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Conference Schedule

OCTOBER 23rd

2:00 PM **AMBASSADOR OF HOPE MEETING**
Foster 1

3:30 PM **EARLYBIRD CHECK-IN**
Empire Ballroom Foyer

5:00 PM **EXHIBIT HALL OPENS**

5:30 PM **WELCOME RECEPTION**
Empire Ballroom Foyer

7:00 PM **EARLYBIRD CHECK-IN CLOSES**

OCTOBER 24th

7:30 AM **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**
Empire Ballroom

8:30 AM **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
Linda Smith, President and Founder, Shared Hope International
Kenneth Polite, Former U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana
Elizabeth Scaife, Sr. Director of Training, Shared Hope International
Empire Ballroom

9:00 AM **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**
Rebecca Bender, CEO & Founder, Rebecca Bender Initiative

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5:30 PM **NETWORKING RECEPTION**
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Molly McDade Hood, Dr. Chris Carey, Karma Rose Macias

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Russell Strand

10:15 AM **PLENARY:** Changing the Internet Landscape
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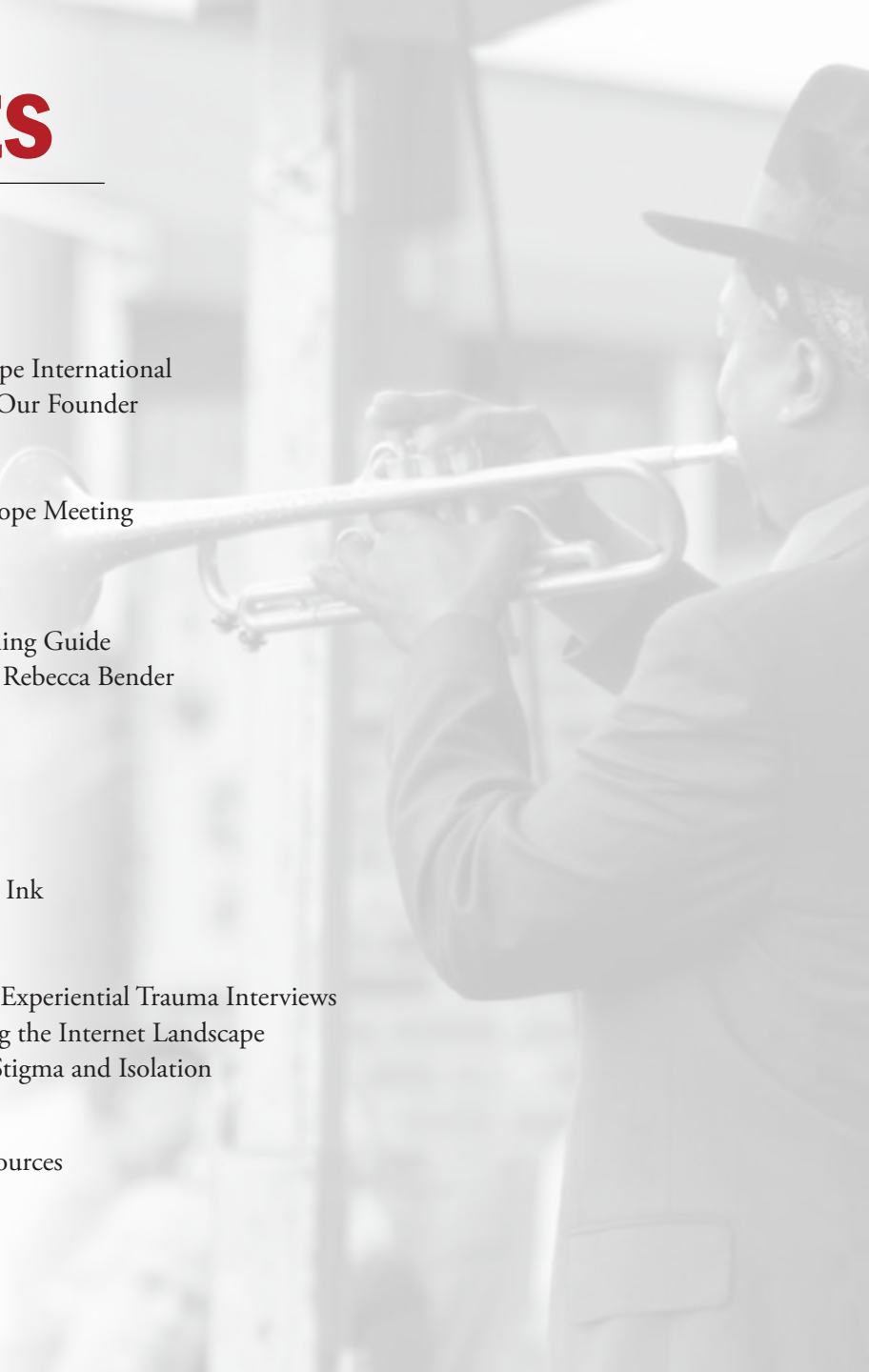
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Survivors Only

2 hour presentation

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DAY 1

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PLENARY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
8:30 - 9:30AM

Rebuilding After Tragedy

Everyday Heroes At Work

When tragedy strikes, it leaves families and communities relying on one another to pull together and rebuild. Their strength and resilience are tested in the face of devastating loss and in the painful aftermath of trauma. Whether it's a natural disaster, violent attacks or other chaos, the news lately has been a vivid reminder of how communities can come together in a time of great need. In the midst of the storm, everyday citizens become heroes. Join Rebecca as she takes a critical look at the impact of trauma and subsequent chaos in the lives of trafficking victims, along with the people who have a role in helping survivors rebuild their lives. Those people are **you**. Through her inspiring address, Rebecca reminds us about why we do this work and the importance of our community partners. She reminds us that we, too, can be heroes.

Meet the Keynote Speaker



Rebecca Bender

CEO and Founder, Rebecca Bender Initiative

Rebecca Bender is the founder and CEO of the Rebecca Bender Initiative (RBI). She is an award-winning, nationally recognized expert on human trafficking. After escaping nearly six years of modern day slavery, she wrote her first book, *Roadmap to Redemption*, followed by her recent curriculum *Elevate*. RBI's advanced trainings have equipped FBI, Homeland Security, Former President Jimmy Carter, local law enforcement, medical professionals, service providers, and faith communities across America. Rebecca serves as an advisor to both the Oregon DOJ Human Trafficking Council and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She is also the recipient of the Female Overcomer Award, Unlikely Hero Award, Hero to our Generation Award and multiple FBI and Congressional recognitions. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and their four daughters, and is currently finishing her masters. She is a sought after speaker and consultant and has been featured on the Today Show, NBC Deadline Crimes, Forbes, Huffington Post, and Sports Illustrated.

A Survivor Panel

Trafficking on the Street, in the School, and in Suburbia

This panel features three survivors with very different experiences of domestic child sex trafficking. The audience will learn the differences and commonalities of these three survivors from their own perspectives and experiences - the street experience, the school experience and the suburbia (or intra-familial) experience. Attendees will also learn about their respective beliefs for hope, witness their courage, and learn from their lives. The panelists will invite the audience to write down specific questions while the panelists answer a series of prepared questions. Once the panelists have covered the more common questions regarding how/where/when and, in some sense, why, the facilitator will read the audience's questions for the panel to address.

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Meet the Speakers



The Honorable Robert Lung

District Court Judge, 18th Judicial District, Arapahoe County

In addition to presiding over a diversified docket in Colorado, Judge Lung provides presentations nationally on issues such as human trafficking, childhood trauma, and resiliency. Judge Lung was recently appointed by Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice to serve as the Judicial Representative on the Colorado Human Trafficking Council. In 2016, he was selected to serve as a consultant to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and as a consultant of the NHTTAC of the recently created Office of Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) of the Federal DHHS. Most recently, Judge Lung was selected to serve as a member of the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States, which will advise the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on trafficking.



EleSondra DeRomano

Founder, Standing Together Against Real Slavery (S.T.A.R.S.)

El works tirelessly with at-risk women and girls from backgrounds of exploitation, domestic violence, rape, and drug abuse. She couples her brutal honesty and extraordinary background to create an atmosphere of hope for women and children who are forgotten or abandoned by society. El's exposure to exploitation began with her parents. She was placed in the foster care system and introduced to the world of abuse at the age of four, graduating to a world of drugs, prison, and prostitution by age eleven. El's insurmountable perseverance and dedication is an essential part of S.T.A.R.S. where she has created one-of-a-kind programs such as the Girls Crisis Prevention/Intervention Program and Outreach Program for Survivors of Prostitution, fostering love and trust to a sector of our society that is lost and forgotten.



Jill Brogdon

Survivor Leader, Mentor, March Forth

Jill is a native of Colorado who has worked for many years in various educational, training and business capacities, but human trafficking is the subject closest to her heart. She is serving her third year as a survivor representative on the Colorado Human Trafficking Council and also serves on the Colorado Action Plan Advisory Committee for the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking. Jill was recently selected to serve as a consultant to the Office for Victims of Crime, and has also been featured in an Emmy-nominated documentary produced for the Denver Anti-Trafficking Alliance's John School. She is a trained facilitator of the My Life My Choice Prevention Groups. Ms. Brogdon works full time for the Colorado Department of Transportation and regularly delivers human trafficking awareness speeches to CDOT personnel in the Denver Metro area. Jill is the mother of two grown children and she, her son and her daughter all earned diplomas from three different institutions this year.

The Power of Education

Addressing Sex Trafficking in San Diego's Unified School District

This workshop will present San Diego Unified School District's response to a recent research study "Measuring the Nature and Extent of Gang Involvement in Sex Trafficking in San Diego" conducted in by Dr. Ami Carpenter of USD and Dr. Jamie Gates of Point Loma Nazarene University's Center of Justice and Reconciliation. Participants will hear SDUSD's unique 3-prong approach to raising awareness and educating staff, students, and school communities about the prevalence of sex trafficking. Participants will experience the power in creating a culture of courageous conversations utilizing restorative practices to address the overwhelming harms of trafficking including marginalized and often forgotten LGBTQIA community. SDUSD will share the importance of establishing MOUs and creating systems of support to move this work forward.



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Andrea Thrower

Program Manager, San Diego Unified School District



Andrea has been in education over 24 years, holding a Master in Education Administration. She is CLAD and GATE Certified, and has received training in Common Core

Standards for California, Motivational Interviewing for Youth and Adolescents, Having Hard Conversations, Safe Schools/Crisis Response, completed ACSA Pupil Services Academy, CSEC Awareness, Trauma-Informed Care and Restorative Practices. Andrea currently serves in San Diego Unified School District where her responsibilities include ensuring compliance of ADA/Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, coordinating CSEC awareness trainings for staff and community members, and implementation of the CSEC Curriculum in high schools.

Felicia Singleton

Program Manager, San Diego Unified School District

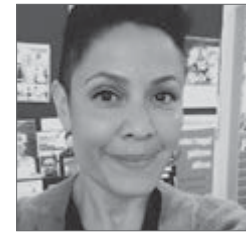


After teaching for several years, Felicia obtained a Master in Educational Counseling and Psychology, and worked as a school counselor

for 10 years. She earned an Educational Leadership degree in 2008 and served five years as a site administrator. Currently, she works with expelled and chronically absent students. Felicia's passion is serving families who have been historically marginalized in the public school system. She serves in the Restorative Practices Department, providing training, coaching, and support on the power of positive relationships and connections. She is inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.'s quote, "Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

Sophia Arredondo

Program Manager, LGBTQIA Education and Advocacy



Sophia is the Program Manager for LGBTQIA Education and Advocacy, a new program in San Diego Unified under the

Office of Youth Advocacy. Her prior experience working with LGBTQIA youth includes her role as Coordinator of the Hillcrest Youth Center, a drop-in center for LGBTQIA youth and a program of the San Diego LGBT Center. She lectured at SDSU in Women's Studies for 11 years focusing on intersectional feminism, gender, sexuality, and gender-based violence. She has been an activist and community organizer in the San Diego LGBTQIA community for over 10 years and is passionate about youth advocacy and empowerment.

Invisible Differences

Working with LGBTQQ Youth Experiencing Sexual Exploitation

This presentation, given from the perspective of a mental health provider working in a community setting, will provide training on working with LGBTQQ youth in general, and LGBTQQ-identified experiencers of exploitation specifically. The presentation will challenge the dominant narrative of commercial sexual exploitation to include the unique experiences of LGBTQQ youth. Topics will include masculinity, gender and sexuality, escorting, outreach, and tips on creating an inclusive environment on an administrative and systemic level. A brief review of LGBTQQ terms and concepts will be included.



Foster 2



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Meet the Speaker

Tim Grady, MA, RDT

Behavioral Health Clinician, Boston GLASS and My Life My Choice



Tim has been working with the LGBTQQ population for over five years, and with youth experiencing exploitation for three. Tim is a therapist, working in community-based settings, and is interested in making mental health care accessible and beneficial to LGBTQQ youth, especially those of color and those who are survivors of exploitation. Tim received his graduate degree from the California Institute of Integral Studies, with an emphasis in Drama Therapy, and believes that exploring communication styles beyond just words can provide young people an opportunity to share their experiences safely, deeply, and with meaning. Tim works for Boston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Adolescent Social Services as well as My Life My Choice, both programs of the Justice Resource Institute, based out of Boston, MA.

Trauma-Informed Care Services

A Survivor's Perspective

From a survivor's perspective, this workshop will allow participants to gain a better understanding of the impact of complex trauma on victims of human trafficking. We will look at effective engagement, triggers, and de-escalation. We will also explore the needs of trauma survivors in programs and residential services, as well as review the ingredients of trauma-informed practices, and steps to making your program services trauma-informed, allowing your efforts in supporting survivors to be more effective and successful.



Bolden 6



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Meet the Speaker

Sarai Smith-Mazariegos

Founding Executive Director, Survivors Healing, Advising and Dedicated to Empowerment (S.H.A.D.E.)



Sarai is Founder and CEO of Survivors Healing, Advising and Dedicated to Empowerment (S.H.A.D.E.), a survivor-run consulting and advocacy organization focused on human trafficking. Sarai has been helping high-risk youth for over 17 years and has achieved groundbreaking strides in her field. She has worked with survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking, group homes/shelters, juvenile courts, and for the last 15 years, supporting CSEC-specific services. Sarai is a specialist in crisis intervention and trauma-informed care services for those who have experienced sexual trauma. She has extensive knowledge in residential and direct services management, victimology, advocacy in addressing gender violence and social injustice with young girls, and more. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the City of Oakland CSEC Task Force, the San Francisco Mayor's Human Trafficking Task Force, the SBCEHT-No Traffick Ahead, Alameda County CEASE Network and Former Co-Chair of Alameda County Sexually Exploited Minors Network. Sarai is also one of the four Co-Founders of MISSEY and former Chairwoman for MISSEY's Board of Directors. She was previously the Youth Support Center Site Supervisor & CSEC Program Coordinator for Alameda Family Services -DreamCatcher Youth Services Division where she supervised a support center, provided services to high-risk youth and coordinated the development of the first Alameda County CSEC Emergency Home (Nika's Place).

The Human Trafficking Expert Witness

Qualifying the Investigator, Psychologist, and Other Specialists

Expert testimony can be invaluable at trial in a human trafficking case. Learned helplessness, trauma bonding, the practices used by traffickers to groom and recruit victims, and their coercion and control tactics are not within the common experience of the ordinary juror. Yet, what does it mean legally to be an expert in human trafficking? This presentation will survey the federal and state case law on the admissibility of human trafficking experts under both the Daubert and Frye standards. It will discuss the scope and limitations of such expert testimony under statute and precedent. It also provides guidance regarding what knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education will likely qualify a witness as a human trafficking expert. This presentation emphasizes real world application and is designed not just for the prosecutor and legal practitioner but for the law enforcement officer, psychologist, medical practitioner, and academic prospective expert witness.



Strand 10B



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Meet the Speaker

Brenda Mezick, JD

Chief of Program Development & Public Policy, Human Trafficking Unit, Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office



Brenda is the Chief of Program Development & Public Policy for the Human Trafficking Unit in the Office of the State Attorney for Miami-Dade County. 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. She has taught for the National District Attorneys Association, the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, and the American Prosecutors Research Institute, as well as lectures frequently to members of law enforcement and the community. She received her law degree from Georgetown University. She is the recipient of the Florida Attorney General's Human Trafficking Prosecutor of the Year Award, 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, and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award of Distinction.

Complex Trauma and Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is often only part of a larger constellation of adversity and traumatic stress faced by survivors. Early or repeated interpersonal trauma can lead to complex PTSD, a range of responses that impact survivors' emotional, social, physical, and spiritual well-being. This session will discuss complex trauma in survivors of human trafficking and its implications for service planning. This session will be led by a psychologist and two survivor leaders. We will explore complex trauma impacts and how these reactions increase people's vulnerability to exploitation, how traffickers play on these reactions as coercive strategies, and how these struggles impact life after the trafficking experience. We will discuss how working in trauma-informed contexts is essential for survivors' recovery process.



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Meet the Speakers



Dominique Malebranche, PhD

Program Coordinator, Project REACH, The Trauma Center at JRI

Dominique is the Program Coordinator for Project REACH, a national anti-human trafficking program. Project REACH is the only program of its kind in the country, providing direct mental health support and complex trauma-informed training and consultation to cross-discipline professionals working with trafficking survivors. Dr. Malebranche was previously the Co-Chair of the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition. She was the Social Media Lead & Planning Committee Member for the 2nd Annual Global Sex Trafficking Conference of the SAFE (Sex-trafficking Awareness, Freedom & Empowerment) Coalition for Human Rights. Dr. Malebranche received her doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Missouri in Columbia and completed her internship at the Palo Alto VA. Her professional interests relate to sexual violence and exploitation, the sexualization of women, and global contexts for enhancing cultural competencies.



Jessa Dillow Crisp

Co-founder and Executive Director, BridgeHope

As a respected speaker, writer, and mentor, Jessa uses her childhood experience of severe abuse and trafficking to illustrate the stark realities of sex trafficking and the truth that healing transformation is possible. After her escape and recovery process, Jessa got her Bachelor in Counseling and is presently working on her Master in Clinical Mental Health Counseling as a step towards obtaining a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. In addition to making some of the best lattes in Colorado, Jessa is a TEDx finalist; part of the Rebecca Bender Initiative speaker's team; the founding director of the Carriers of Hope mentorship program in Denver, CO; co-founder of BridgeHope; and is a consultant for Homeland Security. Jessa inspires others through speaking engagements around the world, gives hope through mentoring other survivors of human trafficking, and provides high-quality training and consultation services to anti-trafficking organizations across the USA.



Elle Snow

President and Founder, Game Over

A survivor of domestic sex trafficking, Elle is helping to lead the battle against commercial sexual exploitation through prevention education, training, and advocacy. Elle is the President and Founder of Game Over, an anti-trafficking organization in California, and is a member of the Rebecca Bender Initiative (RBI) Speakers Team. She has trained over 1000 youth, community members, foster parents, service providers, and law enforcement on the reality of human trafficking in America. Elle is a member of Soroptimist International, the National Survivor Network, a previous board member with Humboldt DV Services, and a graduate of the RBI Elevate program. She has collaborated with a theater group to develop Jane Doe in Wonderland, a play that raises awareness about human trafficking. But, Elle is more than a survivor - she is an artist, a cook, a sister, and daughter.

CSEC and Trauma

Why Don't They Leave?

The workshop will provide: materials, tools and activities to recognize and understand trauma and trauma bonding; define the “Compliance Model” and how it is applied to CSEC; discuss complex trauma and PTSD, and subsequent responses (physical, emotional, behavioral); review what CSEC victims encounter during their exploitation; instruction on how to become a trauma-informed agency/provider. This presentation is interactive and provides activities and real-life experiences as examples.



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Meet the Speaker

Esther Rodriguez Brown

Founder and Executive Director, The Embracing Project



Born and raised in Barcelona, Spain, Esther arrived to the United States in 2001, and started working with incarcerated youth in 2007. In an effort to teach them skills of empathy, she founded The Embracing Project and developed a curriculum that parallels the effects of genocide and gang violence, and the links between gangs and the exploitation of girls. From 2011 to 2013, she was contracted as a consultant by Clark County District Courts as the Sexually Exploited Youth Court Administrator. Esther was responsible for the creation of infrastructure, development of programs, and the collaboration among community providers and government. In 2013, she opened the Center 4 Peace in Las Vegas, a replicable initiative that brings several non-profits together to provide an integration of social services for minor survivors of sex trafficking. Esther also works in similar issues internationally. She has her MA in Child & Adolescent Psychology, a BA in Criminal Justice, an Executive Certificate in Juvenile Justice Reform, in Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation, and a Certificate in Compassion Fatigue Education. She is OJJDP-NTTA consultant, and a member of The Green Cross Academy of Traumatology and Association for Psychological Science (APS).

Recovery, Relief, Restoration

This session will focus on the most significant challenges of recovery, relief, and restoration in domestic minor sex trafficking. Attendees will walk through a case study of “Hope,” a young girl who was trafficked while a ward of the state for nine years in Indiana. Attendees will benefit from lessons learned throughout the three R’s. The session will discuss forensic interviewing, best practices, law enforcement collaboration, residential treatment, and the aftermath of trauma.

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Meet the Speaker

Tracy McDaniel, MSW, LSW

CEO and Founder, Restored, Inc.




Tracy is the Founder and CEO of Restored, providing direct services and outreach to domestic victims of sex trafficking. Tracy formulates statewide strategies to address domestic human trafficking through victim services, law enforcement coordination, and awareness. She partners with the Indiana state government, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, non-profit leaders, and community members to provide victim and outreach services. She develops trainings for youth, professionals, and provides public awareness. Tracy is a forensic interviewer and has a Master in Social Work with a focus on anti-demand aspects of human trafficking and trauma counseling.

So You Want to be a Speaker/Author?

Survivors Only

Master the tools of the trade in this fast-paced, interactive session about finding your niche, developing your reputation as an expert, crafting a delivery that delivers, and more. Get the good, the bad, and the ugly of what this professional industry is like, regardless of the topic... but even more so, when the topic is social justice. Attendees will learn how to find their area of expertise, gain tips on publishing, self-marketing, as well as establishing MOUs and contracts.

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Meet the Speaker

Rebecca Bender

CEO and Founder, Rebecca Bender Initiative



Rebecca Bender is the founder and CEO of the Rebecca Bender Initiative (RBI). She is an award-winning, nationally recognized expert on human trafficking. After escaping nearly six years of modern day slavery, she wrote her first book, *Roadmap to Redemption*, followed by her recent curriculum *Elevate*. RBI's advanced trainings have equipped FBI, Homeland Security, Former President Jimmy Carter, local law enforcement, medical professionals, service providers, and faith communities across America. Rebecca serves as an advisor to both the Oregon DOJ Human Trafficking Council and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She is also the recipient of the Female Overcomer Award, Unlikely Hero Award, Hero to our Generation Award and multiple FBI and Congressional recognitions. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and their four daughters, and is currently finishing her masters. She is a sought after speaker and consultant and has been featured on the Today Show, NBC Deadline Crimes, Forbes, Huffington Post, and Sports Illustrated.

A Comprehensive Guide for Investigating and Prosecuting Buyers of Minors

Law Enforcement / Prosecutors only

Commercial sexual exploitation of children is driven by sex buyers. Federal law recognizes buying sex from children as a form of sex trafficking. Yet, even as the volume of sex buying across the country balloons, sex buyers have traditionally been ignored in efforts to address child sex trafficking. The presenter will give a guide to investigating buyers of minors, including: cases involving live victims, a wide range of street-based and online reverse stings, building an online persona, specific techniques for posting advertisements on prostitution websites, engaging in email and text conversations with suspects, techniques for identifying suspects, using pictures in stings, and various options for take down and arrest. He will also address prosecuting these cases including pre-charging involvement, charging, bail, plea bargaining, trial, voir dire, expert witnesses, closing arguments, sentencing, punishment, and rehabilitation options. He will review new online tools and techniques for law enforcement to disrupt the market for children.

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Valiant Richey, JD

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



Val is a King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. For the last seven years, he 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, Val 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 targeting sex buyers. Val has conducted numerous trainings and briefings on sex trafficking for law enforcement, service providers, policy makers, and the general public. He serves on the Washington State Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Statewide Coordinating Committee and Trafficking in Persons Committee. He has a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science from Boston University and a J.D. from the University of Washington.

Practical Steps to Changing the State Response to Sex Trafficking

From Policy to Implementation

Your state has passed laws to better protect and support victims of juvenile sex trafficking – how do you ensure an effective multidisciplinary response on the ground? Laws and policies might be statewide, but the populations, resources, culture, and practices of a given community can vary – even from one county to the next. The way in which sex trafficking occurs also varies, and an effective multidisciplinary response must be able to address sex trafficking as it occurs at the local level. This workshop provides a practical framework for making the shift from statewide policy change to community-specific systems change. Utilizing the newly released “Safe Harbor Protocol Guidelines,” and applying lessons learned from urban, suburban, rural, and tribal communities, participants will learn how Minnesota leveraged statewide momentum to develop local sex trafficking protocols.



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Meet the Speakers



Noelle Volin, JD

Attorney, Trafficking Policy Coordinator, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Noelle is the Staff Attorney and Trafficking Policy Coordinator at the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault. As project lead for the Minnesota Statewide Safe Harbor Protocol Implementation Project, Noelle assists multidisciplinary teams across the state develop and implement local sex trafficking protocols. She also serves on the Steering Committee and Legislative Policy Committee of the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force. Previously, Noelle was the Staff Attorney/Director of Policy at a Minnesota non-profit serving sexually exploited women and girls. She created the Criminal Justice Advocacy Program for victims facing criminal charges as a result of their exploitation, and implemented a pro-bono legal clinic to meet the myriad civil legal needs of victims. In addition, Noelle co-facilitated the Offenders Prostitution Program for men charged with solicitation, and represented the voices of survivors and advocates on state and federal policy initiatives.



Paula Schaefer

Safe Harbor Training Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Health

Paula is the Training Coordinator for the Safe Harbor Program where she provides training and technical assistance for grantee agencies that provide services for sexually exploited youth. Paula presents workshops at conferences and provides on-site agency training for schools, youth serving organizations, child welfare, juvenile justice, public defenders, and health care agencies throughout MN on Safe Harbor, working with sexually exploited youth and trauma-informed care. Paula worked as a practitioner with children, adolescents, and families for many years in community and residential based services. She was a consultant for the child welfare and juvenile justice systems throughout the U.S. and Canada on female and culturally responsive services and trauma-informed care for girls for many years. She learns a great deal from survivors and is inspired by their indomitable spirits and resiliency.



Beatriz Menanteu, JD

Supervisor, Violence Prevention Programs, Minnesota Department of Health

Beatriz is a human rights and public health attorney who recently joined the Minnesota Department of Health as a Supervisor to its Sexual Violence Prevention Program and anti-human trafficking Safe Harbor Program. At MDH, she oversees efforts to change systems that perpetuate sexual violence and exploitation, and ensure appropriate system-wide responses to victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Previously with The Advocates for Human Rights, Beatriz worked locally and internationally to apply international human rights standards to advocate for the human rights of women and girls around the world. Beatriz helped develop and pass Minnesota's Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Youth Act and she advocated for amendments to Minnesota's sex trafficking law to increase penalties for perpetrators. She has trained prosecutors to ensure effective implementation of the law, and numerous professional and community groups about human trafficking.

The #1 Obstacle to Successful Mentoring and Advocacy

Chances are your favorite AND least favorite part of anti-trafficking is actually working with survivors! It's OK - I won't tell anybody! Invest 90 minutes to discover how to overcome the number one obstacle hindering your mentoring and advocacy work. You will leave encouraged and equipped to make this rewarding work even more effective and fulfilling once again. Designed for both individuals and service providers, this seminar provides practical methodologies to accomplish effective trauma-informed survivor support.



Meet the Speaker

Kathy Bryan

Survivor Advocate and Elevate Director, Rebecca Bender Initiative



Educate. Encourage. Empower. Kathy's expert knowledge, personal experience and passion combine to yield empathetic mentoring, and engaging trainings that do just that. Having survived two years of sex trafficking as a young teen, Kathy knows intimately how real trafficking is in America, and how difficult the journey to true healing and peace is, if one survives. A speaker, advocate, and author, she has worked with Rebecca Bender Initiative since it was founded and is currently the Director of Elevate Academy. She has trained thousands of law enforcement officers, medical professionals, community service providers, and faith-based communities across the nation, and mentored hundreds of trafficking survivors. Ultimately, her heart beats for helping people understand each other, which fosters empathy and a foundation for unity. She and her husband, Keith love spending time with their family, off-roading, and traveling this beautiful world.

Trauma-Informed Residential Care for Survivors

When Detention is Not the Answer

The care and restoration of survivors after “rescue” is a significant challenge for most communities. There is sometimes a belief that detention equals safety. Until programs are developed that effectively manage the intensive flight response involved with this kind of trauma, we will be faced with the dilemma of detaining survivors for perceived safety. Freedom Place is currently in the sixth year of serving minor female survivors in a residential setting. Through a commitment to trauma-informed care, we have begun to develop practices that allow us to serve without using fear, threats or punishment for compliance. Creating physical and emotional safety has allowed us to serve 20 survivors at a time in a residential setting. This is not done with ease. It is often messy, chaotic and painful. The journey out of the suffering often matches the trauma that caused it. Programs have to learn to hold this suffering.

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Meet the Speaker

Shandra Carter, LCSW

State Director for Child Sex Trafficking Services, Arrow Child & Family Ministries



Shandra serves as the State Director for Child Sex Trafficking at Arrow Child & Family Ministries. She began with Arrow’s residential treatment for victims of child sex trafficking. Upon joining Freedom Place, Shandra developed and implemented a therapeutic model of treatment for this population. By making the trauma-informed care model of Trust-Based Relational Intervention a deeply integrated practice, Freedom Place is leading the way as a “promising practice” standard for sex trafficking recovery. Shandra’s next goal is to help Arrow become a nationwide model for providing therapeutic services for sex trafficking survivors in foster care. Additionally, Shandra has extensive experience treating those on the other side of the issue—sexual offenders. Shandra built a Sexual Offender Treatment Program at the Washington State Department of Corrections from the ground up, recognizing that successful rehabilitation of sex offenders is pivotal for the prevention of further predatory behavior as they transition back into society.

Findings from a Multi-City Study on Child Sex Trafficking

Homelessness, Child Maltreatment, and Resilience Factors

The Field Center collaborated on the largest national research study on the incidence of trafficking among homeless youth. Utilizing a validated tool, Field Center researchers met with and interviewed close to 300 homeless youth in three different cities to learn about the prevalence of child trafficking, who is at the greatest risk, and offer youth a voice in research. With a goal of stemming the child welfare to child trafficking pipeline, this study explored the incidence of child maltreatment, examined living instability, and identified resilience factors among victims of child sex trafficking. This presentation will highlight study findings and provide policy and practice recommendations. Attendees will gain knowledge on the most vulnerable populations for exploitation and trafficking, incidences of sex trafficking among homeless youth in the U.S., and the prevalence of maltreatment with this population.

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Meet the Speakers

Debra Schilling Wolfe, MEd

Executive Director, Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research



Debra is the founding Executive Director of the University of Pennsylvania's Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research where she oversees a multidisciplinary team of nationally recognized child welfare experts focused on policy and practice improvement, research, advocacy, and education. Debra brings 35 years of experience in the child welfare arena to her work, providing consultation, training, and technical assistance to both the public and nonprofit sectors, influencing legislative reform, establishing innovative child welfare programs and agencies, and bringing together experts across disciplines to address some of the child welfare system's most vexing problems, including improving outcomes for foster youth. She served as co-principal investigator on national research on the incidence of child sex trafficking and its correlation with child maltreatment and system exposure, and co-authored a 2016 white paper on Safe Harbor legislation.



Johanna Greeson, PhD

Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice

Johanna is an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy & Practice. She is passionate about reforming the child welfare system, using research to build better futures for youth who age out of foster care, and realizing the power of connections to caring adults for all vulnerable youth. Her research agenda is resiliency-focused and based in the strengths and virtues that enable foster youth to not only survive, but thrive. Dr. Greeson's published work includes scholarly articles on natural mentoring, evidence-based practices for older youth in foster care, including independent living programming, residential group care, intensive in-home therapy, low-income homeownership, and child/adolescent traumatic stress. Dr. Greeson is committed to ending the aging out crisis through innovative intervention development that prioritizes interdependence over independence. She holds Master Degrees in Social Services, and Law and & Social Policy, with a Ph.D. in Social Work.




Sarah Wasch, MSW

Program Manager, University of Pennsylvania Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research

Sarah is Program Manager for the University of Pennsylvania's Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research. She is a committed social worker who has extensive experience practicing with youth and families for over a decade. Sarah has a B.A. in Child Development and Sociology from Tufts University and obtained her MSW from the University of Pennsylvania. She now applies her direct practice knowledge to the Field Center's interdisciplinary model advocating for policy and practice improvement. She is the co-author of the 2016 white paper, "An Analysis of Safe Harbor Laws for Minor Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Implications for Pennsylvania and Other States" and served as a researcher on a multi-state study on human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation among homeless youth, with a focus on the prevalence of child maltreatment and child welfare involvement.

How to Collaborate with Survivors (Without Re-Exploiting Them)

It is imperative to the human trafficking movement that survivor leaders be included in community and law enforcement responses to this crime. As victims of an underworld most struggle to believe is real, survivors hold valuable information and insight that is needed by law enforcement to eradicate trafficking. Yet the survivor community frequently recounts stories of re-exploitation at the hands of the professionals who are fighting the same battle, individuals who often fail to see how they are re-exploiting the victims they're collaborating with. This workshop will explore how law enforcement partner with survivors to increase the successfulness of their work, and why some requests can be exploitive of a survivor.

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Meet the Speakers

Shanna Parker

Survivor Leader, CEO, AngelsGoToWork



Shanna is an Overcomer and Survivor Leader who left an abusive home at 13, trafficked by a pimp who ultimately murdered one of her sister victims. Following a degree in Psychology,

she built a career in management and founded AngelsGoToWork, reaching hundreds of youth annually with anti-trafficking education, assisting law enforcement with training, consultation, operations, and advocacy. She is the PR and Communications Chair for the National Survivor Network and the Executive Chair of the Arizona Survivor Leadership Council. Shanna is an artist, author, and TED Talk speaker. Her book, *And He Called Me Angel*, tells the story of her life as a victim of trafficking.

Domenick Kaufman

Sergeant, Mesa Police Department



Domenick is a 21-year veteran of the Mesa Police Department in Mesa, AZ. For the last six years, Domenick has supervised adult and child sex crimes at the Mesa Family Advocacy Center. He developed and currently leads Mesa PD's Human Exploitation and Trafficking Squad, and the Missing Person's Unit. Domenick is also the department's coordinator for the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team. He regularly provides sex trafficking presentations to law enforcement, non-profit organizations, business leaders, and the public. He has a M.A. in Public Administration from Northern Arizona University and is a certified instructor for Arizona POST.

Stacey Sutherland

Program Coordinator, Pinal County Rescue and Restore



Stacey started her career in the anti-human trafficking field as the Pinal County Rescue and Restore Program Coordinator. She has extensive

experience conducting trainings across multiple disciplines including medical, mental health, child welfare, victim services, and law enforcement. Stacey is also recognized as a special instructor on the topic of human trafficking with the Arizona Peace Officers Standards Training Board. In 2016, Stacey was nominated for the Guara Award, honoring an advocate's outstanding efforts in providing direct services to victims of sexual and/or domestic violence in Arizona.

Integrating Narrative Photography into Therapeutic Programing

This session will present a therapeutic model that integrates both narrative photography and narrative therapy within services for the DMST population. Through bridging the gap between photography and therapy, Crisp has developed a restorative model of helping survivors of human trafficking tell their stories in a fashion that has the power to therapeutically heal. At the end of this workshop, attendees will be able to integrate this model into safe housing programs, mentoring relationships, and therapeutic offices.

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Meet the Speaker



Jessa Dillow Crisp

Co-founder and Executive Director, BridgeHope

As a respected speaker, writer, and mentor, Jessa uses her childhood experience of severe abuse and trafficking to illustrate the stark realities of sex trafficking and the truth that healing transformation is possible. After her escape and recovery process, Jessa got her Bachelor in Counseling and is presently working on her Master in Clinical Mental Health Counseling as a step towards obtaining a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. In addition to making some of the best lattes in Colorado, Jessa is a TEDx finalist; part of the Rebecca Bender Initiative speaker's team; the founding director of the Carriers of Hope mentorship program in Denver, CO; co-founder of BridgeHope; and is a consultant for Homeland Security. Jessa inspires others through speaking engagements around the world, gives hope through mentoring other survivors of human trafficking, and provides high-quality training and consultation services to anti-trafficking organizations across the USA.

Targeting High Frequency Buyers

An Effective Collaboration Between Law Enforcement and Male Allies

This seminar will discuss how “a bunch of guys” and law enforcement took on the challenge to target and disrupt the online market by working together to address the demand side of prostitution. This has been accomplished by working together in an innovative and collaborative effort, resulting in more than 70,000 direct buyer contacts and leading to multiple high frequency buyer arrests. This session will show the tools and tactics that were developed and how they can be used in your jurisdiction. The presenters will show how this can be a cost effective strategy requiring minimal manpower.



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Meet the Speakers

Tom Perez

Founder, EPIK Project



After nearly 30 years as a local pastor, Tom founded The EPIK Project in an attempt to bring men to the fight to end demand for prostituted persons. Through an innovative partnership with local law enforcement, Tom has trained and led an all-volunteer effort that succeeded in making

nearly 40,000 sex buyer contacts in three years. Since 2016, this model has been replicated in 6 cities across the country. Tom also serves as the Chair for the Multnomah County CSEC- Demand Reduction Workgroup, where he leads a multidisciplinary team and is the Portland City Coordinator for the CEASE Initiative. But most importantly, he's a dad with three beautiful daughters.

Glenn “JR” Ujifusa, JD

Assistant United States Attorney, Multnomah County




JR has been working on human trafficking crimes and issues for the last 8 years and is also a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the district of Oregon focusing on federal human trafficking crimes. He is the Senior Deputy and supervisor of the Multnomah County District Attorney's Drug Unit and Human Trafficking Team, which oversees the Prostitution Coordination Team, the Sex Buyers Accountability

and Diversion Program, First Offender Program, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Law Enforcement Group, National Sex Trafficking Law Enforcement List Serve, and is the primary prosecutor for all felony prostitution and human trafficking cases within Multnomah County. He has been a Deputy District Attorney since 2005, and has also prosecuted drug crimes, felony property crimes, violent crimes, sexual assaults, domestic violence related crimes, gang related crimes, and homicides.

Don't Get Turnt

Sex Trafficking Awareness and Prevention

The presenter will use snippets from her narrative film TURNT to illustrate some of the tactics used by sex traffickers to recruit victims, highlighting the specific impact on one of the most vulnerable populations: foster care youth. Through her personal and professional experience, the presenter will provide tips for parents, educators, and community leaders on how to start a dialogue with youth about sex trafficking that is engaging, thought-provoking, and educational.

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Meet the Speaker

Meiko Taylor

Program Director, The Power Project



Meiko is a former foster youth turned Hollywood filmmaker. She has worked with clients such as Ford, Snickers, as well as with stars from film and popular TV shows - Scandal, American Crime Story, Being Mary Jane, CSI, The Lion King, etc. In addition to film-making, Meiko spent eight years working directly with foster care and probation youth as a group home counselor. In this role, Meiko began to mentor clients who had been sex trafficked. After learning about their experiences, Meiko created a film called TURNT, a hip hop drama that is designed to not only entertain, but also teach young girls about some of the common tactics traffickers use to recruit them. Meiko holds a B.S. in Psychology from Loyola University Chicago, as well as an MBA. She currently resides in Los Angeles, CA.

Sharing Your Story

Survivors only

Organizing Your Thoughts and Communicating Clearly

In this workshop, author Sandy Storm will discuss how to effectively share a story of overcoming, both orally and through the written word. Covering topics from organizing your thoughts to communicating clearly, she will pull from her expertise in marketing and public relations as well as her success as an author and publisher. From crafting a short “elevator speech” to starting the process of writing a memoir or autobiography, attendees will leave this session equipped and inspired.



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Meet the Speaker

Sandy Storm

New Life Refuge Ministries



Sandy is an author and a sex trafficking survivor who has experienced a powerful transformation and lives what can only be described as a brand new life. She thrives in her relationships, in business, and in ministry and she takes every opportunity to connect people with her personal source of healing and restoration. Sandy authored and published her first book, *Hello Navi*, which was released in late 2016 and quickly sold nearly 1,000 copies. She has presented at many events in both the secular arena as well as in partnership with churches and various ministries. Sandy acts as the Marketing/PR director for New Life Refuge Ministries, a nonprofit organization that exists to end child sex trafficking. She also sits on the steering committee of the Texas Coastal Bend Border Region Human Trafficking Task Force, a 13-county task force including representatives from federal, state, and local law enforcement; health care providers; victim service providers; public school systems; academia, and other community representatives. She is the owner of a successful marketing company and has been married to the man of her dreams since 2003. Sandy's life has been redeemed from victim to survivor, and she is truly thriving.

How to Use Survivors as Experts During Trial and Investigation

Law Enforcement / Prosecutors only

Survivor voices are powerful tools for law enforcement, beyond simply having them share their story. Utilizing real case examples, the presenter will explain how to lean on your local survivor networks to gain crucial info that only people who have lived it can share, including how to translate texts and emails, decode online ads, build expert testimony, and be better equipped to disrupt common tactics employed by traffickers. Rebecca has assisted District Attorneys and Detectives on multiple cases and operations across America, all of which have led to prosecutions. Take your know-how to the next level by diving into cases and seeing how survivors can assist you in further case development and prosecution. You will also be given access to a network of over 216 trained survivor leaders across America!



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Meet the Speaker

Rebecca Bender

CEO and Founder, Rebecca Bender Initiative



Rebecca Bender is the founder and CEO of the Rebecca Bender Initiative (RBI). She is an award-winning, nationally recognized expert on human trafficking. After escaping nearly six years of modern day slavery, she wrote her first book, ***Roadmap to Redemption***, followed by her recent curriculum ***Elevate***. RBI's advanced trainings have equipped FBI, Homeland Security, Former President Jimmy Carter, local law enforcement, medical professionals, service providers, and faith communities across America. Rebecca serves as an advisor to both the Oregon DOJ Human Trafficking Council and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She is also the recipient of the Female Overcomer Award, Unlikely Hero Award, Hero to our Generation Award and multiple FBI and Congressional recognitions. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and their four daughters, and is currently finishing her masters. She is a sought after speaker and consultant and has been featured on the Today Show, NBC Deadline Crimes, Forbes, Huffington Post, and Sports Illustrated.

Saving Our Boys to Save Our Girls

Many of the discussions, prevention/intervention programming, as well as front line assessments are designed to target either the victim (survivor) of sex trafficking or the buyer by addressing demand through legal interventions or educational programming. While anyone regardless of gender can be a trafficker, this workshop is specifically focused on male perpetrators. This workshop provides a holistic view of the circumstances or vulnerabilities that may lead a young man to engage in criminal behaviors inclusive of trafficking, including but not limited to, the mass marketing of hyper-masculinity, socioeconomic inequalities and institutionalized oppression. This workshop will allow participants to critically reflect further on how they assess trafficking cases and provide examples of ways to engage young men in their own learning about issues related to trafficking and the role they may play. By discussing the trafficker as someone needing prevention services we position ourselves on the national level to make systemic changes for young men to enhance their well-being and to potentially save our girls.



Foster 2



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Stefania Agliano, LMSW

Co-Founder, I AM Training and Consultation Group LLC



Stefania received her graduate degree at Fordham University and has worked in child welfare services and child protection for over twenty-five years, currently in a supervisory capacity. She has been a contributing member of efforts to eradicate trafficking inclusive of the development of various training curricula, training

hundreds of child welfare staff, law enforcement officers, probation officers, and community providers on the local and national level. Stefania has co-authored and facilitated national prevention programming aimed at educating participants on various topics inclusive of sexual exploitation designed for adolescents, young adults, and families under the umbrella of I AM: The Empowerment Project. Stefania is an adjunct faculty member and teaches at the college level.

Bryan Hall, MSW

Co-Founder, I AM Training and Consultation Group LLC



Bryan received his graduate degree from the University of Connecticut, School of Social Work and has worked in child welfare, adult probation services, and law enforcement in excess of seventeen years. Bryan's clinical background consists of treating adolescents with persistent legal issues and/or mental health disorders.

He is the co-founder of I AM Training and

Consultation Group LLC and has been an active contributor of efforts to eradicate sex trafficking, including training hundreds of probations officers, social workers, and providers. Bryan has been instrumental in the development and facilitation of prevention programming aimed at educating participants on various topics inclusive of sexual exploitation designed for adolescents, young adults, and families under the umbrella of I AM: The Empowerment Project. He is an adjunct faculty member and teaches at the college level.

Reflecting Sandtray

An Enhanced Way for People to Share Stories of Trauma

Establishing rapport and positive connections with any young person can be challenging. However, the hurdles are overwhelming if you are trying to establish meaningful communications and trust with youth who have experienced severe trauma. Trauma profoundly limits the ability to share personal experiences by talking alone. Non-verbal processes are needed to access unformulated feelings and thoughts about threatening experiences. Reflecting Sandtray, developed during 14 years of clinical work, is a trauma-informed technique that uses object-mediated story telling. This engaging tool combines a variety of clinically established processes that enhance communications. The result is a client-centered activity that is readily mastered and can easily be used by professionals to aid in interviews and support relationship-building with clients who have experienced trauma. Participants will learn the background and be introduced to the Reflecting Sandtray process. Although theory will be discussed, the major emphasis of the training will be experiential. All participants will create their own individual stories and become proficient in the reflecting-listening strategy for witnessing others' stories.



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Meet the Speaker

Billie Bivins, LMHC, ATR-BC



An art therapist and LMHC in New England for over a decade, Billie returned to her hometown of Miami in 2014. She currently provides art therapy for Project Gold sponsored by Kristi House, a drop-in center for teenage girls who are victims of human trafficking. In addition to providing art therapy to youth and families in their homes, she also works with the Florida States Attorney's Office, where she has conducted Reflecting Sandtray trainings for the victim services staff and is currently developing support videos for their staff. Billie has extensive experience with youth, families, and adults from diverse backgrounds and cultures at community mental health agencies and private practice. Billie is passionate and skilled in art therapy, a counseling process that uses non-verbal expressions to facilitate therapeutic dialogue. Her practice focuses on life issues that include anxiety, trauma and depression. She holds a Master degree in Art Therapy from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. While in Boston, Billie produced and hosted over 80 TV shows about art therapy and the creative process, *Make Art...Feel Better*.

Unseen

Familial Trafficking, Trauma and Recovery

Every day, victims of human trafficking in our community are being exploited while they are present and interacting with the community. These children are not invisible, yet professionals fail to recognize the signs and are unprepared to intervene. The presenter will review her own case study of familial sex trafficking, highlighting often-untold situations of commercial sexual exploitation of children. She will describe how trafficking impacted every dimension of her life - educationally, physically, emotionally, spiritually, and psychologically. In addition, Christine will share how she recovered from the exploitation and trauma, including the important role that faith had in her recovery. Attendees will be provided concrete signs to look for in a minor that is being trafficked for sex from within their own family.



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Meet the Speaker

Christine Cesa

Human Trafficking Advocate, Youth Advocate Programs

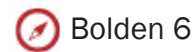


Christine is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master in Intercultural Studies with Children at Risk, and also of Ashland University with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She is a survivor advocate and expert on the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Christine is certified in the Ending the Game curriculum, and believes in advocacy, education, prevention and awareness as critical components to the anti-trafficking movement. Christine is also certified with Police Officers Systems Training (POST) as an Institute of Criminal Investigation instructor for the human trafficking courses for law enforcement. Using her personal story and professional expertise, she provides training across the U.S. on human trafficking and CSEC, and to numerous groups throughout California including foster care parents, high school students, social workers, medical professionals, faith communities, graduate schools, and legislators. Christine collaborates with law enforcement, and partners with local non-profit agencies and task forces in the greater Los Angeles area to advocate for victim-centered approaches.

Beyond “Awareness”

Practical Application of the My Life My Choice Prevention Model

It can be far too easy to see the commercial sexual exploitation of girls as an inevitable, egregious form of child abuse, sewn deep into the fabric of our society. It is not. While there are multiple areas to address to ensure a safer, healthier upbringing for all girls, targeted strategies can be implemented to decrease the likelihood that commercial sexual exploitation, and the trauma and degradation associated with it, will be part of a young girl’s trajectory. Over the past fifteen years, My Life My Choice has developed a survivor-led prevention model specifically for congregate care facilities that includes the development of specialized policies and procedures as well as the integration of the My Life My Choice Prevention Curriculum. Taking our Prevention Curriculum one step further, participants will have the opportunity to learn about this enhanced model and consider applying it to programs within their jurisdiction.



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Amy Corbett, LMHC

Director of Prevention, My Life My Choice



Amy is the Director of Prevention at My Life My Choice. Founded in 2002, My Life My Choice offers a unique continuum of CSEC-focused, survivor-led services spanning provider training, prevention groups with vulnerable adolescent girls, survivor mentoring, advocacy and leadership development. Amy joined My Life My Choice in 2013 to support curriculum development, provider trainings, and prevention programming

for youth who are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. She also provides community outreach and training around preventing exploitation. Her professional experience includes over 15 years of providing services to vulnerable girls and their families, including within residential treatment specialized for young survivors of CSEC. Amy obtained her MA in Counseling Psychology from Boston College and is a Licensed Mental Health Clinician.

Audrey Morrissey

Associate Director, My Life My Choice



Audrey is the Associate Director of My Life My Choice. As a local and national leader in the field of exploitation, Audrey has served as Co-Chair of the Victim Services Committee of the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Task Force on Human Trafficking. She has also served as a primary consultant to the Massachusetts Administrative Office of the Trial Court’s “Redesigning the Court’s Response to Prostitution” project. Audrey founded

My Life My Choice’s Survivor Leadership program in 2004 when she became the first Survivor Leader to mentor adolescent girls in Massachusetts. She serves as the primary national trainer for My Life My Choice as well as coordinating My Life My Choice’s survivor leadership efforts. Ms. Morrissey is a 2008 recipient of the prestigious Petra Foundation Fellowship and a 2012 recipient of The Philanthropic Initiative’s Boston Neighborhood Fellows Award.

No One is an Island

A Multidisciplinary Team Approach to Juvenile Sex Trafficking

Working with victims of human trafficking can be overwhelming without a team to support you. Barriers to collaboration can exist. You don't have to do it alone. Caddo Parish Juvenile Services developed the first trafficking specific multidisciplinary team in Louisiana. The team collaborates across systems to develop trauma-informed, comprehensive service plans to address and prevent juvenile sex trafficking. Presenters will discuss their MDT development, their successes and challenges, and how they overcame system barriers. This is an interactive workshop that will afford the opportunity to participate in an MDT case staffing, develop a service plan, and practice advocating for the victim. A case study will be presented and participants will break into groups based on their field of expertise. Each group will troubleshoot questions and concerns from their perspective, then be given the opportunity to present their ideas to the larger group. The team will develop a holistic service plan that can be used as a model in their own jurisdictions.



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Laurie McGehee

Manager of Probation Services, Caddo Parish Juvenile Services



Laurie is a thirty-two year veteran of the juvenile justice system and has served the juvenile court for Caddo Parish in many different capacities. Currently the Manager of Probation Services, she has been instrumental in developing many of the court's specialized programs, and developed the first multidisciplinary team and Specialized Intensive Probation Unit in the state of Louisiana to address human trafficking. Laurie is a Certified Court

Administrator and trainer for probation officers through the National Juvenile Court Services Association and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She serves as the President of the Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission and as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana. In 2014, she received the State of Louisiana Don E. Wydra Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Shobana Powell, LMSW

Mental Health Court Coordinator, Caddo Parish Juvenile Services



Shobana is the Mental Health Court Coordinator for Caddo Parish Juvenile Services and the Co-founder and Director of F.R.E.E.: The Coalition to End Human Trafficking in Northwest Louisiana. Shobana advocates for trauma-informed, survivor-centered change across systems. She conducts mental health evaluations for the Juvenile Court and provides trauma therapy. With

Caddo Parish Juvenile services, she has also aided in the development of the first juvenile sex trafficking probation unit and multidisciplinary team in Louisiana. Shobana received her Bachelor Degree in Social Work and Spanish at New York University and her Master in Social Work from Columbia University. She is currently a Licensed Master of Social Work in the State of Louisiana. Ms. Powell lives in Bossier City, Louisiana with her husband, who is an aviator in the US Air Force and their two dogs.

Vicarious Trauma in Human Trafficking Service Providers

The objective of this workshop is to explore how the work of helping victims of human trafficking can affect individuals, and the simple steps that can be taken to avoid vicarious trauma. By the end of the workshop, each attendee should have a thorough understanding of exactly what vicarious trauma is, how stress can impact all areas of an individual's life, the steps that can be taken to relieve the symptoms of vicarious trauma, the simple tools and techniques that can be used to avoid vicarious trauma and decrease stress. This workshop is appropriate for anyone who works in the human trafficking field, from direct service providers and advocates to law enforcement, probation, parole, etc.



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Meet the Speakers

Carol S. Brusca, LMFT

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Brusca Wellness



Carol has trained individuals on a broad range of topics within the mental health and wellness arena including human trafficking; stress management for educators; vicarious trauma in law enforcement and probation and parole; vicarious trauma for those in the helping field; vicarious trauma for social media staff;

creating and implementing a self-care plan; and, stress reduction during retirement. She enjoys motivating people to make positive changes in their self-care practices. Carol also helps agencies create or update their existing Wellness Programs. She has published a paper on Human Trafficking and the Palermo Protocol and has a Master of Arts degree in International Relations with an emphasis in terrorism.

Anthony Maez

Special Agent in Charge, Office of the New Mexico Attorney General



Anthony is a certified and commissioned Special Agent in Charge with the Office of New Mexico Attorney General, and the Commander of the New Mexico Internet Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking Task Forces. Prior to starting his second career with the Office of the NM Attorney General, he was a 20-year veteran with the Albuquerque Police Department. He worked as a detective in: Homicide, Sex Crimes,

Domestic Violence, Property Crimes and Narcotics. Anthony has worked as law enforcement in the State of New Mexico for over 28 years. He conducts training nationally through the Innocent Justice Foundation, Supporting Heroes in Mental Health Foundational Training (SHIFT). The trainings include individuals exposed to images of child abuse and work with abused children. He has also lectured on terrorism, political attacks, suicide, and hate crimes.

A Comprehensive Trauma-Informed System of Care Necessary to Address the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth

This presentation describes a specialized, trauma-informed system of care that has been implemented in Miami-Dade County, Florida to meet the needs of child welfare involved youth who have been commercially sexually exploited. This system of care includes three key components: 1) a specialized CSEC Court, 2) the Miami CARES Project, 3) the CHANCE program, and 4) the Survivor Empowerment Program. Key components of these programs will be described, including a panel discussion about the benefits of this collaboration and integration for the youth will be emphasized.

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Meet the Speakers



Kimberly McGrath, PsyD

Clinical Coordinator of Foster Care, Citrus Health Network

Dr. McGrath has been responsible for all aspects of patient care within the five therapeutic programs of the Foster Care Plus program at Citrus Health Network for over 16 years. She is responsible for the initial assessment of potential foster care clients, the facilitation of matching and placement of clients with foster families, and the coordination and supervision of continued therapeutic services. She is the founding psychologist of the TACT Program (a treatment program for youth exposed to sexual abuse and youth with sexual behavior problems) and the CHANCE Program (a Specialized Therapeutic Foster Home Program and Community Response Team for youth involved in human trafficking).



Marta Torres, LCSW

Clinical Supervisor, Citrus Health Network

Marta has 20 years of experience as an advocate and clinician serving survivors of abuse or neglect within the Child Welfare System. She has extensive leadership experience in the implementation of services seeking to educate and empower the marginalized and emotionally wounded in our community to build adaptive coping skills and positive support systems with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency. Marta currently serves as the Network Development Coordinator and a Clinical Supervisor for the CHANCE program with Citrus Health Network, Inc. The CHANCE program provides outreach to community stakeholders by raising awareness and providing training on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Of Children and clinical services to commercially sexually exploited youth.



The Honorable Maria Sampedro-Iglesia

Associate Administrative Judge, Circuit Juvenile Division

Maria graduated from the University of Miami Law School in 1988. She practiced law for 21 years in general practice, encompassing juvenile, criminal, appeals, and insurance litigation. She was elected to the bench unopposed in 2009 and has been in the juvenile court since her election. She is the Associate Administrative Judge of Juvenile. In the last few years, she has been actively involved in the human trafficking cases in court as well as works with the State Attorney's office on a task force against human trafficking. She was recognized as Woman of the year in 2012-2013 by the National Association of Professional Women. In 2015, The International Women's Leadership Association recognized her as a woman of outstanding leadership. She was a panelist on What Family Court Judges Want You To Know at the 19th Annual Conference of Human Trafficking Interrupting the Pathway to Victimization.



Yinay Ruiz

Miami Care Project Manager, Our Kids of Miami Dade/Monroe

Yinay is the Project Manager for the Miami CARES Project where she leads the implementation of a federal grant designed to bring together local partners to address human trafficking within the child welfare population through increased collaboration, strategic coordination of services, and cross-system infrastructure building.

Child Sex Trafficking

Law Enforcement / Prosecutors only

Identification, Recovery, and Case Development

This workshop will focus on developing proactive child sex trafficking cases from active endangered runaway cases. It will specifically focus on the process of identifying and flagging endangered runaway cases; best practices for locating missing juveniles; conducting undercover stings and operational considerations; utilizing electronic surveillance to recover juveniles including exigent requests and court orders to wireless service providers and social media outlets; and post-recovery procedures and placement. Investigators will feature specific case studies of child sex trafficking that were generated from the proactive recovery of a missing child. Although the cases featured were all charged as state child trafficking investigations, tips and suggestions will be provided for conducting a concurrent federal investigation. The workshop will also cover the role of the U.S. Marshals Service in missing child cases, the New Orleans Pilot Project, and the benefits of building partnerships and task forces with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies as well as non-governmental organizations (NGO). This workshop is not an introduction to child sex trafficking.

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Meet the Speakers

Jerry Dysart

Senior Inspector, U.S. Marshals Service

Jerry is a Senior Inspector assigned to the Missing Child Unit of the U.S. Marshals Service Sex Offender Investigations Branch. Based in New Orleans, he currently serves as the Marshals Service liaison to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. He has served in a variety of enforcement assignments, to include Sex Offender Investigations Program Coordinator, Fugitive Task Force Coordinator, and Protective Intelligence Investigator. Prior to joining the Marshals Service, he was an active duty U.S. Army Cavalry Officer where he served as Tank Platoon Leader during the Gulf War, followed by assignments as a Scout Platoon Leader, Troop Executive Officer, and Troop Commander. He has a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from Louisiana State University.



Kate N. Reilly

Special Agent, Homeland Security Investigations

Kate has been employed with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) since March 2009, initially in the Baltimore, Maryland office, and currently in New Orleans, Louisiana. During this time she has been primarily assigned to Human Trafficking investigations. She specializes in Human Trafficking cases involving domestic victims and Internet-based sex trafficking organizations. Since April 2016, SA Reilly, along with representatives from the U.S. Marshals Service, Louisiana State Police, Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, and New Orleans Police Department, has run a child recovery task force aimed at recovering juvenile victims between the ages of 13 and 17 involved in or at-risk for sex trafficking. To date, the task force has investigated 64 child trafficking leads, recovered 27 endangered juvenile runaways, identified 21 juvenile sex trafficking victims, and made 23 arrests in connection with those victims.



Justin Berry

Senior Trooper, Louisiana State Police

Justin has been employed with the Louisiana State Police since 2007 and has been assigned to the Special Investigations Division, Special Victims Unit in the New Orleans Field Office since February of 2014. The Louisiana State Police SVU is tasked with the mission of combating the online child exploitation, labor trafficking, and commercial sex trafficking.



How to Build a House and Make it a Home

Best Practices in Housing Commercially Sexually Exploited and Domestically Trafficked Youth

As the movement to end commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and trafficking continues to gain momentum, this training addresses the importance of apt and attentive housing in working with commercially sexually exploited youth. Through an overview of best practices in a variety of housing scenarios, GEMS Director will discuss effective housing strategies for CSE youth and troubleshoot some of the most common barriers to substantive housing for this population. The training will discuss the following key points: 1) the ideal housing scenario for CSE youth in various situations (lockdown facilities, crisis shelters, transitional living, long-term/permanent housing), 2) the ideal hiring and human resource management practices, 3) service provision for youth in each of these different facilities, 4) what details should be considered and/or evaluated for funders and overall agency outcomes.

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Rachel Lloyd

Founder, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services



In 1998, at just 23 years old, Rachel Lloyd founded Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS) at her kitchen table with \$30 and a borrowed computer. She was driven by the lack of services for commercially sexually exploited and domestically trafficked girls and young women and the incredible stigma and punishment they faced from service providers, law enforcement, the courts, their families and

society. Nineteen years later, her indelible impact on the issue of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking has helped shift the perception of trafficked girls from criminals to victims and now to survivors and leaders. GEMS is now the largest service provider of its kind in the nation providing intensive services and support to over 450 girls and young women each year.

Mikell Munro, MHC

Residential Director, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services



Born and raised in Westchester, NY, Mikell began her academic tenure at the University at Buffalo, where she later received her Bachelor in Community Mental Health. Staying true to her belief that everyone is deserving of a second chance at life given the right support systems, she went on to pursue her passion in counseling by working at various substance abuse inpatient rehabilitation programs across

New York State. In 2015, she received her Master in Mental Health Counseling and is continuing to share her understanding and compassion for others. Mikell currently serves as the newly appointed Residential Director for Girls Educational and Mentoring Services in Harlem, NY empowering child survivors of commercial sexual exploitation.



DAY 2

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A Statewide Approach to Human Trafficking

Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program

This workshop will provide an introduction to the Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program, a statewide model for addressing human trafficking. The model includes the creation of/coordination with local coalitions to tackle human trafficking in their area, outreach to increase awareness and recognition of trafficking, and establishing a network of service providers to service trafficked youth. The workshop will provide an overview of the administration, staffing, and fiscal structure of the model, identify resources and partnerships needed, discuss successes and lessons learned and share future goals of the project. Discussion time will be incorporated to allow for Q and A regarding replication of the model.



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Meet the Speakers

Robin E. Donaldson

Chief Operations Officer, Indiana Youth Services Association



Robin is the Chief Operations Officer at Indiana Youth Services Association, a member organization that provides accreditation, training, and support for Youth Service Bureaus in Indiana. Previously, Robin was the Program Development and Research Director for National Safe Place from 2008 – 2013. Prior to joining National Safe Place, she was the Assistant Director at

Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County in Bloomington, IN and had been at YSB of Monroe County for 12 years. She has been teaching psychology, human resource, and youth development credentialing classes at Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana since August 2001. Robin has a Master Degree in Counseling and Social Psychology, has previously been a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and is a licensed foster parent.

Danielle White

Region 8 Coalition Coordinator, Indiana Youth Services Association



Danielle is the ITVAP Region 8 Coalition Coordinator. Prior to joining IYSA, she spent three years working for the National Safe Place Network (NSPN), a membership organization which provides training and technical assistance to youth and family service organizations across the country. Her time at NSPN involved work with multiple programs, including the

Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center (RHYTTAC); Human Trafficking: Recognize, Respect, Respond (HTR3); and Safe Place. Before becoming an employee, Ms. White served as an AmeriCorps VISTA at National Safe Place from 2011-2012. She is a native of Columbus, IN and a graduate of Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY.

Trauma-Informed Escape

RockStarr is one of very few organizations that specialize in crisis response and escape. We provide emergency shelter and transitioning care for survivors. This presentation will cover tactics of escape, safety precautions, building rapport with client-survivors, travel care, and detoxing from the life in weeks one, two, and three. It will touch on the topics of aftercare, finding appropriate accommodations for follow-up placement and care. We want organizations to learn the techniques we have found safe so more victims can have a successful and safe escape.



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Meet the Speaker

Laurin Crosson

Survivor Leader, Founding Director, RockStarr Ministries

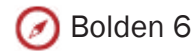


Laurin has been a survivor of trafficking for over 20 years. Passionate about helping others find a way out, she began doing outreach on the street and in local strip club clubs, providing support to survivors of exploitation and trafficking. This dedication to making a difference ultimately led her to found RockStarr Ministries in 2013, a nonprofit organization for the extraction of victims of human trafficking. In 2014, Laurin opened a safe house for adults and has continued to run the only safe shelter for survivors in Utah, helping over fifty individuals exit the life. She is the author of “Ride Out: Crisis Response and Extraction of Human Trafficking Victims,” a handbook to assisting survivors, and is a frequent speaker across the U.S. on the subject of sex trafficking.

Victim Impact Statements

How and When to Use

Victim Impact Statements are often used in court hearings to allow victims to share about what they experienced and/or the negative aftermath. They allow the victim to express, in their own words and way, how the crime affected his/her life. There is no script or length and victims may choose to write one paragraph or 100 pages. This empowering experience can also be utilized in other settings to foster emotional healing. We'll discuss: *What is the VIS? When, where and how can it be used and be beneficial? What cautions, if any, should be considered? How VIS can be incorporated with human trafficking victims?*



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Meet the Speaker

Becca C. Johnson, PhD

Licensed Psychologist, International Program Director, Rescue: Freedom International



Becca has been a licensed psychologist for 25+ years and has a passion to “help the hurting heal.” Her work focuses on helping victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Becca is the International Program Director for Rescue Freedom International, which encourages and supports those providing direct services to victims of sex trafficking. 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. Dr. Becca speaks and provides trauma care training and consulting to safe houses and programs both in the USA and abroad. Her trainings focus on “making the complicated uncomplicated” and “engaging the heart, not just the head.” Becca is author of books on abuse, guilt and anger and is currently working on several others. The new books focus on helping survivors of sexual abuse, prostitution and those who want to help. Becca has provided trauma care and recovery training in over 20 countries.

Handle With Care

This workshop offers innovative best practices for helping to mitigate the negative effects experienced by children's exposure to trauma and highlights a promising initiative (Handle With Care) between schools, law enforcement and treatment providers. "Handle With Care" provides the school with a "heads up" when a child has been identified by law enforcement at the scene of a traumatic event. Schools are responding with interventions to help mitigate the trauma and mental health providers are co-locating at the school to provide services. Handle With Care programs promote safe and supportive homes, schools, and communities that protect children, and help traumatized children heal and thrive.



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Meet the Speakers

Andrea Darr

Director, West Virginia Center for Children's Justice, West Virginia State Police Academy



Andrea is the Director of the West Virginia Center for Children's Justice which promotes and supports a statewide trauma-informed response to child maltreatment and children's exposure to violence. The Center, housed in the Crimes Against Children Unit at the West Virginia State Police Academy, streamlines resources and minimizes duplicative efforts to

address challenges, barriers, gaps and needed improvements in working child maltreatment cases. The Center includes the West Virginia Children's Justice Task Force and the West Virginia Handle with Care Initiative.

Lt. Chad Napier (Retired)

Prevention Resource Coordinator, Appalachia HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area)



Chad retired from the Charleston Police Department in October of 2015 with 20 years of service. The vast majority of his career has been spent with the Metro Drug Unit conducting or supervising drug investigations. Over the past several years, Chad has spent the majority of his time providing drug awareness and prevention presentations in schools

throughout West Virginia. He is currently employed by Appalachia HIDTA as a Prevention and Education Coordinator for West Virginia & Virginia.

Communicating the Story of Human Trafficking

Forging a Comprehensive Media, Public Relations, and Public Awareness Strategy

Feel like you're shouting a life-saving message about trafficking and no one's listening? Communicating with increased focus and clarity can make all the difference! This interactive workshop will focus on how the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation built a public awareness campaign from the ground up (with a very limited budget), along with its ever-evolving media relations strategy. From lessons learned, to budgeting and grants, to long term planning, to social media, participants will walk away with insights (and hopefully share some of their own!) to take their much needed communication on this issue to the next level.



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Meet the Speaker

Josh DeVine

Public Information Officer, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation



Josh joined the state's lead law enforcement agency in March 2014 as the Public Information Officer, following a career in television news. As a spokesman for TBI, Josh handles day-to-day media inquiries, interviews, speech writing, news releases, crisis communications, social media, and special projects. In 2014, Josh developed and spearheaded the TBI's statewide human trafficking public awareness campaign, ITHasToStop, which – through billboards, PSAs, a website, social media, and other efforts – aspires to shape the conversation and serve as a rallying point for all Tennesseans. Josh graduated from Denison University with a degree in Communication and Religion and also holds a Master of Science in Journalism from Northwestern University. Josh, his wife Lauren, and their daughter Molly live in Nashville.

Could Your Sexual Abuse Investigation be a Human Trafficking Case?

The Texas Legislature did child abuse investigators a big favor in drafting our human trafficking statutes – they are very helpful tools to be aware of and to keep in our toolbox. This class will begin with an overview of our human trafficking statutes and compare them to our long existing sexual abuse statutes. The class will cover the grooming behaviors of traffickers that are commonly used to entice the victims into the dark world of trafficking. The class will then present the investigation and subsequent plea of guilty in the case of the State of Texas v. Paul Mayo, a repeat offender who eventually pled to a life sentence without parole for the offense of continuous human trafficking of a child. In reviewing the case we will discuss how a child pornography case turned into an arrest and plea for the offense of continuous human trafficking of a child.



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Kim Clark

Detective, Waco Police Department



Kim has been employed as a Peace Officer with the Waco Police Department for over 20 years. She has been assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit for over 16 years where she investigates cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children, trafficking, and cases involving the endangering and

abandoning of child victims. She has testified as an expert in child abuse in numerous felony jury trials in McLennan County based on her training and extensive experience in this field. Prior to joining the Waco Police Department, Kim served over four years of active duty in the United States Marine Corps, stationed in California. She has her Master Peace Officer License.

Hilary C. LaBorde, JD

Chief Prosecutor, Crimes Against Children and Child Protection Division,



McLennan County District Attorney's Office

Hilary has been a prosecutor for fourteen years, all at the McLennan County District Attorney's Office in Waco, Texas. After graduating from Baylor Law School in 2002, she began prosecuting misdemeanors and felonies involving child physical abuse. She subsequently served as the office's prosecutor assigned to represent Child Protective Services for five years, before becoming part of the Crimes Against Children Division where she began prosecuting child sexual

abuse and physical abuse resulting in serious bodily injury and death to children. Hilary is now the chief of both Crimes Against Children and Child Protection Divisions, which has been expanded to oversee all cases of child abuse and neglect from child abandonment cases to the capital murder of children under six, as well as all cases of rape and human trafficking involving adult survivors and children.

Creating Juvenile Court Infrastructure to Handle Cases of Human Trafficking

Join Chief Judge Anderson and Court Attorney Ehlers from Orleans Parish Juvenile Court (OPJC) as they present the steps their court has taken to tackle the issue of juvenile trafficking from all aspects within the court system. Taking inspiration from “trafficking courts” around the country, OPJC has enhanced its court system with a multi-level approach that best fit its particular court structure. Approaching court infrastructure from the first to the last contact a juvenile has with the court, OPJC has sought to train staff and use a trauma-informed approach throughout the system. These changes to infrastructure seek to incorporate the trauma-focused mindset to recognize and deal with trafficking in all court processes – Intake, Diversion through Court Programs, Delinquency, Child in Need of Care, Families in Need of Services, and Probation.



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The Honorable Candice Anderson

Chief Judge, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court



Judge Anderson graduated from Tulane University School of Law and began her legal career as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Judge Charles Imbornone. She then became an associate in the law firm of Beahm and Green, was an in-house attorney for the Regional Transit Authority, and a partner in the law firm of Anderson and Darensburg. She was elected to the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court in 2010, has been the supervising Judge of the FINS program and the past Juvenile Drug Court Judge. She

was elected as Chief Judge for 2015 and 2016 where she has organized efforts to create court infrastructure to handle cases of child trafficking. She is a current member of the New Orleans Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, Martinet Legal Society, and the NAACP.

Storm Ehlers, JD

Court Attorney, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court



Storm is the Court Attorney for Orleans Parish Juvenile Court where she has coordinated the creation of juvenile court infrastructure to handle cases of child human trafficking for almost three years, while working as the law clerk for five juvenile court judges. Her work experience in the field of human trafficking began in 2011 when she was asked to

represent the Louisiana Supreme Court in a Legislative Study Group on the topic of domestic minor sex trafficking. In 2015, she worked briefly for the firm representing Signal International in a case of labor trafficking before getting hired on with the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

The Intersection of Sex Tourism and Sex Trafficking

A Case Study

Sex tourism is an often overlooked form of sex trafficking, yet is becoming more pervasive. Persons from the U.S. frequently travel to other countries and attempt to recruit children to become sex slaves in exchange for money. Sometimes, they even bring the children back to the U.S. and control them under threats of violence or deportation. In this case study, we examine a sex trafficking case that began as sex tourism in El Salvador: *U.S. v. Eric Noe Araujo-Flores*. We examine the interplay between sex tourists and sex traffickers, and the mechanisms that sex trafficking customers use to hide their crimes. We discuss successful strategies for identifying, investigating, and prosecuting such cases, and consider the evidentiary challenges that these cases entail.

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Bill Woolf

Detective (retired), Fairfax County Police Department



Detective Woolf was assigned to the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force tasked with investigating all forms of human trafficking in northern Virginia, compiling intelligence on trafficking trends and methods, tracking and interdicting trafficking activity, and disseminating information throughout the D.C. Metropolitan area in an effort to make the war against human trafficking more effective. Prior to being assigned as the lead investigator for the task force, he was assigned to the Police Department's Gang Investigations Unit. Detective Woolf regularly provides training, nationally and internationally, to law enforcement, social services, schools, and the community on awareness, prevention, education, and intervention. He is president of the Just Ask Trafficking Prevention Project, a nonprofit which seeks to prevent trafficking by inoculating communities against threats posed by traffickers, and has been recognized as a national expert in the area of sex trafficking.

Michael J. Frank, JD

*Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office,
Northern District of Florida*



Michael is an AUSA in the Northern District of Florida and serves as the Human Trafficking coordinator. Prior to this, he served as an AUSA in the Eastern District of Virginia, focusing on the prosecution of sex trafficking cases, including gang-controlled sex trafficking. Michael also was a trial attorney at the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department where he prosecuted labor and sex-trafficking cases throughout the United States and served as counsel with the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy. He clerked for the Honorable Daniel A. Manion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He is co-author of an article on gang-controlled sex trafficking that was published by the Virginia Journal of Criminal Law.

The Role of Technology in Child Sex Trafficking

Technology is used to recruit, groom and sell domestic minor sex trafficking victims. 63% of minor sex trafficking survivors surveyed in 2013 had been sold online. With technology rapidly evolving, it is important to stay on top of the ways technology is used in minor sex trafficking to develop the most data-driven, innovative solutions. Thorn currently runs the only national domestic minor sex trafficking survey on the role of technology in exploitation. In 2016, Thorn partnered with 25 organizations across the U.S. in a second wave survey. This presentation covers the findings, including ways technology played a role in meeting controllers, developing relationships with controllers, communicating with buyers, exiting the life, and the extent and type of access survivors had to technology while in the life. Ultimately, this research allows survivors' knowledge and expertise to guide program development and create effective interventions.

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Meet the Speaker

Melissa Stroebl

Senior Program Manager, Thorn



Melissa is a Senior Program Manager for Thorn where she manages many of Thorn's programs and research initiatives, which are focused on driving technology innovation to prevent and combat child sexual exploitation. She works with Thorn's partners across the technology industry, government, academic institutions and nonprofits to conduct research, create deterrence programs, and collaborate with Thorn's Innovation Lab and Technology Task Force. Prior to joining Thorn, Melissa spent close to ten years at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children as part of the Exploited Children Division and later the Technology Division. Melissa graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in history and received her master's degree in forensic science from George Washington University.

Empowerment Through Employment

The Missing Piece

With the growing anti-trafficking movement, survivors of human trafficking have more and better access to services than ever before, yet there remains a huge gap in services nationwide as survivors seek employment. Learn about one social entrepreneurship's mission and success in unraveling the effects of the sex trade by fighting business with business, providing safe, viable and creative work to survivors of the sex trade. Hear from two survivors about the barriers they faced once they escaped from the sex trade and how they found empowerment through employment. Gain insight from the founder and director of Rethreaded on the topic of starting and running a successful social entrepreneurship, and find out how you can make a difference in your own community.

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Meet the Speakers

Kristin Keen

Founder and President, Rethreaded



Kristin lived and worked for five years in Kolkata, India where she co-founded a business that could offer a safe haven to women involved in the sex trade.

Today, Sari Bari is a thriving business employing over 120 survivors. Upon her return to Jacksonville, Kristin felt called to fight the sex trade domestically and Rethreaded was born, which sells and manufactures survivor-made goods, impacting the lives of 30 survivors through direct employment. Empowering survivors by offering career opportunities, Rethreaded fights the business of the sex trade with business. Each year Rethreaded aims to double the number of survivors employed by the company.

Jamie Rosseland

Survivor-Mentor, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center



Jamie works at the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center as a Survivor-Mentor with the Open Doors Outreach Network. She actively and passionately strives to offset the negative impact

of human trafficking for victims in Northeast Florida through mentorship and advocacy. By sharing her lived experiences and unique perspective, Jamie is driven to change the cultural view of the sex trade industry. Prior to joining the Policy Center, she was the Marketing Coordinator at Rethreaded, a nonprofit whose focus is to provide viable and creative employment to survivors.

Alyssa Beck

Survivor Leader, Advocacy Specialist, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center



Alyssa is a survivor advocate who interacts with leaders in the anti-human trafficking field, experts in girl-centered relations and members of the state

legislature to help develop laws and practices that will support survivors of sex trafficking and youth involved in the justice system. Collaborating with several organizations and councils, she brings her lived experience and passion for improving the lives of young women. Her goal is to change the laws around human trafficking and promote justice for children sent to jail.

Stop, Drop and Roll...

Caring for the Involved Providers and Partners

Stop Drop and Roll is an exploration of techniques developed and implemented for care providers to deal with the everyday trauma of coming in contact and working with victims of human trafficking. It is without mention a trauma-filled journey victims encounter before, during, and after being involved in “the life.” Many care providers, whether probation, healthcare, mentors, educators, community advocates, friends or family, will potentially suffer silently from many of the same symptoms as their victims without recognizing the signs. Stop Drop and Roll will take you from becoming aware of the symptoms to owning the symptoms, and to having the skill set to “put out the fire” of the cycle.



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Meet the Speaker

Paula Barthelmess, LCSW

Owner/Consultant, Community Outreach Behavioral Services



Paula has been providing mental health treatment to individuals for the past 13 years. She treats a variety of populations and specializes in Trauma specific care such as EMDR and TF-CBT. Paula also specializes in extensive family therapy to individuals in their home environment as well as clinical settings. She has a Master degree in Social Work, which she received from Walla Walla University in the State of Washington. Paula currently has a clinical endorsement from the State of Idaho. She has owned and operated a community-based mental health clinic for the past 12 years and in 2015 founded a non-profit organization, Community Outreach Behavioral Services (COBS), to spread awareness in Idaho and provide trauma care to individuals and their families involved in human trafficking.

“Art of Seduction”

The Anthony Curry Case Study

This presentation will look at the investigation involving Anthony Curry and how he seduced, groomed, trafficked, and exploited a 15-year-old girl in the Beaverton, Oregon area. Curry acted as the “master manipulator” when their relationship first started and then continued for weeks. This presentation will also focus on the individual strip club that hired “Stasia,” and how this was the second case where the club had employed a minor to dance. Detective Opitz and Deputy District Attorney Barton will discuss the complexity of the investigation, struggles that law enforcement and prosecutors faced, and lessons learned, and how the strip club was forced to change their business practices regarding how dancers were hired and employed.



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Chad Opitz

*Detective and Task Force Officer, Beaverton Police Department;
Portland FBI*



Chad is a Detective with the Beaverton Police Department in Beaverton, Oregon and a Task Force Officer on the Portland FBI Child Exploitation Task Force. He is an eighteen-year law enforcement officer and has been a detective for the last nine. He has worked sex trafficking related crimes since 2008, with a focus on protecting victims of child trafficking and targeting the pimps that exploit

those minors. Chad obtained his Bachelor Degree in Communication Arts from George Fox University. He has presented at the conferences and has been an instructor for classes put on by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children throughout the United States. Chad has provided sex trafficking related training for law enforcement officers, victim advocates, social service workers, and prosecutors both in Oregon and around the United States.

Kevin Barton

*Chief Deputy District Attorney, Washington County District
Attorney's Office*



Kevin is a Chief Deputy District Attorney in the Washington County District Attorney's Office, located in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. Kevin supervises the child abuse unit, which prosecutes all crimes involving child victims including child physical and sexual abuse, child pornography, sexual exploitation, child fatalities, and child sex

trafficking. Kevin is also involved in child abuse prevention efforts. He is the chair of the county child abuse MDT, a member of the county's child abuse center, and a member of Oregon's Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Advisory Council. Prior to being a prosecutor, Kevin was a trial attorney at a west coast civil litigation law firm. Kevin attended Gonzaga University and the University of Notre Dame Law School.

Sex Trafficking in Tribal Communities

Statistical View of Rural Regions

Anywhere in the world where there is poverty, you will find human trafficking. This includes our tribal and rural communities, and most often, an overlooked region. Extreme poverty fuels the sex trade, and with the growth of tribal hotel and casinos, an influx of sex trafficking has emerged. There's no clear avenue to justice in Indian Country, due to a wide range of social ills. The presenter will review the problem from a statistical economic view, revealing information found in a pilot study on trafficking with Native American persons, along with a case study highlighting a criminal enterprise planned by the Mexican Cartel. Attendees will leave with tips on how they may extend efforts towards communities that are the poorest in the nation.



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Meet the Speaker

Lynnette Grey Bull

Founder and Director, Not Our Native Daughters



Lynnette is Lakota/Northern Arapaho from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and Northern Arapaho Tribe. She founded Not Our Native Daughters in 2014 to promote the lifelong mission for the missing and exploited Native American women and children. She focuses on various points of injustice on tribal economic issues, historical trauma to present day trauma, protection of youth, and lack of justice in Indian Country. Lynnette served as Chair of the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs at the Governor's Office from 2015 - 2016, and presented a Congressional Briefing on Tribal Youth Suicide in 2016. Lynnette has survived the many obstacles of being a victim herself, which drives her purpose to advocate for others. She utilizes her unique journey to translate the needs of the Native American people to promote national change in policy, research, education and bipartisan collaboration. Lynnette's victim advocacy efforts began in 2003 on Skid Row in Los Angeles, California. From 2006-2010 she pursued her passion to mentor the women at CCA Federal Detention Center, in Florence, Arizona. Lynnette strives for the growth of a future where indigenous people prevail in all the same areas where other ethnicities succeed.

Empowering the Survivor Voice

The goal of this workshop will be to demonstrate opportunities for professionals working with survivors to effectively empower the survivor to lead in their own recovery, and why this is important to the success of their efforts. Examples include resourcing the survivor to build a colorful map of their recovery, preparing them for disappointment, helping them identify and break their cycle of destructive behaviors, preparing them to participate in staffing meetings regarding their case, helping them identify stinking thinking and developing new thought patterns.



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Meet the Speaker

Lucy Bloom

Successor Executive Director, Veronica's Voice - Magdalene KC



Lucy is Executive Director of Veronica's Voice - Magdalene KC, a Kansas City-based organization providing residential services, a call center, and advocacy for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. She is a founder of Engage Together Kansas City, a coalition of organizations providing services to survivors, where she recently lead a community-wide mapping of services in partnership with Alliance for Freedom, Restoration, and Justice, and compared current service capacity with the current need which was researched by the University of Missouri Kansas City. Additionally, Lucy is a member of the National Survivor Network, and works at state and federal levels to support increased access to services. Prior to joining Veronica's Voice, Lucy has served in a variety of roles throughout her career: President and CEO of I'm Coming Home, Director of Operations at Restoration House of Greater Kansas City, Director of Faith-based and Community Initiatives for the Kansas Department of Children and Families, and as Program Director at National Center for Fathering.

Healthcare and Human Trafficking

Providing Victim-Centered, Trauma-Informed Care

Dignity Health, one of the largest healthcare systems in the nation and largest hospital provider in California, established a program to respond to human trafficking. Three key goals under this program are to: 1) identify and appropriately respond to trafficked persons in the healthcare setting, 2) strengthen communities against human trafficking, and 3) share evidence-based best practices. In order to respond appropriately to trafficked persons, healthcare staff must understand the victim-centered, trauma-informed approach as it relates to mandatory reporting and patient care. Unfortunately, these concepts are often difficult to teach and understand. Dignity Health has worked closely with survivors who are willing to share their healthcare experiences and bring these complex concepts to life. In this workshop, hear from Program Director Holly Gibbs, sex trafficking survivor Annika Mack, and labor trafficking survivor Evelyn Chumbow for a rich presentation and discussion on victim-centered, trauma-informed care within the healthcare system.



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Meet the Speakers



Holly Austin Gibbs

Human Trafficking Response Program Director, Dignity Health

Holly is the Director of the Human Trafficking Response Program at Dignity Health, the fifth largest health system in the nation and the largest hospital provider in California. Holly joined Dignity Health in 2015 and oversees efforts to recognize and respond to trafficked persons in the healthcare setting. In 2014, Holly published an academic book titled *Walking Prey: How America's Youth are Vulnerable to Sex Slavery*, and she is a current blogger for the Huffington Post. Holly has a B.A. in Biology and formerly worked as a Senior Microscopist for an environmental microbiology laboratory. As a survivor of child sex trafficking, Holly has testified before Congress and consulted for numerous organizations, including the U.S. Office for Victims of Crime, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and the AMBER Alert program.



Annika Mack

Survivor Advocate

Annika was a runaway who survived human trafficking and homelessness. She speaks publicly to educate the community on human trafficking and mentors survivors. Annika has trained various organizations, hospitals, tattoo shops, and hotels to notice the signs of trafficking and what they can do to prevent this crime. She has also spoken as a keynote speaker at conferences. Annika has spoken for statewide programs such as Victims of Crime and has lobbied for statewide human trafficking bills. She is one of twelve survivors of the CSEC action team and the CSEC advisory board for the state of California, creating stronger policies for youth who have experienced exploitation. Annika is also on the local Human Trafficking Task Force in her community. Overall, she is reaching for the stars and changing the world.



Evelyn Chumbow

Survivor Leader, Consultant

Evelyn is a survivor of child labor trafficking, an anti-trafficking activist, and a public speaker focused on raising awareness and helping other survivors. She serves as an advisor to human trafficking nongovernmental organizations and has been invited to inform government agencies about human trafficking from a survivor's perspective, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, and the U.S. Department of Justice. Evelyn is invited regularly to speak around the world about her experience, including at the White House. Evelyn works at the law firm of Baker & McKenzie LLP in Washington, D.C., where she supports human trafficking and human rights-related pro bono initiatives. She is on the White House Advisory Council, is an advisor on The Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center and the Ambassador for Free The Slave. Evelyn has a Bachelor Degree in Homeland Security Studies from the University of Maryland.

Human Trafficking Intelligence

Collaboration From the Inside Out

The breadth of information within correctional facilities across the country should be harnessed and not wasted. Human trafficking is all too common and does not halt once a trafficker is in custody. By monitoring phones and numbers, relationship analysis, mail and visitation, a substantial amount of information can be uncovered. Information gathered may be used to obtain subpoenas and comb the digital footprint that traffickers leave behind. Gain the basics of identifying individuals, an overview of gang and trafficking tattoos, and techniques through case studies using jail intelligence to assist in prosecution. Each investigator and/or agency may have a different piece of the puzzle which becomes clearer when combined, validating information more effectively and thoroughly. The compilation of data accessible to different agencies by database, such as suspected or convicted trafficker, john and victim lists with available information on individuals, assists in multi-jurisdiction collaboration. Existing technology should be embraced and can benefit the operation of information and intelligence gathering within correctional facilities and in turn will strengthen the wheels of justice. In sum, this information provides names, associations and corroborating evidence that result in successful prosecutions and the protection of victims.

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Meet the Speaker




Molly McDade Hood

Human Trafficking Sergeant, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

Molly started with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office 1995 as a Deputy, before being promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2004. She is currently the Human Trafficking Sergeant for the MCSO jail system where she documents tattoos and evaluates relationships between suspected traffickers and victims, in addition to gathering, processing, analyzing, and disseminating jail intelligence. She also assists in gathering evidence to indict and prosecute individuals who continue to sexually exploit or traffic juvenile and adult victims, effectively removing much of the burden from the victim's shoulders, in an effort to reduce witness tampering and threats. Through her identification techniques and victim-centered focus, she is able to connect victims who may be incarcerated for other offenses with much-needed services.

Bringing Youth Voice to the Child Trafficking MDT

Youth leaders in Boston want their message to be heard. This workshop will bring input and advice of the Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) Youth Advisory Board for MDT members investigating and providing services for exploited youth. What matters most in the first conversation? What is helpful? What doesn't work? The workshop will offer concrete, discipline-specific recommendations from the youth for each MDT member (law enforcement, prosecutors, forensic interviewers, medical providers, and more). The presentation will help prepare first responders to meet high risk and exploited youth "where they're at" in a long-term recovery process, and will integrate personal anecdotes and case examples to bring youth advice to life. Attendees will gain knowledge and insight from young survivor leaders and strategies to enhance their work as part of an MDT.

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Susan Goldfarb, MSW, LICSW

Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County



Susan is the Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County (CAC) in Boston, MA. In 2004, Susan initiated Suffolk County's Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) program, a nationally-recognized multidisciplinary collaboration with the goals of improving services and safety for victims of child trafficking and increasing accountability of

the adults who exploit them. SEEN has assisted over 1300 exploited and high risk youth in the Greater Boston community. Ms. Goldfarb received a BS in Psychology from Brown University, and MSW from the Boston University School of Social Work. She was the chair of the Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking Implementation Committee of the Massachusetts Inter-agency Human Trafficking Task Force, is a member of the Governor's Working Group on Human Trafficking and provides training locally and nationally on developing child trafficking MDTs.

Elizabeth Bouchard

SEEN Program Manager, The Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County



Beth is the SEEN (Support to End Exploitation Now) Program Manager at the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County in Boston, MA. For 5 years, Beth has coordinated a collaborative, inter-agency response for more than 650 at-risk and commercially sexually exploited youth. Working daily with the Boston Police Department Human Trafficking Unit, the

Office of the Suffolk County District Attorney, the MA Department of Children and Families, juvenile justice providers, and community partners, Beth navigates state and local systems, providing training and outreach, and ensuring that each child referred to SEEN receives a comprehensive, coordinated response. Her professional background includes advocacy, case management, and providing victims services to adult and child survivors of sexual assault, domestic abuse, and human trafficking, as well as undocumented and refugee populations.

Mental Health Providers

Treatment Issues, Collaboration and Networking

Panelists will give an overview of various trauma therapy models used in working with trafficking victims. Attendees will gain knowledge of the unique concerns inherent in mental health services with trafficking victims, and be provided access to resources for collaborative professional networking specifically for anti-trafficking mental health providers. Mental Health providers, interns and graduate students are invited to attend this panel and open discussion. Topics include: Treatment Modalities for Trafficking Victims; establishing a collaborative networking environment; TRuST – Anti-Trafficking Mental Health Providers Network; research past present and future; challenges and recommendations; and more. Panel members include 4 therapists (two psychologists and two survivor-therapists) working with victims of sex trafficking (Emily Waters, Toni McKinley, Becca Johnson and Dominique Malebranche). You'll be invited to join TRuST, a collaborative network of mental health professionals serving survivors of human trafficking. Visit our Website: www.TrustCollaborative.org and join us on Facebook: Trauma Recovery for Survivors of Trafficking and on our listserv.

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Meet the Speakers



Dominique Malebranche, PhD

Program Coordinator, Project REACH, The Trauma Center at JRI

Dominique is the Program Coordinator for Project REACH, a national anti-human trafficking program. Project REACH is the only program of its kind in the country, providing direct mental health support and complex trauma-informed training and consultation to cross-discipline professionals working with trafficking survivors. Dr. Malebranche was previously the Co-Chair of the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition. She was the Social Media Lead & Planning Committee Member for the 2nd Annual Global Sex Trafficking Conference of the SAFE (Sex-trafficking Awareness, Freedom & Empowerment) Coalition for Human Rights. Dr. Malebranche received her doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Missouri in Columbia and completed her internship at the Palo Alto VA. Her professional interests relate to sexual violence and exploitation, the sexualization of women, and global contexts for enhancing cultural competencies.



Becca C. Johnson, PhD

Licensed Psychologist, International Program Director, Rescue: Freedom International

Becca has been a licensed psychologist for 25+ years and has a passion to “help the hurting heal.” Her work focuses on helping victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Becca is the International Program Director for Rescue Freedom International, which encourages and supports those providing direct services to victims of sex trafficking. 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. Dr. Becca speaks and provides trauma care training and consulting to safe houses and programs both in the USA and abroad. Her trainings focus on “making the complicated uncomplicated” and “engaging the heart, not just the head.” Becca is author of books on abuse, guilt and anger and is currently working on several others.



Emily Waters, PhDc, LCSW, MPA

Director of Human Trafficking, The Safe Center - Nassau County

Emily has been involved in various anti-trafficking efforts for over 10 years. She has served as a consultant in trafficking prevention, research, legislation, operational and leadership support, and aftercare solutions in Eastern Europe, and has conducted trainings 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 Child Residential Centers Conference in 2015. She presented her research for aftercare for adult trafficking survivors at the International Association for Group Social Work and in Mitigating Vicarious Trauma at the JuST Conference in 2016. Emily is the Director of Trafficking at The Safe Center in Nassau County, NY, and holds a Master of Social Work degree from Azusa Pacific University, a Master of Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University, and is completing her Ph.D. in Social Work at Walden University.



Toni McKinley, LPCI

Director of Therapeutic Service, The Refuge for DMST

Toni is the Director of Therapeutic Services at the Refuge for DMST in Austin, Texas. She is a survivor leader, a licensed therapist, and has counseled survivors of trafficking since 2012. She has a passion to help survivors heal from their trauma so they can live out their purpose in life. Toni teaches trauma informed care to anti-human trafficking organizations using her knowledge of counseling, her knowledge of trauma, and her experience as a child trafficking survivor.

PLENARY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
12:30PM – 1:30PM

Powerful Ink

How Tattoos and Branding Shape the World of Human Trafficking

This study explores the relationship between tattoos and commercial sexual exploitation for both survivors and traffickers. Working with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, the information presented will help practitioners, law enforcement personnel, advocates, and other stakeholders understand the significance of tattoos and the tattooing in the world of human trafficking. This study analyzes the extent to which certain categories, locations on the body, size, and quantities of tattoos are related to human sex trafficking. Taken from both interviews with law enforcement personnel, survivors, traffickers, and database photographs we explore how understanding the meanings and placement of tattoos can aid in developing therapeutic as well as legal and investigative tools for all stakeholders.

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Christopher Carey, PhD, JD

Portland State University

Christopher is a former Deputy District Attorney and currently an Associate Professor at Portland State University. His expertise is human rights with an emphasis on human trafficking. His background includes serving as Executive Director of a U.S.-based international human rights organization that focused on combating human trafficking. His work has been supported by federal, state, and private grants. He has authored several articles on the subject of human trafficking in the United States and around the globe. Recently, in collaboration with the US Attorney's office and multiple social service agencies, he co-authored two studies examining the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Portland. His current research focuses on the perspectives and experiences of foster parents in Oregon who have cared for children, youth, and young adult survivors of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. He is a frequent speaker on human trafficking.



Karma Rose Macias

Research Associate, Portland State University

Karma Rose is working on her M.S. in the Criminology and Criminal Justice program at Portland State University, where she is also a Research Assistant. Additionally, she is an intern for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Human Trafficking Sergeant, where she is conducting research that evaluates connections between tattoos of suspected sex traffickers and victims. She aims to do her master's thesis on sex trafficking in Portland, OR. In her undergraduate career, Karma Rose completed the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program and served a year in AmeriCorps following graduation, both of which directly inspired her to pursue her Master Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Trafficking, Trauma, Resiliency and Evidence-Based HOPE

In this presentation, the audience will learn about the multi-faceted impacts of childhood trauma from a particular case study that included sexual abuse, domestic child sex trafficking, and torture. While the information regarding the trauma and trafficking is graphic and brutal, the audience will fully embrace and believe in the power of resiliency and ‘evidence-based’ hope that Judge Lung provides throughout the presentation. The audience will also participate in several grounding techniques and practice self-care during the presentation. Lastly the audience will learn about developing trust and establishing safe boundaries when working with victims of trauma and trafficking.

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Meet the Speaker



The Honorable Robert Lung

District Court Judge, 18th Judicial District, Arapahoe County

In addition to presiding over a diversified docket in Colorado, Judge Lung provides presentations nationally on issues such as human trafficking, childhood trauma, and resiliency. Judge Lung was recently appointed by Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice to serve as the Judicial Representative on the Colorado Human Trafficking Council. In 2016, he was selected to serve as a consultant to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and as a consultant of the NHTTAC of the recently created Office of Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) of the Federal DHHS. Most recently, Judge Lung was selected to serve as a member of the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States, which will advise the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on trafficking.

Rules without Relationships = Rebellion

Interviews with Foster Parents of CSEC Survivors

Limited research exists on the experience of foster parents caring for CSEC survivors. Yet national estimates show that 50-90% of CSEC survivors have been in foster care at some point. Indeed, research in Oregon indicates that CSEC survivors have three times the foster care placement rates of non-CSEC populations. Presenters will report on the findings of a Children's Justice Act funded research grant which interviewed and surveyed foster parents in Oregon who cared for children, youth and young adult survivors. The findings of the research will infuse a critical perspective, that of the foster parent, into the discourse around how to best support survivors in foster care, and where improvements can be made. This presentation will share lessons learned and provide recommendations for how to improve the system at multiple entry points: from foster parents, to child welfare workers, social service providers, judges, police, policy makers, researchers, and advocacy groups.



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Christopher Carey, PhD, JD

Portland State University



Dr. Carey is a former Deputy District Attorney and an Associate Professor at Portland State University. His expertise is human rights with an emphasis on human trafficking. His back-

ground includes serving as ED of an international human rights organization. He is the author of several articles on the subject of human trafficking domestically and internationally. The California Judicial System has identified him as an expert in the field. Most recently, in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney's office, he co-authored studies examining the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Portland. His research focuses on the perspectives and experiences of foster parents in Oregon who have cared for survivors of CSEC.

Lena Teplitsky, MPH

Research Associate, Portland State University



Lena is a public health and youth development professional who integrates twelve years of experience across the education, social service and health sectors in direct service, research and administrative

roles. For the past five years, she and Dr. Carey have been conducting mixed methods research related to CSEC in Oregon in close collaboration with government agencies, law enforcement, academic, and community partners. The research has aimed to quantify the scope of CSEC in the Portland metro area, explore pathways in and out of exploitation, and identify the unique needs of CSEC populations and foster parents to influence responsive provision of services, and further policy, legislative and research agendas. Lena is also a mentor to a youth survivor of exploitation.

Karma Rose Macias

Research Assistant, Portland State University



Karma Rose is a graduate student in the Criminology and Criminal

Justice program at Portland State University and is the research assistant to Christopher Carey. She works for the Portland Police Bureau, Sex Trafficking Unit and interns on research projects with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Human Trafficking Sergeant.

Benefits and Challenges of Public and Private

Sector Teamwork: Holding Businesses Accountable for Sex Trafficking

Two minor trafficking victims, ages 13 & 15, were sexually trafficked at an Oregon strip club, approximately two years apart. In 2016, the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries and civil attorneys for the young women collaborated to hold the strip club accountable for its role in their exploitation. The resulting litigations proceeded on two separate tracks involving the administrative prosecution under Oregon civil rights laws and civil claims for negligence and trafficking. This presentation will cover the benefits of teamwork between the public and private sectors, as well as the challenges of each particular case. Issues in the cases included: labor law, principal/agent vicarious liability, piercing the corporate veil, local and state regulatory oversight, bankruptcy, and the different remedies available through the separate litigations. Ultimately, the strength of these cases was rooted in the young women at their center and their unwavering commitment to hold the strip club accountable.

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Jenn Gaddis, JD

Administrative Law Judge, Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries



Jenn began her legal career as a criminal prosecutor at the county level. Her caseload consisted primarily of sexual

offenses against young children. As a criminal prosecutor, she obtained lengthy sentences for sexual offenders. In 2012, Jenn became the Chief Prosecutor for the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries ("BOLI"), where she was responsible for Oregon's enforcement of civil rights and wage and hour laws. She became an Administrative Law Judge for the bureau in September 2017.

Janis C. Puracal, JD

Attorney, Maloney Lauersdorf Reiner PC



Janis is an experienced trial and appellate attorney at Maloney Lauersdorf Reiner, seeking to develop the intersection between law and science,

encouraging decisions based on sound science in civil and criminal matters. Janis co-founded the Oregon Innocence Project, where she works pro bono, dedicated to securing the release of wrongfully convicted inmates. She became devoted to innocence work after she successfully represented her brother in an international campaign to free him of wrongful conviction in Nicaragua. Janis's background has been essential in her work on the Board of the National Crime Victim Law Institute.

Joel Shapiro, JD

Attorney, Law Office of Joel Shapiro



Joel is an attorney, victims' advocate, and policy advisor in Portland, OR. He has extensive sex trafficking policy experience, including serving as Chief Counsel to U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, where

he crafted the 2009 Wyden-Cornyn DMST legislation, and as lobbyist for Shared Hope International. He presently represents victims of sex trafficking and other crimes in civil litigation. He also serves on the Oregon Department of Justice's Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee, and continues to advocate on behalf of sex trafficking victims at the Oregon Legislature. Joel holds a B.A. in Political Science, and a J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School.

PROTECT Prevention Education

PROTECT is a systematic, scalable, statewide prevention education program. 3Strands Global, in collaboration with the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives and Love Never Fails, the Office of the Attorney General, and the California Department of Education, has helped launched PROTECT in the fight against human trafficking. The joint mission of PROTECT is to help educators and students across the state identify and prevent instances of human trafficking through a standardized educational curriculum. 3Strands Global has helped create materials to allow 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grade teachers to incorporate the topic of human trafficking into their annual educational calendar. These materials are grade-level appropriate, state standard-compliant, and provide a holistic view of the problem. In this workshop, 3Strands Global will give an overview of the PROTECT program, demonstrate the online learning management system where educators and county workers can access PROTECT content, and give an overview of PROTECT training modules, curriculum, and protocol coordination.

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Meet the Speaker

Ashlie Bryant

CEO, 3Strands Global



Ashlie is the co-founder and CEO of 3Strands Global Foundation. As a leading anti-trafficking advocate, she has been dedicated to combating human trafficking for the past seven years. In 2011, Ashlie was instrumental in creating and overseeing a human trafficking education program designed to educate students at the middle school, high school, and university levels. 3Strands Global has educated over 26,000 9th graders in 13 California counties. Three years ago, she began a statewide initiative called PROTECT in partnership with the Attorney General and the California Department of Education. PROTECT is launching in 17 CA counties and Utah this fall. In addition to overseeing the non-profit and staff at 3Strands Global, Ashlie expanded 3Strands Global's reintegration programs for survivors to include domestic and international job opportunities. She holds a Bachelor Degree in International Relations and French from University of California, Davis.

Trafficking in the LGBTQ Community

This workshop will explain both the vulnerabilities and needs of LGBTQ youth. We will discuss what makes this population vulnerable, the difficulty they experience in accessing the appropriate treatment, and common challenges experienced in treatment. We will also discuss the importance of creating a safe space for LGBTQ youth, a vital component for recovery and prevention.



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Meet the Speaker

K.D. Roche

Survivor, Advocate, Author



K.D. is an educator and trainer on various topics related to human trafficking including: the recovery process, living with PTSD, vulnerabilities and needs in treatment for LGBTQ youth, recognizing triggers, and living beyond trauma. She is a published author, works full time running her own business, and is currently working on her degree in business management and sociology. K.D. travels across the U.S., training law enforcement officers, judges, social workers, teachers, and the general public.

Decriminalization through Collaboration

Los Angeles' Multidisciplinary Response to CSEC

This workshop will review Los Angeles' nationally-recognized Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol for CSEC that has been in place for nearly three years. The protocol spells out a collaborative, multidisciplinary, 90-minute response when a commercially sexually exploited child is identified by law enforcement. It has allowed Los Angeles County to drastically diminish the number of children arrested for prostitution and related offenses, and instead has provided these children a non-punitive, victim-centered response. In addition to reviewing the components of the policy and data from the first three years of implementation, several cases will be discussed to illustrate the collaboration to meet the children's needs, the benefits, and challenges of the First Responder Protocol.

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Sex Trafficking Disruption

ChatBots, Text Messages, and Automated Solutions for Intervention

Sex trafficking, including child sex trafficking, is initiated online every hour of every day in cities and communities nationwide. Although market demand is high and the challenge is daunting, new automation tools are now poised to make a breakthrough in disrupting these markets. These technologies extend local support services to victims, collect evidence and information from perpetrators, deliver effective deterrence messages, and calculate recidivism. Join this discussion to learn how Seattle Against Slavery has partnered with Law Enforcement, NGOs, and technology companies such as Microsoft to provide an automated intervention solution. This presentation is intended for all audiences and will review ChatBots, text messaging, and artificial intelligence (AI) analytics tools.



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Meet the Speaker



Robert Beiser

Executive Director, Seattle Against Slavery


Robert Beiser has been the Executive Director of Seattle Against Slavery (SAS) since 2012. After several years at Microsoft, he left the tech world to work in the nonprofit sector as a social justice advocate. Robert holds a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Washington, serves on the Washington State Task Force on Human Trafficking, and travels the country speaking on technology and human trafficking prevention and interdiction. Seattle Against Slavery is a grassroots coalition working to mobilize our community in the fight against sex and labor trafficking. Driven by the belief that the rights and dignity of every person should be respected, we build partnerships that unite passionate volunteers and advocates with local and national non-governmental organizations and government agencies. In his role as Executive Director, Robert has helped to shape its focus on prevention, identification, and support for survivors.

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*Survivors only
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practitioner of trauma resolution, neuro-linguistic programming, and brain based leadership and development. Dr. Quintal has a counseling center in Lakewood Ranch Florida and specializes in the treatment and resolution of complex and complicated trauma, PTSD, grief, guilt and shame, childhood abuse and sexual violence.

Survivor Leaders Drive California Anti-Child Trafficking Policy

The California Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Action Team Advisory Board is a groundbreaking committee of 10 survivor leader advocates tasked with providing input to state and local agencies, community-based organizations and other stakeholders regarding how to improve policy and practice for CSEC and at-risk youth. The Advisory Board is comprised of a diverse group of professionals who promote social justice and collaborate with various agencies in the fight against trafficking. This presentation will give you a better understanding of the Advisory Board's central role in anti-child trafficking policy as well as its development, composition, recent accomplishments, and the impact it has had on the communities from a survivor leaders' perspective. Attendees will leave the workshop with critical takeaways and tools to launch their own state or local Advisory Boards.

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Josie Feemster

Survivor Leader Advocate and CSEC Action Team Advisory Board Member; Children's Law Center of California



Josie is a woman who has been inspired to help young girls get out of "the life," having experienced her own victimization once.

Throughout her struggles and successes, she learned to accept her past and, in doing so, increased her chances for a better life. She has said, "I have seen what it takes to build confidence, empowerment and instill security in young girls; it's collaboration." Josie is a CSEC Case Manager for the Children's Law Center of California. She is a training consultant for Runaway Girl and Bay Area Academy, speaking with professionals on engaging with CSEC survivors.

Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, QMHP

Medical Professional Curriculum Director, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking



Suamhirs is a survivor of child abuse and human trafficking. At age 14, he was kidnapped and brought to America where he was sold into sex trafficking in San

Diego. Eventually discovered, he was placed in foster care and emancipated in 2009, dedicating his time to discovering different ways of providing services to youth and adults who have experienced various levels of trauma. He attended the University of California San Diego and earned a Bachelor Degree in Political Science and International Relations. In 2015, Suamhirs was appointed by President Barack Obama to the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking.

Oree Freeman

Survivor Advocate, Independent Contractor



Oree was trafficked for over four years as a child, and today she is a strong, successful, passionate and independent woman. She has trained police officers, educators, attorneys,

judges, doctors and nurses. She does presentations to high schools, colleges, and community members. Oree has been appointed to the California State Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Advisory Committee, advising legislators and policy makers on how to better serve children being sold throughout the state. Oree is no longer a victim or just a survivor; she views herself as a light and a force, encouraging women that they are more than life's circumstances.

Best Rehabilitation Practices for Working with Female Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Attendees will understand best practices for the restoration of women who have been exploited, who may also be fighting substance abuse and the diverse concerns related to commercial sexual exploitation. The presenter will provide best approaches for restoration in support of the wellness, dignity, and potential of survivors of exploitation. Gain awareness as an advocate and/or counselor on a variety of different therapies, whether you are providing services for women in in-patient or out-patient treatment programs or safe homes. The presenter will also speak on and provide material to assist with enhanced independent living skills, as well as best wellness practices to ensure survivors acquire self-care and self-esteem practices for their rehabilitation process.

 Foster 2

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Meet the Speaker

Danielle Freitag, LADC

Action169 Co-founding Director, Survivor Advocate, Speaker



Danielle is an overcomer of severe addiction and years in the commercial sex industry. Earning her degree as a Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor, Danielle has provided direct support, counseling, and restoration care services for women in a variety of settings, including individual and group therapy. With over a decade of experience as a recognized advocate, Danielle is passionate about inspiring a lifestyle of wellness, as well as reaching women in the commercial sex industry. She founded Bella Daughter, an outreach initiative of Action169 to reach, love, and empower women in the strip club industry. Offering expert training on combating the cultural realities of exploitation, Danielle has been requested to provide consultation to prepare law enforcement, government and non-government professionals, and medical professionals on the realities of exploitation, including trafficking and addiction. She has delivered key insights on program development and best rehabilitation practices.

CSEC Hierarchy of Survival

Understanding the Process from Surviving to Thriving

Through first-hand research and personal experience, this presentation will provide an insightful look at how victims face their daily lives as well as the tumultuous journey from sex trafficking victim to fully self-actualized thriver. The presenter will use Maslow's hierarchy of needs as a skeletal foundation to explain the processes in which victims of sex trafficking deal with the trauma and stigma of life on the streets. This presentation has three objectives: 1) give service providers a model in which to base standard operating practices while remaining flexible when providing services for a highly unpredictable population; 2) provide a clear vision and perspective for law enforcement to see the exploited victims of sex trafficking as victims, rather than anti-social street hustling criminals; 3) humanize victims in an increasingly fractured and self-absorbed global world while acknowledging the stigmas that come from living in a hetero-normative patriarchal society.



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Russell Glenn Wilson

Anti-Trafficking Expert, Consultant, Researcher



Russell is currently a student at Golden Gate University School of Law and recently graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in Anthropology and South & Southeast Asian Studies. As a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Russell completed a research project in Cambodia looking at the factors of resiliency for male survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. Russell has recently received the UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies Undergraduate Merit Scholarship and the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship to continue his research in Indonesia for the summer of 2016. As a CSEC survivor and former foster child, Russell has a unique and insightful perspective on the issues that male trafficking victims and survivors face in their daily lives. It is through these experiences that Russell brings authenticity to his research and his life.

Project NO REST

North Carolina Organizing and Responding to the Exploitation and Sexual Trafficking Of Children

This session will present an overview of Project NO REST, a five-year effort funded by VOCA the Children's Bureau, and its approach to strengthening and supporting North Carolina's infrastructure for addressing the trafficking of vulnerable youth in the state, especially those with a child welfare connection. The session will cover the project's development of a comprehensive plan to address both sex and labor trafficking. The session will discuss the creation of the plan by close to 100 stakeholders from state and county agencies, non-profits, the faith community, and advocates. It will review the plan's recommendations for prevention, youth engagement and outreach, screening and intake for victims of trafficking, services and practices for trafficking survivors, funding, and data gathering. The session also will describe the recruitment of five communities across the state to build and develop collaborative networks to implement the comprehensive plan. The session will describe the initial activities of each site and plans for the future.



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Dean F. Duncan, PhD

Research Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work



Dean is a research professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work. He is the Principal Investigator for Project NO REST, a five-year initiative funded by the Children's Bureau to address the trafficking of youth ages 25 and younger

in North Carolina. Since joining the faculty in 1997, he has directed studies on child welfare, welfare reform, Medicaid, homelessness, and food stamps. He recently directed the evaluation of another project funded by the Children's Bureau designed to move North Carolina to a trauma-informed child welfare system. He currently serves as a principal investigator on a multi-year project assessing the outcomes of children involved with the child welfare system in North Carolina.

Robin Colbert

Associate Director, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault



Robin is an award-winning executive, program manager, administrator, and leader with over 30 years of experience in program development, multiple program management and project implementation with an emphasis in strategic planning, policy development and implementation, and financial management. Currently, Robin manages NCCASA's programmatic internal operations, developing systems and realigning agency functions to improve overall agency

technical assistance, training and service response. Robin is a member of the NC Coalition Against Human Trafficking's (NCCAHT) Training & Education Committee. NCCAHT is an alliance providing leadership to the North Carolina anti-trafficking movement, by increasing public awareness of human trafficking through training and educational activities, by organizing and supporting efforts to prevent human trafficking, and by improving victim services through collaboration. Robin also is an Investigator on the Project Team of UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work Project NO REST.

Educating Girls and Empowering Survivors Through Prevention Education

This presentation will focus on Eden House's prevention program, REAL Choices (Recognizing Exploitation and Advancing Life): A Prevention Program for Adolescent Girls. Started in 2016, this program uses the My Life My Choice Curriculum (Boston, MA), and is currently being taught to three community partner agencies: a local high school, a juvenile justice program, and at a foster care agency. It is co-facilitated by a survivor (a current resident of Eden House) and one of our counselors. The presentation in particular will explore how the survivor's stories are useful both to the "students" and perhaps even more so to the survivor. We will use examples from the classroom to illustrate how "owning one's story" leads to personal growth and recovery for the survivor, serves as a cautionary tale for the participants, and helps service providers in identifying and assisting possible victims.



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Nadia Lee

Student & Survivor Leader, Eden House



Nadia is a survivor leader in the Eden House prevention program REAL Choices and a graduate of Eden House, completing the two-year pro-

gram in June 2017. She is currently pursuing a degree in business at Delgado Community College in New Orleans.

Susanne B. Dietzel, PhD

Executive Director, Eden House



Susanne oversees the management and long-term planning for Eden House, a non-profit providing recovery services for survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. She is an expert on

issues related to women, gender, equity, gender-based violence, and feminism. Susanne previously established a Survivor Advocacy Program in Ohio, providing advocacy and support services for survivors of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking. She holds a Master in English and African American Literature, and a Ph.D. in American Studies and Feminist Studies. She is a member of the Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission.

Jennifer Best, LLPC

Clinical Care Provider, Eden House



Jennifer received an M.A. in Psychology and Counseling at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently pursuing her licensure as a profes-

sional counselor. Jennifer has extensive training and experience in trauma counseling and crisis intervention. Her responsibilities at Eden House include developing individualized care plans with residents, facilitating in-house meetings and support groups, and maintaining the residents' schedules.

Are you Ready?

A Collaborative Approach to Providing Support for Victims Who Testify

The recent increased awareness of and efforts to prevent trafficking have resulted in an accompanying focus on prosecuting traffickers. These criminal cases are built on the testimony of victims. Testifying in an adult criminal prosecution can be incredibly traumatizing, particularly for a young person in the foster or juvenile justice system. In an effort to support these youth, individuals in Los Angeles County came together to build a protocol that dictates how a multidisciplinary team, including law enforcement, district attorney, child advocates, child welfare, probation, mental health and community-based partners, will work together to support a youth. The Protocol includes the development of a Victim Witness Support Team for every youth and covers each agency's roles and responsibilities from case filing through post-testimony. In addition to reviewing components of the policy, presenters will discuss case examples to illustrate the challenges and successes of the protocol.

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Legal Evolution in the Response to CSEC, and Legal Remedies for CSEC Survivors

This presentation will discuss the evolution of laws relating to CSEC from criminalizing child prostitution towards decriminalization and connecting survivors to supportive services. This recent shift in many state laws towards decriminalization of child prostitution is a reflection of the changing views towards commercially exploited children as victims rather than criminals, and a deeper understanding of how vulnerable children are recruited into the sex industry. This change in the laws has also resulted in new legal remedies for CSEC survivors including criminal defenses, criminal vacatur, criminal expungement, record sealing, civil restitution and civil litigation.

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Meet the Speakers



Jamie Quient, JD

President and Managing Attorney, Free to Thrive

Jamie is the President and Managing Attorney at Free to Thrive, a non-profit organization that provides legal services and community support to human trafficking survivors throughout San Diego County. Jamie is the 2016-2017 president of Lawyers Club of San Diego and founded the Lawyers Club Human Trafficking Collaborative. The Collaborative brings together key stakeholders to fight human trafficking in San Diego through legal and community education, legislative advocacy, and survivor support. Point Loma Nazarene University recognized Jamie's contribution to the fight against human trafficking, awarding her its inaugural 2016 Hope Rising – Rising Star Award. Jamie also received a commendation from the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission for her leadership in combating human trafficking of women and girls in San Diego.



Melanie Delgado, JD

Attorney, Director of Transition Age Youth Projects, Children's Advocacy Institute

Melanie has served as staff attorney at the Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI) since 2006, where she is Director of CAI's Transition Age Youth Projects. Melanie has extensive expertise in the area of services, programs, and funding for youth aging out of the foster care system and has authored several reports on the issues. She also contributed to the second and third editions of *Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents, and State Agencies in Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Cases*. Melanie chairs quarterly meetings of the Children's Advocates' Roundtable, an affiliation of statewide and regional children's policy organizations in California, representing an array of issue disciplines. She is a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law, where she was a co-recipient of the James A. D'Angelo Outstanding Child Advocate Award in 2006.



Fanny Yu, JD


Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County District Attorney's Office

Fanny has been a Deputy District Attorney at the San Diego County District Attorney's Office for over 13 years with expertise in the area of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. She supervises juvenile justice cases where the youth has CSEC concerns and is the CSEC liaison to other county agencies. Fanny has prosecuted cases involving child molest, maltreatment, pimping and pandering since 2007. She trains other prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, social workers, dependency attorneys, victim advocacy groups, health care providers, schools, and non-profit organization volunteers regarding human trafficking and CSEC. Fanny is a member of the San Diego County Regional Human Trafficking and CSEC Advisory Council, San Diego Human Trafficking and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces, Lawyer's Club Human Trafficking Collaborative, and San Diego Police Foundation's SafetyNet Advisory Council.

The Road Less Traveled

Bottom Girl to State Witness

This presentation will follow the case of a DMST victim who was picked up in Waco, Texas, transported to Corpus Christi, and trafficked. A detective will present how she traveled over 100 hours to collect evidence for the case, showing where it evidentially led to the “bottom girl” turning into a crucial state witness. The “bottom girl,” now a survivor speaker, will explain how the process that led her out of “the game” also strengthened her ability to trust the system in helping her begin the healing process and grow into a strong survivor.

 Strand 11

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Meet the Speakers

Kim Clark

Detective, Waco Police Department



Kim has been employed as a Peace Officer with the Waco Police Department for over 20 years. She has been assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit for over 16 years where she investigates cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children, trafficking, and cases involving the endangering and abandoning of child

victims. She has testified as an expert in child abuse in numerous felony jury trials in McLennan County based on her training and extensive experience in this field. Prior to joining the Waco Police Department, Kim served over four years of active duty in the United States Marine Corps, stationed in California. She has her Master Peace Officer License.

Julia Walsh

Survivor and Advocate



Julia and her twin brother, born in Russia in 1992, were placed into an orphanage. Later they were adopted and moved to Texas. During college in 2010, she fell victim to the dark world of domestic violence, drugs, and human trafficking. In 2014, Julia was rescued through the efforts of the Waco Police Crimes Against Children Unit and Lubbock Police Vice Units, beginning the long road of recovery to survivorship.


Julia continues her journey of healing and is pursuing a social work degree, hoping to use her experience to help empower other survivors and fight the scourge of human trafficking. She has participated in numerous speaking engagements such as Not In My City and 2016 Child Safe Conference, and recently testified at the state capitol in support of a house bill for human trafficking survivors.

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Keeping It Real

An Explicit and Informal Discussion with a Survivor

EleSondra, known as “El,” is a survivor of child sex trafficking. El is from the streets, was victimized on the streets, and now goes back to the streets to conduct outreach and provide services to girls stuck in similar violence and exploitation. Join us for a facilitated discussion as El “keeps it real” and shares her story, providing valuable insight on the mindset of a victim and explains what really matters in creating opportunities for connection, growth, and long-term healing. Ample time will be given for an informal Q&A with the audience where El encourages people to ask the hard questions so that a real and honest discussion can take place.



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Meet the Speaker

EleSondra DeRomano

Founder, Standing Together Against Real Slavery (S.T.A.R.S.)



El works tirelessly with at-risk women and girls from backgrounds of exploitation, domestic violence, rape, and drug abuse. She couples her brutal honesty and extraordinary background to create an atmosphere of hope for women and children who are forgotten or abandoned by society. El’s exposure to exploitation began with her parents. She was placed in the foster care system and introduced to the world of abuse at the age of four, graduating to a world of drugs, prison, and prostitution by age eleven. El’s insurmountable perseverance and dedication is an essential part of S.T.A.R.S. where she has created one of-a-kind programs such as the Girls Crisis Prevention/Intervention Program and Outreach Program for Survivors of Prostitution, fostering love and trust to a sector of our society that is lost and forgotten.

A grayscale photograph of the Steamer Natchez, a large riverboat, docked at a wooden pier. The boat has multiple decks with railings and is adorned with several flags, including the American flag and the Louisiana state flag. The name "NATCHEZ" is visible on the side of the boat. A large, bold red text "DAY 3" is overlaid in the center of the image.

DAY 3

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PLENARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
8:30 - 10:00AM

Forensic Experiential Trauma Interviews

A Trauma-Informed Experience

WHEN HUMAN BEINGS EXPERIENCE TRAUMA, THEY UNDERGO A PROCESS that many professionals – as well as the individuals themselves - do not understand. Therefore, when the criminal justice system responds to the report of a crime, most professionals are trained to obtain “who, what, where, why, when and how.” Yet, trying to collect information about a traumatic event in this way may inhibit important psychophysiological evidence and the accuracy of the details provided. Some victims are capable of providing this type of information in a limited fashion. However, most trauma victims are not only unable to accurately provide this type of information, but, when they are asked to do so, may inadvertently provide inaccurate information and details. Consequently, fact finders may become suspicious of the information provided. The Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI) was designed to change all of this. Proven to be a game changer in the investigation and prosecution of many forms of violence, this interview technique draws on the best practices of child forensic interviews, critical incident stress management, and neuroscience -- combining them all into a simple three-pronged approach that unlocks the trauma experience in a way that we as professionals can better understand.

*****Law Enforcement attendees are invited to attend a private workshop and discussion with Russell Strand following the plenary. Meet in Strand 13.*****



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Meet the Speaker

Russell Strand

Partner and Co-founder, SHIFT, LLC



Russ is co-founder and managing partner of SHIFT, LLC. as well as an independent consultant, educator, and presenter. Russ is a retired Federal Special Agent and retired Chief of the Behavioral Sciences Education & Training Division, United States Army Military Police School, with an excess of 40 years' law enforcement, investigative, and consultation experience. He is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer support, sexual assault and child abuse investigations, human trafficking, forensic interviews, response to trauma, and culture change. Russ was inducted into the United States Army Military Police Regimental Hall of Fame. He was also selected to receive the 2012 End Violence Against Women International Visionary Award in recognition of his impact, vision, and leadership in ending violence against women around the world. Russ is unconditionally dedicated to continue his work to build a world that doesn't currently exist... a world in which every victim of abuse and trauma has confidence in reporting their experience and has a genuine voice that is truly heard, and a world in which all professionals responding to trauma and abuse are properly educated and feel confident in all they do.



Visit **www.RussellStrand.com** for more info, consultation, training, and resources for your agency.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
10:15 – 11:15AM

Changing the Internet Landscape

EVERY DAY, COUNTLESS CHILDREN ARE COMMERCIALY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED via online entities who enjoy broad immunity for civil and criminal liability under the Communications Decency Act. These online markets create obstacles for identification of victims, support and services. As facilitators of sex trafficking, they are not currently held liable for their role in criminal enterprises. This multidisciplinary panel will provide insight on the myths and challenges surrounding the network of online facilitators, as well as legislative and community-based solutions.

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Meet the Speakers



Keisha Head

Case Manager, 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. She has been called upon by the U.S. Department of Justice and advocates for legislation that protects victims of human trafficking. Keisha is also a consultant for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. In 2013, she was awarded the “Voice of Courage” award from Darkness to Light, an organization that advocates and provides services for sexual abuse victims. Keisha was featured in November 2014 edition of EBONY magazine. Her passion is working with adult survivors and helping them to overcome their victimization. She is currently the Lead Case Manager for the Salvation Army Haven ATL program.



Erik Bauer

Trial Attorney, The Law Office of Erik L. Bauer

Erik, a trial attorney with 30 years of experience practicing out of his home base in Tacoma, Washington, has tried a variety of cases in State and Federal Courts, ranging from death penalty murder cases to personal injury claims. His early career was primarily focused on felony defense work. Recently, he has focused on representing abused children, and adults who were abused as children, in successful lawsuits against the perpetrators and other responsible entities. Currently, Erik is focused on several cases involving minor plaintiffs in lawsuits against Backpage.com, a website devoted to human sex trafficking advertisements. He is the only attorney to have successfully defeated Backpage claims that a Federal Immunity Statute (CDA § 230) prevents minors from suing Backpage. Due to Mr. Bauer's efforts, his clients are able to seek monetary damages.



Alisa Bernard

Survivor Advocacy Coordinator, The Organization for Prostitution Survivors

Alisa is the Survivor Advocacy Coordinator for the Organization for Prostitution Survivors where she developed and delivers an online mentoring series for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE). Since exiting prostitution, she has advised to organizations and agencies across the U.S. including Demand Abolition and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She sits on King County's Ending Exploitation Collaborative Team and is a member of King County's CSEC Taskforce. She uses her lived experiences of CSE, teen homelessness, domestic violence and childhood sexual abuse as a lens to advise public and private agencies working against CSE. She is an MPA candidate at The University of Washington. Her writing has been featured in the Seattle Times and other online and print media.



Danny Santiago

Special Agent Supervisor & Task Force Commander (Retired), California Department of Justice - Bureau of Investigation, San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force

Danny was a law enforcement officer in the State of California for 31 years. He began his career with the San Diego Police Department in 1986 and left to join the California Department of Justice in 2002. Throughout his career, he has specialized in investigating gangs, narcotics, and firearms. He recently retired as a Special Agent Supervisor with the California Department of Justice and was assigned as the Task Force Commander of the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force. He oversaw two supervisors, fourteen investigators and three analysts tasked with investigating cases and recovering victims from labor and sex trafficking in San Diego County. Danny is a member of the Executive Board of the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition, a non-government organization, which provides case management and assists domestic and international victims of human trafficking.

PLENARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
11:30AM – 12:30PM

Shame, Stigma and Isolation

Road Blocks to Understanding Male Sex Trafficking Victims

DURING THIS PANEL, A TEAM OF SURVIVORS, ALSO WORKING AS PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD, will discuss the myths and facts surrounding male survivors of sex trafficking, and how shame and stigma often lead to their isolation. The panel will also review conflicting concepts of masculinity and discuss the impact of double standards regarding the sexuality of all survivors, which furthers the shame and stigma experienced by male survivors. Presenters will discuss the ways cultural ideology distorts and impairs the applied methodology of identifying victims of human trafficking, highlighting the need for a deliberate resetting of perceptions. Lastly, the panel will offer practical ways law enforcement and service providers can break through common barriers to support and engage male survivors in services. The audience is encouraged to participate in the Q&A afterwards.

📍 Empire Ballroom 🕒 NBCC, NASW, LA-CLE

Meet the Speakers



The Honorable Robert Lung

District Court Judge, 18th Judicial District, Arapahoe County

In addition to presiding over a diversified docket in Colorado, Judge Lung provides presentations nationally on issues such as human trafficking, childhood trauma, and resiliency. Judge Lung was recently appointed by Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice to serve as the Judicial Representative on the Colorado Human Trafficking Council. In 2016, he was selected to serve as a consultant to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and as a consultant of the NHTTAC of the recently created Office of Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) of the Federal DHHS. Most recently, Judge Lung was selected to serve as a member of the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States, which will advise the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on trafficking.



Russell Glenn Wilson

Anti-Trafficking Expert, Consultant, Researcher

Russell is currently a student at Golden Gate University School of Law and recently graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in Anthropology and South & Southeast Asian Studies. As a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Russell completed a research project in Cambodia looking at the factors of resiliency for male survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. Russell has recently received the UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies Undergraduate Merit Scholarship and the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship to continue his research in Indonesia for the summer of 2016. As a CSEC survivor and former foster child, Russell has a unique and insightful perspective on the issues that male trafficking victims and survivors face in their daily lives. It is through these experiences that Russell brings authenticity to his research and his life.



Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, QMHP

Medical Professional Curriculum Director, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking

Suamhirs is the Medical Professional Curriculum Director at the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking. He has years of experience developing curricula and providing training on trauma-informed care, mental health, bullying, commercial sexual exploitation of children, and evidence-based practices for a diverse range of audiences. Suamhirs previously served as a behavioral health specialist, and most recently as the Pathways Initiative Program Coordinator for Harmonium, Inc. In addition, Suamhirs is a certified trainer through the National Council for Community Behavioral Health Care on Mental Health First Aid. A survivor of child sex trafficking, he has been an active member of the National Survivor Network and currently assists in coordinating the network. Suamhirs was appointed by President Barack Obama to the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. He is a strong advocate in the community and believes that it is essential for human trafficking survivors to have services that promote social justice and social inclusion. Suamhirs attended the University of California, San Diego and graduated with a bachelor's in political science and international relations.



Nathan Earl

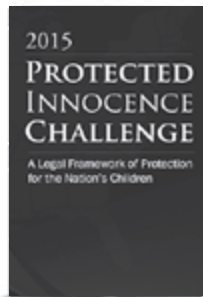
Co-Founder and Executive Director, The Ark Alliance

Personal triumph over adolescent sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking, addiction, street-based violence and homelessness instilled in Nathan, founder of The Ark Alliance, a deep passion for advocating on behalf of victimized youth. His life experiences, faith in God and strategic insight have helped to mold Nathan into a visionary innovative leader. Nathan advocates for the continued framing of human trafficking as a public health priority and leads the community by educating it on the systemic factors that sustain human trafficking; he further brings awareness to an issue within the trafficking movement that is not readily spoken about: the trafficking of men and boys. He is currently involved with operationalizing grassroots efforts to reach higher risk male and transgender homeless youth engaged in survival sex and living with co-occurring addiction and mental health disorders in Broward County, Florida.

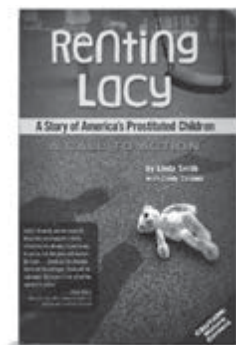
Shared Hope Resources

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

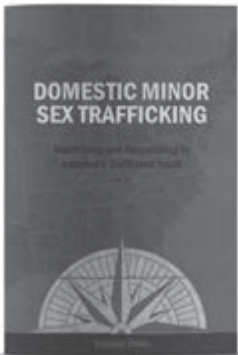
As traffickers narrow their target to lure younger and younger victims, America's youth find themselves engaged in a battle they never prepared for. This film series is designed to teach teens the warning signs and indicators of trafficking through the true stories of teenage girls who were tricked by 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 Resources



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.



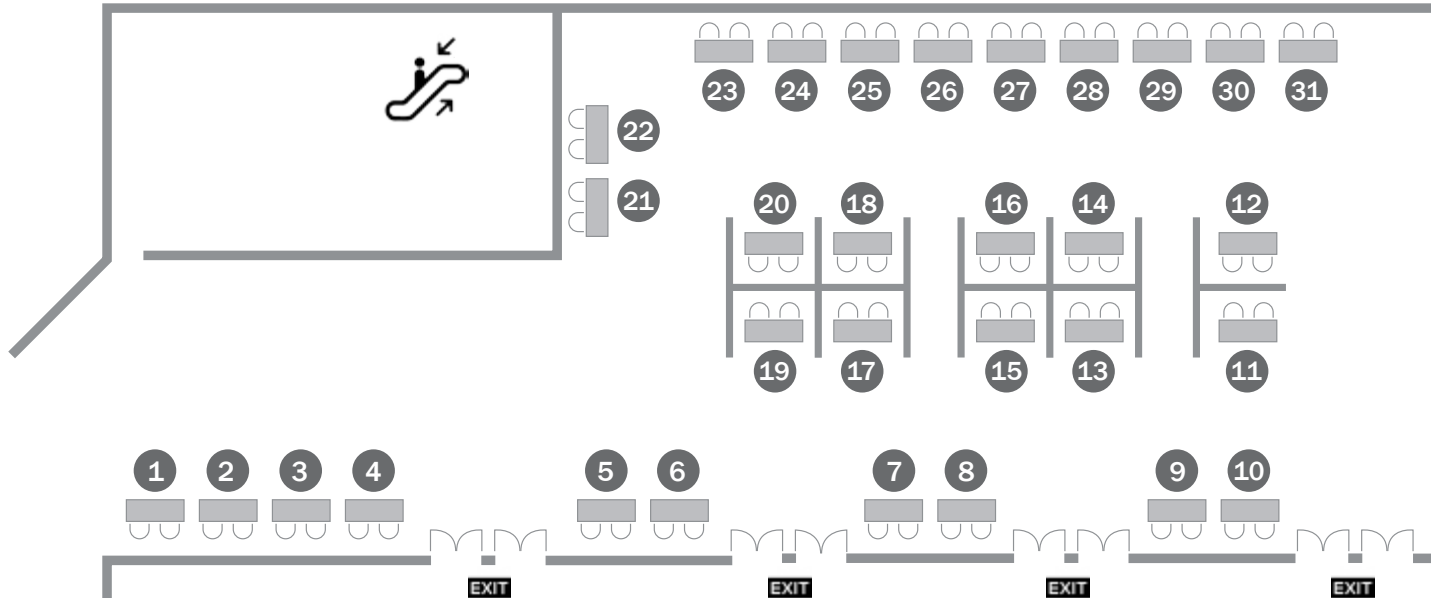
Gang TRAP Training Guide and Video Series

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.

Exhibitors

Exhibit Hall Opens **Monday 5:00pm**
Hours: Closes **Thursday 12:30pm**



1. i-5 Freedom Network
2. Archdiocese of New Orleans Respect Life Office
3. Fox Valley Technical College
4. Girls Educational and Mentoring Services
5. Redeemed Ministries
6. Footprint Publishing
7. Project ECHO
8. New Hope Treatment
9. International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators

10. Rebecca Bender Initiative
11. Women At Risk, International
12. Made for Freedom
13. Youth For Tomorrow
14. StreetLightUSA
15. Justice At Last
16. Equip the Saints
17. Radical Empathy Education Foundation
18. Voices for Florida
19. Rethreaded Inc.
20. My Life My Choice

21. Southern Sophisticate LLC
22. 3Strands Global Foundation
23. Action169
24. Child Welfare Information Gateway
25. Game Over
26. Extended Hands of Hope
27. Hope Rising
28. In Our Backyard
29. Augusta Care Pregnancy Center
30. Embracing Angels Foundation
31. Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking-The Free Indeed Home