

## VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

### October 5TH DRAFT AGENDA

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### Wednesday, November 17

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The lack of ethical storytelling ultimately leads to sensationalism, as well as experiences where survivors are unintentionally being exploited and confidentiality breached. Learn ethical storytelling principles that will not only help you in your non-profit work, but help you empower survivors and maintain integrity within the work you are doing!

**Jessa Dillow Crisp** uses her childhood experience of severe abuse and trafficking to illustrate both the stark realities of trafficking and the truth that healing transformation is possible. After her escape and recovery process, Jessa went to school for the first time and now holds an M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. In addition to pursuing her educational dreams, Jessa is the Co-founder and the Executive Director of BridgeHope, an anti-trafficking non-profit within the Denver-metro area. Some highlights of Jessa's career include speaking with legislators at the Colorado State Capitol, training the Department of Homeland Security on issues related to trafficking, and speaking at the National Character Leadership Symposium for the Air Force.

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Children of color are disproportionately represented among child sex trafficking survivors. While many in the field recognize this, few believe they have the knowledge or skills to take actionable steps to address it. Love146 has intentionally and proactively been addressing the intersection between race and human trafficking since 2016. In this presentation, Ms. Williamson will share what it was like to start this work as a White woman and Ms. Clark will talk about her experience taking over and expanding this work as a Black woman. Presenters will share the specific steps Love146 has taken within our community, organization, and programming. They will also share lessons learned and help attendees develop their own action plans with next steps they can take when they return home.

**Erin Williamson**, LCSW, MPA has over 15 years of direct service, program management, and applied research experience in the fields of social service and criminal justice, with particular expertise in the areas of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation. Ms. Williamson has authored several peer-reviewed publications, presented nationally, and served on national advisory committees, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children & Youth in the United States. In her current role as the Vice President of Global Programs and Strategy at Love146, Ms. Williamson is responsible for leading the development and implementation of global strategy for program implementation and expansion.



**Tamarra Clark, MS** serves as the Connecticut Survivor Care Director for Love 146. She is responsible for overseeing all aspects related to service coordination and implementation within the Connecticut Survivor Care Program. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Services and a Master's degree in Nonprofit Management. Tamarra brings her 15 years of experience providing direct service and managing family systems such as early childhood education, home-visiting, parenting education, care coordination, and homelessness systems to this important work. She believes everyone has a life purpose and is passionate about helping others recognize their strengths and work towards addressing barriers that hinder their purpose-filled lives.

### **TrafficK Jam-A Statewide Approach to ending Human Trafficking**

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Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana has been on the forefront of the State's efforts to better identify, recognize and provide services to high-risk youth and confirmed victims of human trafficking. Louisiana has taken the model from Caddo Parish and has expanded it statewide with the full support of their Governor and First Lady. Innovative and cutting-edge techniques are being utilized with victims of human trafficking, such as Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI). Presenters will discuss how this grassroots effort was expanded and taken statewide and the positive results of these efforts. Presenters will offer practical and useful applications that participants can use to replicate this model in their own jurisdictions and states.

**Laurie McGehee** is a thirty-seven year veteran of the Juvenile Justice System having served the Juvenile Court for Caddo Parish in many different capacities. She has been the Chief Probation Officer for thirteen years and oversees all operations for the Probation Department. During her tenure at the Court, Mrs. McGehee has developed gender-specific programming for females involved with the court which has included education on Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention. She has also organized and implemented many special programs for youth at the Court. In 2014, she organized the Caddo-Bossier Community Response Team for Human Trafficking which brought together law enforcement agencies and community based service providers to coordinate services for victims of human trafficking. She also developed the first Special Intensive Probation Unit for victims of Human Trafficking in the state. In 2019, Mrs. McGehee implemented a Specialized Court for victims of human trafficking and high risk youth called STAR Court.

**Judge Ree J. Casey-Jones** was elected to the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court on Dec. 10, 2016. She is a 2019 alumni of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada and completed a judicial fellowship at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Judge Casey-Jones is the presiding judge over the Family Preservation Drug Courts, Child Support, Adoptions, Juvenile delinquency matters, and the newly implemented STAR Court which is a court for youth who are victims of human trafficking. She frequently travels throughout the country visiting other courts and spends several hours learning new and innovative ways to provide fair access to justice to citizens in Caddo Parish. Judge Casey-Jones is a recipient of the Angels in Adoption, a United States Congressional award for outstanding work.



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Child welfare (CW) agencies are working to create a continuum of care to address the needs of commercially sexually exploited youth (CSE) and youth at risk of CSE. A key aspect of this has been the development of residential services that specialize in serving CSE youth, including shelter, foster, congregate, and residential treatment care facilities. The Families First Prevention Services Act has furthered efforts to define what high quality service standards are for residential settings. Through review of a continuum of models of specialized care currently serving CSE youth in two different states, presenters will discuss efforts to define standards of care, practical application of those standards, and the importance of collaboration between CW and service providers in this work.

**Bethany Gilot** is a National Consultant on anti-human trafficking initiatives from training and program development to state and federal policy. Bethany has a decade of experience working in the anti-trafficking field both domestically and internationally. Bethany previously served as the Statewide Human Trafficking Prevention Director for Florida's state child welfare and juvenile justice agencies where she worked to strengthen systems of care for trafficked youth. She implemented legislation, created agency policy, and oversaw all state-level efforts to identify and serve minor survivors of human trafficking. In addition to public service, Bethany has worked within NGOs serving sex trafficking survivors in both Florida and India, including both residential and community-based programs.

**Dr. Gihan Omar** has been a Licensed Clinical Psychologist for 18 years. She completed her doctoral training at the Florida Institute for Technology, internship at the University of Houston and a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Yale University School of Medicine where she remained as an Associate Research Scientist before joining Citrus Health Network (CHN) in 2003. At CHN, Dr. Omar has supervised and coordinated various outpatient and residential programs that provide services to children and adolescents with severe mental health problems and victims of abuse. Dr. Omar is currently the Clinical Coordinator for the Foster Care and Citrus Helping Adolescents Negatively impacted by Commercial Exploitation (CHANCE). CHANCE is nationally recognized as a promising practice in CSEC services.

**Mary Cowen** is a Program Manager at Life House, where she oversees Sol House and The Loft Teen Shelter, serving teens who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation, trafficking and homelessness. She has over 10 years of experience working with youth in out of school time programs, juvenile justice settings, and leading girls groups focused on leadership development, economic literacy, and sexual health education. In her time outside of work, she enjoys engaging in organizing focused on anti-racism and reproductive healthcare access.



## **Mitigating Trauma Through Drama and Dialectics: Two Unique Groupwork Models for Healing and Empowerment of DMST and At-Risk Foster Youth**

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Youth in foster care have a high proclivity for DMST victimization. Two therapeutic group models were created to help youth develop effective strategies to identify and mitigate trafficking involvement, reduce trauma, develop healthier thought patterns, regulate emotions, and self-empower. Mitigating Trauma Through Drama uses psychodrama techniques to guide youth through traumatic memories and address concerns. Be Sea (Safe, Empowered, Aware) uses Dialectical Behavioral Therapy skills to identify emotions and develop coping strategies. Both models facilitate expression and disclosure through universally applicable skills integrated with trafficking awareness scenarios and discussion. The models have achieved high success with trafficked and at-risk youth in the NYC foster care system.

**Selina Higgins**, Executive Director for the ACS' Office of Child Trafficking Prevention and Policy, is the lead for all aspects of trafficking related screenings, services, policy, data and training within the NYC child welfare system. Selina has worked in the field for 28 years in direct therapeutic services and program management. She is an LCSW with an MA in Forensic Psychology, an MSW and post-grad certification in Infant-Parent Dyadic Therapy and Trauma Assessment. She administrates the NYC Safe Harbour Program, facilitates therapeutic group work models and leads ACS' first Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Consultation Team. She created a free tattoo removal program for youth, a Trafficking Credible Messenger program, has published, and was honored as a 2020 Advocate of New York City.

**Melody Joanne Centeno** is a Licensed Master Social Worker, motivational speaker, public advocate, psychodrama practitioner and former foster youth who in 2016 founded Foster Care Unplugged to enrich the lives of children in care through development of positive resiliency skills. She has produced many youth focused projects, including "Foster Care Unplugged: The Stage Play" and annual events including a toy drive, fashion show, and a basketball game for youth with the NYC Police Dept. She has expanded her focus to assist trafficked foster youth through co-creation and facilitation of the grant funded Mitigating Trauma Through Drama group model which fuses psychodrama techniques with trafficking awareness. She is also an Applied Behavioral Analyst, working primarily with Autistic children.

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The dynamics of family-facilitated child sex trafficking presents differently from other types of trafficking and holds diverse complexities. When victims are younger and do not exhibit the same red flag behaviors commonly recognized as indicators of sex trafficking, family-facilitated child sex trafficking may be overlooked. This session will examine these differences to support familial sex trafficking identification. This session will also study the intersection of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and minor victims of sex trafficking. Building on the information provided, and trends gathered from service providers, presenters will also delve into the service needs and how to better support victims of family-facilitated sex trafficking.



**Ada McCloud** has worked in the child abuse field since 2000, beginning as an investigator in a sexual abuse unit for Child Protective Services. She went on to be a forensic interviewer at a children's advocacy center; and later served at Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas providing forensic interview programming and training. Currently Ada is the Prevention Practitioner for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation division. Ada is a subject matter expert in child sex trafficking and provides technical assistance, aids in policy development, and provides training to DFPS staff and stakeholders. She primarily works to expand the continuum of prevention services for children and youth involved with DFPS.

**Mikey Betancourt** is a Program Specialist with DFPS Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Division. Mikey has 25 years non-profit leadership and is a subject matter expert in child abuse field and provides technical assistance, training to DFPS internal and external stakeholders, and aids in strategic and policy development. He continues to work in bridging gaps of services for child victims of abuse through establishing and maintaining internal and external relationships with governmental and non-governmental agencies. Mikey has worked in the child abuse field for 17 years.

## Session 5 – 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

### The Neurochemistry of Trauma Bonds: The Fawn Response

*Ally Matteson, LCSW, Project Director, Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development*

*Kimberly Jones, MS, LMFT-A, Program Coordinator, Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development*

We know that commercially sexually exploited (CSE) children and youth struggle with trauma bonds and attachments but understanding the “what” behind the behavior of trauma bonds can help bring new tools and strategies as we work alongside survivors and help them discover healthy relationships. The survival response of “fight, flight freeze” is familiar but what about the 4th survival response also known as “fawn” response which can lead to co-dependency amongst other things later in life if left unattended. The symptoms of the “fawn” response are easily missed if we lack understanding of what's happening in the brain and body. In this workshop, participants will learn how to respond to trauma bonds triggering the “fawn” survival mechanism and meet healthy attachment needs of survivors.

**Ally Matteson** works as a Project Director with the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development (KPID) which focuses on training organizations who work with victims of child sex trafficking (CST) across the state of Texas in a trauma informed care model called Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®). Prior to working with the KPID, Ally used her BA in International Studies from Baylor University doing community development projects in India and Egypt. She later returned to Baylor to get her Masters in Social Work. Ally worked as a therapist specializing in complex trauma at a residential treatment center that serves CST in long term treatment. Ally trains community based service agencies TBRI®, trafficking, complex trauma as well as developing cultures of care across the community.

**Kimberly Jones** currently serves as a Project Coordinator for the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development. In this role, she trains change agents in Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) and supports model implementation in various programs. Kimberly holds a master's degree in Organizational Management and Leadership and another in Marriage and Family Therapy. For several years, she served as an administrator of a residential treatment facility for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, and for a foster program serving the same population. It is during this time she developed a passion for working with youth who have experienced complex developmental trauma. Kimberly has worked in youth and community development organizations for over 20 years.



## Trafficking and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

*Christine Stark, MSW & MFA, Author & Educator*

The historical trafficking of Native girls and women began with Columbus and spread throughout the US, making it central to colonization, sex trafficking, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. This presentation will cover the history and current reality of sex trafficked Native youth, including Two-Spirits. Solutions unique to Native communities regarding prevention, research, culturally-specific services, and collaboration among Native communities and allies will also be outlined. The presenter will draw upon her organizing experience as a Native woman, survivor of youth sex trafficking, writer, researcher, and organizer. She will provide specific examples of what has worked in her community and lead a group discussion about action steps attendees can initiate in their communities.

**Christine Stark** is a Native American writer, researcher, artist, and speaker. Her novel, *Nickels: A Tale of Dissociation*, was a Lambda Literary Finalist. Her essays, poems, and academic writing have appeared in numerous publications. She is a co-editor of *Not for Sale: Feminists Resisting Prostitution and Pornography*; a co-author of "Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota" and "Evidence of Survivor, Agency, and Researcher Collaboration." Her academic article "Strategies to Restore Justice for Sex Trafficked Native Women," includes her primary research. She has taught at universities and directed a program at Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center. She facilitates survivor groups, consults, and is a member of Minnesota's MMIW Taskforce.

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### Effects on Survivors Children: Breaking Cycles

*Marianne Thomas, PhD, Director of Anti-Trafficking, One More Child*

*Matthew Wainright, Volunteer, One More Child*

The Survivor movement is making headway in identification, preventing further victimization, and connecting survivors to services. One of the largest unspoken gaps relates to the children of human trafficking survivors. While we are making improvements in breaking cycles of further victimization of trafficking we neglect to address the deficits in their cognitive, emotional, and social development. This session will be led by Dr. Marianne Thomas, survivor leader and Behavioral Psychologist along with her son Matthew Charles as they discuss his experiences growing up in the midst of cyclical complex trauma. They will share insight on lessons learned, resiliencies built, and how to best support the children of the survivors we are serving so that they have a chance to thrive.

**Dr. Marianne Thomas** is passionate about standing alongside survivors in a comprehensive approach that is inspired by meeting them where they are and modeling how to build a balanced life. As both a Behavioral Psychologist and a Survivor of exploitation Dr. Thomas is an expert in the complex needs of sex trafficking survivors with a history of working with addictions, homelessness, children, and young adults who have been exploited. Dr. Thomas currently serves as the Director of Anti-trafficking for One More Child overseeing their crisis and long-term care mobile teams.

**Matthew Charles (Wainright)** is a second generation survivor of childhood sexual abuse and trauma. His insight into growing up under the grips of generational trauma provides the audience with a real life glimpse into life as a child in the throws of trauma and abuse.



### **Survivor Paths to Employment: Considerations & Challenges**

*Ricardo Rubiales, LCSW, Project GOLD Associate Director, Kristi House, Inc.*

*Brenna Aiossa, MSW, Project GOLD Career Coach, Kristi House, Inc.*

After a decade working directly with survivors of trafficking and those at high risk, Kristi House's Project GOLD developed "Bridges to the Future" to address gaps in services. Bridges completes the continuum of care and services needed by providing job skills development, career planning, and access to educational and vocational opportunities and resources. Session attendees will learn about program development, operational considerations, and the new, trauma-informed career group curriculum that was created for enriching survivors' skills and access to gainful employment. Pilot data from survivors who have successfully entered the workforce will be highlighted to help agencies become survivor informed and prepared for challenges as survivors begin work.

**Ricardo Rubiales**, LCSW, is Associate Director for Project GOLD, the Kristi House CAC's program for CSEC and human trafficking. In addition to supervising service provision to youth in the program and education outreach in the community, he oversees Project GOLD's program for job training and career development, "Bridges to the Future." Previously, he served for four years as Kristi House's Clinical Supervisor after four years as a full-time therapist. His career has focused on youth and families affected by trauma or involved in the child welfare system, including directing programs and providing direct services for high risk and vulnerable populations. He is an approved national trainer of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and holds an MSW degree from Florida International Univ.

**Brenna Aiossa**, MSW, is the Career Coach at Kristi House's Project GOLD. In this role she serves on the leadership team that created and is implementing a trauma-informed career development and employability curriculum for youth who are survivors of at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. She works with members of the program to explore career interests and opportunities, help them develop employability and job maintenance skills, and assist them with career planning. She utilizes career assessments and other tools to help identify strengths, interests, and appropriate services and resources to meet the youth's academic and employment needs. Previously, Ms. Aiossa worked with youth aging out of foster care to meet their housing, employment, education, and emotional support needs.

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### **Toolkit for Non-Lawyers to Help Survivors through the Legal Process**

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

*Marianna Kosharovsky, JD, Founder & Executive Director, ALIGHT (Alliance to Lead Impact in Global Human Trafficking)*

*Sarah Byrne, JD, Attorney, Moore & Van Allen PLLC*

*Renata Parras, JD, Pro Bono Counsel, Paul Hastings LLP*

This presentation is designed for anyone interested in learning about how to support a victim or survivor navigate the legal system in a trauma-informed manner. The presentation will discuss the gaps in legal services for survivors nationally and the experiences of survivors within the legal system. It will then discuss how to identify a legal need, common legal needs among survivors, victim's rights in the criminal process, preparing for a case, and how to locate legal services for a survivor. The presentation will then discuss the stages of a legal case, trauma-informed interview practices, working with an interpreter and skills for supporting survivors before, during and after court.



**Jamie Beck** is the President & Managing Attorney of Free to Thrive. Prior to starting Free to Thrive, Jamie practiced civil litigation at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP. Before joining Procopio, Jamie served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Michael M. Anello, Federal District Court Judge for the Southern District of California. Jamie is a past president of Lawyers Club of San Diego and founded the Lawyers Club Human Trafficking Collaborative. Under Jamie's leadership, Lawyers Club successfully advocated for a law to help human trafficking survivors clear criminal convictions related to their exploitation, now codified under California Penal Code 236.14. Jamie graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law where she was a member of the San Diego Law Review.

**Marianna Kosharovsky** is the Founder and Executive Director of ALIGHT (Alliance to Lead Impact in Global Human Trafficking [www.alightnet.org](http://www.alightnet.org)), a Colorado-based nonprofit organization with a mission to unlock a fresh start for survivors of human trafficking. ALIGHT rapidly matches survivor needs with untapped legal expertise through innovative technology. Ms. Kosharovsky's expertise is rooted in over 10 years' experience in human trafficking, law and technology in the U.S. and Eastern Europe/Russia. As an attorney, Ms. Kosharovsky represented survivors of sex and labor exploitation at the domestic violence agency Sanctuary for Families. She is a contributing author of the American Bar Association book *Lawyers as Changemakers* (2016).

**Sarah Byrne** is an attorney with Moore & Van Allen PLLC in Charlotte, North Carolina where she leads the firm's Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project. The Project provides free legal representation to survivors of sex- and labor-trafficking in various areas including expunction, victim-witness advocacy, family law, immigration and other civil law needs. Sarah also provides guidance to institutional clients on anti-trafficking programs and compliance with related law and regulation.

**Renata Parras** is Pro Bono Counsel and is based in the Paul Hastings LLP New York office. She is responsible for managing, coordinating, and advancing the Firm's global pro bono initiatives. Her practice focuses on immigration, human rights and human trafficking law as well as supporting social enterprises throughout the world. Renata has started and is leading the Paul Hastings Initiative to Combat Modern Slavery. Prior to joining Paul Hastings, Ms. Parras was a Deputy Chief Counsel with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security where she led teams of attorneys in immigration, human rights, and national security litigation. She also coordinated high-profile investigations and interfaced with international agencies on cross-border matters. She began her career with DHS in Washington D.C. with the Human Rights Litigation Division.

### **Sex Trafficking of Men and Boys**

*Nathan Earl, Principal Consultant, Giant Slayer Communications*

Effectively serving male victims of sex trafficking is a critical imperative of trafficking providers. Developing a culturally relevant response requires an understanding of how the trauma of sex trafficking may uniquely affect men and boys. Equally important is an understanding of the intersectionality between exploitation, and substance abuse, incarceration and mental health challenges common among male youth experiencing homelessness. This webinar will provide public health and service providers with strategies for trauma-informed, culturally relevant preventive / interventive counter trafficking responses.



**Nathan Earl** is an anti-trafficking pioneer, fierce advocate and visionary leader with a passion for building resilient communities immune to exploitation. Through his work as the Principal Consultant at Giant Slayer Communications, Nathan leverages lived and professional experience to help organizations and communities increase their capacity to prevent violence against boys and men, including human trafficking and exploitation. In addition to serving on The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CSE Leadership Council, Mr. Earl educates counter-trafficking stakeholders on the systemic factors that create and sustain exploitation through his work as a Consultant with the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center. Mr. Earl is a 2019 Fellow of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Human Trafficking Leadership Academy.

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