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**\*\*June 11<sup>th</sup> DRAFT AGENDA. Final program will be posted in September.\*\***

## **An Intersectional Response to Victims from Marginalized Communities**

*Russell W. Strand, Senior Special Agent (Retired), CFP-A, Managing Partner/Co-Founder, Strand Squared LLC*

*Myra LF Strand, MA, Managing Partner/Co-Founder, Strand Squared LLC*

There is a silent, yet sinister bias that looms in the perspectives of all humans. This bias is subconscious and shifts the way in which we interact with those around us. The predisposition of this bias creates a foundation from which we interpret experiences to include the way we interpret our views and judgements about victims. The manner in which victims experience the systems are often negatively impacted by bias and neuroscience can explain this phenomenon. We will also explore the delivery of service by examining how the individual is impacted by gender, race, class, orientation, nation status, parental status, housing, geographic location... Victims who reside in marginalized communities and/or have complicated intersectional identities inherently have limited access to justice.

## **Operation Net-Nanny: A Collaborative Attack on Child Sex Trafficking**

*Carlos Rodriguez, Detective Sergeant, Washington State Patrol*

In this workshop we will discuss how a small task force worked to successfully conduct proactive undercover (UC) operations apprehending suspects who sexually exploit children. We will focus on team-building, working with NGOs and the local community, and the overall concept of the operation. The presentation will include examples of UC chats, UC phone conversations, arrest videos, and suspect interview videos. The task force has conducted 14 operations as of January 2019. During those 14 operations 234 suspects have been arrested and over 30 children have been rescued.

## **Working with Sex Trafficked Native Youth at Mineral Extraction Sites**

*Chris Stark, MSW; MFA in Writing, Author, Facilitator*

*Sheila Lamb, AA, BA, City Council, Cloquet, Cultural Advisor for Lifehouse for trafficked youth; ED of All Nations Indigenous Center, All Nations Indigenous Center*

As we outline the colonial historical context for the trafficking of Native youth in the U.S., we will make historical connections among geography, racism, sexism, poverty, and dislocation along with the resulting contemporary disparities experienced by Native youth. Second, the contemporary connections among sex trafficking of Native youth, recruiting methods, the grooming of youth and communities, mineral extraction sites and ports will be outlined, focusing on Standing Rock, the pipeline slated to run through reservations and small towns in northern Minnesota, and the Duluth port. Prevention, monitoring, and protection steps at these sites will be discussed. Third, the presenters will outline best practices for trauma-informed work with trafficked Native youth.

## **Storiez: Trauma Narratives with Youth**

*Dr. Meagan Corrado, DSW, LCSW, Founder, Storiez Trauma Narratives*

Every person has a story. Many of our stories include pain and sadness, but they also include strength and resilience. Storiez helps youth who have had difficult life experiences to create, voice, and honor their narratives. This training will begin with an introduction to trauma (defining trauma, exploring trauma exposure and inner city youth, and considering the consequences of trauma exposure). It will then explore trauma treatment for youth (best practices, treatment modalities, common factors, and trauma narratives). Finally, the Storiez intervention will be presented using didactic material, video content, and participatory activities. Storiez is a 9-step framework to assist inner city youth as they create, voice, and honor their life narratives.



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### **Sexual Health: The Missing Piece in Providing Holistic Care**

*Savannah Sanders, BSW, Founder, Sex Trafficking Prevention*

*Angie Conn, Program Coordinator/Lead Mentor, Rebecca Bender Initiative*

This session will cover sexual health a topic that often gets left out of holistic care. After completing a survey with over 60 survivors it was determined that Sexual Health had not been discussed with advocates, therapists or even medical professionals including Ob-Gyns. 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 their bodies. Sexual Health is a crucial part of holistic care that needs to be fully integrated into the immediate and long term needs of individuals who have experienced exploitation. It is our role as providers to give clients the tools and education they need to make informed decisions for themselves and their bodies.

### **Sexual Health and Intimacy for Survivors**

**[SURVIVORS ONLY]**

*Savannah Sanders, BSW, Founder, Sex Trafficking Prevention*

*Angie Conn, Program Coordinator/Lead Mentor, Rebecca Bender Initiative*

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 gain new tools.

### **After Backpage – A Case Study Through Social Media**

*Natalie Nohr, Human Exploitation and Trafficking Detective, Mesa Police Department*

*Kathleen Noriega, Police Investigator II, Mesa Police Department*

This case study will assist investigator with establishing trafficking cases with runaway juveniles, adults, and also documentation using the internet, social media, open source investigative tools, and apps for phone numbers. We will identify techniques and documentation used after the cessation of Backpage.com. We will discuss challenges and successes and provide information on resources used during the investigation.

### **The Best Advice You Can Get Is from Someone Who Has Been Through It: Lessons Learned from a 3 Year Prevention and Intervention Study of My Life My Choice**

*Lisa Goldblatt Grace, MPH, MSW, Co-Founder & Executive Director, My Life My Choice*

*Dr. Amy Farrell, PhD, Associate Director and Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northeastern University*

My Life My Choice (MLMC) is a nationally recognized leader in the fight to end commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). MLMC offers a unique continuum of survivor-led services, including one on one mentoring, intensive case management, and prevention education to youth who have been exploited or are at high-risk, as well as professional trainings to a variety of stakeholders. In 2018, MLMC finished a rigorous, three-year evaluation funded by the National Institute of Justice led by expert researchers at the Boston University School of Public Health and Northeastern School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. In this session, presenters will provide the preliminary quantitative and qualitative results from the evaluation on the MLMC Prevention Program and Survivor Mentorship.



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### **The Aftermath of R. Kelly: Human Trafficking Survivorship and Survivors of Color**

*Dr. Tanisha Knighton, Ph.D., Trainer/Consultant, Knighton Consulting Group, LLC*

The recent documentary "Surviving R. Kelly" highlights the challenges faced by survivors of colors as they pursue justice for previous sexual assaults and being believed about their victimization. These same issues relate to human trafficking survivors and their reluctance to discuss their victimization, being believed about their victimization, and navigating the criminal justice system. This presentation will address the concept of identity distortion and the impact it has on the victim believability, the failure to meet the needs of Survivors of Color, and ways to engage in culturally-competent interventions to meet the needs of Communities of Color.

### **Safety Planning WITH Trafficked Youth: An Interactive Workshop**

*Selina Higgins, MA, MSW, LCSW-R, Executive Director, Office of Child Trafficking Prevention and Policy, NYC Administration for Children's Services*

*Dr. Ann Marie Pendleton, PsyD, Director of Mental Health Children's Village*

*Jessie Boye-Doe, LCSW- JCCA, Director, The Center for Healing*

Safety plans are integral to optimizing safety at every stage for survivors of trafficking and youth at-risk of sexual exploitation. Planning should occur regularly, relate to whether the survivor plans to leave or remain with the trafficker, and address multiple criteria. Since youth are the experts of their situations and experiences, they should always have the opportunity to be engaged directly in safety-planning. This workshop will discuss the importance of safety planning WITH youth and provide strategies to encourage them to take ownership of, and participate in the development of their own personalized plans. The workshop will suggest dos and don'ts, discuss short-term versus long-term planning, and provide strategies to engage youth who may be reluctant to participate in planning. It will also provide an opportunity to practice individualized plan development through case scenarios and role play opportunities.

### **The Child Behind the Door: Trauma and Human Trafficking**

*Victoria Gutbrod, LPCC-S & EMDR Certified, Trauma Team Lead, Emerge Counseling Agency*

Victoria presents for the Rahab Ministries Volunteer and Staff Trainings. She will utilize much of this material and her experience working as the lead for the trauma team that serves the women at the safe house. This presentation will include an introduction to the neuro-biology of trauma and the impact of this on the mind, body and spirit of individuals. The most current interventions in trauma care will be explored within the contexts of how Emerge and Rahab partner to provide human trafficking survivors these services. Emerge therapists have advanced skills: EMDR, Equine, Sensori-Motor/Somatic, Gestalt, Internal Family Systems, Art, Movement, and Music Therapies, in addition to TI CBT and DBT. Case Presentations will be utilized to assist with learning.



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### **Recognizing Sex Trafficking in Hotels**

*Marc Tetzlaff, Victim Specialist, Homeland Security Investigations*

*Stacey Sutherland, Director of Programs, TRUST*

This presentation will focus on training hotel staff on how to recognize sex trafficking. There are many ways to combat the trafficking of minors for sex but one thing that has not received enough attention is where the actual trafficking occurs. Many if not most instances of sex trafficking of minors will occur in a hotel. By training the different departments of hotels, you can increase the number of people who can recognize and report sex trafficking to law enforcement and victims can be rescued. This hotel training program, developed jointly by the Phoenix Police and Homeland Security and then polished by the O'Connor House, is a way to increase the number of reporters of this crime. This program is available for use with permission of the TRUST AZ program in Phoenix AZ.

### **Reintegration: Employ + Empower**

*Ashlie Bryant, CEO, 3Strands Global Foundation*

For years, survivors have told us the most important thing we can do for them is to help them get a job. It allows survivors to transition to self-sufficiency and establishes a sense of self-worth. Over the last 10 years we have learned that a job is the first step to pursuing a future of their own choosing and empowers them to create a new life free of exploitation. 3Strands Global Foundation will present Employ + Empower, a program that prevents survivors and those who are most vulnerable (transitional aged-foster youth and homeless youth) from exploitation or re-exploitation by placing them into sustainable, trauma-informed jobs as well as refers them to the behavioral health services and resources they need to succeed in their jobs and build a new future free of exploitation.

### **Understanding and Identifying Familial/Gang Trafficking**

*Alice Jay, President and CEO, Sister Survivors*

As a survivor of familial trafficking and gang affiliation as a minor, I was forced into the life at gunpoint when I was eleven. This experience, along with twelve years of recovery, gives me a unique perspective in addressing and helping other gang trafficking survivors. I have worked with hundreds of children and young adults who have had the same experience, helping them in their path to recovery. In this presentation, we will review how I have used this experience to help others and how you can best identify and support survivors of familial and gang trafficking.

### **Demand Reduction Initiatives as Restorative Justice**

*Autumn Burris, Founding Director, Survivors for Solutions*

This presentation will explore demand reduction initiatives as a form of prevention, restorative justice and survivor empowerment. The model of Sex Buyer Education will be presented via a case study of the First Offenders Prostitution Program, initiated in San Francisco, CA and replicated across the United States. Technical Support discussions and activities will give participants the tools to properly implement the program and ensure that governments are not responsible for funding the program. Outcomes include survivors having access to exit resources and services, ensure police departments are able to fund operations and that the administrator of the program has operational funds.



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## **The Dangers of Social Media Now and in the Future**

*Gene Hill, Co-Director, Freedom13, Past Director CHAMPS Mentoring, Shared Hope Defender*

Each time a smartphone screen changes, a shot of dopamine enters the teen brain making screens as addictive as drugs. This impacts the development of the critical thinking portion of the brain. Their young age and screens make them vulnerable. Some apps are designed to be extremely dangerous and every social media site can be a dangerous tool in the wrong hands. In this presentation, we will break these down and shows how predators and traffickers use them to identify, groom, control victims, and conduct business. We will discuss where social media is heading in the near future, describing how technology, including artificial intelligence, will move social media into more dangerous territory and how it can be used to fight sex trafficking. Gene proposes a Digital Bill of Rights for Minors to effectively protect our youth.

## **Addressing Needs of Male-Identified and LGBTQ Youth: Partnership, Adaptation and Youth Voice**

*Christina Melander, MSW, Research Fellow, University of Minnesota - UROC*

*Drea Sortillon, Male & LGBTQ Advocate, The Family Partnership PRIDE Program*

As communities develop responses to the needs of youth who have been sexually exploited/trafficked, much is needed still for male-identified and LGBTQ populations. Lack of identification of these populations results from marginalization and unresponsive systems. Further, data indicates that LGBTQ youth are at high-risk for involvement in commercial sex, and male-identified youth face barriers due to gender norms around masculinity. The Family Partnership's PRIDE program (Promoting Recovery, Independence, Dignity & Equality) partners with researchers and community members to refine their programming to meet the unique needs of these populations. Participants will learn about the needs of these populations and how a program adapted their services through partnership and engaging youth voice.

## **Working With Foreign Victims of Trafficking**

*Marc Tetzlaff, Victim Specialist, Homeland Security Investigations*

The majority of sex trafficking victims, both minors & adults, in the U.S. are Americans. However, an underserved population that is often missed and ignored are foreign minor victims. Foreign minor and adult victims of sex and labor trafficking are often not provided the necessary services and considerations that they deserve. This session will talk about the unique needs that a foreign victim has and the best practices that advocates, service providers and officers can use to stabilize the victim. We will also talk about the legal considerations on getting temporary status for the victim and the federally available services that are specifically available to foreign victims of trafficking. We also describe how to apply for a "T Visa" and a "U Visa" as well as options for foreign minors.

## **Guiding Principles for Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking**

*Gretchen Hunt, JD, Director, Office of Victims Advocacy, Kentucky Office of the Attorney General*

*Marissa Castellanos, MSW, Program Director, Bakhita Empowerment Initiative, Catholic Charities of Louisville*

This workshop will provide agencies currently serving victims of trafficking or those who wish to begin or enhance work with practical guidance for serving victims of human trafficking using the recently published "Guiding Principles for Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking," developed by the HHS ACF Mid-South Advisory Group on Human Trafficking. The framework of 15 principles includes areas such as victim-centered, survivor-informed, culturally competent and evidence-based. Through lecture, discussion and practical application, participants will be able to assess their agency's current capacity and build a plan for applying guiding principles in their work, with a particular focus on child victims of sex trafficking.

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/news/region4guidingprinciples>



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### **Childhood Sexual Abuse and Trafficking**

*Amy Rouleau, BSW, MPA, Executive Director, Restoration Place*

Geared toward professionals who work with survivors of trauma, and particularly those interested in dissociative disorders, this engaging journey will provide a greater understanding of how early childhood sexual abuse, the human brain, and human trafficking are all connected. Amy's personal testimony will leave you inspired and hopeful for a future without human trafficking.

As Amy presents the data and her own experience with abuse, severe dissociation, substance abuse, cognitive issues, and deeper systemic issues will unfold. There is an emphasis on Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), its prevalence among survivors of long-term trauma and implications related to the diagnosis; a diagnosis for which Amy is very familiar.

### **Models & Best Practices for Providing Trauma-Informed Legal Services to Trafficked Persons**

*Joel Shapiro, JD, Executive Director, Trafficking Law Center*

*Andrea Lampert JD, Lead Attorney & Center Coordinator, Trafficking Law Center*

*Rachel Monaco, JD, CEO and President, LOTUS Legal Clinic*

*Jamie Quient, JD, President & Managing Attorney, Free to Thrive*

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

An often overlooked part of the continuum of care for trafficked persons is meeting their legal needs. Best practices in providing trauma-informed legal services is an emerging field that can be a meaningful resource. A panel of lawyers from four organizations that provide pro bono legal representation to trafficked persons will discuss topics including: trauma-informed legal representation, the distinctive needs and range of legal issues of trafficked persons, creating a collaborative network of attorneys across a range of legal specialties, partnering with other service-providers and entities that intersect with trafficked persons, creating an advisory board with representative populations, and how to offer legal services or open a human trafficking legal clinic in your community.

### **Whats Wrong with this Picture**

*Rus Funk, MSW, CSE, Consultant, Rus Funk Consulting*

Most men view pornography but most men who view pornography are not paying attention to the impact that viewing pornography has on them. Evidence clearly demonstrates that viewing pornography has an impact on men's attitudes towards themselves and their understanding of manhood, their attitudes towards women, their attitudes about sex and sexuality, their willingness to become engaged in preventing gender based violence, and more. "What's Wrong with this Picture" is a facilitated program designed to support men to examine the impact of viewing pornography on their attitudes and behaviors, leading to an invitation for men to get active in efforts to prevent gender-based violence generally, and sexual exploitation and sex trafficking in specific.

### **Human Trafficking Case Study: Erwin Burley**

*Courtney Harrison, Special Agent, Florida Department of Law Enforcement*

*Richard Trew, Investigator, State Attorney's Office Fourth Judicial Circuit (Florida)*

An in-depth step-by-step look at how to build one of the more difficult human trafficking cases; an interstate travelling pimp. These victims were transported from Arkansas and operated in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. The case against Erwin Burley, also known as "Bluejay," covers many of the hurdles investigators will likely face; highlighting how to combine a historical and current case and proving the statements like "he's always watching me." Investigators will learn techniques on how to establish and build a rapport with victims that will last beyond the conclusion of the case.



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### **Ending the Cycle: Trauma-Informed Integrated Health Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking**

*Dr. Ronald Chambers, M.D. FAAFP, Director, DIO, Family Medicine Residency, Methodist Hospital, Family Medicine Residency*

*Sawan Vaden, Program Manager, Human Trafficking, Community Against Sexual Harm*

*Jennifer Cox, Program Director, Medical Safe Haven, Methodist, Family Medicine Residency*

Due to lack of provider training on survivor-oriented care, many trafficking victims, who seek healthcare services, characterize their interactions with providers as re-traumatizing, threatening their access to needed care and support. Victims of human trafficking often experience serious psychological trauma, such as, chronic, and complex post-traumatic stress disorder. Integrated mental health services need to be an integral part of the immediate and long-term care strategy for survivors, along with preventative health. This presentation will discuss, from physician and CSEC survivor perspective, a trauma-informed approach to victim-centered care which uses survivor informed practices that address barriers; including stigmatization, and trauma-bonding.

### **The Good, the Bad and the Dangerous Online Apps & Games**

*Sheri Lopez, Founder, You Can't Groom Me*

Many traffickers have moved off the streets and now "surf" chat rooms, social media, online apps and games to find potential victims. Yet, many are not aware this is happening and view these apps & games as harmless. In this presentation we will look in detail at the popular apps youth are using daily. We will break down social apps such as Snapchat, KiK, Twitter, Instagram and WhatsApp, why kids use them and the dangers each presents. We will also discuss vault, ghost & decoy apps along with the popular online games that predators are using to gain access to kids.

### **When DMST Survivors are Pregnant and/or Parenting: How To End The Cycle - One Family At A Time**

*Carlye Dupaart, MS, LCCA, Chief Operating Officer, SJRC Texas*

*Tara Roussett, MBA, LCCA, LCPAA, CEO, SJRC Texas*

Through first-hand experience and evidence-based programming, this session will focus on how to help DMST survivors that are pregnant and/or parenting. We will discuss how the organization's approach leads survivors to healing and thriving, not only for themselves but for their babies as well. SJRC Texas has been taking care of this vulnerable population of children since 2009. We are a COA nationally accredited organization with over 35 years of experience in the child welfare field. The presenters will dissect the trauma informed continuum of care approach used by SJRC Texas that addresses the emotional, physical, psychological, and developmental needs of child sex trafficking victims and their children in a setting that is conducive to children and youth with multiple levels of trauma.

### **Transforming Cultures of Care and Service**

*Dr. Karen Furman, EdD, MBA, M.Ed. - Counseling, M.Ed. - Teaching, Project Liaison, Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University*

*Janet Kasper, LBSW, East Texas Regional Administrator, Child Sex Trafficking Team, Office of the Texas Governor*

Every state has unique characteristics and challenges concerning exploitation of children. As each state grapples with commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) a transformation of the culture of care and services provided to victims will be crucial to how children recover. This session will explore how the State of Texas has chosen to focus on this transformation, partnering with the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development (KPIDC) at Texas Christian University since 2017. The KPIDC developed Trust-based Relational Intervention (TBRI®) as a way to bring hope and healing to youth from hard places, in this case, CST survivors and their families. Together the State and the KPIDC build multidisciplinary collaboratives that bring TBRI to CSEC victims and vulnerable populations.



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## **Formulas for Successful Rescue Operations**

*Bazzel Baz, Founder and President, ARC: Association for the Recovery of Children*

*Tina Paulson, Human Trafficking Program Director, Association for the Recovery of Children*

Every child that ARC has gone after, we have brought home. What is our formula for doing that? ARC will share the examples of two riveting rescue cases. In 2017 ARC rescued an American mother and three children from a wealthy South American family dynasty linked to corrupt US government officials. The victims had suffered beatings, ritual abuse, rape, death threats, had been stripped of their identification papers and were running for their lives. ARC's successful rescue operation spanned five countries. In 2019 ARC rescued a child-sex-trafficking victim being trafficked by a ring of Crips, Bloods, Gersons and MS-13 gang members. Her traffickers, equipped with US government badges and government exempt license plates, hunted her relentlessly during the cross-country rescue operation that spanned three weeks.

## **Building Family Resilience After Trauma and Trafficking**

*Kristen Tebow, LMSW, CEO, Youth Trust Project*

*Amy Engle, LAMFT, CCTS-I, Consultant, Trainer*

The National Child Traumatic Stress Center defines complex trauma as a type of trauma that occurs repeatedly, cumulatively and even increases over time. Trauma and complex trauma experienced by survivors has a ripple effect that reaches far beyond the survivors, themselves, but also their family members, advocate, spouses, and anyone else directly linked to the recovery of a survivor. This session will explore familial resilience, demonstrating the direct link between an increased level of resilience in family members and a family's ability to withstand the impact of trauma. Along with the evidence-based studies, presenters will include testimonies of familial resilience and impacts of trauma after a traumatic event, providing examples of resilience-building exercises for families.

## **Demolishing the Demand to Purchase Sex-Trafficked Victims**

*Stephanie Costolo, Florida Regional Manager - TraffickingFree Zone, U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking*

*Micah Washinski, Pinellas County Program Manager- TraffickingFree Zone, U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking*

Human Trafficking is a lucrative industry which follows the laws of supply and demand. The simple fact is that if there were no "customers" there would be no business. The U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking team scoured the country to find and implement the most effective strategies for demolishing demand and packaged those strategies into the simple-to-follow TraffickingFree Zone (TFZ) program. TFZ is implemented in collaboration with community members and leaders, law enforcement, businesses, schools, healthcare organizations, churches and the media, implementing numerous demand reduction techniques. This session will equip attendees to reduce the demand for sex buying in their communities.

## **Keeping Track of Trafficking: The Importance of Understanding and Using Sound Measurements**

*Jenna Andriano, MPP, Safe Harbor Evaluator, Minnesota Department of Health*

*Beatriz Menanteau, JD, Violence Prevention Programs Unit Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Health*

Data has the potential to tell powerful stories; however, it can often be misrepresented or misinterpreted. As the anti-trafficking movement gains national momentum and is thus subjected to greater scrutiny, it is essential that anti-trafficking advocates know how to understand, collect, and discuss data. Even those who do not work directly with data benefit from a clearer understanding of what tools are uncovering. This presentation will cover commonly misused statistics in the anti-trafficking movement, how to spot reliable or unreliable data, and basics of how to represent your thorough data.



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### **From the Lyfe to Square: Addressing the Needs of Homeless, Sexually Exploited Youth**

*Andrew Pearson, MD, Director of Mental Health Department, Covenant House*

*Fabiola Desmont-Mondesir, LMSW, Director of Anti-Human Trafficking, Covenant House*

Mrs. Desmont-Mondesir and Dr. Pearson plan to describe how a multi-disciplinary framework including social work, law and advocacy and psychiatry complements and enhances the clinical focus of working with teenage survivors of human trafficking, especially those who are homeless. Drawing from research, we will highlight the connection between homelessness and susceptibility to trafficking among young people. Lastly, we will present in detail the clinical histories and trajectories of two young women who worked with Covenant House's Anti-Human Trafficking team and had been sexually exploited in adolescence, in a way that underscores how an inter-disciplinary approach and housing are paramount when working to meet the needs of survivors.

### **Survivor-Centered Approach: The Missing Piece in State Collaboration**

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

*Bethany Gilot, MS, Statewide Human Trafficking Prevention Director, Florida Department of Children and Families*

CSEC is a multifaceted issue and the needs of survivors can be complex to the extent that the issue cannot be effectively addressed through any singular entity, perspective, discipline or approach. Development of a comprehensive response that considers everything from legislative to direct service approaches necessitates participation from numerous parties. In recent years, more states and local communities have developed collaborative entities, policies, laws, and practices to address human trafficking within their areas. However, many of these collaborative initiatives lack an important piece: a cohort of survivors and the vital input of that group. This presentation will address that crucial gap and the issues it creates in developing a strategic, comprehensive response to CSEC.

### **Exploring Marriage, Friendship and Professional Relationships for Survivors**

*Victoria Gutbrod, LPCC-S & EMDR Certified, Trauma Team Lead, Emerge Counseling Agency*

*Matthew Gutbrod, Director, State and Federal Communications*

*Alicia Ley, Director of Safe Housing, RAHAB Ministries*

*Jacob Ley, MDiv, Pastor, The Chapel | Kenmore*

Victoria and Matthew Gutbrod will be joined with Alicia and Jacob Ley in a panel format to discuss the journeys of being in personal and professional relationships as survivors. Alicia and Matt are both survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Matt has written a book called "Boy on the Run" that tells his story of ruin, recovery and reformation. He is celebrating 18 years of sobriety and is a strong advocate for male survivors of sexual abuse. Alicia is a survivor of childhood abuse that includes being trafficked. She is the Safe House Director for Rahab Ministries and devotes her life to advocating for other survivors. A panel will host an open discussion of being married as a survivor and how their spouses have come alongside to aid the healing. These couples will share real stories with humor and humility to bring hope to others.

### **Instilling Healing and Safety: Addressing Somatization of Trauma**

*Kristen Hoffman, LCSW, TRCC, Therapist, Ascent 121*

*Emily Taylor, LSW, Clinical Therapist, Ascent 121*

Trauma is universal. At any point, in a blink of an eye trauma can turn your whole world upside down. Exposure to trauma can leave a tremendous impact on an individual's social, emotional, and behavioral functioning. Even more so, we are seeing trauma have a dramatic sensory and somatic impact. Trauma is experienced and re-experienced on a sensory level, triggering an myriad of trauma related disturbances. However, what is often more challenging for individuals to identify and treat is the somatic disturbances. Together we will explore how adverse life experiences (ALEs) create fear based responses causing dysregulation and somatic symptomology. We will explore sensory based interventions to target somatic symptoms and trauma dysregulation to re-instill a sense of healing and safety.



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

*Rashida Prioleau, JD, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General-DC*

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

*Maxine Akai, LICSW, LCSW-C, Program Coordinator for HOPE Court, Community Services Administration, DC Department of Behavioral Health*

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 how the entire court team from the presiding judge, prosecutors, opposing counsel, and service providers, take a trauma informed approach to treating the child victim. The workshop will walk through an actual case and highlight how the court employs a non-criminal response, even in juvenile cases, when serving a child victim.

### **How To Shut Down Traffickers**

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*Bazzel Baz, Founder and President, ARC: Association for the Recovery of Children*

*Tina Paulson, Human Trafficking Program Director, Association for the Recovery of Children*

The child sex trafficking criminal enterprise is strengthening in volume, tactics and aggressiveness despite our national efforts to suppress it and spread awareness. In this confidential instruction session, ARC will teach you practical, unconventional tactics, including archetypes of CIA tradecraft, that are vital to winning the war on child sex trafficking...because right now most everything the world is doing is not working. *Because ARC will divulge sensitive methodology, all attendees will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement with ARC.*

### **Foster Children: High Risk Population for Child Sex Trafficking**

*Karen Lambie, Ph.D., Ambassador of Hope Volunteer*

Children and youth placed in foster care are at very high risk for human trafficking, most especially sex trafficking, due to various factors such as low self-esteem, enduring sexual abuse at a young age and having feelings of being thrown away. Foster children are also notorious for running away. Any runaway child is at high risk for sex trafficking. In 2017 in the U.S., there were nearly 500,000 children living in foster care. Foster parents, child welfare workers, teachers, guidance counselors and medical personnel need to be aware of this issue. It is often stated the child welfare system is "broken." Suggestions for ways to "fix" this problem will be discussed such as providing closer supervision of foster families and reporting missing foster children. In addition, more consistent therapeutic counseling is need for every foster child.

### **Put Your Oxygen Mask on First: Practicing Self Care When Faced with Compassion Fatigue**

*Dr. Tanisha Knighton, Ph.D., Trainer/Consultant, Knighton Consulting Group, LLC*

For those working in multidisciplinary teams on a spectrum of human trafficking cases, compassion fatigue is as common as "turbulence" during a windy flight. In order to address this turbulence one must develop self care strategies, and warning systems to let them know they are moving into the caution zone and the oxygen masks will soon deploy. Prevention and self-care can best happen when multidisciplinary team members are able to distinguish between and identify personal and professional vulnerabilities. This interactive workshop will help professionals renew their passion and commitment to the field and their work.



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## **Effects of Trauma on the Mind, Body and Soul and How Movement and Meditation Facilitates Healing**

*Jennifer Swets, MA, RYT, Executive Director, Mending Nets*

The presentation will be an interactive exploration of the connection between trauma and the mind/body/soul including brain development, choices we make and the coping skills trauma survivors use. After describing the different types of trauma, the impacts of trauma on the different parts of the brain will be discussed. Supported by academic research, the role our body plays in both storing and dealing with trauma is explored. The audience will participate in a guided breathing exercise as well as chair yoga as we move to discuss ways to begin the healing process. As a trauma survivor, I will be sensitive to the experience and toll this can have on participants as we help victim service providers recognize the signs of trauma and the effects it has on trauma survivors.

## **Unveiling the Unique Nature of Familial Trafficking**

*Emily Taylor, MSW, LSW, Clinical Therapist, Ascent 121*

*Megan Jessup-Smyth, LCSW, CSAYC, Chief Operating Officer, Ascent 121*

Anti-trafficking work often highlights the nature of the pimp-victim relationship leaving a misrepresentation of the essence of familial trafficking relationships. The presenters will pull from their experience of working with familial trafficked individuals in Indiana. Despite the increasing awareness of sex trafficking overall, this workshop will unveil the unique hidden nature of familial trafficking. The presenters will provide insight to the complexities of choice and autonomy in addition to deconstructing family dynamics of familial trafficking.

## **Movin' On: The NYC Child Tattoo Eradication Project and Network – Replication Strategies**

*Selina Higgins, MA, MSW, LCSW-R, Executive Director, Office of Child Trafficking Prevention and Policy, NYC Administration for Children's Services*

*Dr. Marie Leger, M.D., PhD, Dermatologist, Metro Dermatology*

Exploiter brandings such as tattoos inhibit emotional healing, affect physical safety and employment opportunities, and impede the ability to “move on” with life. The Office of Child Trafficking Prevention and Policy therefore developed “Movin On”, a network of doctors and tattoo artists who provide free tattoo removal or alteration for branded youth, along with a trauma informed counseling component to ensure the support needed for life changing decisions. The workshop will address the trauma and attachment factors relevant to involuntary tattooing, provide an overview of the variety of physical and emotional considerations involved for removal, and discuss outreach strategies to youth, network development, liability waivers and other factors required for replication consideration.

## **What About the Children: A Collaborative Approach of Working with Children Whose Parents Are Survivors and Traffickers**

*Iona Rudisill, LMSW, MSW, Anti-Trafficking and Exploitation Program Manager, Baltimore Child Abuse Center*

*Dr. Renee Murrell, MSW, PhD, Victim Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigations*

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline since 2007 there were over 45,000 identified human trafficking cases in the United States. Of these many cases, how many children do you think were born to survivors or traffickers? While we don't have the actual statistics, we can assess that the actual numbers are probably greater than realized. In recent years, our nation has focused its attention on working with youth survivors of trafficking but what about the children, whose parents are survivors or traffickers. What happens to these youth and how do they receive services to handle the trauma they have seen, heard and experienced? In this workshop you will hear about a case where there were multiple traffickers, survivors and children that needed collaborative services.



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### **How Gangs are Using Advancing Technologies Sex Trafficking**

*Opal Singleton, Peace Officer Standardized Training Certified, President/CEO, Training & Outreach Coordinator for HT Task Force, Instructor USC, Million Kids, RCAHT Task Force, USC Safe Communities Institute*

Gangs are changing how they do business. Many gangs have reorganized and are joining forces with other gangs. Younger members are using technologies like encryption, live streaming and dating sites to recruit and groom unsuspecting girls. Older gang members use large national dating sites to seduce women. Several gangs are operating child sex trafficking sites from prison. Some gangs are even selling child pornography. This session will look at a comparison of a variety of gang cases and examine the differences in organization, money handling, recruiting, selling, and the profile of their victims. We will look at the gang accessibility of foster kids based on technology. We will look at organized crowd sourcing in sextortion and how that can lead to becoming a victim of sex trafficking.

### **Rural Trafficking- A Survivor and Clinical Perspective**

*Kate Berryman, LPC, NBCC, MS, Service Provider Support Director, Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program*

*K.D. Roche, Human Trafficking Field Expert and Trainer, Independent Contractor*

This presentation will address the topic of human sex trafficking in rural communities. The presentation will draw upon K.D. Roche's (survivor) personal experience of being trafficked in rural Indiana.

### **Establishing a Partnership Between a Faith-Based Ministry and a State-Wide Initiative**

*Annamarie Boulay, Director of Women's Ministry, Wintonbury & Executive Director, The Underground, Wintonbury Church*

*Yvette Young M.Ed., LPC, The Village for Families & Children, Project Director/HART Coordinator, Hartford Connecticut*

The Underground Ministry and the Connecticut Department of Children and Family's Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team (HART) have been collaborating since 2013 on various statewide initiatives to eradicate child trafficking. This workshop will inform you on how to establish a successful partnership between a faith-based ministry and a statewide initiative. The Underground has been able to support HART through awareness training, providing survivor enrichment opportunities, advocating for human trafficking legislation, fundraising efforts, and survivor mentorship. This partnership has resulted in enhancing Connecticut's efforts to protect and support trafficked youth and increase community awareness of child trafficking.

### **Connecting Survivors to Services: The Use of a Broadcast and Social Media Campaign to Raise Awareness of Human Trafficking in North Carolina**

*Dean Duncan, PhD., Research Professor, UNC-CH School of Social Work*

*Nancy Hagan, PhD, Sr. Human Trafficking Analyst, UNC-CH Project NO REST*

Reaching individuals who are being trafficked and connecting them with services is a significant challenge. Many of these individuals do not realize they are being exploited or that services are available. As part of an anti-trafficking effort in North Carolina, Project NO REST developed a collaboration with a local broadcast outlet to create an outreach campaign designed to connect survivors to services. This campaign used broadcast as well as social media to reach survivors. Project success was measured through a number of means including monthly reports of calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. During 2017, the first year of the campaign, calls to the hotline from North Carolina increased 143% from 2016, from 598 to 854.

### **Implementing a Protocol in a Hospital or Clinic**

*Teresa Davidson, ARNP, MSN, MA, Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator, Mercy Medical Center*

Journey through the process of implementing a protocol to identify and assist victims of Human Trafficking that enter the doors of your hospital or clinic. Discover the training necessary, and the tools needed. The presentation will include a frank discussion on risks, barriers and common pitfalls of implementing a protocol.



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### **Stop the Cycle: How Young Men Become Traffickers**

*Dr. Stephany Powell, PhD, Executive Director, Journey Out*

Human trafficking prevention often focuses on how to limit supply without considering demand. We ignore the fact that traffickers often come from the same neighborhoods as the women and girls who they exploit. In this presentation, we will unpack what factors contribute to boys and young men becoming pimps in the first place. This includes understanding complex trauma and gangs. We will also discuss how to address those challenges and what we can do to stop the cycle, which enables young boys and men to become pimps.

### **Power Over Predators Prevention Education: Getting into Every School, Every Year**

*Jerry Peyton, BA, MA, Certification: International Human Rights Institute, Strasbourg, France, Founder & Executive Director, Sold No More*

*Lisa Hansen, Education Director, Sold No More*

This workshop will include a live demonstration of the Power Over Predators (POP) curriculum for middle & high school students. POP was developed with over 15 years of research and interaction with over 40,000 youth, and is now being used with 10,000 students a year. The curriculum is PowerPoint based with embedded videos of powerful, real life stories, and is formatted for assemblies or 2-3 class periods. The curriculum can be branded for local organizations and edited with local statistics and stories. Topics include predator protection, internet safety, healthy relationships and developing the courage, strategies and resources to stand up for themselves and others.

### **Trafficked Boys: Bringing Male Victims of HT out of the Shadows**

*Jerome Elam, President and CEO, Trafficking in America Task Force*

Male victims of sex trafficking have historically been an invisible population. Recent developments have begun to raise the curtain on the expansive number of young boys being sexually trafficked in this country. During my presentation, I will present a comprehensive look at the issue of child sex trafficking and the evolution of the male victim. I will also present strategies for the education and prevention of child sex trafficking and discuss alternatives for the after care and recovery of male victims.

### **The Power of a Statewide Alliance: A Guide to Creating an Impactful Statewide Collaborative Model without Burning Out or Burning Bridges**

*Kate Trudell, BA, CSEE, Executive Director, CCAHT (TASA member organization), Tennessee Anti-Slavery Alliance*

*Derri Smith, Founder and CEO, End Slavery Tennessee*

*Rachel Haaga, Executive Director, Restore Corps*

*Jerry Redman, MA, CEO, Second Life Tennessee*

When it comes to effective statewide collaboration, both creating and refining an efficient and impactful model can be a challenge. This training will discuss the unique advantages and challenges of implementing a statewide, single-point-of-contact model and the nuances of navigating local, regional, and statewide spaces and partnerships toward strengthening client care and community response. From identifying key stakeholders to ensuring equitability and inclusion around the table, this training will outline steps toward establishing a statewide alliance, practical tips on implementing comprehensive and collaborative service delivery across regions, and communication strategies for addressing and overcoming challenges at both the partner and statewide level.



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### **Victim or Criminal: How Society Portrays Juveniles Involved in Sex Trafficking**

*Maureen Guirguis, J.D., Director, Northeast Ohio Human Trafficking Law Clinic*

This presentation will focus on high-profile cases such as Cyntoia Brown (in Tennessee) and Alexis Martin (in Ohio) where juvenile sex-trafficking victims were involved in killing their traffickers, but were cast as the criminals and sent to prison for the rest of their lives. The presentation will discuss the legal, sociological, and historical underpinnings of society's tendency to victim shame in these cases and will look at more recent cases in which juveniles are still being shamed even though the laws are supposed to be in place to prevent this. We will then discuss what is necessary, from a legislative, societal, and individual standpoint to turn the tide and change the way that we view these cases.

### **Creating a CSEM Program: The Good, the Bad, and the Residential**

*Jennifer Dressler, LPC-MHSP, Director of Clinical Services, Universal Health Services*

*Michelle Barnhart, LPC-MHSP, ACS, Clinical Therapist, Hermitage Hall*

Building a CSEM program in residential has been not only a labor of love but also frustrating and at times overwhelming. After a considerable amount of research it appeared there was not a clear treatment program that works. The normal program for girls who were victims of trauma was grossly inadequate for this special population in a residential facility. Initially the unit was hemorrhaging staff, including therapists and mental health technicians, due to the level of aggression the residents were demonstrating. Something had to be done to help these girls and the program at that time was not doing the trick. Adjustments had to be made (and continue to be made). This presentation is our journey to find the right treatment balance for survivors of human trafficking.

### **Survivor and Law Enforcement Informed Policy**

*Camila Zolfaghari, JD, LL.M., VP of Policy, Street Grace*

*Kayti Batya, Survivor Leader, Street Grace*

This presentation will talk about the importance of involving survivor leaders and law enforcement in the initial policy making process, rather than merely using their stories and experiences to advance policies made without their consultation. We will discuss different ways that survivor leaders, law enforcement, and other multi-disciplinary experts can be invited into the policymaking process, as well as ways they can become policy leaders even when working in a state or environment that is not currently being receptive to their expertise. We will discuss numerous examples of new and innovative legislative policy ideas that have originated from our Survivor Advisory Board, as well as a history of law enforcement led demand focus legislation.

### **Societal Shift: A World Without Borders and a Home Without Walls**

*Opal Singleton, Peace Officer Standardized Training Certified, President/CEO, Training & Outreach Coordinator for HT Task Force, Instructor USC, Million Kids, RCAHT Task Force, USC Safe Communities Institute*

The year 2020 will be the most important time in all of history as the entire world will be connected by Internet. Over SIX BILLION people will be connected by technology. It will change crime and crime solving forever. A world without borders for our children is also a world without borders for pedophiles, predators, pimps, cartels and organized criminals. Advancing technologies like vaporware, encrypted chatrooms, block chain, crypto-currencies and the dark net challenge law enforcement in crime solving and challenges a parent to keep a child safe. Mass migration, a global refugee crisis, terrorism and technology will challenge law enforcement and faith based communities who struggle for solutions to prevent global child exploitation.



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## **Empowering Survivors of Trafficking Through Service Animals**

*Jessa Crisp, Executive Director, BridgeHope*

*K.D. Roche, Human Trafficking Field Expert and Trainer, Independent Contractor*

*Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, MPsy, Senior Program Coordinator, International Rescue Committee*

Although research shows the power of animals in assisting survivors of trauma in healing and daily tasks that are associated with trauma responses, most individuals working with survivors often lack the knowledge to be able to use this tool effectively or in a manner to empower survivors to co-create their healing process. In this session, three survivors of trafficking will share their unique insight and experience working through the long-term medical and psychological effects of trauma with their service animals. Illuminating the unique healing animals can provide on a biopsychosocial level, you will walk away equipped with knowledge on how to engage with handlers and their service animals, adhere to the ADA, and advocate for service animals with the survivors you work with.

## **Building A Culture Of Self-Care**

**[SURVIVORS ONLY]**

*Christa Hicks, LMHC, Executive Director of Anti Trafficking, One More Child Anti Trafficking*

*Dr. Marianne Thomas, PhD, Outreach Coordinator, One More Child Anti Trafficking*

*Jodi Domangue, Director of Anti Trafficking, One More Child Anti Trafficking*

Burn out is real! It is possible to create a full balanced life while caring for others. By embracing a culture of self-care we are establishing a paradigm shift from bubble baths and pedicures to health, energy, and balance. In this presentation we will learn why our traditional thought process towards self-care has been holding us captive, we will learn how to make self-care work in the life you are living right now, and we will identify how you know when you can become a self-proclaimed self-care guru.

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