred children in adoptive homes and conducted four hundred forensic evaluations in divorce cases in which custody or parenting time was disputed. She has served as an expert witness in court over a hundred times. She is now a full time filmmaker. Her short film about her first marriage is used by domestic violence organizations worldwide. Mary’s current project is a documentary about her recovered memories of family controlled human trafficking.

What is Post-Traumatic Growth?

A Story of Hope

The presentation will provide a case study of transgenerational trauma from the perspective of a mother, who survived sexual trauma, broke the cycle, and then prevented her daughter from becoming a victim of domestic sex trafficking. Empirical knowledge will be shared on the phenomenon of transgenerational trauma and growth, as well as the development of resilience and its impact on human potential. This mother-daughter duo is a pair of human sex trafficking activists who have a passion to reach today's parents and the millennium generation. Together, they will share their personal journey from grooming and victimization to healing.

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Meet the Speakers

Jessica Vera, PhD

Forensic Clinician, Authentic Living



Jessica has worked with abused, neglected, and exploited children and their families under the auspices of the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Family/Dependency Court in South Florida for almost two decades. Her professional career has been devoted to examining clinical research,

strategies, and best practices to help victims overcome the shame and guilt of sex trauma, as well as to educate aspiring clinicians as an adjunct professor at Barry University. In particular, her passion is to increase awareness, prevention, and sensitivity towards sexual abuse, exploitation, and trafficking. With the rise of visible domestic human trafficking in the U.S., Jessica recently published her first autobiographical, clinically influenced, spiritual freedom guide.

Samantha Parma-Vera

Student



At 15 years of age Samantha became entangled with and the target of a sex predator via social media. Fortunately, she was saved from becoming a sex trafficking victim and consequently has a great passion to speak out to others about the risks of seeking self-worth and validation through social media. Today Samantha is a student in a pre-med program.

The Supporting Teens at Risk (STAR) Project

A Community-Based Treatment Model Serving Rhode Island's Trafficked Youth

This workshop will provide an overview of the community-based approach to treatment being utilized by the STAR Project for Rhode Island's trafficked youth. This program model highlights the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach and the need to provide wrap around services. Topics for discussion will include: how to best include family in a survivor's treatment and reduce placement disruption; the importance of trauma-specific psychoeducation for survivors and their caregivers; and the range of clinical services and treatment modalities being used with this population, including Equine Assisted Psychotherapy.

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Meet the Speaker

Jessica Clark, LICSW

Program Coordinator, St. Mary's Home for Children




Jessica obtained her Master's Degree in Social Work at Rhode Island College and today is a Qualified Sexual Abuse Practitioner certified by the RI Department of Children, Youth and Families. She is trained in Trauma-Focused CBT and is an Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGLA) Certified Mental Health Specialist. She specializes in the treatment of sexual abuse/trauma and commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). Jessica is involved in all aspects of program design and management for the STAR Project and other innovative treatment models at St. Mary's Home for Children, including the supervision of all team members working with trafficked youth. Jessica provides state-wide training on CSEC and the STAR Project model and carries a small case load of at risk or exploited youth. She is actively involved in the state-wide CSEC Task Force and writes her agency's CSEC specific grants. In addition to developing and implementing the STAR Project, Jessica oversees the Enhanced Outpatient Services (EOS) Program which provides intensive community-based mental health and case management services to youth and adults with significant mental/behavioral healthcare needs.

Reaching Beyond Human Limits

How Highly Trained Dogs Enhance Our Connection to Trafficking Victims

Hear from a criminal investigator about how she has implemented a trauma informed approach to investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases by including a highly trained dog, Pella, in the process. Pella's involvement creates a more compassionate environment for communication and trust between trafficking victims, investigators and prosecutors. Pella has accompanied victims during interviews, meetings, trial preparation, courtroom proceedings and during trial testimony. Attendees will learn where, why and how dogs can be implemented for these investigations and what type of dog is best to use. Information on how to start the process of implementing a similar program effectively will also be provided.

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Meet the Speaker

Amber Urban

Criminal Investigator, District Attorney's Office, 18th Judicial District

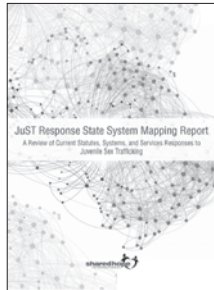
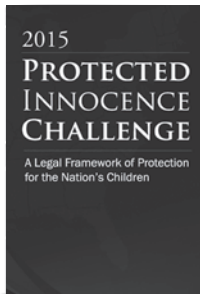


Amber has worked in various positions in law enforcement since 1995. In May 2012, she was joined by her current partner, Pella, a Canine Companions (CCI) facility dog, and they began working at the 18th Judicial District in 2015 with the Human Trafficking Unit. Together, they participate in criminal investigations and prosecutions in order to improve cases while minimizing the trauma to all those involved in the legal processes. Pella is the first dog of her kind in the State of Colorado and they travel together frequently, providing training to communities, law enforcement and government organizations on various topics such as child death investigations, multi-disciplinary collaboration, human trafficking indicators, and how all professions in the legal system can implement the use of canines to create a better environment for everyone involved. Amber is a Governor-appointed member of the State Child Fatality and Prevention Team, and a member of the Rocky Mountain Innocence Lost Human Trafficking Working Group.

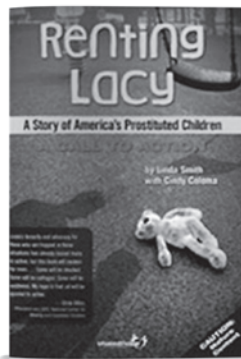
Shared Hope Resources

Trafficking Research

We believe effective response is informed response. Shared Hope heavily invests in providing policy leaders, community advocates, and first responders with data-driven, comprehensive studies to create better solutions to fight trafficking.



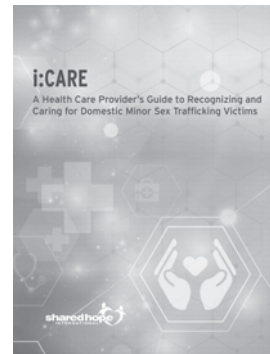
Books



Renting Lacy: A Story of America's Prostituted Children By Linda Smith

Based on actual encounters, Linda exposes the underworld of child sex trafficking in America by telling the stories of those who live there, the traffickers, the buyers and the victims who struggle to survive each night.

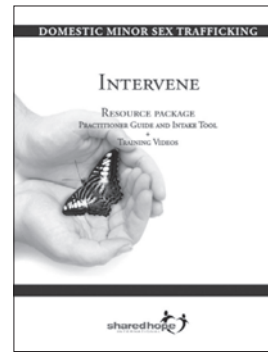
Provider Resources



i:CARE Health Care Provider's Guide to Recognizing and Caring for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims

Designed to improve identification and response to victims within various health care settings, the i:CARE guide and accompanying video series provides informed guidance for any health professional in the urgent or acute care settings. It comprehensively

addresses victim and trafficker profiles, red flags, the effects of psychological and physical trauma, while featuring survivor vignettes and perspectives.

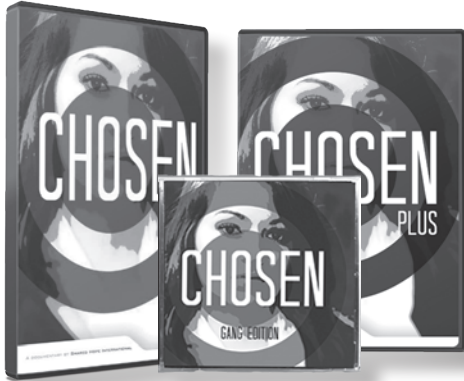


Intervene: Identifying and Responding to America's Prostituted Youth

Designed for service providers and clinicians, the Practitioner Guide provides instruction on vulnerability factors, recruitment and grooming tactics, control and coercion tactics, and the impact of trauma on survivors. The accompanying Intake Tool has a tiered set of questions designed to

identify exploited youth while reducing the risk of retraumatization. Includes two training videos (Intervene + Gang TRAP).

Prevention Resources



Introducing the Full Collection of Chosen

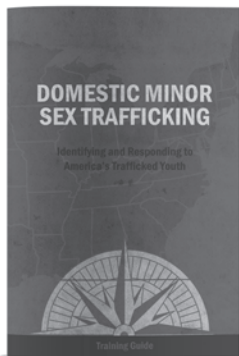
As traffickers narrow their target to lure younger and younger victims, America's youth find themselves engaged in a battle they never prepared for. This film series is designed to teach teens the warning signs and indicators of trafficking through the true stories of teenage girls who were tricked by traffickers. Brianna, Lacy and Maria discuss how American pimps and gangs are luring youth into the commercial sex industry and how teens can protect themselves and others from being chosen. (Available in English and Spanish)

Includes

- ✓ Discussion questions
- ✓ PowerPoint presentations
- ✓ Leader's guide
- ✓ Trafficking terminology guide
- ✓ Action ideas

For more information visit: www.sharedhope.org/chosen

Training



Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Training Guide and Video Series

This interactive training tool offers a comprehensive guide to domestic minor sex trafficking including the law, victim vulnerabilities, trafficker tactics, and effective responses for agencies and organizations. The 40-minute video series allows viewers to hear from experts and survivors, watch pimps engage with buyers and discover the reality of child sex trafficking.



Gang TRAP Training Guide and Video Series

This unique training tool addresses the growing trend of sex trafficking by criminal street gangs. The guide and accompanying 60-minute video series targets law enforcement, service providers and prosecutors, offering instruction on gang trafficking dynamics, recruitment and control tactics, common professional challenges, therapeutic response, collaboration and prevention measures.

Please visit www.sharedhope.org/resources to find information on prices, fact sheets, and many other useful materials.

WE HEARD YOU!

Shared Hope staff reads each and every conference evaluation from our JuST attendees and work to improve your conference experience year to year. As you fill out this year's evaluation form, please know that your feedback matters. While some things are outside of our control, here are some of the key improvements made this year:

<i>This conference was amazing! I have learned so much, made many connections, and gathered information that helps me in my job.</i>	That's exactly what we want to hear. Our conference is designed to educate, inspire, equip and connect our attendees to resources and expertise from across the nation.
<i>Would love a continental breakfast – juice, coffee, yogurt, muffins. I would happily pay \$10 more in conference fees for this convenience.</i>	We did the math and here's what we found: catered breakfasts are MUCH more than that. We work hard to keep the D.C. conference costs low so that it remains affordable for all attendees. You're saving 50% when you eat at the café. So, treat yourself!
<i>Repeat classes in various sessions so we don't miss any.</i>	With a short conference and 150+ applications to choose from, we have such a hard time excluding topics and presenters that we feel you should see. But, we'll try to do better next year!
<i>I was not expecting it to be a faith-based event.</i>	The D.C. conference is not a faith event. Our presenters are diverse personally and professionally, as are our attendees. We welcome people of all backgrounds, believing each person has a critical role to play in this movement.
<i>Thursday night event was really fun, but too loud & crowded for networking.</i>	Yeah...you're right. We know "down time" is important, so we'll keep that piano gig going. But, we added a networking lunch this year so you can have a more constructive opportunity to meet others.
<i>30 minutes between sessions was great - time to stretch, pee, process and re-group.</i>	GOOD! Those are all important things. And (until the Gaylord provides segways for our tired feet), we will be walking quite a bit. So, we made sure to give you that time again this year.
<i>Have materials and handouts available at least a week prior to the conference.</i>	Guess what? We already do that! Each year, we post speaker materials a week in advance and email our attendees the passcode to download.
<i>I recommend you have some sessions on mental health issues, legal issues, missing kids, and MDTs with their successes and failures.</i>	You got it! We incorporated all of these topics, and many more, in the 2016 agenda. Hope you like it! We welcome you to submit your application to present at next year's conference. Keep an eye out for the release of applications in February. Be sure to sign up for our newsletters so you don't miss it.

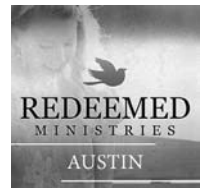
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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund. Together, we raised \$23,000 and were able to extend scholarships to 47 law enforcement agents and survivors who would have otherwise been unable to attend the conference. We are deeply grateful for your support!

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