

# National Colloquium: Shelter and Services Evaluation for Action

Room 2237: Judiciary Committee Room | Rayburn House Office Building

Shared Hope International, The Protection Project of The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and ECPAT-USA will convene experts from around the nation to assess our current capacity to address the needs of child victims of sex trafficking in the U.S. through the National Colloquium: Shelter and Services Evaluation for Action. Voices from policy, philanthropy, child welfare, non-governmental organizations and survivor leadership will be heard as we host a dialogue amongst entities proficient in assisting this victim/survivor population. In the forum we will evaluate various service provider practices that can serve as a guide to others and document current capacity to respond to the needs of commercially sexually exploited children.

## Agenda:

### 8:30 am - 9:00 am

Welcome - *Linda Smith (U.S. Congress 1995-99), Founder and President, Shared Hope International*  
International Perspective - *Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project, Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies*

### 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Introduction of the Premises - *Carol Smolenski, Executive Director, ECPAT-USA*  
Survey Findings - *Holly Smith, Survivor Advocate and Author*

### 9:30 am - 11:45 am - Panel 1: Placement for Identified Youth

Panel discussion summary: This panel will discuss placement options for identified domestic minor sex trafficking survivors, considerations driving placement, and how successful these placements have been.

#### Moderator: Melissa Snow (TurnAround, MD)

#### Panelists:

1. Renee Murrell (FBI Victim Witness Specialist, Baltimore, MD)
2. Det. Andy Conner (The Genesis Project and SeaTac Police Department, WA)
3. Sandy Skelaney (Kristi House, FL)
4. Tammy M. Sneed (Connecticut Child Welfare Girls Program, CT)
5. Trina Lyles (Young Women's Facility of Maryland, MD)
6. Withelma "T" Ortiz Walker Pettigrew (Human Rights for Girls, CA)
7. Susan Roske (Clark County Public Defender's Office, NV)

11:45 am - 12:30 pm - LUNCH (*lunch is not provided; Rayburn cafeteria located on Level B*)

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm: Briefing - *"Identifying Sustainable Resources for Shelter and Restorative Care for Victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking"* (Room 2237: Judiciary Committee Room | Rayburn House Office Building)



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## 1:45 pm - 2:15 pm - National Colloquium Keynote

George Sheldon, Acting Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

A Demand Perspective - *Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Founder and Chair of Hunt Alternatives Fund*

## 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm - Panel 2: Licensing and Maintaining Residential Facilities

Panel discussion summary: This panel will discuss the challenges experienced in obtaining and operating under particular licensing, difficulties establishing and sustaining independent initiatives, and benefits of integration into existing infrastructure and the formal child welfare system.

**Moderator: Amy O'Neill Richard (U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons)**

*Panelists:*

1. Kaffie McCullough (youthSpark (formerly known as the Juvenile Justice Fund)/A Future. Not A Past., GA)
2. Kellie Armstrong (Shelter development consultant and former Executive Director of Freedom Place, TX)
3. Emily Fitchpatrick (Hope House, NC)
4. Marlene Carson (Rahab's Hideaway, OH)
5. Dennis Morrow (Janus Youth Programs, OR)
6. Jean Caceres-Gonzalez (The Garden at His House, FL)

## 3:20 pm - 4:45 pm - Panel 3: Therapeutic and Programmatic Responses

Panel discussion summary: This panel will explore/debate promising practices and how/if they are being measured. What does successful completion of a program mean and how are exit strategies developed?

**Moderator: Rachel Lloyd (GEMS, NY)**

*Panelists:*

1. Sharon Cooper, MD (NC)
2. Courtney Gaskins, PhD (Youth For Tomorrow, VA)
3. Mary Frances Bowley (Wellspring Living, GA)
4. Suzanne Koepplinger (Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, MN)
5. Melinda Giovengo, PhD (YouthCare, WA)
6. Deepa Patel ((Multicultural Clinical Center, VA)
7. Tina Frundt (Courtney's House, DC)

## 4:45 pm - 5:00 pm - Next Steps and Concluding Remarks

*Linda Smith (U.S. Congress 1995-99), Founder and President, Shared Hope International*

