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**JUVENILE SEX TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE**

**JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> DRAFT AGENDA**

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**Building a Trauma Informed State Response to Child Sex Trafficking – Don't Take “No” for an Answer!**

*Andrea Sparks, JD, Director, Child Sex Trafficking Team, Texas Governor's Office*

*Shandra Carter, Project Director, TCU – Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development*

When building a statewide response to child sex trafficking, you can do more harm than good if you don't insist on trauma informed – and responsive – solutions. In a tough-on-crime state, it may be easier to focus on prosecuting traffickers but harder to provide victims the trauma responsive solutions they need to move from surviving to thriving. Texas does not have it all figured out – we are “building the house while we live in it” – but we are steadfast in following the lessons learned in Shared Hope's protective response model and in maintaining our guiding principles. This workshop will give guidance to leaders on how to do the same.

**Running is The Issue: Preventing Running Away While Eliminating Secure Detention**

*Kelly Mangiaracina, JD, King County CSEC Task Force Coordinator, King County Superior Court*

*Michael Pullman, PhD, Associate Research Professor of Psychiatry and Behavior Sciences, University of Washington, UW Medicine, School of Medicine*

*Norene Roberts, MSSW, Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Liaison, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services: Children's Administration Region 2*

*Morgan Silverman, LICSW, Director of Homelessness Prevention, YouthCare*

The living situations of commercially sexually exploited (CSE) youth in the custody of child welfare are characterized by frequent changes, including high rates of detention placements and runaway episodes. This presentation will provide findings from the first rigorous study of the lifetime juvenile justice and child welfare administrative records of children in the custody of child welfare who were commercially sexually exploited. These findings will be placed in the context of a multidisciplinary task force that works to identify and intervene with CSE youth in child welfare in order to stabilize youth placements, prevent runaways, reduce the use of detention to securely place youth, and intervene with youth on the run. We will facilitate an exchange of ideas about strategies to simultaneously prevent youth runaways and eliminate the use of detention.

**Saving Our Boys to Save Our Girls**

*Stefanie Agliano, Co-Founder, Saving Our Boys to Save Our Girls*

*Bryan Hall, Co-Founder, I AM Training and Consultation Group*

Many of the discussions, prevention/intervention programming and front line assessments are designed to target the victim (survivor) of sex trafficking or the buyer by addressing demand through legal interventions or educational programming. While anyone can be a trafficker regardless of gender, this workshop is 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, such as the mass marketing of hyper-masculinity, socioeconomic inequalities and institutionalized oppression. This workshop will allow participants to critically reflect on how they assess trafficking cases and provide examples of ways to engage young men 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.



### **Sex Trafficking Prevention for Parents and Caregivers: Conversations for Growing Resilient Kids**

*Savannah Sanders, Founder, SexTraffickingPrevention.org*

*Alia Whitney-Johnson, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Freedom FWD*

Ending sex trafficking requires taking a root cause approach to minimize the vulnerabilities that lead to children being exploited or later participating in the exploitation of others. This workshop will present an overview and lessons learned from the development and implementation of "Sex Trafficking Prevention: A Conversation Guide for Growing Resilient Kids." Grounded in the personal and professional experiences of the author as a mother, foster parent, social worker, and survivor of exploitation, this free resource provides parents, caregivers, and service providers with guided prompts to facilitate conversations that help build a foundation for prevention with kids between the ages of 3-17. Topics include body safety, online awareness, and healthy relationships in a conversational tone and easy-to-use format, with additional support available through an online community.

### **Professionals Working with CSEC: How Does Trauma Affect Us?**

*Esther Rodriguez Brown, Founder and Executive Director, The Embracing Project*

This training provides materials, tools and activities to recognize, understand, and differentiate compassion fatigue, second-hand trauma, and burnout. The focus is on the importance of practicing self-care, ideas and tools to help you recognize what your team is going through and how to encourage others to practice self-care. We will also focus on survivors of trauma and how their own trauma can affect their performance, positively and negatively. This workshop includes some mild yoga exercises and meditation techniques to be used by professionals. This presentation is interactive and provides activities and real-life experiences as examples.

### **Collaborating with Tribal Communities: Practical Tips for Creating a Multidisciplinary Response to Child Sex Trafficking**

*Emily Harlan, JD, Senior Deputy County Counsel, San Diego Office of County Counsel— Juvenile Dependency Division*

*Charisma De Los Reyes, Policy Analyst and CSEC Program Coordinator, Child Welfare Services – HHSA*

Did you know that San Diego County has the most Indian reservations of any county in the United States? This presentation will examine San Diego's efforts to foster sustained, multidisciplinary collaboration with our local tribal communities to better identify and respond to commercial sexual exploitation of children. Attendees will hear lessons learned from San Diego along with practical tips for engaging with tribes and creating a successful multidisciplinary team in their own communities.

### **Understanding the Creation of the Victim/Hostage Mindset**

*Kathie Mathis, Psy.D, CEO, California Cognitive Behavioral Institute*

The baffling problem of why abused victims often remain in and go back to a harmful relationship is undergoing radical, new appraisal by mental health experts. They now say those victims exhibit a behavior that can develop in classic hostage situations. When viewed this way, a victim's tendency is to deny the abuse, defend the perpetrator, accept the power imbalance, blame self and display learned helplessness as part of their struggle to survive. The purpose of a predator is to not only destroy the old identity of the victim (s) but also create a new "pseudo-personality" that holds the perpetrator's own beliefs, values and ideas. This workshop shows this process.

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

*Christine Raino, JD, Senior Director of Public Policy, Shared Hope International*

*Eliza Reock, Child Sex Trafficking Specialist, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)*

While awareness surrounding sex trafficking in the U.S. has increased substantially over the past 10 years and has led to legislative advancements across the country, significant gaps in state laws persist, limiting our ability to combat domestic minor sex trafficking and protect child victims. This presentation will outline the pressing need to gravitate away from punitive responses for juvenile sex trafficking victims and instead provide protective responses that include specialized services, while holding all perpetrators, including buyers, accountable in a manner that reflects the seriousness of the



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offense. This presentation will also discuss how legislative gaps may create barriers to identifying and responding to child sex trafficking victims. These barriers include the failure to address buyers' conduct within the crime of sex trafficking which can seriously impact protections available to juvenile sex trafficking victims. Finally, the presentation will use hypotheticals to guide an interactive discussion with participants about promising practices in implementing non-criminalization policies for juvenile sex trafficking victims.

### **Trauma, Triumph, and Teamwork: Building Community within the Movement - Part I & Part II**

*Angie Conn, Mentor at Elevate Academy, Consultant at SheWhoDares Consulting; Rebecca Bender Initiative*

*Kathy Bryan, Director of Mentoring, Rebecca Bender Initiative*

*Tara Madison, Survivor Mentor, Open Doors Outreach Network, Children's Home Society*

*Jamie Rosseland, Survivor Mentor, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center*

In this two-part panel discussion we will cover how trauma and the effects of trafficking spill over into our relationships; we will discuss setting boundaries and finding community personally and professionally.

**Part One: Survivor Only:** This panel will address the challenges the survivor experiences and the healing journey present in finding wholeness, while building a new sense of normalcy. Our topics will include implementing healthy boundaries, navigating relationship challenges, and integrating and thriving within your local community and profession.

**Part Two: Open to All:** This panel will focus on the intricacies of building community within the realm of true collaboration between survivors and agencies. We will focus on becoming truly inclusive partners in the anti-trafficking movement. The panel will cover topics like navigating potential roadblocks to sincere communication and demystifying working with survivor leaders. This will be a lively exploration leading any member of the movement to feel equipped to do battle as part of a team.

### **Forensic Experiential Trauma Interviews - Part I & Part II**

*Russel Strand, Partner and Co-founder, SHIFT, LLC*

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.

### **Working with Parents of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth**

*Casi Knowles, LMHC, Clinical Coordinator, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, Florida*

*Erin Wirsing, Program Manager, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, Florida*

Being a parent of a child that has been commercially sexual exploited evokes negative emotions and presents many challenges. Working with these families can be challenging for the professionals in this field as well. Using both videos and discussion with participants, this presentation will highlight how a parent's trauma can affect their interaction with the system and the importance of utilizing trauma informed care when working with parents.



### **Human Trafficking - A Victim Centered Approach**

*Kelley Alsobrook, VP, Operation RRR*

Do you work with children in the foster care system? Are you in law enforcement? Are you a child advocate or work with adult victims of sex trafficking? If so then you really want to get more informed on the best way to help victims without being threatening or re-exploiting them. In this workshop you will learn the backstory of how these victims became targets for traffickers as well as language to use and not to use. You will also learn methods that will help gain the trust of the victims in order to obtain more information about their traffickers. Victims are often told by their pimps that “all the police will do is lock you up” or “nobody will help you because they consider you trash.” Prove them wrong! In this workshop you will learn to see prostituted persons as victims instead of criminals. As a survivor, I will be sharing from the victim’s mindset in order for you to better understand what is happening for the victim.

### **Restoring the Soul: Building and Supporting Black Resiliency after Trauma**

*Minette Valentine-Kamara, Regional Coalition Coordinator, Indiana Youth Services Association – Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (ITVAP)*

*Angela Renfro, Survivor Leader, Founder and Executive Director, Kristy Love Foundation*

*Morgan Rumble, Regional Coalition Coordinator, Indiana Youth Service Association – Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (ITVAP)*

*Kenneth Allen, Program Director, Indiana Youth Services Association – Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (ITVAP)*

Resiliency by definition means to return back to one’s original form. The black community has been subject to a brutal history that has built African Americans to be a strong and resilient people, but human trafficking continues to affect this community at an alarming rate. In this training, we will honor that resiliency while we explore the specific impact trafficking has on the black community and address how service providers, law enforcement and community members can effectively collaborate to ensure that black survivors are receiving support and services to meet their needs.

### **9 Reasons Why Men Solicit, and How to End the Demand**

*Christopher Stollar, Demand Reduction Coordinator, Board Member, Author; She Has a Name*

Why do men solicit? That’s a complex question, but one we must strive to answer if we’re ever going to reduce the demand for juvenile sex trafficking in the United States. While some women pay for sex, the fact is, most of that demand is coming from men. No national or scientific research exists on the factors that fuel the demand for sex trafficking, but this class will explore some studies that have focused on the connection between issues like pornography and prostitution. It will also offer 9 reasons why men solicit based on first-hand research I conducted during a John School program in Ohio for men who are mostly first-time offenders with no record of violence.

### **At the Margins: The Sex Trafficking of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Youth**

*Nicholas Oakley, JD, Senior Projects Manager, Center for Children & Youth Justice*

LGBTQ+ youth are victimized by sex trafficking at a rate that is likely disproportionately greater than their non-LGBTQ+ peers. Yet, they face a lack of culturally competent services that are safe for them. Let’s change that! Drawing on our common values of promoting the health, safety, and well-being of all youth, this workshop addresses how we—youth-serving professionals—can better support LGBTQ+ victims of sex trafficking. Through a series of activities and brief presentations, the workshop will cover terminology and concepts related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression and an overview of available research on risk factors and experiences unique to LGBTQ+ youth. Participants will also have an opportunity to begin to develop a strategic plan to better support LGBTQ+ victims. Professionals who have questions, concerns, or are apprehensive about this topic are encouraged to attend; this is a safe space to dialogue with your peers.



### **In Plain Sight: America's Unseen Children of Familial Trafficking**

*Kelly Dore, Executive Director, National Human Trafficking Survivor Coalition*

Familial Trafficking is perhaps the most undocumented form of human trafficking and is harder to detect because of the various revolving components to this horrific crime. This workshop will discuss the perception from a survivor whose abuse was missed by many community members, law enforcement and schools, even though the signs were there. It will provide insight as to why minors do not come forward and how community members can work to prevent familial trafficking. .

### **School Personnel: The Missing Link in CSEC Identification**

*Jeneé Littrell, Administrator, Safe and Supportive Schools, San Mateo County Office of Education*

*Amanda LeBlanc Freeman, Program Director, Rape Trauma Services: A Center for Healing and Violence Prevention*

This presentation will outline the multidisciplinary approach in training school personnel to respond to child sexual abuse and child exploitation. Illustrating collaboration of the County Office of Education, Rape Crisis Center, Law Enforcement and Child Advocacy Center, this presentation will take participants through a step-by-step process to successfully work through a CSEC protocol in the school setting, using parallel investigations.

### **The Finest and the Beast**

*Mike Barker, Special Agent, FBI, United States Attorney Northern District of Indiana*

*Carrie Landau, Special Agent, FBI, United States Attorney Northern District of Indiana*

In this presentation we will share a comprehensive case study involving five pimps that trafficked multiple women in the Chicagoland area. The case study will focus on the manipulative and sadistic nature of force and violence employed by Justin Cephus and his four cohorts. We will also discuss the victims' testimony at trial and the successful prosecution of the five defendants. **The session may contain content and imagery not suitable for all audiences; attendee discretion is advised.**

### **Advancing the Comprehensive Collaborative: The Next Level Model**

*Corey Rood, MD, Child Abuse Pediatrician, Primary Children's Hospital and the University Of Utah School Of Medicine*

*Dan Strong, JD, Assistant Attorney General and Special Assistant United States Attorney, Utah Attorney General's Office*

*Russell Smith, JD, Assistant Attorney General, Director SECURE Strike Force, Utah Attorney General's Office, Justice Division*

*Allison Smith, Trafficking in Persons Education and Outreach Specialist, Refugee & Immigrant Center, Asian Association of Utah*

*Alessandra Amato, TIP Program Youth Specialist, Trafficking in Person Program; Refugee & Immigrant Center Asian Association of Utah*

*Larissa Hines, MD, Child Abuse Pediatrician, Safe & Healthy Families, Primary Children's Hospital & University of Utah School of Medicine*

This session will address how Utah's established multidisciplinary teams, partnerships, and taskforces take their collaborations to the next level. As leading task force collaborators, we will discuss the organization of the Utah Trafficking in Persons Taskforce and how, through our survivor-focused approach, we are creating a statewide response protocol, a training and education program, private sector service partnerships, a strike force involving law enforcement and prosecution, and a screening tool intervention and medical response network. These elevated efforts are showing initial successes in our work to better serve victims of trafficking. We will share our approach, our ongoing projects, and our successes.



## Law Enforcement's Best Kept Secret

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*Eliza Reock, Child Sex Trafficking Specialist, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)*

Did you know that the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has an entire team of Analysts dedicated to responding to child sex trafficking cases? Did you know NCMEC has donated access to some of the most cutting edge tools and technology to assist law enforcement with free resources? Did you know we have case managers that can help provide support to parents and social workers while you focus on your investigation? If not, you are not alone – over the years we have earned the nickname, “law enforcement’s best kept secret.” But here’s the thing – we don’t want to be a secret and we want to provide law enforcement access to our resources for free! Come learn about the vast wealth of support we can provide to you and your department, along with examples of successful cases where NCMEC provided support.

## Creating a CSEC Collaborative Court: San Diego County Juvenile RISE Court Model

*Fanny Yu, JD, Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County District Attorney's Office*

*Tyra Myles, Supervising Probation Officer, San Diego County Probation Department*

*Leticia Bombardier, Probation Supervisor, San Diego Probation Department*

In this presentation, we will share how San Diego County created its RISE (Resiliency Is Strength and Empowerment) Court, a collaborative, engaged, and informed program that uses a multidisciplinary approach to address the needs of delinquent youth who are victims, or at risk, of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE). Creating a CSEC court begins with various county agencies such as Probation, Child Welfare Services, Behavioral health services, District Attorney’s and Public Defender’s Offices and the Superior Court. These agencies partner with survivor leaders and direct victim services providers to develop the mission statement, screening and eligibility process and curriculum. We will also discuss the trauma-focused and harm reduction approach to case planning and resources for building inner strength and empowering CSEC youth and their caregivers. Finally, we will share the data domain that RISE court collects when a youth is accepted into RISE, during RISE and after participation in RISE Court.

## Building Blocks of a Successful Survivor Mentoring Program

*Audrey Morrissey, Associate Director, My Life My Choice*

*Katryn Haley-Little, Clinical Director, My Life My Choice*

My Life My Choice (MLMC), based in Boston, MA is a survivor-led organization that offers survivor mentorship to youth who have been exploited or who are at-risk of exploitation. With extensive experience MLMC has produced a set of best practices for survivor-led services, and survivor mentoring. In this session, presenters will provide the results of a longitudinal study of 41 youth who received MLMC survivor mentoring. Presenters will discuss quantitative survey data from baseline and twelve-month follow-up, as well as qualitative data from youth interviews. Outcomes include substance use, dating abuse victimization, CSEC victimization, housing stability, future aspirations, and other indicators. Using this data as a foundation, presenters will explore best practices in developing a survivor mentoring program.

## Bringing Behavioral Health and Law Enforcement Together for a Common Cause

*Mark Doty, Vice Enforcement Sergeant, Phoenix Police Department*

*Lisa Lucchesi, Child Welfare Program Coordinator, Mercy Care*

One of the hardest tasks when “rescuing” juveniles is seeing them run away before treatment has begun. Both law enforcement and behavioral health have their challenges in getting these children the services they need when faced with this barrier. This workshop will explore how the two agencies came together with the collaboration of the Department of Child Safety (DCS), ST. Luke’s Behavioral Health Hospital and DCS contracted placements, to ensure immediate treatment and intervention for these identified youth. We will focus on the need for collaboration, identifying key players, developing a process to fit the need of your community, and implementation. We will also discuss the barriers, strengths and hurdles we have endured.



### **Compassion Recharge: How to Identify Burnout and Maximize Resilience**

*Alexis Kennedy, PhD, JD, Associate Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

Compassion fatigue is characterized as a decrease in empathy available to help clients surviving trauma. This emotional depletion can be caused by experiencing secondary traumatic stress, job burnout or moral distress. Cumulative secondary and primary stress can lead to physical and mental health issues. While stress is unavoidable for helping professionals, early identification of physical, behavioral and psychological signs of compassion fatigue allows for prompt intervention and self-care. Identification of symptoms in colleagues facilitates the engagement of social support, improving the workplace for both staff and clients. This presentation will distinguish different types of stress, outline indicators of imbalance and strategies to mitigate the important but demanding job of supporting victims of human trafficking.

### **Case Study of the “Apple Dumpling Gang” Sex Trafficking Ring in Colorado**

*Penelope Gallegos, Trooper- Detective, Rocky Mountain Innocence Lost Task Force FBI Division*

*Anne Darr, Victim Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation*

*Whitney Orndorff, Staff Operations Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation*

In this presentation we will review, "The Apple Dumpling Gang," a case study which yielded the largest sentence of a human trafficker in US History (472 years-LIFE). The case highlights the use of the proactive high risk model and the human trafficking victim identification tool, which was instrumental in identifying the first juvenile victim. We will discuss the investigation, involving a multi-pimping operation and multiple victims, long-term victim assistance efforts and services, and intelligence efforts, demonstrating a multidisciplinary approach. **This session may contain content and imagery not suitable for all audiences; attendee discretion is advised.**

### **kNOw MORE! Drama-Based Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Curriculum for Middle & High School Youth**

*Catherine Hanna Schrock, Artistic Director and Program Manager, kNOw MORE!, Center for Justice and Reconciliation, Point Loma Nazarene University*

*Jessica Kim, Center for Justice and Reconciliation, Point Loma Nazarene University*

kNOw MORE! is a California Standard aligned, sex trafficking awareness and prevention curriculum, for middle and high school youth. It was developed to deliver a comprehensive and engaging program to equip youth to take action for themselves and their peers. kNOw MORE! is facilitated by a Survivor Advocate in collaboration with a Teaching Artist/Joker and a team of college age actors. At the center of the curriculum is a dramatic method called Forum theatre with a twofold function: 1) providing a realistic narrative of a high school age sex trafficking victim and the vulnerabilities and red flags in the central character's life and 2) serving as an interactive device to offer youth the opportunity to play out the different choices they could make to empower themselves or potential peer victims within a human trafficking scenario.

### **Beyond the Ivory Tower: The Role of Universities and Action Research in Anti-Trafficking Efforts**

*Ami Carpenter, PhD, Associate Professor, University of San Diego*

*Jamie Gates, PhD, Professor, Point Loma Nazarene University*

This presentation highlights the role of universities in producing data and analyses that local leaders, agencies and organizations are using to acquire or reallocate funding, develop evidence-based anti-trafficking policies, discern best practices and influence legislation. We will explain how and why a local study impacted multi-sector decision-making among stakeholders connected through the San Diego (SD) Regional Human Trafficking (HT) and CSEC Advisory Council using specific examples from law enforcement, social services, public schools, state legislation and philanthropy. We will also highlight a potential model for other regions: the formation of the San Diego Human Trafficking Research and Data Advisory Roundtable (HT-RADAR). HT-RADAR, birthed out of the SD County Advisory Council on HT and CSEC, is a regional network of data analysts and researchers who aim to direct their HT research at topics related to victims, perpetrators, and consumers of sex and labor trafficking.



## **Investigating and Dismantling Commercial Sex Trafficking Organizations from the Owner/Operator to the “Johns”** **[LAW ENFORCEMENT/PROSECUTORS ONLY]**

*Patrick Krieg, Detective Sargent, Dunwoody PD*

*Dalia Racine, JD, Chief Assistant District Attorney, DeKalb County District Attorney’s Office*

In this case study, we will discuss the investigative tools and techniques used to dismantle both the Atlanta Fantasy and Gold Club Sex Trafficking Organizations. These two organizations considered themselves “High End” with the clientele to match. They openly advertised with professional websites, accepted credit card payment for services and used advanced screening methods, call takers, schedulers, housekeepers, photographers, web designers, service providers, recruiters, and owner/operators. Highly organized, these groups supplied payroll and protected a client list of over two thousand vetted “Johns” that were approved for their service. Well over 100 codefendants were apprehended during these investigations. With the cooperation of the DA’s Office, the “Johns” and owners/operators were charged with Organized Crime/Racketeering (RICO), including sex trafficking, pandering, and pimping.

## **Your Body Loves You**

### **[SURVIVORS ONLY]**

*Esther Rodriguez Brown, Founder and Executive Director, The Embracing Project*

The main objective of this workshop is to reconnect survivors with their bodies, as many of them experience a disconnect between body and mind due to trauma. We will focus on learning techniques and tools, including yoga therapy and pranayama techniques (breathing), meditation and Ayurveda remedies to bring healing and cohesion.

## **Building Rapport with Victims, from Law Enforcement to Allies**

*Susan Brown, Founder and Director, Oklahoma Survivors Council and Beauty for Ashes Ministries*

As a teenager, Susan Brown aided in the arrest of her trafficker, testifying against her trafficker and sitting through the sentencing. In this workshop, she will be discussing how to identify and overcome the challenges of building rapport and trust with victims/survivors. She will provide practical tools for law enforcement and district attorneys to establish trust with victims/survivors and share what helped her follow through to the completion of the trial.

## **System Dynamics and the Power of a Transdisciplinary Approach to CSEC in San Diego County**

*Charisma De Los Reyes, Policy Analyst and Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Program Coordinator, Child Welfare Services – HHSA*

*David Habif Jr., Visiting Scholar, Washington University in St. Louis*

*Tyra Miles, Supervising Probation Officer, San Diego County Probation Dept.*

What if you could change the behavior of a system to prevent children from becoming victims of human trafficking, and take care of those who were? Starting in 2017, San Diego has taken a transdisciplinary approach to build a new system, using System Dynamics, to reduce the adverse impact of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) on our children. This innovative approach utilizes Group Model Building participatory methods to identify barriers as well as leverage points to inform and formulate action plans to significantly reduce, if not prevent CSEC, in the future. The panelists will discuss the methodology and outcomes of the transdisciplinary collaboration and the role of System Dynamics from Concept Modeling, through Group Model Building, to Computer Simulation.

## **Successful Intersection of Law Enforcement, Service Provision, and Survivor Leadership**

*Emily Waters, PhD, Director of Human Trafficking Programs, The Safe Center LI*

The partnership between The Safe Center (TSC) and Nassau County Police Department’s Special Victims Squad (SVS) is a model for the intersection of law enforcement, service provision, and survivor leadership. We are uniquely poised to show how the Human Trafficking Department at TSC works seamlessly with the SVS from the beginning of a case, interviews, investigations, evidence collection, client support, through the arrest and prosecution phase, along with



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providing counseling, safe housing, health services and a survivor led service provider department. All integrated into a single facility, along with Child Protective Services and the Child Advocacy Center, most services are available 24/7 and year round.

### **Swipe Right: Meeting a Juvenile Sex Trafficking Victim on Tinder**

*Katie Watson, Family Resource Manager, The Refuge for DMST*

In January 2017, Katie Watson's friend came across the profile of a juvenile sex trafficking victim on Tinder. Her profile read: "Child sex worker. Still stuck in the industry." Watson's friend had the choice to "swipe right," accepting her profile, or "swipe left," rejecting her profile. This workshop will highlight how one person's decision to swipe right led to an eighteen month long journey between the presenter and a sex trafficking victim. Through a volunteer-based activity, the presenter will identify how the system designed to protect juvenile sex trafficking victims failed this particular victim, and demonstrate the value of working with victims to improve the system moving forward.

### **Educating CSEC and DMST Survivors in a Day School**

*Sara Bratton, Director, Hope Academy of the Denver Street School*

This presentation covers what Hope Academy of the Denver Street School does to educate teenage survivors of DMST and/or CSEC. Hope Academy is a small, day-school for girls, aged 12-17, who are survivors and are living either back in their home of origin or some semblance of home. Many of these girls have missed long periods of school and are behind their peers, academically. Often, they are bullied or ostracized because of the lifestyle they have lived and neither their peers nor the staff/administration of public schools understand their trauma and associated behaviors. Hope Academy provides a fully trauma-informed, quality, one-on-one academic program, diverse electives, individual counseling, and equine therapy. We have trained over 300 women to serve as volunteers with the girls, providing tutoring help, rides to and from school, lunches, and long-term mentorship.

### **What's Next: Transitioning from Minor Programs into Adult Programs**

*Dennis Mark, Executive Director, Redeemed Ministries*

*Bobbie Mark, Director of Survivor Care, Redeemed Ministries*

During the healing journey of survivors, many minors are identified at the point of becoming adults. Some of these survivors have transitioned from minor facilities into adult programs with a variety of difficulties, sometimes resulting in frustration from unmet expectations and cognitive distortions. For those providing services to minors nearing transition, there are unique complexities to consider for both survivors and program staff and implementing a program transition plan can help.

### **Considering a Dedicated Docket for Juvenile Human Trafficking? A Triumphant and Turbulent Tale of an Ohio Court's Response**

*Larry Sanchez, JD, Juvenile Magistrate, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Branch*

*Lasheyl Stroud, JD, Lead Juvenile Magistrate, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Branch*

*Morgan Bommer Guinn, Care Coordinator, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Branch*

Taking inspiration from "trafficking courts" around the country, Franklin County has enhanced its court system with a multi-level approach that best fits its court and population. The court addresses trafficking in all court processes: intake, diversion through court programs, delinquency, children in need of care, families in need of services, and probation. The team will share its experiences from the court's first to last contact with its participants. In addition, they will candidly describe their triumphs and turbulence as they interact with participants and external agencies as well as their Supreme Court Specialty Docket application process.



## **Leveraging Fusion Center Resources for Human Trafficking Investigations**

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*Meredith Bailey, Criminal Intelligence Analyst III, Georgia Bureau of Investigation*

The cooperative efforts across the network of more than 78 Fusion Centers ensure that personnel working criminal or counterterrorism investigations have immediate access to the appropriate intelligence databases necessary for case development. Intelligence analysts assigned to these Fusion Centers are a free, specialized, and unique resource available to the law enforcement community that many investigators are unaware of. These human trafficking analysts are uniquely positioned to make investigations and prosecutions more effective and to maximize increasingly limited resources. This session will highlight analytical techniques and best practices gleaned from the successes (and failures) of working juvenile sex trafficking cases. Case studies and examples will highlight tools and tactics analysts use to enhance victim or suspect identification, lead development, undercover or proactive operations, and research initiatives for law enforcement in need of assistance on trafficking cases.

### **“So You Want to Represent and Legally Advocate for Minor Survivors of Trafficking?”**

*Rose Mukhar, JD, Executive Director and Social Justice Attorney, Justice At Last*

I am often approached by pro-bono attorneys who want to represent sex and/or labor trafficked children. Part of the child victims’ path to justice is having free legal support, advice and representation that is survivor-centered, culturally sensitive, trauma-informed and rights-based. This workshop will review the legal forms of relief available to trafficked minors, identify the gaps within the legal system that are not meeting the survivors’ legal needs, and share ways that nonprofit legal service providers, pro-bono attorneys, guardians ad litem, law students and other legal support staff can provide legal advocacy and representation in an empowering and rights-based manner.

### **Cross-Cultural Dynamics in Survivor Engagement: Understanding Complex Trauma Responses in Human Trafficking**

*Dominique Malebranche, PhD, Program Coordinator, Project REACH, The Trauma Center at Justice Resource Institute*

*Jessa Dillow-Crisp, Co-Founder and Executive Director, BridgeHope*

Given the multi-leveled complexity of human trafficking, it is crucial that we address issues from an interdisciplinary framework (American Psychological Association, 2014; Van Impe, 2000; Zimmerman, Hossain & Watts, 2011) that includes collaboration with survivor leadership (Lloyd, 2011; U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, 2017). However, complex trauma impacts survivorship and becomes a critical component to navigate in order to foster more effective efforts and increase survivor engagement on a deeper level. This workshop will utilize a phenomenological approach to explore the process of engaging in cross-cultural interdisciplinary collaboration with a human trafficking survivor and psychologist. Exploration of relevant themes related to the intersection of complex trauma, ally-ship and survivorship will be executed through complex trauma theory and multiculturalism. Possible solutions for more effective collaborations are presented with a complex trauma-informed approach (MSE; Hopper, 2017) for working with survivors of human trafficking and supporting their psychosocial health.

### **Collaboration is Key – Unifying Expertise to Create an Effective Multidisciplinary Team**

*Nicole Strattman, Senior Social Services Supervisor - CSEC Coordinator, Orange County Social Services Agency*

*Michelle Heater, Program Director – Victim Assistance Programs, 24-hour Response Units, Wayfinders*

*Lisa Carpenter, Deputy Probation Officer, Orange County Probation*

This workshop will review the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force’s collaborative approach in working with CSEC and how that can be done successfully between government and non-government systems. We will discuss the protocols in place for when a juvenile sex trafficking victim is recovered by law enforcement and the collaborative steps involved in this initial contact. We will also review Crisis MDT’s versus ongoing MDT’s and how recognizing each member of the MDT as a specialist in their own field creates a synergy in finding creative ways to deliver trauma-informed holistic service plans. Finally, there will be an overview and case examples of the services being provided to CSEC as a result of a successful MDT.



### **Prosecuting the Nation's First International Gay Human Trafficking Ring: A Prosecutor and Survivor's Perspective**

*Brenda Mezick, JD, Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida*

*Mario Balog, Survivor-Leader*

Prosecutor and Survivor reunite to present a compelling account of the prosecution of the nation's first international gay human trafficking ring. Using a dual perspective approach, this case study will take you through the experience from victimization to recovery, through pre-trial litigation and trial, and the difficult path to healing and legal restoration. The presentation will examine the cultural barriers for law enforcement in the identification of male, foreign born victims, and the prosecution challenges of language barriers, sexual orientation stereotypes, and the mythology of "Hollywood Law." It will also provide rare insight into the mind of a young, gay, male trauma victim unable to speak English who is trapped in a 13 month nightmare and for three years becomes a witness in a foreign legal system. **This session may contain content and imagery not suitable for all audiences, attendee discretion is advised.**

### **The Backstory - Clinician and Law Enforcement Insight on Grooming, Hotel Operations, and How to Recover Children Online**

*Tracey McDaniel, CEO/Founder, Restored Inc.*

*Jeffrey Robertson, Special Agent, FBI*

*Tim Mitchell, Supervisory Investigator Narcotics, TFO- FBI, Delaware County Sherriff Office*

Predators target children because of their vulnerability, and countless children are commercially exploited and sold online. This panel discussion will focus on a multidisciplinary team's insight on grooming and hotel recovery operations, with a particular focus on strategies and interventions to identify children online.

### **Attachment, Trauma Bonding, and the Normalization and Glorification of Exploitation**

*Selina Higgins, Director of Child Trafficking Prevention and Policy, NYC Administration for Children's Services*

The attachment pattern that develops between an infant and the primary caregiver can have extensive influence across the entire life cycle. The deficits and resultant needs that develop in insecure attachment types will unconsciously impact subsequent relationship choices. This workshop will demonstrate how the development of certain attachment types in infants can lead to subsequent juvenile trafficking vulnerability, and how traffickers fulfill the inherent social-emotional deficits to trauma bond with, and exploit youth. This is amplified through society's normalization and glorification of exploitation through the attitudes and norms expressed within media aimed at youth. This detrimental impact upon juvenile social-emotional development coupled with immature cognitive processes and previously experienced trauma can influence the concept that exploitation is not only acceptable, but also glamorous.

### **A Profile of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth in the Los Angeles County Juvenile Delinquency System**

*Sarah Godoy, Research Associate & Lecturer, University of California, Los Angeles*

*Eraka Bath, MD, Child Psychiatrist, University of California, Los Angeles*

*Amy Bacharach, PhD, Senior Research Analyst, Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children, and the Courts*

This panel will discuss two overlapping research projects on commercially sexually exploited (CSE) youth in the nationally-recognized STAR Court (Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience), a Los Angeles juvenile collaborative court. Research teams from UCLA and the California Judicial Council will present data collected through an exhaustive case file review of the 364 Star Court participants between 2012 and 2016. Data includes mental health diagnoses and treatment, child welfare involvement and placements history, AWOL history, pregnancy history, and substance use. We will also explore associations between variables and identify existing gaps in services. Panelists will review descriptive statistics of STAR Court participants and preliminary results of an outcome evaluation of the STAR Court. This evaluation includes comparison data of STAR Court participants to a matched sample of girls in the delinquency system in Los Angeles.



### **Sex Trafficking and Opioids: Awareness and Safety Recommendations**

*Marti MacGibbon, Speaker, Author, Certified Mental Health Professional, Survivor Leader, Marti Mac Enterprises, LLC, HEALTrafficking*

The power of addiction in trafficking has been recognized by the criminal justice system. Addiction can exacerbate a trafficked person's vulnerability, be part of a trafficker's means of coercing the captive person to submit, be a tool the trafficker uses to control the captive, and can be used by the captive person as a means of coping with the physical and mental traumas of being trafficked. Opioids in particular are an effective coercion tool for traffickers. Some traffickers recruit directly from substance use treatment facilities. After exiting the trafficking situation, survivors with substance use issues need safety and support to recover. This session dispels myths about addiction and provides evidence-based information and trauma-informed recommendations for service providers.

### **The Role of Survivor Mentorship in Recovery from CSEC: A Survivor's Perspective**

*Maria Clara Harrington, Project GOLD Director, Kristi House  
Bradel Canfield, Project GOLD Success Coach/Mentor, Kristi House*

This session provides an in-depth look at the Kristi House's CSEC program, Project GOLD (Girls Owning and Living Their Dreams), and its comprehensive group treatment approach. In this session, we will discuss the importance of utilizing multiple mentoring opportunities as part of the healing journey and will review several of the programs that are available to CSEC survivors enrolled in Project GOLD. In addition, we will review two evidence-based, trauma-informed mental health treatment modalities that have been adapted at Project GOLD for CSEC trauma treatment. Highlighting the instrumental role a survivor has in providing one-on-one mentorship, Project GOLD's Success Coach will share her unique perspective on serving as a mentor. Considerations for employing survivors as mentors will also be examined, as well as the importance of addressing vicarious trauma.

### **Changing Gears: Understanding the Complexities of Transition**

*Keisha Head, Lead Case Manager, Salvation Army- Haven ATL  
Consuela D. Douglas, LMSW, Licensed Therapist, Salvation Army – Haven ATL  
Melba Robinson, Program Director, Salvation Army- Haven ATL*

Attendees will hear a survivor's journey from homelessness – how she was able to change gears from survival mode to normalcy and how she took control of her life. We will discuss the complexities of transition therapeutically and what trauma and chaos looks like through the lens of a survivor. Attendees will also learn effective strategies to support and assist survivors in transition from a programmatic standpoint. Presenters will share insight into the relationships built between survivors and mentors and witness firsthand how support leads to EMPOWERMENT!

### **Sexual Health and Intimacy: Restoration after Trauma**

#### **[SURVIVORS ONLY]**

*Savannah Sanders, Founder, SexTraffickingPrevention.org  
Angie Conn, Survivor Leader, Consultant, Advocate, SheWhoDares Consulting*

This session will cover sexual health and intimacy, a topic that often gets left out of holistic care. You will learn tools for understanding the connection between your whole selves, physically and emotionally to be able to regain power in mind, body, and soul. By understanding mindfulness and the ways that trauma stays stored in your body and most intimate parts, you can learn how to release, connect and move forward. Often we hear that survivors have gone years with physical and emotional pain even after significant amounts of therapy and healing because of the sensitive nature and shame associated with talking about our bodies. We are not alone in these experiences. Through this session it is our hope that you will leave with a better understanding of your body and the tools to advocate for your health both physically and emotionally, to live your best, most whole life.



### **Victim Centered Not Victim Built: Representing Victims of Human Trafficking in the Criminal Justice System**

*Rachel Monaco-Wilcox, JD, CEO and Founder, LOTUS Legal Clinic, Inc.*

*Erika Petty, JD, Senior Staff Attorney and Clinic Coordinator, LOTUS Legal Clinic, Inc.*

Survivors have unique legal needs when they become involved in the criminal courts. Our presentation will discuss three roles victims/survivors find themselves in: as defendant, as victim, and as witness for the prosecution of a trafficker. These distinctions matter and provide opportunities for trauma-informed legal advocacy to ensure survivors are protected, rights are enforced, and justice is served. We will present the problems survivors face in each one of these positions and share ways that victims' rights lawyers make a difference. We'll cover the importance of collaboration with social service providers to tap needed financial resources and other support for survivors. Also, by collaborating with other civil legal service providers we minimize the fracturing of services.

### **More Than Just a Lapdance: Survivor-Informed Solutions to Strip Club Exploitation**

*Amy Smith, JD, Consultant, DOJ, OVCTTAC, DoS*

In this workshop, the presenter will reveal the prevalence of human trafficking and exploitation in the adult entertainment industry through firsthand experience and case studies. She will discuss the failures to regulate the industry, survivor-informed methods to reach potential victims within these environments, and collaborative efforts between multi-jurisdictional law enforcement sectors. Combining her survival experiences with worker safety law and criminal law, the presenter will lead you into a spirited discussion involving a multi-pronged approach to an industry that is profiting off the abuse of victims and legal loopholes, to further our goals for prevention, identification, intervention, prosecution, protection, and restoration.

### **Safe Homes – Show me the Money!**

*Kimberly Grabert, Director, Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation, Texas Department of Families and Protective Services*

*Natasha Nascimento, Founding Executive Director, Redefining Refuge, Inc.*

This presentation will cover the realities of the financial needs for starting and running a successful safe home program. We will cover myths about state and federal funding and highlight the need for community collaboration and blended funding. Finally, a successful Safe Home provider will provide concrete actions for fiscal responsibility and stability.

### **Who's on Your CSEC Team? The Need for a Standardized MDT Process**

*Sue Aboul-hosn- Regional Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinator, Florida Department of Children and Families*

We know that, often, high-risk and exploited children have been involved with multiple systems and agencies and are vulnerable in a variety of ways. Child Protective Services have a responsibility to utilize a multidisciplinary team (MDT) response to support sexually exploited children. Each service area needs to identify local agencies and professionals that can serve exploited youth's unique needs and create an expanded, inclusive MDT with shared goals and agreed-upon core principles to provide a truly victim-centered, coordinated and effective CSEC response. This includes identifying their CSEC MDT facilitator and a specialized CSEC forensic interviewer. This workshop will outline the important components of a CSEC specific MDT, feature a best practice model and share Florida's MDT tool that also serves as a service plan.

### **Monday, Monday: What Happens After 18 and Preparing for the Workforce**

*Kendra Hanson, Institute Director, Wellspring Living*

*Sala Hilaire, Women's Academy Program Director, Wellspring Living*

This session will focus on opportunities for youth after they turn 18. Wellspring Living has been serving trafficked women since 2001, and we have seen phenomenal success with the opening of our Women's Academy in 2014. The Women's Academy offers life-changing programming to young women who have experienced difficulty gaining living-wage employment due to life circumstances such as poverty, sexual abuse, and trafficking. The Women's Academy



### **Monday, Monday: What Happens After 18 and Preparing for the Workforce *Continued***

offers an invaluable opportunity to equip women in Atlanta's communities for success, and we'd love to see those opportunities replicated in other cities. This session will demonstrate protocols that we've learned and overall programming and partnership structure.

### **Using a Gender Lens in the Prevention of Sex Trafficking**

*Bianca Morales-Egan, Technical Advisor, Human Trafficking and Gender Equity, Project Concern International*

*Janet Ruiz, Human Trafficking Prevention Manager, Project Concern International*

Based on available research, the majority of victims of sex trafficking are female and the majority of buyers and traffickers are male. Traditional prevention efforts such as public awareness campaigns and education can inform a community on how to identify or respond to sex trafficking, but do not always address the root causes or cultural norms that perpetuate the problem. By failing to see primary prevention efforts through a gender-lens, we unintentionally contribute to victim-blaming as though the problem or behavior is inevitable. The objective of this presentation is to share the outcomes of two gender-specific, primary prevention efforts in San Diego: Girls Only! a prevention education and mentoring program that aims to prevent girls ages 8-15 from becoming victims of CSEC and Boys Only, a prevention education toolkit designed to instill empathy and empower boys to achieve equality with an overall goal of reducing gender-based violence including sex trafficking.

### **CSEC and Trauma: Why Don't They Leave?**

*Esther Rodriguez Brown, Founder and Executive Director, The Embracing Project*

This training will provide materials, tools and activities to recognize and understand trauma, trauma bonding, the "Compliance Model" and how it is applied to CSEC. We will also discuss what CSEC encounter during their victimization, complex trauma, PTSD, responses (physical, emotional, behavioral), and how to become a trauma-informed agency/provider. This presentation is interactive and provides activities and real-life experience as examples.

### **Effective Assessments: Why Trauma, Intersectionality, and Environment Matter**

*Tara Madison, Survivor-Mentor, Children's Home Society, Open Doors Outreach Network*

*Jamie Rosseland, Survivor-Mentor, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center*

CSEC victims are often exposed to multiple social service providers including child welfare and the juvenile justice system. Once a potential CSEC victim is staffed, assessments across multiple agencies are implemented. These practices typically demand victims to self-identify and reveal traumatic events numerous times in order to gather evidence of commercial sexual exploitation and implement services. After several assessments, child protection teams and investigators are left in frustration due to the lack of information collected and victims are unverified for safe harbor placements. In this workshop we will explore emerging best practices detected by survivor leaders in the state of Florida and discuss how your agency can execute productive assessments. Every intake your agency does is an opportunity to either re-traumatize or build trust. We will address everything from language to environment in order to achieve victim-centered interviewing.

### **Sharing Awareness In Your Community – I'll Show You How**

*Beth Edmonds, Regional Coordinator for Ambassadors of Hope, Shared Hope International*

Videos are a powerful tool to capture student's attention (and adults too!). Shared Hope has provided the tools to support your passion to protect children through community education using the Chosen resource kit. Beth demonstrates how easy it is to follow the power point introduction and closing slides, adding her own experience and flair to the presentation to help teach kids how to protect themselves. The 20 minute film is a powerful true story of two teens that were tricked by traffickers, who weren't in the 'at risk' populations, but instead were athletic, straight A students, doing community service, in youth group and from two-parent families. Find out how this could have been



### **Sharing Awareness In Your Community – I'll Show You How *Continued***

prevented “if they had only known the signs.” We will also be viewing I AM LITTLE RED an animated short for children from the creators of *I Am Jane Doe*. You'll gain confidence and feel equipped to speak out in your community after seeing Beth demonstrate the tools that are being effectively used nationwide!

### **The Consequential Relationship: Childhood Sexual Abuse & Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking**

*Sambra Zaoui, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Traumatologist, EMDR Therapist, SSW Faculty Member, Barry University*  
*Nathan Earl, Executive Director, Ark of Freedom Alliance*

This workshop will highlight the indisputable connection between childhood sexual abuse (CSA), domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) and commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) by featuring the latest research findings that underscore this relationship. The workshop will further identify psychological and neurobiological changes that occur as a result of childhood sexual abuse, as well as paralleling relational dynamics that can leave survivors of CSA vulnerable to further exploitation in the form of CSE and/or DMST. Innovative promising approaches that integrate both mind and body will be presented to encourage a paradigm shift and broaden our working repertoire with this population, such as mindfulness, somatic experiencing concepts, sensorimotor psychotherapy, EMDR, narrative therapy and animal assisted therapy. We will also review Post Traumatic Growth (PTG) concepts and the response of boys/males to CSA.

### **Empowered Self-Care: How Mindfulness and Self-Kindness Reduce Trauma and Stress**

#### **[SURVIVORS ONLY]**

*Marti MacGibbon, Speaker, Author, Certified Mental Health Professional, Survivor Leader, Marti Mac Enterprises, LLC, HEALtrafficking*

This session focuses on simple strategies for reducing trauma and stress using daily, consistent self-care and self-empowerment skills. Sometimes, in the anti-trafficking movement, we work so hard for others and for the cause that we become overcommitted and exhausted. The solutions and information provided in this session reveal new research on stress management, and explore how mindfulness practices refresh your spirit, mind and body. Participation in mindfulness meditation, visualization, and discussion is encouraged, but not required.

### **HOPE Court: District of Columbia's Response to Sexually Exploited Youth in the Court System**

*Megan Aniton, JD, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia*

*Rashida Wilson, JD, Prioleau, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia*

HOPE Court is a treatment court in the District of Columbia that serves sexually exploited youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. This workshop will highlight cases that inspired stakeholders to create HOPE court, describe the implementation and benefits of a multidisciplinary team, and walk the audience through the life of a HOPE Court case. Presenters will share the importance of a trauma informed court response and specialty trained team when working with sexually exploited youth with delinquency, persons in need of supervision (PINS), and neglect cases.

### **CSEC Hierarchy of Survival: Understanding the Process from Surviving to Thriving**

*Russell Glenn Wilson, OVC Consultant, OTIP Consultant, NHTTAC Consultant and Thriving Survivor, UC Berkeley*

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. Using Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs as a skeletal foundation, we will discuss the processes in which victims of sex trafficking deal with the trauma and stigma of life on the streets. This presentation will 1) give service providers a model on which to base standard operating practices 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 and 3) humanize victims in an increasingly fractured, self-absorbed and global world while acknowledging the stigmas that come from living in a heteronormative patriarchal society.



### **Sex Trafficking and Child Welfare: Successful Implementation of Federal Law and Collaboration with Non-Governmental Organizations**

*Elizabeth Alston, Policy Analyst Statewide CSEC Coordinator, State of Oregon Department of Human Services*

The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act requires child welfare nationwide to implement policies and procedures related to the identification and response to victims of sex trafficking within the child welfare system. The state of Oregon has created a system that positively identified over 30 victims of CSEC in 2017 with training, a screening tool, and collaboration with law enforcement and community supports. Attendees will learn how the State of Oregon successfully partnered with faith based and other NGO models, to provide services to children affected by sex trafficking. We will share the systems and strategy of the State and NGO partners which made it possible to work collaboratively with the governmental systems, how other organizations or churches can prepare to work with their child welfare systems, and some of the lessons learned along the way.

### **Creating Mental Health Recommendations in Rural Middle America: Benefits, Challenges, and Implications for Providers**

*Erin Hagen, Counselor, North Dakota State University*

*Emily Schwartz, Director, North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force*

Presenters will provide an overview of a recent project undertaken by the North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force to understand and improve mental health access and service provision for trafficking survivors across the state of North Dakota. North Dakota is a rural/conservative state which creates unique challenges and provides important implications for serving victims of human trafficking. Implications include: the consideration of regional cultural nuances to understand survivor needs and available resources, development of practical systems-based networks of providers who are eager to serve survivors and who identify as trauma informed practitioners, and importance of community support/collaboration, and accurate identification of survivors.

### **One Size Doesn't Fit All: What is the Ideal Placement for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children?**

*Kate Walker Brown, JD, Director, Child Trafficking, National Center for Youth Law*

*Michelle Guymon, Director, Child Trafficking Unit, Los Angeles County Probation Department*

What types of placements and associated services have a positive impact on stabilizing commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) and youth? Los Angeles County is engaging in research to answer this pressing question and provide guidance for other jurisdictions. Panelists will discuss the current landscape of placement options being utilized for CSEC across the United States, including foster care facilities, group homes, mental health facilities and specialized CSEC-only placements. Panelists will also discuss the specialized services that have been developed in Los Angeles County, including specialized courts in the delinquency and dependency systems, dedicated units of probation officers and social workers, and specialized community-based advocates, and the impact this has on placement stability for youth. Findings from both quantitative and qualitative research will be presented, including an assessment of AWOL rates in various placement types and valuable feedback from youth involved in the Los Angeles County juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

### **Open Doors Outreach Network: A Survivor-Led Innovative Approach**

*Robyn Metcalf, Open Doors Statewide Director, Voices for Florida*

*Christa Hicks, Executive Director, The Porch Light*

Old ways won't open new doors. CSEC and young adult survivors of sex trafficking need ongoing, victim centered direct service providers who are not only trauma-informed, but also trauma competent. Voices for Florida's Open Doors Outreach Network has leveraged the work of subject matter experts, survivors and innovators to create a new model of service provision and an overall new approach to addressing the complex social problem of sex trafficking. This workshop will describe the Open Doors Outreach Network team approach, including the use of Survivor Mentors, Regional Advocates and Clinicians. Open Doors Outreach Network partner and direct service provider, The Porch Light,



### **Open Doors Outreach Network: A Survivor-Led Innovative Approach *Continued***

will illustrate real world examples of how the team works on the ground and the benefits of this innovative approach for survivors.

### **Supporting Caregivers and Loved Ones to Support Survivors**

*Kristin Tebow, Founder and CEO, Artist and Advocate, Youth Trust Project*

The National Child Traumatic Stress Center defines complex trauma as a type of trauma that occurs repeatedly, cumulatively and even increases over time. The complex trauma experienced by survivors has a ripple effect that reaches far beyond the survivors themselves, but also to their family members, advocates, spouses, and anyone else directly linked to the recovery of a survivor. This session will explore the nuances of complex trauma from the perspective of loved ones and family members of survivors. Due to the level of trauma that survivors of human trafficking are exposed to, survivors can develop maladaptive survival behaviors that create difficulties for loved ones and caregivers. The presenter will dissect these maladaptive behaviors with participants, aiming to create a narrative relevant to the experience of caregivers and loved ones of survivors. She will also offer and explore self-care and evidence-based methodologies for successfully supporting survivors in the communities.

### **Effectively Navigating the Current 21st Century Family Service Model for Victims and High Risk Children**

*Brook Bello, PhD, Founder & Executive Director, More Too Life*

This interactive workshop with case studies will explore the urgent scope of working with victims and preventing others with a framework model that deals with current 21st Century dynamics and healthy communication with State Agencies and other Providers. The modern family and social capital of survivors is unique, and understanding this and relating it to our collaborative team is key. In addition, we will discuss understanding cultural languages that are based on cultural behaviors as well as idioms, and how they are important in relating to various victims and their families. With 30% of victims coming from adult formerly prostituted parents this is essential in ending demand by equipping youth with more innovative practices and a tech savvy approach that translates. We must change our hats and work with our multi-disciplinary teams to do the same.

### **“Lead Yourself Well” Class One of the Power of Art III 9-week Curriculum for Trafficked and Abused Survivors**

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*Lynne Barletta, Founder, Catch the Wave of Hope*

Lynne Barletta will be presenting class one of The Power of Art III Curriculum for trafficked and abused survivors, a 9-week course. The curriculum introduces survivors to empowering their choices, overcoming trauma, breaking trauma bonds, coming out of cycles of abuse, establishing their vision and mission for the future, and discussing values and positive affirmations. The graphed results of measured improvements of girls ages 13-19 who have been trafficked by gangs and pimps at Martin Girls Academy in Stuart, FL will be presented with a brief overview of the Power of Art II for at-risk children. Participants will draw with Barletta to experience drawing on the right side of the brain while completing an upside-down drawing step-by-step that anyone can do.

