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## VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

October 30 DRAFT AGENDA

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### SUMMARY

#### Tuesday, November 1

##### **Welcome & Opening Keynote: 11:45 AM**

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

*Oree Freeman, Training Coordinator, Survivor to Leader*

*Erin French, JD, Attorney, Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative, National Center for Youth Law*

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*Blanca Denise Lance, Director of Human Trafficking, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*

**United States v. James Coney - Case Study, NASW**

*Julie Pfluger, JD, MSW, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice - Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit*

*Jeff Wissink, Detective, City of Fitchburg Police Department*

#### Session 4: 10:15 – 11:30 AM

##### **A Collaborative Effort to Center Survivor Leadership, NASW**

*Tika Thornton, Lead Crisis Response Case Manager, Journey Out*  
*Maria Contreras, MPP, Senior Program Associate, National Center for Youth Law*  
*Jessica Kim, MSW, Program Director, Educational Pathways*

##### **Rapid Response to Victims of Human Trafficking: Legislative and First Responding Medical and Advocacy Components, NASW**

*Sandy Middleton, BA, MPPA, Executive Director, Center for Violence Prevention*  
*Elizabeth McCord, MSN, FNP-C, SANE-A Bridge Forensic Operations Manager, Center for Violence Prevention*  
*Kristina McCool, Tower Operations Manager, Center for Violence Prevention*

##### **Establishing Trauma Informed Congregations to Respond to Victims of Human Trafficking, NASW**

*Danielle Ratcliff, QBHS, CTP, CEO, Reach for Tomorrow Ohio*

#### Session 5: 12:45 – 2:15 PM

##### **Centering Youth Voice to Transform Approaches to CSE in LA County, NASW**

*Mae Ackerman-Brimberg, JD, MSW, Senior Attorney, Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative, National Center for Youth Law*  
*Sara Elander, TAY Program Manager, Saving Innocence*  
*Reshay Collier, Training Associate, West Coast Children's Clinic*

##### **Disrupting Sex Trafficking Through Intervention and Prevention for Male Perpetrators, NASW**

*Stefania Agliano, LMSW, Ed.D (ABD), Co-Founder, I AM Training and Consultation Group LLC*  
*Bryan Hall, LCSW, Co-Founder, I AM Training and Consultation Group LLC*

##### **Healing Shame with Trafficking Survivors, NASW**

*Nicole Klasey, PsyD, Consultant, Klasey Consulting LLC*

#### Session 6: 2:45 – 4:30 PM

##### **A CPS Approach to CSEC Investigations Involving Non-Caregivers, NASW**

*Liana Amery, LGSW, MSW, Investigative Social Worker, DC Child and Family Services Agency*  
*Ellen Barr, LICSW, MSW, Social Worker, DC Child and Family Services Agency*  
*Kristin Glazier, LICSW, Supervisory Social Worker, DC Child and Family Services Agency*  
*Angela Neal, MSW, LICSW, Supervisory Social Worker – CPS, DC Child and Family Services Agency*

##### **The Power of Unlikely Relationships: A Discussion About the Importance of Relationship Informed Care Between Providers and Victims of CSEC, NASW**

*Terrika Woolfolk, MPA, AMFT, Deputy Probation Officer II, Los Angeles County Probation Department*  
*Oree Freeman, Training Coordinator, Survivor to Leader*

##### **Trafficking and Pornography: Unpacking the Links, NASW**

*Gail Dines, PhD, President, Culture Reframed*

## Session 7: 4:45 – 5:45 PM

### **Criminal Offending Patterns Amongst Those Arrested for Purchasing in Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Cases, NASW**

*Anna Kosloski, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs*  
*Bridget Diamond-Welch, PhD, Associate Professor, University of South Dakota*  
*Molly McDade, Human Trafficking Sergeant, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office*  
*Christopher Carey, PhD, JD, Associate Professor, Portland State University*

### **Understanding Trauma-Related Fragmentation and Dissociation, NASW**

*Michelle Harrison, PhD, Counselor, Consultant, Trainer, Grace to Glory Counseling*

### **Enhancing the Survivor-Ally Relationship: Key Lessons for Effective Co-Leadership, NASW**

*Audrey Morrissey, Co-Executive Director, My Life My Choice*  
*Lisa Goldblatt Grace, LICSW, MPH, Executive Director, My Life My Choice*

## Thursday, November 3

### Opening Remarks: 9:20 AM

### Keynote: 9:30 – 10:45 AM

### **Supporting Male Youth Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation, NASW**

*Nathan Earl, Principal Consultant, Giant Slayer Communications*  
*Jose Alfaro, Lived Experience Expert & Consultant*  
*John Long, Executive Director, USIAHT*  
*Landon Dickeson, MS, LPC, Executive Director, Ranch Hands Rescue*  
*Audrey Baedke, Programs Manager, REST*

### Keynote: 10:45 AM – 12 PM

### **The Future of Healing: Hope Beyond Trauma**

*Kathy Bryan, Founder and CEO, The Genesis Project*  
*Ada McCloud, MMFT, Prevention Practitioner, DFPS Human Trafficking Division*

### Closing Remarks: 12 – 12:15 PM

## DETAIL

### Tuesday, November 1

#### Welcome & Opening Keynote: 11:45 AM

##### **Story Time: How Fictional Narratives Can Instill Hope, NASW**

Metaphors, stories and fables are tools for therapeutic intervention as they allow individuals to express their thoughts and feelings and thus gain a deeper understanding of themselves. Through storytelling, individuals develop a personal voice, expressing their unique way of thinking and feelings. Storytelling is a unique therapeutic tool that allows survivors to access feelings and experiences that otherwise drive them away from their healing process. Join Dr. Philip Toal as he guides us through using storytelling in his group sessions with the children's book *The Little House*. These sessions instill hope and provide a bridge for survivors and service providers to communicate and express feelings to promote healing.

*Philip Toal, Ed.D., LMHC, Sr. Vice President, Aspire Health Partners*

Philip O. Toal graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology. He earned his doctorate in Clinical Sexology from The Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality. He is a Florida State Licensed Mental Health Counselor and sex therapist and has worked in the area of behavioral health care and substance abuse for over 38 years. Philip's work has included stress management, pain management and biofeedback, behavioral medicine, psychoneuroimmunology, depression, HIV/AIDS; sex therapy, LGBTQ issues and substance abuse. He has worked with human trafficking survivors and provides training on a local, state and national level. He has helped to develop and conduct stress management for an inpatient cardiac unit.

#### Session 1: 1:30 – 2:30 PM

##### **The Criminal Legal System from the Youth Perspective: Supporting Young Trafficking Survivors, NASW**

This workshop will introduce the Center for Court Innovation's Child Witness Materials Development Project, an initiative funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, through which the Center has created a package of interactive materials for youth who have experienced human trafficking. These materials help facilitate effective and trauma-informed support for youth as they navigate the criminal legal system. The presenters were involved in the multidisciplinary group of national trafficking and lived experience experts that contributed to the materials' design and development, which were pilot tested with practitioners and young survivors. Using the materials and outcomes from the pilot, participants will learn how youth experience the criminal legal system and how to utilize the materials so youth can feel more informed and empowered.

*Jasmine Edwards, MSW, PPSC, Sr. Lead Case Manager, Saving Innocence*

Jasmine is the Senior Lead Crisis Case Manager at Saving Innocence where she provides crisis response and intensive clinical case management for children impacted by commercial sexual exploitation and supervises a cohort of Case Managers. Jasmine is a trained facilitator in Trauma-informed Care, CSEC 101,102, PRIDE, and other client-focused practices. Jasmine graduated from California State University Fullerton with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science and a minor in African American studies and obtained her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California. Jasmine uses her education and work experiences to support and uplift youth supported by nonprofit organizations and is honored to walk alongside youth to enrich their lives through a trauma-focused lens.

*Maui Chacon, Survivor Advocate, Saving Innocence*

Maui Chacon, a former foster youth, has been advocating for victims of exploitation since the age of 16. She has been able to speak to congress on the topic of domestic sex trafficking to influence bills and laws to protect victims. Speaking from real-life experiences, Maui is able to connect and support in ways that are essential for the health and development of individuals impacted by exploitation and trafficking. Maui's goals are to further her education, venture out to different career paths such as being a business owner and fashion designer, and be a healthy supportive role model to her children and the young adults we service here at Saving Innocence. She wants to continue to empower individuals to never stop dreaming and know that there is no limit to what they can accomplish.

**Crossroads: Understanding Intersecting Oppressions, NASW**

This workshop focuses on the intersectionality of child trafficking, the foster care system, juvenile justice system, homelessness and LGBTQIA+ individuals. We will discuss how to identify and analyze the gaps in services and systems, how those gaps personally affect the individuals involved, and how professionals can better understand those effects so that they can better improve their approach towards the people they serve. We will also explore how going through the court system young can impact recidivism rates for trafficked children. This workshop is intended to help professionals build better connections with youth who have endured sexual exploitation so that better results, such as developing more open client/organization relationships and decreasing relapse rates, can be attained.

*Melanie Thompson, Youth Outreach Coordinator, Coalition Against Trafficking in Women*

Melanie Thompson is the Youth Outreach Coordinator at the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women and is also a speaker, activist, and leader in the global fight to end prostitution and commercial sexual exploitation. Trafficked and sold into prostitution in New York at the age of 12, she was later arrested and placed into foster care. She became an activist at age 14. Ms. Thompson has testified before numerous legislatures about the need to pass strong anti-trafficking laws and ending the arrests of sex trafficked and prostituted children and people in the sex trade. She is a student at the City University of New York and plans to open a non-profit organization to assist victims of trafficking and foster care.

**Spiritual Care & Support to heal Trauma Survivors, NASW**

The presentation is on pastoral care and how we facilitate spiritually integrated trauma care for survivors. What are the spiritual and theological dimensions of trauma? How do we help people come to a healed life-giving versus a life-limiting theology (refueled by trauma related emotions) that is integrated with their experience? What is the subliminal theology trauma creates in an individual leading to spiritual struggles? We'll explain the process of pastoral care in embedded theology, deliberative theology, theology reflexivity and a lived theology. We'll also explore the spiritual trauma process and the role of pastoral care and what specifically a pastor can contribute to the trauma healing process as well as what is trauma informed ministry. We'll also discuss harmful things pastors can avoid.

*Caitlin Vick, Director of Pastoral Care/Trauma Informed Training & Pastoral Care Manager, StreetLightUSA/ Phoenix Dream Center*

Caitlin Vick does pastoral care as the Pastoral Care Manager for adult trafficking survivors at the Phoenix Dream Center and leads trauma informed training for the staff. Caitlin Vick previously was the Director of Pastoral Care and founder of the Pastoral Care Program for StreetLightUSA, a faith-based nonprofit that is a behavioral health facility helping youth heal from sexual abuse and/or sex trafficking. Caitlin is a pastor with 8 years of youth ministry experience working in the local church since 2014. She has experience doing ministry with faith-based programming in nonprofits since 2018. Caitlin specializes in pastoral care, faith based programming and spiritual formation/soul care. She is passionate about the intersection of theology and trauma theory.



## Session 2: 3 – 5 PM

### **LA County's Evolving Journey to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Lessons Learned Along the Way, NASW**

Over the last decade, Los Angeles County has led innovative efforts to better identify and support children and youth experiencing commercial sexual exploitation. There has been a continuous need to respond to new issues, adapt policies, and improve practices. This presentation will highlight lessons learned from three perspectives - a County Probation Department champion, a survivor leader and advocate, and a youth advocacy organization. We will discuss the importance of centering survivors in the work, collaborating with multidisciplinary partners to support the multifaceted needs and strengths of youth, building strong relationships, addressing vicarious trauma, adapting programs and policies to serve underidentified/underserved youth, such as male and LGBTQIA2S+ youth, and more.

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

Michelle Guymon is currently the Director of the Child Trafficking Unit with the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Ms. Guymon has worked for the Los Angeles County Probation Department for 25 years and is the project manager for Los Angeles County's First Responder Protocol for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children. Ms. Guymon is a frequent presenter and trainer regarding child abuse, child sex trafficking, and strategies for working with youth in the probation system. She is an advocate for children at risk and is currently the Probation Department representative with the Los Angeles CSEC Action Team and founder of the Empowerment Conference, an annual gathering for sex trafficking survivors and advocates.

*Oree Freeman, Training Coordinator, Survivor to Leader*

Oree Freeman lives a life of service. She is a woman who has overcome adversity and continues to thrive through life's many twists and turns. Oree is passionate, filled with spunk, and is tenacious in her advocacy. Oree's mission is to be a voice and a fighter for all victims of sex trafficking and has devoted her career to combating sex trafficking by establishing AWARENESS, spreading HOPE and helping others find RESILIENCE within themselves. Over 20,000 individuals have felt her strength through the interactive training she conducts for law enforcement officers and professionals from other child-serving sectors. Importantly, she has also focused her energy on working directly with exploited and at-risk youth. Oree is an advocate where she transforms the lives of youth involved in JJ.

*Erin French, JD, Attorney, Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative, National Center for Youth Law*

Erin French is an attorney for the National Center for Youth Law's Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative. French focuses on developing and improving policies, protocols, and practices to better identify and support youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. Prior to her role at NCYL, French worked to address the issue of child sex trafficking in South Asia and spent time working with at-risk youth and survivors of trafficking in Los Angeles. French received her J.D. from UCLA School of Law, with specializations in both Public Interest Law & Policy and International & Comparative Law, and her undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley with highest honors in American Studies.

### **Transformative Moments as a Physician: Case Studies Defining Equitable Approaches in Caring for Victims of Human Trafficking, NASW**

Case scenarios and survivor testimony will be discussed in this presentation to exemplify how a physician, who cares for minor sex trafficking victims, built trust with a 13 year old, identified in the hospital setting, while carrying the baby of her trafficker. This case, along with others, will provide key examples of how a trauma-

informed, equitable approach, moves victims toward healing and hope. For many victims, especially minors, past experiences include judgment, stigma, impatience, and lack of empathy. When welcomed into safe clinical spaces, where they are cared for in an empathetic way, this can mean access to life saving interventions, especially for minors who are victims of trafficking. Practical and scalable resources will be shared for multidisciplinary response.

*Pamela Davis, M.D., Medical Director, DIO., Northridge Family Health Center*

Dr. Davis is currently the Medical Safe Haven Champion at DHMG Northridge, the first and only site of its kind in Southern CA, where she and other physicians on her team care for victims of human trafficking. Her other positions include being the site Medical Director and the Institutional Official for the Residency teaching program. Dr. Davis started at Northridge hospital almost forty years ago as a family medicine resident. She discovered a love of teaching as well as Family Medicine and stayed on in practice and as a teacher. She was the Program Director for the Family Medicine Residency program for twenty years, and Co- Chair of the Graduate Education Council for 10 years. Providing trauma informed care to patients who are victims and survivors is inspirational and rewarding.

*Jennifer Cox, Director, Dignity Health*

Jennifer Cox currently serves as the Program Director, for Medical Safe Haven clinics located in Sacramento, Redding, Northridge, Santa Maria, Merced and San Francisco, CA. This innovative model provides trauma-informed care, and equitable access to identified victims and survivors of human trafficking. Jennifer has served in healthcare for over 22 years, including 5 years as an Executive Director for a non-profit community resource center and clinic, and 12 years as an ICCE. Health Educator. Jennifer served 23 years as women's and community outreach minister in Davis, Ca. As a survivor and subject matter expert on child hood sexual abuse and trauma, and a highly trained professional working in the field of human trafficking, Jennifer has developed programs and provided local and national training.

**CANCELLED: What's Love Got to Do With it: The Need for Cultural Humility, Systems Change, and Love to Create Justice for Sex Trafficked Native Youth and Women, NASW**

Indigenous cultural ways create prevention, intervention, and healing practices for Native youth and relatives who are sex trafficked. The Anishinaabe presenters will address the centrality of sex trafficking to the history of colonization and the resulting systemic failures that have led to the contemporary breakdown of tribal families, communities, and cultures. These issues have created vulnerability and revictimization among Native youth and women to sex trafficking. Addressing these harms is multi-layered. Understanding contemporary issues of sex trafficking is a crucial first step. Next is the need for racially equitable policy change and legislation along with culturally humble training. Traditional ways and living in love will reduce vulnerability and strengthen communities.

*Chris Stark, MSW, MFA, Consultant, Instructor, Nanda-noojimo*

Chris Stark is a Native (Anishinaabe & Cherokee) award-winning writer, researcher, visual artist, and national and international speaker. Her second novel, *Carnival Lights*, is a Minnesota Book Awards Finalist. Her first novel, *Nickels: A Tale of Dissociation*, was a Lambda Literary Finalist. Her essays, poems, academic writing, and creative non-fiction have appeared in numerous publications. Currently, she is the Inaugural Visiting Research Fellow at Villanova Law's Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation where she is conducting research on the history of colonization, slavery, and sex trafficking of Indigenous women and girls. She also consults with a variety of local and national organizations, and teaches writing at a community college.

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*Babette Sandman, BAS, Board Chair/Spiritual Advisor, Nanda - Noojimo*

Babette Sandman graduated from the American Indian Mental Health Training Project at UMD in 1988. Babette completed an internship at the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project and eventually returned to work as a court advocate, a facilitator of Women's groups for domestic violence and sexual assault, and a trainer of In Our Best Interest with the National Training Project. Babette felt she was returning the help she received when she was in a battered women's shelter. Babette also facilitated groups for court ordered women who use violence. Babette is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation.

*Sheila Lamb, Co-founder, Nanda-noojimo*

Sheila Lamb is an Indigenous woman who is involved in several areas encompassing racial, social, and environment justice advocacy. She is the Co-founder of Nanda-noojimo, Co-chair of the MN350 Board of Directors, a city council member, member of the Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Task Force and steering committee, a certified sexual assault advocate, and works with trafficked and at risk Indigenous youth. Sheila is a domestic and sexual assault survivor who uses her personal and professional experience to address disparities, create changes in policy and legislation, and to provide advocacy services to survivors of sex trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence in Native communities.

**Youth Leadership and It's Imperative Role in Prevention Education, NASW**

We all know that Prevention Education is an integral part of mobilizing communities to combat human trafficking. As technology, culture, and trafficker tactics evolve with each generation, we know that youth involvement, leadership development and empowerment is imperative. Join experts in Prevention Education from across the country as they discuss how they engage with communities to initiate prevention education that encourages youth engagement and leadership.

*Sarah Mouser, MS, Prevention Program Manager, Love146*

Sarah Mouser, an experienced educator and curriculum developer, has spent the last 12 years providing support and advocacy for high-needs students. Specializing in working with at-risk teenagers, Sarah has spent her career coaching teachers, administrators, and facilitators on both academic and behavioral modifications in order to promote an equitable school experience. As the Prevention Program Manager at Love146, her focus is managing various grant projects, developing relationships with state agencies, and identifying partners to support the program's growth and success. Additionally, she managed the most recent rewrite of the Not a Number curriculum, emphasizing current trends in trafficking and more robust representation of diverse populations.

*Aria Flood, Director of US Prevention, Love146*

Aria Flood has over ten years of experience in youth program planning, implementation, and management, with an emphasis on school-based public health programming. As Director of U.S. Prevention at Love146, Ms. Flood is responsible for developing, promoting, and evaluating the trafficking prevention program to build protective factors in youth and effect systemic change. She was a member of the 7th cohort of Human Trafficking Leadership Academy where she contributed to a checklist for grantees, and recommendations for federal agencies on how to better provide funding for survivors and organizations led by people of color. Ms. Flood most recently co-authored a chapter in the book by Springer, *The Historical Roots of Human Trafficking: Informing Primary Prevention of Commercialized Violence*.

*Terri Markham, Executive Director, Uprising*

Terri Markham is the co-founder and executive director of Uprising and an anti-trafficking speaker and trainer. She has been working in the anti-human trafficking movement for the past 9 years. Terri co-developed the Greater Rockies Immersive Training (GRIT) on Trafficking and Exploitation. Her passion is working in the awareness and prevention education field of the movement and she has developed prevention education curriculum for elementary-aged youth.

She is a champion of youth involvement within the anti-trafficking movement. Through her current role, Terri has presented to and trained over 1,500 individuals in the Rocky Mountain Region to date.

*Alexandra Stevenson, Speaker, Educator, The Laughing Survivor*

Alexandra Stevenson started her anti-trafficking work as a youth advocate. 10 years later, she was trafficked herself. After escaping her trafficker, Alexandra dedicated herself to learning everything she could about trauma, its effects and aftereffects, and most importantly - how to prevent it. Alexandra uses her past as a youth advocate, her work with youth in conflict with the law, her unique combination of academia and survivorship, and her cross-border anti-trafficking work to inform all the work she does. In 2019 she co-founded Uprising, a nonprofit in Wyoming that is harnessing the untapped power of youth advocacy to promote enduring societal change. Now, living back in Canada, she continues to highlight the importance of getting upstream and empowers community heroes of all ages.

*Kiricka Yarbough Smith, Human Trafficking Program Director, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement*

Kiricka Yarbough Smith is the Human Trafficking Program Director at the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement. She also serves as a consultant for the Office for Victims of Crime (DOJ), Futures Without Violence, the Office on Trafficking in Persons (ACF/HHS), and the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (HHS). Trained as a social worker, Kiricka addresses human trafficking at its intersections with other issues, including mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual violence, and child advocacy. As a 2021 Human Trafficking Leadership Academy Fellow, she helped develop recommendations to address inequities and barriers to accessing services for survivors of human trafficking and communities of color.

*Kendra Underwood, Human Trafficking Outreach Coordinator, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement*

Kendra Underwood graduated cum laude from North Carolina Central University with a degree in public health education. Kendra has over 5 years of experience working with youth as a childcare coordinator for the public school system and through managing enrichment programs for a local charter school. Currently, she serves as the Human Trafficking Youth Outreach Coordinator for the Council for Women and Youth Involvement's Human Trafficking Program. She provides trainings on healthy relationships and human trafficking to youth, schools, and community-based organizations. She also coordinates the LEAD program, a leadership and development program for youth ages 14-17 in rural communities and collaborates with community partners to build and enhance community-based resources for youth.

*Ashlie Bryant, Co-Founder & CEO, 3Strands Global Foundation*

Ashlie Bryant is an innovator, leader, and advocate. In 2010, Ashlie founded 3Strands Global Foundation which mobilizes communities to combat human trafficking through prevention education and reintegration programs. As CEO, she led the development of the global anti-trafficking training program, PROTECT, which has reached nearly 740,000 youth and adults. In 2016, she established Employ + Empower, a reintegration program which has placed hundreds of survivors and at-risk individuals into sustainable, trauma-informed employment. Ashlie speaks on issues concerning human trafficking prevention and contributes to the development of anti-human trafficking legislation including AB1227, The Human Trafficking Prevention Education Act in California, the first legislation of its kind in the U.S.

*Patricia Tamayo, Coordinator, Fort Worth Independent School District*

Patricia Tamayo is a professional School Counselor, TBRI Practitioner whose 20-year career was spent in public school districts in Texas, Utah and Virginia. Currently a coordinator in the FWISD under the HYPE grant, she brings additional experience from the mental health field as well as a trauma clinician deployed to South Texas to assist unaccompanied minors seeking safety in the US under the Office of Refugee Resettlement. There she learned the stories and experiences of human trafficking.

*Camila Zolfaghari, JD, LLM, Executive Director, Street Grace*

Camila serves as the Executive Director of Street Grace Georgia, bringing ten years expertise and experience prosecuting human trafficking cases and spearheading legislative changes. During her time at Street Grace she has overseen the creation of evidenced based training programs focused on preventing human trafficking, aimed at youth, parents, guardians, teachers, faith organizations, and community groups; and has spoken at international and national conferences for over a decade. Prior to this position she served as the first Special Prosecutor dedicated to the prosecution of human trafficking in the Georgia Attorney General's Office. She also headed the human trafficking unit in Fulton County where she prosecuted the first buyer for trafficking in Georgia in 2014.

*Breanna Fowles, Director of Outreach, Street Grace*

Breanna Fowles serves as the Director of Outreach for Street Grace. Breanna brings experience serving sex trafficking survivors in Africa, India, and the United States with her to her role. As the Director of Outreach, Breanna has passionately spoken to thousands students, administrators, parents, businesses, and faith communities, empowering everyone who hears her to prevent the sexual exploitation of children. Through her innovative and tenacious efforts she has successfully mobilized the Houston community to keep their children safe from harm.

**Wednesday, November 2**

**Session 3: 8:30 – 9:45 AM**

**Aspects of an Inclusive, Empowering, and Ethical Anti-Trafficking Training, as Told By Survivor Leaders, NASW**

In this session walk with two survivor leaders as they outline important distinctions made in innovative and effective anti-trafficking training curriculums. They'll discuss the benefits of a survivor-led, community-based training that does not require the survivor in the training to be on site, the freedom this kind of platform provides survivors looking to share their stories and contribute to the movement while protecting their identity, and the eye-opening experience of a survivor watching their identification or escape story come to life in front of them. This session covers the importance of appropriate training, from inclusivity and empowerment to ethical survivor engagement.

*Alia Dewees, Director of Aftercare Development, Safe House Project*

Alia is the Director of Aftercare Development for Safe House Project and a member of the California CSEC Action Team's Advisory board and a survivor of minor sex trafficking and adult trafficking and exploitation. She endeavors to influence the policies and procedures involved in the identification and care of today's youth survivors. Alia believes restorative care is essential to the healing of many who have experienced sexual exploitation and that no survivor is ever too far or too gone to find complete healing and pursue their personal dreams. She currently manages a certification process to assist restorative care programs in ensuring they are utilizing best practices and speaks at the national level about her lived experience and the importance of survivor involvement.

*Sarah-Beth Evans, Survivor Consultant for Education and Content Creation, Safe House Project*

Sarah-Beth Evans is a researcher, writer, and familial sex trafficking lived experience expert. She has worked in the anti-trafficking movement for 3 years, having spent the last year with Safe House Project as the Survivor Consultant for Education and Content Creation. She spends her spare time on survivor advisory boards and in consultant positions. She works toward eradicating sex trafficking so that no child has to endure what she did.

### **Perpetuating Injustice and Inequity: Evolving HT Prevention and Service Delivery Through a 2GEN Approach, NASW**

In our work with human trafficking victims, are we missing the mark and perpetuating injustices? We know human trafficking transcends all categories and affects whole family systems. We understand historical traumas and community stressors, such as higher crime rates, lower graduation rates, and higher rates of poverty, can compound vulnerabilities for children and families. Yet, many prevention and service delivery efforts are focused solely on the victims, often placing families and communities on the sidelines. What if we had the power to achieve whole family success? This session will explore the 2Generation model and its potential to shift the trajectory of human trafficking prevention and service delivery to create effective intergenerational wellbeing and success.

*Ada McCloud, MMFT, Prevention Practitioner, DFPS Human Trafficking Division*

Ada McCloud has worked in the child abuse field since 2000, beginning as an investigator of sexual abuse for Child Protective Services. She became the forensic interviewer at a children's advocacy center; and then 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 Division. She is a subject matter expert in human trafficking and provides technical assistance, policy development, and provides training to DFPS staff and stakeholders. She primarily works to expand the continuum of prevention services for children involved with DFPS. Ada has her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Abilene Christian University.

*Blanca Denise Lance, Director of Human Trafficking, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*

Blanca Denise Lance, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Human Trafficking Director, serves on the Texas Office of Attorney General HT Prevention Taskforce, leads the Administration for Children and Families Region VI HT Workgroup and on the National Child Welfare Anti-Trafficking Collaborative - Steering Committee. She honed her skill through Child Protective Investigations, Adoptions, Family Group and Team Decision Making, Refugee, Immigrant and Citizen Affairs, and the National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation. She applies 25+ years of child welfare experience (Arizona and Texas) in leading DFPS's efforts to eradicate trafficking. Ms. Lance holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin.

### **United States v. James Coney - Case Study, NASW**

Hear from a federal prosecutor and the case agent - a detective from a local police department – about what it took to bring justice for the six teenage victims who were trafficked by James Coney from 2017-2018. From the investigation that started in 2017 through the federal trial that occurred in Madison, Wisconsin, in 2021, you will learn what worked, and what didn't, from a legal and law enforcement perspective. The session will go over the basics of federal sex trafficking law and show you how the trial team was able to get convictions on every count after a five-day trial.

*Julie Pfluger, JD, MSW, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice - Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit*

Julie Pfluger a federal prosecutor in the Western District of Wisconsin, is currently on detail to DOJ's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit. She has worked for the U.S. Department of Justice since 2005, holding several legal positions including serving as a Resident Legal Advisor in Karbala, Iraq. Her J.D. is from the University of Michigan Law School. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago and worked with youth in psychiatric crisis for several years in Chicago before getting her law degree. She has also worked or volunteered in Japan, Cambodia, Ireland, Guatemala and South Africa. Julie's background and experience have given her the legal and social skills to prosecute cases involving vulnerable victims.

*Jeff Wissink, Detective, City of Fitchburg Police Department*

Detective Wissink has been in law enforcement for over 26 years and a Detective for over 5 years. His investigative experience includes investigating child abuse/sexual assault and juvenile sex trafficking.

#### **Session 4: 10:15 – 11:30 AM**

##### **A Collaborative Effort to Center Survivor Leadership, NASW**

Members of the California Child Welfare Council's CSEC Action Team Advisory Board—lived experience experts—will discuss their role in improving policy and practice to support young people impacted by CSE and their families. The conversation will focus on the importance of creating safe spaces for lived experience experts to lead, the benefits of creating a community of survivors, sharing lessons learned on creating and maintaining an advisory board, and share examples of consultations the Board has undertaken with state and local government and community-based partners. A CSEC Action Team Advisory Board staff member will facilitate the conversation among the board members and describe the structure of the Board as a way to collaborate and duplicate similar Boards across the nation.

*Tika Thornton, Lead Crisis Response Case Manager, Journey Out*

Tika Thornton has dedicated her life to ending human trafficking. Her passion comes from being a survivor herself. After being in “the life” for 11 years, she understands its traumatic effects and the struggles of exiting. Tika has been an advocate against human trafficking and for the recovery of its victims as a Lead Crisis Response Case Manager for Journey Out. In this capacity, she endeavors to network and create change. Tika believes every voice needs to be heard and safe. She is currently on the California CSEC Advisory Board and Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force. Tika also mentors youth on prevention and intervention.

*Maria Contreras, MPP, Senior Program Associate, National Center for Youth Law*

Maria Contreras is the Senior Programs Associate for the Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children team. Maria uses her lived and professional experience to advocate on behalf of youth impacted by commercial sexual exploitation to create systemic change to prevent, improve identification, and service provision for youth and their families impacted by commercial sexual exploitation. Prior to joining NCYL, Contreras worked as a Youth Advocate at WestCoast Children's Clinic, serving Alameda County foster and probation youth. She graduated with a Master's in Public Policy from Mills College in 2019.

*Jessica Kim, MSW, Program Director, Educational Pathways*

Jessica Kim is Program Director, Educational Pathways at the Center for Justice and Reconciliation at Point Loma Nazarene University. She is currently in the development stage of the OnRamps Collaborative, multidisciplinary, collaborative effort to build financial opportunities for survivors of trafficking, and the Flourish Academy, a 12-week life skill program. She is co-creator of the Know More program, an interactive awareness, and prevention curriculum for middle school and high school-age students.

##### **Rapid Response to Victims of Human Trafficking: Legislative and First Responding Medical and Advocacy Components, NASW**

This workshop will demonstrate an appropriate trauma-informed emergent response to victims, provide the legislative and medical components of that response, and describe the process of partnering effectively, modeled after the program currently in place in Mississippi. Sandy Middleton, ED, Center for Violence Prevention will explain the legislation and agency coordination required to formalize the rapid response. Beth McCord, MSN, FNP, SANE-A, Bridge Forensic Clinic will describe the medical support SANEs provide both



emergently and long-term. Kristina McCool, Operations Manager Tower Program and manager of the statewide rapid response effort, will describe the trauma-informed response and the policy under-girding that response.

*Sandy Middleton, BA, MPPA, Executive Director, Center for Violence Prevention*

As the Executive Director of the Center for Violence Prevention, Sandy Middleton oversees all services for victims of human trafficking that includes a specialized emergency and long-term recovery shelter and program, as well as a statewide rapid response for victims. She led the legislative effort to enact Shared Hope legislative priorities, creating emergency response teams, ensuring minor victims are not criminalized and creating a certification system for law enforcement and advocates. Middleton has also partnered with Mississippians Against Human Trafficking Coalition to seek state funding specifically for human trafficking.

*Elizabeth McCord, MSN, FNP-C, SANE-A Bridge Forensic Operations Manager, Center for Violence Prevention*

As the Bridge Forensic Operations Manager, Elizabeth McCord provides emergent medical care for patients who are victims of Human Trafficking throughout the state of Mississippi. She also manages the forensic program that includes response to victims at local hospitals. Elizabeth led in the creation of the MS chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nursing and the creation of the Mississippi Association of Forensic Nursing. She also led the committee in the efforts to update the statewide forensic collection kit for the first time in 15 years.

*Kristina McCool, Tower Operations Manager, Center for Violence Prevention*

Kristina McCool is the Tower Operations Manager for The Center for Violence Prevention and has worked as an advocate for over fifteen years. In this role, Kristina has worked with federal, state, and local agencies to develop Mississippi's response protocol for child sex trafficking victims. She collaborates with five regional task forces throughout the state and leads the Rapid Response Team victim services. Kristina also oversees the trauma-informed and evidence-based programming for the state's only specialized human trafficking shelter.

### **Establishing Trauma Informed Congregations to Respond to Victims of Human Trafficking, NASW**

Attendees of this session will learn proven engagement and equipping strategies for engaging, educating and equipping faith-based entities (churches, synagogues, etc.) into becoming trauma-informed allies to serve victims and survivors of human trafficking as well as their family members.

*Danielle Ratcliff, QBHS, CTP, CEO, Reach for Tomorrow Ohio*

Danielle has worked for over 25 years in Australia and USA with at risk families as a Social Worker, Behavior Management Specialist, Trauma Practitioner, art therapist and community coordinator. For the past 4 years Danielle has trained both the social services and faith based community about the impact of trauma. She is also a pastor's daughter and has been a missionary in Malaysia and Singapore. It was because of her faith and professional life that she co-founded REACH for Tomorrow, a faith based mental health not for profit.

### **Session 5: 12:45 – 2:15 PM**

#### **Centering Youth Voice to Transform Approaches to CSE in LA County, NASW**

This presentation will describe a new pilot structure developed in LA County to center the voices and perspectives of youth impacted by commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) at all levels of decision-making - from day-to-day individual decisions to policies and systemic issues. Centering youth as drivers of change is particularly important for youth who have experienced abuse and trauma, such as CSE, where loss of control over one's own body and choices is a key aspect of the abuse. This process seeks to restore agency and power, support healing, and ensure that policies and practices meet the true needs of those most impacted. Presenters



will share lessons and key takeaways from youth listening sessions and surveys that informed development of the new structure.

*Mae Ackerman-Brimberg, JD, MSW, Senior Attorney, Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative, National Center for Youth Law*

Mae Ackerman-Brimberg is a Senior Attorney on the National Center for Youth Law's Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative. With a background in law and social work, Mae has spent her career seeking to transform the child welfare, juvenile justice, and prison systems, address discrimination leading to disproportionate impacts on people of color and those with disabilities, and improve supports for children, families, and communities. At NCYL, Mae works to change policies, laws, and practices to better identify children and youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation, and facilitate multi-disciplinary collaborations to support them to heal, meet their self-identified goals, and live full, healthy lives.

*Sara Elander, TAY Program Manager, Saving Innocence*

Sara Elander is an advocate and the TAY Program Manager at Saving Innocence. Sara worked with the First Responder Protocol through Los Angeles County for 6 years as a crisis case manager and then transitioned into her role as TAY Program Manager in 2019. Sara co-developed and currently leads the Survivor Leadership Academy for Youth (SLAY), a leadership and professional development program geared towards assisting transition age youth (TAY) with the soft skills and job readiness skills to lead their own lives and futures. Sara has also created, implemented, and currently leads several supportive programs for CSEC/Y, such as survivor/clinician-led groups, classes, and focus groups. Sara currently serves as the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force Victim Services Coordinator.

### **Disrupting Sex Trafficking Through Intervention and Prevention for Male Perpetrators, NASW**

While anyone can identify as a trafficker, this workshop is specifically focused on cis, heteronormative males as perpetrators. Workshop participants will be given an overview on the importance of working with adolescent and young adult males who are at risk of becoming involved in the crime of trafficking. This workshop will allow participants to critically reflect further on how they assess trafficking cases; potentially providing a new means of intervention to explore. By discussing the trafficker as someone needing services, we position ourselves on the national level to make systemic changes for adolescent and young adult males that can potentially eliminate the trafficker, while actively addressing exploitation, sex trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence.

*Stefania Agliano, LMSW, Ed.D (ABD), Co-Founder, I AM Training and Consultation Group LLC*

Stefania M. Agliano, Ed.D, LMSW received her doctorate from Northeastern University researching the impact of identity on facilitator efficacy providing anti-trafficking and gender-based violence prevention education with adolescent males. She received her graduate degree in Social Work from Fordham University and is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at Sacred Heart University. She previously worked in child welfare services and child protection for over twenty-five years. Dr. Agliano is co-founder of I AM Training and Consultation Group LLC and has been a contributing member of efforts to eradicate trafficking inclusive of the development of various training curriculum, training hundreds of child welfare staff, law enforcement officers, probation officers and community providers on the local and national level using an anti-oppression practice lens. Dr. Agliano has co-authored and facilitated national anti-racism and prevention programming aimed at educating participants on various topics inclusive of sexual exploitation, addressing the needs of at-risk youth and gang prevention designed for adolescents, young adults, and families under the umbrella of I AM: The Empowerment Project, as well as, teaches courses in Urban and Community Studies as an adjunct faculty.

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

Bryan Hall II, LCSW, MSW received his graduate degree from the University of Connecticut School of Social Work and has worked in child welfare, adult probation services and law enforcement more than nineteen years. Mr. Hall is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Sacred Heart University School of Social Work. Mr. Hall's clinical background consists of treating adolescents with persistent legal issues and/or mental health disorders. Mr. Hall is the co-founder of I AM Training and Consultation Group LLC and has been an active contributor of efforts to eradicate sex trafficking.

### **Healing Shame with Trafficking Survivors, NASW**

Many sexual abuse survivors and trafficking survivors struggle with shame. Despite how common shame is amongst the population, it is rarely named and providers can struggle to support survivors. This workshop will help providers gain a greater understanding of how shame impacts survivors relationships with themselves, others and how they navigate the work. The workshop will also focus on strategies to heal shame with youth and young adults who have been commercially sexually exploited. Participants will learn about self-compassion and strategies to practice self-compassion with CSEC.

*Nicole Klasey, PsyD, Consultant, Klasey Consulting LLC*

Nicole Klasey is a clinical psychologist with 18 years of experience working with at-risk youth. She has consulted with agencies on trauma-informed care, vicarious trauma, leadership development and programming for commercial sexual exploitation. Nicole has been training multidisciplinary audiences on trauma-related topics since 2015. She has authored commercial sexual exploitation prevention and intervention curriculums and is in the process of publishing a book on applying the Stages of Change Model with CSEC. She provides guest lectures at local universities and has provided expert witness testimony on CSEC and trauma.

### **Session 6: 1: 2:45 – 4:30 PM**

#### **A CPS Approach to CSEC Investigations Involving Non-Caregivers, NASW**

This presentation will discuss the approach that Child Protective Services social workers in the District of Columbia take when completing CSEC investigations, particularly with allegations against a non-caregiver. We will address the ways that our role changes when there are no allegations against a caregiver and how this presents complex challenges to CPS social workers when working with children and families. We will also discuss how despite these challenges, CPS social workers in DC are uniquely situated to assess and help address the many needs of children who have been exploited or are at risk of exploitation.

*Liana Amery, LGSW, MSW, Investigative Social Worker, DC Child and Family Services Agency*

Liana Amery is a Child Protective Services Investigative Social Worker at The District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Agency, and is on the Agency's CSEC investigations team. Liana is trained to investigate CSEC referrals, which involves working with various members of the multidisciplinary team to ensure the youth's safety and link them with appropriate, trauma-informed community services.

*Ellen Barr, LICSW, MSW, Social Worker, DC Child and Family Services Agency*

Ellen Barr, has been practicing social work for the last six years in Washington, DC. She has been employed with the DC Child and Family Services for four years as an investigative social worker with Child Protective Services, and her caseload focuses on investigations involving CSEC allegations. She participates in DC's CSEC multi-disciplinary team and is a member of the DC Human Trafficking Task Force.

*Kristin Glazier, LICSW, Supervisory Social Worker, DC Child and Family Services Agency*

Kristin Glazier has been employed in the child welfare field for the last ten years with the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Agency. She is currently a supervisory social worker in the Child Protective Services Administration. Her role includes supervising social workers who complete CPS investigations involving CSEC allegations. She is also actively involved in CFSA's internal CSEC Committee, participates on DC's CSEC MDT, and is a member of the DC Human Trafficking Task Force.

*Angela Neal, MSW, LICSW, Supervisory Social Worker – CPS, DC Child and Family Services Agency*

Angela Neal has twelve years of child welfare experience in DC and Maryland both as a frontline worker and supervisor. She was the first Foster Youth Ombudsman for the State of Maryland. Currently, she is a Child Protective Services Supervisory Social Worker with the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA). Her role includes supervising CPS social workers who conduct CPS investigations with CSEC allegations. She developed and facilitated CFSA's first comprehensive CSEC CPS Investigation Training for CPS social workers. She is on CFSA's internal CSEC committee, is a member of DC's CSEC Multi-Disciplinary Team and participates in the DC Human Trafficking Task Force.

### **The Power of Unlikely Relationships: A Discussion About the Importance of Relationship Informed Care Between Providers and Victims of CSEC, [NASW](#)**

The power of unlikely relationships details the dynamic journey of an unlikely relationship between Oree Freeman, a former probationer and current survivor leader and her probation officer, Terrika Woolfolk. This workshop will provide an overview of how building a strong relational bond and instilling hope and unconditional support is vital to the overall well being of commercially sexually exploited youth. Participants will learn the principles of relationship informed care, understand/learn strengths based engagement strategies for working with the most complex cases, and the importance of adopting a holistic and collaborative approach to treatment to enhance client engagement.

*Terrika Woolfolk, MPA, AMFT, Deputy Probation Officer II, Los Angeles County Probation Department*

Terrika is currently a Deputy Probation Officer with the Los Angeles Probation Department's Child Trafficking Unit where she leads a Collaborative Multi-Disciplinary Team of professionals and is tasked with providing her advanced expertise on the most complex CSEC cases for dual status juvenile justice and foster youth, as well as providing consultation and support to the STAR Court. Terrika has over 20 years of experience working and providing intense services to youth and families within Los Angeles County. In addition, Terrika is also an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist and Mental Wellness Coach who utilizes a strengths-based, compassion focused approach to assist both survivors and providers with implementing self-care and self-compassion strategies.

*Oree Freeman, Training Coordinator, Survivor to Leader*

Oree Freeman lives a life of service. She is a woman who has overcome adversity and continues to thrive through life's many twists and turns. Oree is passionate, filled with spunk, and is tenacious in her advocacy. Oree's mission is to be a voice and a fighter for all victims of sex trafficking and has devoted her career to combating sex trafficking by establishing AWARENESS, spreading HOPE and helping others find RESILIENCE within themselves. Over 20,000 individuals have felt her strength through the interactive training she conducts for law enforcement officers and professionals from other child-serving sectors. Importantly, she has also focused her energy on working directly with exploited and at-risk youth. Oree is an advocate where she transforms the lives of youth involved in JJ.

**Trafficking and Pornography: Unpacking the Links, NASW**

This presentation adopts a macro analysis that trafficking and porn are seamlessly woven together, both economically and culturally. Both depend on the intersection of sexism, racism and poverty to provide a steady supply of women and children to the sex industry. A major research question is: What are the cultural factors at work that provide a steady supply of buyers? Social scientists argue that sex buyers are constructed through a complex socialization system that trains them from an early age that they have the privilege to buy sex. One of the major institutions of this socialization is porn because it depicts women and children as disposable sex objects. I will argue that the tropes of porn legitimize the buying of women and children, and thus help drive the demand side.

*Gail Dines, PhD, President, Culture Reframed*

Dr. Gail Dines, a Professor Emerita of Sociology, has been researching and writing about the porn industry for well over thirty years. She is a recipient of the Myers Center Award for the Study of Human Rights, and author of numerous books and articles. Her latest book, *Pornland: How Porn Has Hijacked Our Sexuality*, has been translated into five languages. Dr. Dines is the president and CEO of the non-profit, Culture Reframed (CR). Dedicated to building resilience and resistance in children and youth to the harms of a hypersexualized and pornified society, CR develops cutting-edge educational programs that promote healthy development, relationships, and sexuality. Dr. Dines has worked with organizations such as the AAP, The CDC, as well as government bodies in the US, Brazil, UK, Poland.

**Session 7: 1: 4:45 – 5:45 PM****Criminal Offending Patterns Amongst Those Arrested for Purchasing in Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Cases, NASW**

There is a lack of information on broader criminal offending among those involved with buyers and traffickers in the commercial sex market. This presentation will provide an overview of criminal histories of those involved in trafficking and purchasing with emphasis on domestic minor sex trafficking. Moreover, while there has been great attention giving to the demographic characteristics of those who purchase sexual services, there is less known about how prior trauma impacts their participation in the commercial sex market. This presentation will also examine the prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) among purchasers and those who have sold sex. Implications for deterrence, policing, and policy decisions will be discussed.

*Anna Kosloski, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs*

Anna Kosloski is an Associate Professor in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS). She is also the director of the Bachelors of Criminal Justice program at UCCS. Dr. Kosloski's research is focused on the intersections of gender, race, and crime. She researches sex trafficking, sexual violence, and the commercialized sex market. Her recent research has included examinations of the role of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in the commercial sex market, the scope of and link to historical trauma connected to Murdered and Missing Indigenous People (MMIP), and is collaborating with a diverse, interdisciplinary team on federally funded research exploring sex trafficking among Indigenous populations within the United States.

*Bridget Diamond-Welch, PhD, Associate Professor, University of South Dakota*

Bridget Diamond-Welch, PhD, is a researcher at the University of South Dakota with expertise in systemic response to sexual violence. She has several publications related to understanding participation in the commercialized sex market. Her current research examines cultural factors in recruitment and treatment of Native survivors of sex trafficking.

*Molly McDade, Human Trafficking Sergeant, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office*

Sergeant Molly McDade began her career with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) in July of 1995. As the current Jail Human Trafficking Sergeant she documents trends, tattoos and discusses relationships with suspected traffickers and victims of sex trafficking in addition to gathering, processing, analyzing and disseminating jail intelligence. She assists in gathering evidence to indict and prosecute individuals who continue to commercially sexually exploit juvenile and adult victims. This evidence assists in corroborating the victim story, attempts to reduce witness tampering and threats while leading to convictions. Through her identification and victim centered focus she is able to connect victims with services to lead a healthier lifestyle.

*Christopher Carey, PhD, JD, Associate Professor, Portland State University*

Dr. Chris Carey is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, and affiliated with The School of Community Health and the University Studies Program. Dr. Carey is an expert in law with an emphasis on human rights. He has worked for more than 15 years in research projects and community engagement programs in the United States, Asia, and Mexico including projects supported by the U.S. State Department and USAID. A former Deputy District Attorney with a wide range of criminal and civil experience. Dr. Carey has worked in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Mexico, and several Pacific Island nations and U.S. Territories on human rights. He has published and taught widely on the issue of human trafficking.

**Understanding Trauma-Related Fragmentation and Dissociation, NASW**

Based on the work of Dr. Janina Fisher, this presentation will equip service providers to have a greater understanding of trauma-related fragmentation and dissociation, identifying symptoms and difficulties that are the result of trauma. Helping the trauma survivor understand that their symptoms, such as depression, decreased concentration, few or no memories, shame and worthlessness, insomnia, and eating disorders, are part of the continued impact of trauma, can increase the survivor's compassion and empathy for self and aid in making sense of what they experience. Teaching trauma survivors of all ages to identify triggers, understand how their brain works, and how to recognize survival responses, can enable the trauma survivor to differentiate the past from the present.

*Michelle Harrison, PhD, Counselor, Consultant, Trainer, Grace to Glory Counseling*

Michelle specializes in addressing trauma, addictions, and aiding women who have been trafficked and in recovery through her non-profit practice (Grace to Glory Counseling), provided individual counseling in a residential setting (Refuge for Women Central KY, 2015-2020), and currently provides group counseling at Jasmine Road, SC (2021-present). Michelle earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision. Her dissertation title was Understanding the Experience of Hope From the Perspectives of Women Who Have Overcome Human Trafficking: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis; the study participants were women who attended a residential program as part of their recovery. Michelle speaks at a variety of national, state, and local events on topics related to human trafficking.

**Enhancing the Survivor-Ally Relationship: Key Lessons for Effective Co-Leadership, NASW**

While survivors have the greatest knowledge to address CSEC, they did not create this problem and should not hold the whole responsibility to solve it. The trafficking movement has long struggled with centering the wisdom of survivors without relegating them to only their story. Further, well-meaning allies have often been misguided, pushing survivors into the work in a way that jeopardizes their recovery. As a survivor/ally team, Audrey Morrissey and Lisa Goldblatt Grace have co-led My Life My Choice, a Boston-based survivor-led program focused on ending CSEC, for twenty years. In that time, they have developed a transferable model for partnership and



leadership with key lessons about accountability, transparency and authenticity that can build stronger programs for exploited youth.

*Audrey Morrissey, Co-Executive Director, My Life My Choice*

Audrey Morrissey is the Co-Executive Director and National Survivor Leadership Director of My Life My Choice. Since 2002, MLMC has offered a unique continuum of survivor-led services focused on ending the commercial sexual exploitation of children. As a local and national leader in the field of exploitation, Ms. Morrissey has previously served as Co-Chair of the Victim Services Committee of the MA Task Force on Human Trafficking. Ms. Morrissey has also served as a primary consultant to the MA Administrative Office of the Trial Court's "Redesigning the Court's Response to Prostitution" project. Drawing from her personal experience as a survivor, Ms. Morrissey founded MLMC's Survivor Mentoring program in 2004 and trains service providers in Massachusetts and nationally.

*Lisa Goldblatt Grace, LICSW, MPH, Executive Director, My Life My Choice*

Lisa Goldblatt Grace is the Co-founder and Co-Executive Director of My Life My Choice. Founded in 2002, MLMC is a groundbreaking, nationally recognized, survivor-led initiative designed to end CSEC. MLMC offers a unique continuum of evidence-based services spanning prevention, training, advocacy, and direct services. Ms. Goldblatt Grace has been working with marginalized young people for thirty years, including running a shelter for teen parents, developing a juvenile diversion program, and working in outpatient mental health and residential treatment. She currently serves on the MA Governor's Working Group on Child Trafficking, the Governor's Commission on Unaccompanied and Homeless Youth, the Governor's Commission on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence and Shared Hope's JuST Council.

## Thursday, November 3

**Keynote: 9:30 – 10:45 AM**

### **Supporting Male Youth Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation, NASW**

Public health research reports a significant number of male-identifying youth are trafficked for sex across urban, rural, and metro communities in the United States. Very few organizations, however, have the internal capacity to understand and serve male survivors in trauma-informed and culturally responsive ways. This training will equip attendees with a snapshot of prevalence research, along with a thorough understanding of the needs of diverse male-identifying youth survivors, inclusive of boys and young men of color, LGBTQ+, non-GTQ+, and foreign-born. Attendees will hear practical insights from several leading experts on how their respective organizations are currently serving diverse male survivors through a trauma-informed framework. Q/A will conclude the workshop.

*Nathan Earl, Principal Consultant, Giant Slayer Communications*

Through his work as the Principal Public Health Consultant at Giant Slayer Consulting, Nathan leverages more than 20 years of lived and professional experience to help organizations and communities prevent violence against boys and male-identifying individuals. Mr. Earl serves on multiple research teams and working groups addressing a wide variety of issues including gaps in acute mental health care for survivors, minor and young adult male trafficking, drug-facilitated trafficking of male youth, and the exploitation of LGBTQ+ youth experiencing homelessness. Mr. Earl is currently pursuing his Master's in Public Health degree at Yale University.



*Jose Alfaro, Lived Experience Expert & Consultant*

Jose is a consultant and Lived Experience Expert on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking, Public Speaker, Author, Advocate and Activist. He has worked with several antihuman trafficking organizations around the globe, to spread awareness on trafficking, specifically within the LGBTQ+ Community. He is currently working on a memoir depicting his own personal experiences with trafficking. He has been featured in several publications and has worked with law enforcement, DHS and the DOJ to name a few. His work includes public speaking and giving lectures, sharing his story and statistics of human trafficking.

*John Long, Executive Director, USIAHT*

As the Executive Director of the U.S. Institute of Human Trafficking, John Long oversees all National and Local programs to fight demand. In addition he oversees the day-to-day operations of the Safe House and maintains a safe, positive environment where the Home's young men can begin the journey toward recovery. The Safe Home is the first home dedicated to the care of male victims of sex trafficking under the age of 18 in the United States. In addition to working directly with the residents of the Safe House, John hires, trains and schedules all its staff. He also works to build relationships between the surrounding community, the Safe House, and its various partners and providers.

*Landon Dickeson, MS, LPC, Executive Director, Ranch Hands Rescue*

Landon is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a focus on trauma-informed interventions. Landon completed his BS in Psychology with a minor in Neuroscience from Texas A&M University, then pursued his graduate education at the University of North Texas where he obtained an MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Landon has experience treating trauma across the lifespan in a variety of settings including inpatient, residential, risk of harm assessment, suicide loss, outpatient, and support groups. He has been trained in Equine and Animal Assisted Counseling, EMDR, DBT, talk therapy, C-SSRS, and a variety of supplementary approaches. Landon is honored to serve the animals and people who seek help at Ranch Hands Rescue.

*Audrey Baedke, Programs Manager, REST*

Audrey Baedke, Co-founder and Programs Manager at REST, learned about "the life" as a young adult when her friend was recruited by a pimp. She watched sex trafficking change her friend's life trajectory. Through this lens, Ms. Baedke graduated from Trinity Lutheran College with a major in Multicultural Studies, became certified as a High Fidelity Wraparound Facilitator and Coach, and gained seventeen years of experience working with survivors. Her current role focuses on creating policies and procedures to build agency in clients and wellness in staff. She hires, trains, and supervises direct service staff throughout REST's programs including outreach, a 24/7 hotline, advocacy, drop-in, economic empowerment program, health services, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing.

**Keynote: 10:45 AM – 12 PM**

**The Future of Healing: Hope Beyond Trauma**

Finding healing and freedom from the complex compound trauma associated with human trafficking can be elusive. We know it very often can take a lifetime. What if we could unlock the powerhouse within survivors they used to survive so they could now thrive? What if it isn't ALL about the trauma? Bravely step into a session that will re-awaken your passion, remove the onus of healing from your shoulders, challenge the ways we serve survivors of human trafficking, and leave you with a renewed sense of hope.

*Kathy Bryan, Founder and CEO, The Genesis Project*

The Founder and CEO of The Genesis Project, Kathy Bryan is a respected international speaker, consultant, mentor, and author. Kathy has provided trainings full of her professional expertise and lived experience as a survivor of human trafficking to thousands of professionals. Her work at Rebecca Bender Initiative from 2014 to June 2021 as E.D., Director of Elevate Academy, and Lead Mentor, allowed her the supreme privilege of mentoring hundreds of survivors as they navigated their journeys of healing and professional growth. Driven by a belief all people should live in freedom, Kathy has testified before the DC Council, Arkansas Congress, and serves on the board ACF Region VI Workgroup and the Board of Into the Light.

*Ada McCloud, MMFT, Prevention Practitioner, DFPS Human Trafficking Division*

Ada McCloud has worked in the child abuse field since 2000, beginning as an investigator of sexual abuse for Child Protective Services. She became the forensic interviewer at a children's advocacy center; and then 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 Division. She is a subject matter expert in human trafficking and provides technical assistance, policy development, and provides training to DFPS staff and stakeholders. She primarily works to expand the continuum of prevention services for children involved with DFPS. Ada has her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Abilene Christian University.

**Closing Remarks: 12 – 12:15 PM**

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