

## VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

### November 13 DRAFT AGENDA

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### Wednesday, November 17

**8:30 – 9:15 AM – Opening Remarks**

**9:15 – 10 AM – Keynote**

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Melissa Kaiser, LBSW, Human Trafficking Navigator, North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force*

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

#### Session – 7 – 4:00 – 5:00

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

*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*

##### **Sex Trafficking of Men and Boys, NASW, NBCC**

*Nathan Earl, Principal Consultant, Giant Slayer Communications*



## Friday, November 19th

### Keynote - 9:00 – 10:15 AM

#### **An Attorneys General Lens: Combatting Human Trafficking and Preventing Victim Criminalization, NASW**

*Clare E. Connors, Attorney General of Hawaii*  
*Rashida Wilson Prioleau, Assistant Attorney General, Child Protection Section III Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia*  
*Anna Ward Sukman, Special Assistant Attorney General, Statewide Human Trafficking Victim Services Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General of Mississippi*  
*Jeanette Manning, Director NAGTRI and Center for International Partnerships and Strategic Collaboration*

### Keynote - 10:15 – 11:30 AM

#### **Survivor Equity & Inclusion: Preventing Re-Exploitation, NASW, NBCC**

*Dr. Shobana Powell, DSW, LCSW, CEO, Founder & Human Trafficking Consultant, Shobana Powell Consulting*  
*Cristian Eduardo, Co-Founder & Lead Human Trafficking Consultant and Survivor, United Immigrants of New York*

### Closing Remarks - 11:30 – 11:45 AM



**Wednesday, November 17**

**Session 1 - 10:30 – 11:30 AM**

**Ethical Storytelling for Anti-Trafficking Non-profits, NASW, NBCC**

*Jessa Crisp, MA, Co-founder & Executive Director, BridgeHope*

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.

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

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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 incorporate fact patterns from a real case to highlight how the court employs a non-criminal response, even in juvenile cases, when serving a child victim.

**Rashida Prioleau** is an Assistant Attorney General at the Office of the Attorney General, for the District of Columbia. For the past eleven years, Rashida has handled the civil prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases in the District of Columbia. Rashida represents the DC Child and Family Services Agency, and works with a diverse team of professionals including social workers, medical experts, law enforcement, child advocates, and mental health professionals. Rashida has extensive experience with using a multidisciplinary team approach to the prosecution and treatment of child abuse. Rashida now serves as the child welfare prosecutor in HOPE Court, a treatment court in the District of Columbia that works with sexually exploited children in the child welfare and juvenile systems.



**Judge Mary Grace Rook** has served on the bench in DC Superior Court since August, 2006. She has presided over child abuse and neglect proceedings, truancy diversion programs, and the juvenile behavior diversion program (JBDP), a diversion treatment program for youth in the juvenile system with mental health concerns. In 2016, Judge Rook chaired a court committee that studied and planned for a treatment court dedicated to assisting youth that had been or were at risk for being commercially sexually exploited. In January 2018, Judge Rook became the presiding Judge over HOPE Court, the District's specialty treatment

**Megan Aniton** is an Assistant Attorney General at the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for the District of Columbia. Megan began her time at the OAG in the Child Protection Section and is currently prosecuting juvenile delinquency and status offense cases in the Juvenile Specialty Courts Unit (JSCU). In her capacity as an attorney in JSCU, Megan is the assigned prosecutor to HOPE Court, a treatment court for cases involving youth who are involved in or at risk of sexual exploitation. Prior to joining the OAG, Megan worked as an analyst in the Exploited Children's Division at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

**Maxine Akai** is a Clinical Social Worker with over 11 years' experience working with child welfare, education, hospital and mental health in the metropolitan area. Currently, Maxine is the Program Coordinator for Here Opportunities Prepare you for Excellence (HOPE) Court. Maxine serves as a clinical representative on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health, providing service recommendations for youth in both the juvenile justice and/or child welfare system(s), teams on expediting services, troubleshoots issues related to access and providers real time input on issues related to youth's holistic presentation, including, but not limited to, mental health. Maxine coordinates and presents at trainings for child welfare staff, mental health agencies, Probation officers, Attorneys and Judges. the court for youth in the child welfare and juvenile systems that are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation.

## Session 2- 1:00 – 2:15 PM

### **Addressing Race in Anti-Trafficking Programming: Practical Guidance and Lessons Learned, NASW**

*Erin Williamson, LCSW, MPA, Vice President of Global Programs and Strategy, Love146*

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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, NASW**

*Laurie McGehee, Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Court for Caddo Parish*

*Judge Ree J. Casey-Jones, JD, Juvenile Judge, Caddo Parish Juvenile Court*

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.

#### **Session 3 - 3:00 - 4:30 PM**



## **Policy and Practice: Discussing Specialized Residential Services for CSE Children, NASW, NBCC**

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*Gihan Omar, Psy.D., Clinical Coordinator of Foster Care and CHANCE, Citrus Health Network*

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 Director 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, NASW, NBCC**

*Selina Higgins, MA, MSW, LCSW-R, Executive Director, Office of Child Trafficking Prevention and Policy, NYC*



### *Administration for Children's Services*

#### *Melody Centeno, LMSW, Founder and CEO, Foster Care Unplugged*

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.

### **Thursday, November 18** **Session 4 – 9 – 10:15 AM**

#### **Dynamics of Family-Facilitated Child Sex Trafficking: What You need to know, NASW, NBCC**

*Ada McCloud, MMFT, Prevention Practitioner, Department of Family and Protective Services*

*Mikey Betancourt, Program Specialist, Department of Family and Protective Services*

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.

### **Please Place the Mask on Yourself Before Assisting Others, NASW**

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

*Melissa Kaiser, LBSW, Human Trafficking Navigator, North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force*

Law enforcement, victim service providers, and medical responders experience sustained exposure to child maltreatment, sexual assaults, and human trafficking. The resulting effects can be devastating and include substance abuse, increased rates of suicide, marital distress, depression and anxiety, and decreased physical wellness. The NDHTTF, in collaboration with partner organizations, is developing a comprehensive strategy to address secondary trauma (STS). This includes promoting policy change, developing supportive practices, and a system to provide access to specialized trauma providers. Attend this session if you are interested in learning more about secondary trauma, the model in development in North Dakota, and gaining tools to assess STS and improve your organization's response.

**Emily Schwartz** serves as the Director of the North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force. The NDHTTF is a statewide task force serving the needs of domestic and foreign-born labor and sex trafficked individuals. For the past twelve years, Emily has been working to combat interpersonal violence, the past seven years have focused specifically on anti-human trafficking efforts. In her current role, Emily facilitates coordination and collaboration between three key disciplines including law enforcement, service providers, and prosecution.

**Melissa Kaiser** is a Human Trafficking Navigator for North Dakota, and was the first Navigator hired in 2016. She has since gained skills and knowledge in protocol development, training, public speaking and team facilitation. Melissa has experience providing one on one support to victims and survivors of human trafficking. Melissa has previous employment in the foster care system, psychiatrics and addiction which provides insight into the dynamics and vulnerabilities contributing to victim experiences. In her current role, Melissa acts as the first point of contact for any human trafficking cases in Eastern North Dakota. She is the coordinator of services and responses to suspected and confirmed victims of human trafficking, and acts as a liaison between service providers and law enforcement.

### **Session 5 – 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM**



### **The Neurochemistry of Trauma Bonds: The Fawn Response, NASW, NBCC**

*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, NASW, NBCC**

*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.



## Lunch Plenary – 1 – 1:30 PM

### A Reading and Discussion of *Carnival Lights* by Christine Stark

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

Please join us and Author, Chris Stark, for a reading of her recently published fiction novel, *Carnival Lights*. “Blending fiction and fact, *Carnival Lights* ranges from reverie to nightmare and back again in a lyrical yet unflinching story of an Ojibwe family's struggle to hold onto their land, their culture, and each other. *Carnival Lights* is a timely book for a country in need of deep healing.” Chris will read from her book and then we will open for Q&A from the audience where Chris will share of her experience as an author of both fiction and non-fiction books that address topics of multigenerational trauma, trafficking and healing. *Carnival Lights* is available anywhere books are sold.

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### Effects on Survivors Children: Breaking Cycles, **NASW, NBCC**

*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, **NASW, NBCC**



*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.

## Session – 7 – 4:00 – 5:00

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

*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*

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, Hargeaves & 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.

#### **Sex Trafficking of Men and Boys, NASW, NBCC**

*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.

**Friday, November 19th**

**Keynote - 9:00 – 10:15 AM**





## **An Attorneys General Lens: Combatting Human Trafficking and Preventing Victim Criminalization, NASW**

*Clare E. Connors, Attorney General of Hawaii*

*Rashida Wilson Prioleau, Assistant Attorney General, Child Protection Section III Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia*

*Anna Ward Sukmann, Special Assistant Attorney General, Statewide Human Trafficking Victim Services Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General of Mississippi*

*Jeanette Manning, Director NAGTRI and Center for International Partnerships and Strategic Collaboration*

State attorneys general serve as counselor to state government agencies and legislatures and also represent the public interest. This session will explore the work of state attorney general offices in fighting human trafficking and how they implement protective responses for survivors. Finally, the session will address legislative and enforcement approaches to prevent the criminalization of victims of human trafficking.

**Ms. Clare E. Connors** has served as the Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i since her appointment in January 2019. She is co-Chair of the NAAG Human Trafficking Committee and during her first year in office, established the State's first human trafficking coordinator within the Department of the Attorney General. Under her leadership, the Department has focused on collaborating with other law enforcement agencies, service providers and state legislators to ensure the laws of the State of Hawai'i hold offenders accountable while protecting victims as they move through the criminal justice system. Prior to serving as Attorney General, Ms. Connors spent seven years as a civil litigator and partner with the law firm Davis Levin Livingston, where she primarily handled commercial disputes, wrongful death actions, medical malpractice claims on behalf of injured persons and other personal injury matters. She began her legal career in public service, representing the United States of America as a trial attorney prosecuting federal crimes with the Department of Justice's Tax Division in Washington, D.C., and then beginning in 2004, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Hawai'i. As an AUSA, Ms. Connors prosecuted a broad variety of crimes, but specialized in the handling of complex fraud, child exploitation, public corruption and tax matters. In 2015, Ms. Connors was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as a federal district judge for the District of Hawai'i. Her nomination was awaiting a final vote by the full Senate in 2016, when President Obama left office.

**Rashida Prioleau** is an Assistant Attorney General at the Office of the Attorney General, for the District of Columbia. For the past eleven years, Rashida has handled the civil prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases in the District of Columbia. Rashida represents the DC Child and Family Services Agency, and works with a diverse team of professionals including social workers, medical experts, law enforcement, child advocates, and mental health professionals. Rashida has extensive experience with using a multidisciplinary team approach to the prosecution and treatment of child abuse. Rashida now serves as the child welfare prosecutor in HOPE Court, a treatment court in the District of Columbia that works with sexually exploited children in the child welfare and juvenile systems.

**Anna Ward Sukmann** is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. She currently works for Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch, where she holds the position of Statewide Human Trafficking Victim Services Coordinator. Anna also serves as a Special Assistant Attorney General and is the Division Attorney for the Bureau of Victim's Assistance. While serving the State of Mississippi, Anna oversees the implementation of House Bill 1559 (2020) for the Attorney General's Office, including the administration of the "Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund" created by the Mississippi Legislature. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, she served in the private sector, where she practiced family law and served as a Guardian ad Litem for abused and neglected children throughout the State of Mississippi. She brings with her 17 years of expertise, in addition to her experience in state and local government work.



**Jeanette Manning** is the director of NAGTRI and the NAGTRI Center for International Partnerships and Strategic Collaboration. Previously, she served as a NAGTRI program counsel. Jeanette also conducts research and writes for NAAG and NAGTRI publications and serves as liaison to the NAAG Human Trafficking Committee and the NAAG Midwest Region. For eight years prior to joining NAAG, Jeanette served as an assistant attorney general and chief in the District of Columbia Attorney General's Office. For the last five years of her tenure, she served as chief of the Neighborhood and Victim Services Section in the Public Safety Division, where she supervised attorneys, paralegals, and victim witness specialists, surrounding an array of issues involving urban blight and decay to include providing protective services to victims of crime, nuisance abatement, brothel closures connected to human trafficking, and drug and firearm nuisances. As chief, she received the Peter J. Nickles Hammer award—the highest honor bestowed to an attorney by the attorney general—and the Metropolitan Police Department's Chief of Police Medal of Merit award by former Police Chief Cathy Lanier for her efforts to address challenging public safety issues in the District of Columbia. Jeanette also served as a member and co-chair of the Training Committee with the District of Columbia Human Trafficking Task Force and has conducted human trafficking trainings for the public and law enforcement officials.

### Keynote - 10:15 – 11:30 AM

#### **Survivor Equity & Inclusion: Preventing Re-Exploitation, NASW, NBCC**

*Dr. Shobana Powell, DSW, LCSW, CEO, Founder & Human Trafficking Consultant, Shobana Powell Consulting*  
*Cristian Eduardo, Co-Founder & Lead Human Trafficking Consultant and Survivor, United Immigrants of New York*  
 Survivor Leaders are often re-exploited and re-traumatized by the anti-trafficking advocates and organizations with whom they work, through under-compensation, undervaluing and tokenizing, ultimately resulting in psychological harm. Dr. Shobana Powell & Cristian Eduardo will present on Dr. Powell's research on the Survivor Equity & Inclusion Framework as a means for organizations to replace re-exploitation with equity and inclusion, centering survivors as the respected professionals and experts they are.

**Dr. Shobana Powell**, LCSW, DSW, is CEO & Founder of Shobana Powell Consulting and Director of the Louisiana for the Equality Model coalition. She is a bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker specializing in the anti-trafficking and gender-based violence field. Dr. Powell has served as Director of Micro Grants & Director of the Survivor Leadership Coalition at Sanctuary for Families and Mental Health Court Coordinator at Caddo Parish Juvenile Services. She has served as a regional coalition director, member of an FBI Child Exploitation Task Force, and trauma therapist. She has Bachelor's degrees in Social Work and Spanish from New York University, a Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University and a Doctorate in Social Work from the University of Southern California.

**Cristian Eduardo** is a Lead Human Trafficking Consultant and Survivor with Shobana Powell Consulting, shaping national human trafficking trainings and policies. He also serves as a Survivor Consultant for ECPAT-USA, Center for Court Innovation, and USCRI. He is the Co-Founder of United Immigrants of New York (UIONY), a coalition of immigration advocates providing accessible education and resources to Spanish-speaking immigrants in New York. Cristian Eduardo is on the Steering Committees for New Yorkers for the Equality Model and Louisiana for the Equality Model and has been instrumental in the development of Equality Model training and legislation across the US. Cristian Eduardo's inspiration for his social justice work is to give insight that victims always remain human beings.

### Closing Remarks - 11:30 – 11:45 AM

