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Dear Attendee,

On behalf of all staff at Shared Hope International, and with great pride, I welcome you to the 2015 JuST Conference! You're joined by 700 attendees from 40 states and Canada, offering ample opportunities to network, share best practices and spark new ideas in the fight for victim-centered justice. From law enforcement to service providers, legislators to stay-at-home parents and all professionals in between, we believe every role is equally important—which is why we’ve developed our unique collaborative community training conference. We welcome all who dedicate their time in any capacity to this issue. In fact, we celebrate the diversity found in our attendees and hope you will, too. You will quickly see that this week is about more than just training, it’s about idea-sharing, encouragement, and tackling challenges. More importantly, it’s about relationships. By relying on the strengths and expertise found in one another, we can close the gaps and conquer the obstacles in our response. Our hope is that you will return to your community feeling revitalized and better equipped to tackle the myriad of issues associated with juvenile sex trafficking. We built an agenda that works towards this goal. I am honored you selected our conference and look forward to seeing you again in the future.

Warmly,

Elizabeth Scaife
Director of Training
Shared Hope International
What is Juvenile Sex Trafficking?

Juvenile Sex Trafficking or Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) is the commercial sexual exploitation of American children within U.S. Borders.

AMERICA’S CHILDREN ARE BEING USED IN THE COMMERCIAL SEX INDUSTRY. Children who are exploited through prostitution, pornography and sexual entertainment are victims of domestic minor sex trafficking. Growing demand for sex with young children is fueled by a glorification of pimping and normalization of the commercial sex industry. Due to misidentification and efforts to keep victims safe from traffickers, these minors are often placed in detention facilities or enrolled in programs that address the symptoms that manifest from the underlying commercial sexual victimization.

WHAT MAKES VICTIMS SO VULNERABLE?

► The primary factor of vulnerability: the child’s age.
► Previous history of sexual or physical abuse.
► Runaway youth are extremely vulnerable to traffickers and buyers who will sexually exploit them.

FACTS

► Movement or travel across state or country borders is not required. The defining element of juvenile sex trafficking is the exchange of an item of value for a sex act. Travel is irrelevant.
► All minors are trafficking victims if they are used in a commercial sex act, regardless of the perception of consent or will. The Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act protects juveniles from having to prove that force, fraud or coercion was used to compel the act.
► A trafficker (pimp) is not necessary in a trafficking crime. The buyer’s conduct (offering an item of value for a sex act) qualifies under the crime of trafficking in federal and many state laws.
► Young girls are commonly trafficked in strip clubs, hotel rooms, and on online sites like Backpage.com.
► Traffickers recruit at locations that commonly attract youth—like schools, malls, parks, social media, even protective shelters and group homes.
► Victims can be boys or girls.
About Shared Hope International

Shared Hope International is dedicated to bringing an end to sex trafficking through our three-pronged approach – prevent, restore, and bring justice.

Prevent

Training – Shared Hope offers training programs and resources to equip professionals and community members with the skills to identify and respond to survivors and potential victims.

Research – Our research promotes the creation of promising practices and the development of effective intervention and response.

Awareness – We advance the prioritization of this issue by initiating campaigns that raise alarm in communities and provide education to teens and parents on the warning signs of trafficking.

Collaboration – We share our expertise and resources with task forces, law enforcement agencies, community groups and others to accelerate solutions to combat trafficking.

Restore

Partners – We provide funding and technical assistance to programs operated by local partners in India, Jamaica, Nepal and the U.S. to offer safe homes, medical care, education, vocational training, therapy, outreach, and intervention services for survivors.

JuST Response brings together Shared Hope’s research on services for domestic minor sex trafficking victims with its analysis of state laws to inform legislative efforts and the implementation of existing responses.

Bring Justice

We help strengthen trafficking laws and build better policies to protect victims by providing comprehensive legal research, expert testimony, coalition support, and advocacy initiatives.

The Protected Innocence Challenge is a comprehensive law analysis which results in an annual Report Card on the sufficiency of child sex trafficking laws in each state and recommendations for improvement.

The Demanding Justice Project is a research and advocacy initiative to promote demand deterrence through increased attention and advocacy on issues that impact demand.

To learn more about Shared Hope International please visit www.sharedhope.org
A Message From Our Founder

Greetings,

Thank you for joining us for the 3rd Annual JuST Conference! This year marks my 17th year fighting to combat child sex trafficking. Many of these years I have spent in the trenches next to you, desperately working to elevate the urgency of this national crisis when the world has so often been content to turn a blind eye. I believe we are at the end of an era—the era of ignorance. Through our joint efforts, children are being educated, rescued, protected, restored, and given a platform to pursue justice and together we can do so much more! Thank you for dedicating your time and resources to join us at the JuST Conference. You are making a difference!

Sincerely,

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

LINDA SMITH IS A LEADER in the global movement to end sex trafficking. In 1998, while still a member of the U.S. Congress, Linda traveled to Mumbai, India where she witnessed women and children enslaved in prostitution. This compelled Linda to found Shared Hope International. Linda serves as chief visionary and the driving force behind Shared Hope International’s many initiatives including: DEMAND., the National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, the Protected Innocence Challenge, Chosen, the Demanding Justice Project, and “Do You Know Lacy” training. Linda is the author of *From Congress to the Brothel* and *Renting Lacy*. Linda served as a Washington State legislator (1983-93) where she chaired the State Senate Children and Family Services Committee. In 1994, she was elected to the U.S. Congress where she served until 1999.
2015 Pathbreakers

John Cotton Richmond  U.S. Department of Justice, Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit

JOHN RICHMOND IS A FEDERAL PROSECUTOR SERVING AS THE SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He has investigated and prosecuted numerous victim centered labor and sex trafficking cases throughout the United States. John has also prosecuted cross burnings, police misconduct, and neo-Nazi hate crimes cases. John’s work to combat human trafficking has earned numerous honors, including: being named one of the “Prosecutors of the Year” by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, receiving the David Allred Award for Exceptional Contributions to Civil Rights, twice earning the Department of Homeland Security’s Outstanding Investigative Accomplishments in a Human Trafficking Award, winning the Distinguished Law Enforcement Teamwork Award from the Federal Executive Board, as well as twice receiving the Department of Justice’s Special Commendation Award, and other honors. John frequently serves as an expert on human trafficking for the United Nation’s Working Group on Trafficking in Persons and at the European Union’s multilateral meetings on human trafficking. He has trained judges, prosecutors, federal agents, law enforcement officers, non-governmental organizations, and international delegations on human trafficking investigative and prosecutorial strategies. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, John worked on human trafficking crimes as the Director of the International Justice Mission’s slavery work in India. John lives with his wife and three children in Vienna, Virginia.

About the Award | In 2000, the U.S. Department of State enlisted Shared Hope International to host Pathbreaking Strategies conferences in six countries to energize the conversation about trafficking and share innovative approaches to combat the problem. During this process, we created the Pathbreaker Award to recognize the pioneering efforts of those who broke the trend of inaction and initiated proactive responses to prevent sex trafficking.

This year’s awards are handcrafted original works of art by artists Margeaux Gray and Rebecca Bender. Margeaux Gray is a survivor of sex trafficking, artist and speaker. Rebecca Bender is a speaker, author, survivor leader and the Founder and Director of Rebecca Bender Ministries. The pieces have been specially created for the 2015 Pathbreaker Award recipients in honor of their leadership and dedication.
Sheriff Thomas Dart  
*Cook County, Illinois Sheriff’s Office*

As Cook County Sheriff, Tom Dart has brought an aggressive, yet innovative approach to law enforcement. A former prosecutor and state legislator, Sheriff Dart has long fought to protect the most vulnerable members of our society. As a prosecutor, he helped initiate a massive public corruption investigation in the poverty-stricken village of Ford Heights, which led to the indictments of multiple police officers. As a state legislator, Dart re-wrote child welfare bills, wrote the state’s Sexually Violent Predators Commitment Act and led the state’s first-ever study connecting homelessness and prostitution. Since becoming Sheriff in 2006, he has introduced sweeping changes at the Cook County Jail, the nation’s largest single site jail. He reformed the way Sheriff’s Police handle prostitution arrests through the Sheriff’s Women’s Justice Program. Sheriff Dart also launched a national campaign to target buyers who solicit sex and highlight their roles as catalysts for the sex trade. Since its first operation in 2011, the “National Day of Johns Arrests” has grown to include 51 law enforcement nationwide partners who have combined for 1,832 johns arrests. The Child Exploitation Unit, also founded under Dart, actively pursues child pornography and human trafficking cases; such work provided the foundation for his federal lawsuit against the website Craigslist, which ultimately led to the removal of the Adult Services section previously listed on their website. Sheriff Dart has since turned his attention to Backpage.com, now the most prominent conduit for online sex ads, shining a light on the company’s facilitation of the sex trade while pushing for policy and legal strategies to protect the website’s victims.

Alexandra (Sandi) Pierce  
*President, Othayonih Research*

Dr. Alexandra (Sandi) Pierce is an applied sociologist of Onondowagah (Seneca) and European descent. Sandi holds master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Minnesota and is Founder and President of Othayonih Research, an independent applied research and evaluation consulting firm. She has 20 years’ experience in domestic sex trafficking research and development of victim services. A survivor of juvenile and adult sex trafficking, Sandi was the principal investigator and author of *Shattered Hearts* (2009), the first research ever published in the United States on the commercial sexual exploitation of American Indian girls and women. Sandi partnered with Dr. Lauren Martin at the University of Minnesota’s Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) to conduct two studies of the “market” for juvenile sex trafficking: *Mapping the Market* (2014) focused on the structure and processes of sex trafficking operations in Minneapolis and *Mapping the Demand*, (in process) investigates patterns in sex buyer demand, collaborative processes used by sex buyers and traffickers, and trafficking transportation patterns between Minnesota to the Bakkan oil fields in North Dakota. She is a member of Shared Hope International’s JuST Experts Council, the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force, and previously served on the American Psychological Association’s Human Trafficking Task Force. Sandi is the mother of two awesome sons and an active member of a national network of domestic sex trafficking survivor-leaders.
Reminders

**Name badges must be worn at all times** in order to gain access to conference activities, workshops, and the networking reception. Please inform a Shared Hope staff member if you lose your badge and need a replacement. Some workshops are open to law enforcement and prosecutors only. These workshops provide case details and investigative techniques that cannot be made public to other attendees. In order to gain access to these workshops, you must have an icon displayed on your name badge.

**The Networking Reception** is open from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Bobby McKey’s Dueling Piano Bar across the street from the Gaylord. All attendees will receive two complimentary beverage tickets and light tapas at the reception. Additional drinks may be purchased with cash.

**Attendees with food allergies or dietary restrictions** were given the opportunity to register for a different lunch option when they completed their online registration. The lunch buffets contain options that do not include meat, gluten, dairy, nuts, and shellfish. For other specialized allergies, see Elizabeth Scaife on-site.

**Continuing Education Credits, In-Service Credit Hours and Contact Hours** will be provided for attendees. This program is Approved by the National Association of Social Workers (Approval #886539647-3092) for 13.50 Social Work continuing education contact hours. Attendees who wish to receive a certificate for NASW must complete an online evaluation following the conference. Banner Consulting has been approved by National Board of Certified Counselors as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP #6561. Programs that qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. Attendees may receive up to 13.75 credit hours for a fee of $50 paid to Shared Hope International. Banner Consulting is solely responsible for all aspects of the program. If you did not pre-register for NBCC credit hours, you may pay on site at the Shared Hope Resources table. All NBCC applicants are required to sign in and out of workshops in each session, and complete an online evaluation to receive their certificate. Virginia DCJS has approved 15 Partial In-service credit hours, AZ POST has approved 12.5 credit hours.

**Certificates of attendance** will be made available to any attendees upon request following the conclusion of the conference. Please contact Elizabeth@sharedhope.org to request your certificate.

**Evaluation surveys** have been included at the end of this program. Please complete the evaluation after each workshop and leave the form with your workshop volunteer at the end of the conference. If you have additional comments, suggestions or concerns that are unable to be addressed within the form, please email the conference organizer, Elizabeth@sharedhope.org.

**Conference materials and presentations** are available on a private webpage for attendees: www.sharedhope.org/downloads. These materials will be available for 30 days following the conference with the passcode: 2015JC!

We understand that some of the material shared during workshops and plenary sessions may be upsetting for some attendees. If, at any point, you would like privacy, the Gaylord has provided a “Wind Down Room” near the Potomac Ballroom. It requires no permission to access and is available for the duration of the conference. Volunteers and staff can provide directions as needed.

**Shared Hope staff and conference volunteers are wearing red lanyards.** If you need assistance, have questions or concerns, we are happy to help. Conference presenters are sporting red ribbons on their name badges.

**Attendees receive a $5 discount on the self-park garage at the Gaylord.** Visit the Shared Hope Resources table to pick up a voucher.

**Please refrain from photography or videography of presenters, attendees or PowerPoint materials** unless authorization is granted by Shared Hope staff and/or the workshop presenter. This conference attracts survivors of trafficking, undercover investigators, and many individuals who do not want their identities or materials shared on a public platform. Thank you for respecting the privacy of our attendees and presenters.
There are a host of pre-conference options for attendees, each requiring advance registration. Some events are closed to the public, noted below. Workshops and meetings are happening concurrently across the Convention Center throughout the day. Please review the timetable above as well as scheduled locations below to coordinate your plans. Hotel maps are provided in the back of the program.

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8:30 – 11:30 am: Ambassadors of Hope Meeting (Closed)(National Harbor 6)
10:00 – 5:00 pm: Option A: From Startup to Success workshop (Eastern Shore 2 - Lower Atrium Level)
10:30 – 4:30 pm: JuST Response Council Meeting (Closed)(Mezzanine Room 1)
1:00 – 4:30 pm: Option B: Workshop Selection - choose two (National Harbor 6-8)
3:00 – 5:00 pm: Survivor Workshops (Closed)(Presidential Boardroom)
5:00 – 7:00 pm: Survivor Reception and Networking Event (closed)(Presidential Suite)
5:30 – 7:30 pm: Exhibit Hall open to all attendees; Earlybird check-in (Potomac Ballroom AB)
Ambassador of Hope Meeting (Ambassadors of Hope Only)

Ambassadors of Hope are the heart and hands of Shared Hope International. As part of our team, we want to share upcoming initiatives and projects with you. Join us to learn about our new platform, Classy, where you will be able to create your own events and fundraisers. Better yet, you can share on Facebook and Twitter, add your own pictures and videos, and tell your friends why you’re passionate about this cause! We are also launching Salesforce for Volunteers to help us track and analyze the information you submit so we can better support your efforts and grow our network of volunteers. As we unveil our Ambassador Leadership Council, our vision is to encourage and empower Ambassadors of Hope to inform and inspire their community, support high performing Ambassadors, and engage Ambassadors in campaigns created by Shared Hope International.

Located in the National Harbor 6

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Agenda

Meet the New Growth Strategies Team: Lisa Scott Gilliam, Brodi Ayers and Stacy Jewell

Special Guest Rebecca Bender: Hear why the Ambassadors of Hope are making a difference!

Creating Momentum: Announcing new technology to transform the Ambassadors of Hope Program into one of the most powerful grassroots advocacy organizations in the country. Our new Peer2Peer fundraising and events platform is going to take our program to the next level.

The Ambassador Leadership Council: This Council was created to reward top performing Ambassadors.

Recognition: Awarding leading Ambassadors for their outstanding work

Special Guest Linda Smith: Meet the President and Founder of Shared Hope International

Shared Hope International Ambassadors of Hope are advocates looking to impact their community and the movement to end sex trafficking. They serve as volunteers for Shared Hope to help expand our impact around the nation. We work with Ambassadors of Hope to educate, equip and connect them with the information, resources and opportunities they need to create change in their community. Ambassadors attend an online or in-person training to learn the basics of domestic minor sex trafficking and ways to take action on this issue. Ambassadors are equipped with pre-made presentations, fact sheets, reports, books, and other resources and connected to speaking and training opportunities at local events for churches, businesses, community groups, conferences, schools, and more.
Self-care is essential for those working in positions that test your patience, endurance, and strength. Proper self-care allows you to continue serving others while respecting your needs. This session will equip you to establish priorities, boundaries and balance in your life. Learn how to ask others to celebrate your survival, instead of focusing on hurts from your past.

Located in the Presidential Boardroom

Survivor Workshops (Survivors Only)

Finding a Balance Between Self and Others in Your Service

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Meet the Speaker

Carissa Phelps Esq., MBA  Survivor Advocate, Founder and CEO of Runaway Girl, Inc.

Carissa strives for social impact. She is a licensed attorney, author, trainer, consultant and small business owner. Carissa’s fearless leadership in the survivor community has led to an increased level of awareness among communities, as well as improved legislation and responses to human trafficking victims, especially children. In 2012, Carissa founded Runaway Girl, Inc., a training company that offers survivor-led experiential trainings to individuals and communities. Runaway Girl, Inc. has offered hope to survivors through opportunities to lead in their own communities. In 2012, Carissa’s inspiring memoir “Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time” was published by Viking Press. In 2010, she was named one of the top 100 inspirational graduates by UCLA Anderson School of Management. She holds a BA in mathematics summa cum laude from Fresno State, and in 2013 she was celebrated as a Top Dog by the university. Carissa lives on the Central Coast of California, where she creates and contributes to positive impact businesses as a social entrepreneur.
Survivor Workshops (Survivors Only)

It’s Your Story: Navigating Media with Confidence

A reporter called and they want to interview you. Are you ready? What happens if they ask something you don’t want to answer? How do you successfully direct the interview towards topics you want to discuss? Stop wondering and come learn how to navigate the media with confidence. Your story is yours alone to share. Learn from other survivors who have successfully participated in various interviews and hear their advice on how to know if you are ready for your first interview, how to present your story while respecting your boundaries, tips for media interaction, and more!

Located in the Presidential Boardroom

Meet the Speakers

Shandra Woworuntu

Shandra Woworuntu is survivor advocate, consultant and speaker. She is appointed to the New Jersey State Commission on Human Trafficking and policy champion of National Survivor Network. Recently, she founded Mentari Human Trafficking Survivor Empowerment Program, a non-profit organization in New York and Indonesia.

Jen Spry

Jen Spry is a successful business woman and a registered Nurse, but secrets from her past haunted her. Bravely, she decided to face her childhood. By breaking the silence, she has found healing and restoration. Today, she is a voice for the children who cry in silence.

Jerome Elam

Jerome Elam is a survivor of child sex trafficking and child pornography. He is also a speaker, Marine Corps veteran, staff writer and columnist for Communities Digital News and a fierce advocate for all children.

Holly Austin Gibbs

Option A: From Startup to Success

Building a Sustainable Victim Services Organization

For every individual and organization working on the front lines to provide direct services to trafficking victims, appropriate technical and professional development is a much-needed, but often inaccessible, tool. This all-day workshop will provide the fundamentals of building a successful victim services organization. Through a series of interactive conversations, small group work and exercises, three critical challenges to establishing a sustainable service program will be explored:

• The Organizational Challenge – establishing systems and a structure in which to thrive
• The Talent Challenge – caring for your most precious resource: hiring, supervising and retaining quality staff. Burn-out and vicarious trauma will be addressed.
• The Money Challenge – seeking abundance: creating a funding plan, best practices in grant writing and navigating state and federal resources.

Located in the Eastern Shore 2 (Inside Atrium)

Meet the Speaker

Barbara Paradiso  
Director, Center on Domestic Violence, University of Colorado

Barbara Paradiso is currently the Director of the Center on Domestic Violence at the School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver). Barbara has worked on behalf of survivors of gender-based violence and their children for more than thirty years as an advocate, administrator and activist. Prior to her position at CU Denver, she served as the Director of Domestic Violence Programs for the Sunshine Lady Foundation of North Carolina. For twelve years, from 1985-1997, Barbara was the Executive Director of Boulder County Safehouse. She has participated in a variety of boards and commissions including the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, the YWCA of Boulder County and the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Ms Paradiso received her Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado Denver. She has presented and provided consultation to organizations on a state, local and national level on topics related to violence against women and children, as well as, effective non-profit administration.
Option B: Open Workshops

Session One | 1:00 - 2:30

Speak Out of Strength, Not Out of Trauma
Learn how to provide the right platform for empowered, healed survivors to demonstrate and convey what the future holds and promises for new survivors through speaking, employment, media and fundraising opportunities.

Located in the National Harbor 6

Media Gone Wild!
Crafting Responsible Media Messaging on Sex Trafficking
The many news stories about child sex trafficking can help raise awareness and resources to end trafficking, but at what price? This workshop dissects the dynamics of media engagement and provides guidelines on responsible participation of survivors.

Located in the National Harbor 8

Mobilizing Citizen Action Through Awareness Tools and Strategic Collaboration with Civic Organizations
Hear how civic organizations can bring the issue of juvenile sex trafficking into mainstream awareness and provide actionable steps for the general public to make a difference.

Located in the National Harbor 7

Session Two | 3:00 - 4:30

Creating a Successful Social Enterprise to Enhance Survivor Empowerment
Learn how to create a social enterprise to empower survivors. We will explore various ways to use trade as a means of professional development and earned income for those you serve. We will share our business model as a blueprint to enhance programming.

Located in the National Harbor 8

Effective and Practical Activities for Trauma-Informed Care Training
Learn how to distinguish between the terms trauma-informed, trauma-sensitive care and trauma-focused care, the effects of multiple trauma on victims, and how to identify four key components in trauma-informed/trauma-sensitive care.

Located in the National Harbor 6

Fighting on the Frontlines
Effective Tactics for Outreach
Learn the dynamics of the strip club industry and how to build relationships with club management to gain access to potential victims, recognize sex trafficking at a strip club and report it, and which services and community partners to establish in advance.

Located in the National Harbor 7
Speak Out of Strength, Not Out of Trauma

Ever wonder when a survivor of human trafficking is truly healed from the trauma and the aftermath of addiction to be your next speaker, presenter, or employee? Ever unintentionally exploited a survivor or allowed the survivor to unknowingly exploit themselves? What if there was a better way to convey to your funders, event attendees and the survivors you serve why you are doing the work that you do? What if you knew how to provide the right platform for empowered, healed survivors to demonstrate and convey what the future holds and promises for new survivors? What if you knew how to distinguish when a survivor is ready to speak or simply available to speak? What if you budgeted to compensate survivors for being professionals and experts in the field? What would that look like? This workshop explores all of these questions, providing the appropriate tools to address them.

Located in the National Harbor 6

Meet the Speaker

Connie Rose  Director of Survivor Programming and Prevention, Selah Freedom

Connie is a specialist in personal and social transformation with over 25 years of experience as a speaker, media contributor, coach, and educator. Her personal journey of transformation includes years of childhood sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and domestic violence over 16 years at the hands of her father. Connie is the Director of Survivor Programming and Leadership for Selah Freedom, and founder of Survivor Advocate Network of Florida. Within Selah Freedom she oversees residential, prevention, and awareness programming and supervises a team of survivor facilitators. She has nationally presented “Speak Out of Strength, Not Out of Trauma” to executive directors of service organizations, clinicians, advocates and survivors.
Media Gone Wild!

Crafting Responsible Media Messaging on the Issue of Sex Trafficking

Human trafficking is a hot topic these days. There are dozens of articles and news pieces being published every day across the United States, most of them about child sex trafficking. Raising awareness is one tool used to end trafficking, and more publicity can help generate much needed grant money to programs, but at what price? This interactive workshop dissects pros and cons of media engagement and provides guidelines on responsible participation of survivors.

Located in the National Harbor 8

Meet the Speaker

Sandy Skelaney  Chief Mastermind, Ignition Fund

Sandy is a game-changer and social entrepreneur who has played a pivotal role in developing Florida’s response to the issue of child sex trafficking. She is a Social Venture Consultant, Adjunct Professor at Florida International University and the Chief Mastermind at Ignition Fund, an accelerator program and seed funder for innovative human rights startups. In 2007, she founded the first specialized program in Florida that provides comprehensive services to sexually trafficked girls 11–18 years old, one of the first in the nation within a child advocacy center. Under Sandy’s leadership, Project GOLD at Kristi House in Miami helped hundreds of youth exit prostitution, won three highly competitive national grants, advised dozens of policy changes and wrote and advocated for the passage of Florida’s Safe Harbor Act 2012. Sandy has a MA from Yale University in International Relations and began her anti-trafficking work at ECPAT International in Bangkok, Thailand and Girls Educational and Mentoring Services in New York City. Sandy was a TEDx Miami speaker and has won five awards for her advocacy and program development, including the prestigious “Women Who Make a Difference in Miami” award from the Junior League of Miami in 2013.
Mobilizing Citizen Action Through Awareness Tools and Strategic Collaboration with Civic Organizations

This session will profile how civic organizations such as Junior Leagues can bring the issue of juvenile sex trafficking into mainstream awareness and provide actionable steps for the general public to make a difference. This session will offer examples of how civic organizations are catalyzing their communities through public awareness campaigns, educational programs, and informed advocacy. Junior Leagues from Florida, Oregon and New Jersey will share results and lessons learned from their various campaigns. Attendees will leave this session with strategies to harness the power of civic organizations and spark widespread community engagement.

Located in the National Harbor 7

Meet the Speakers

Kate Lee
New Jersey Governor’s Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence; Junior League of New Jersey’s State Public Affairs Committee

Kate is a member of the Steering Committee of the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Co-Chair of the New Jersey Governor’s Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence and member of the Junior Leagues of New Jersey’s State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC). She started working on the issue of human trafficking in 2006 and organized the first conference on New Jersey’s human trafficking problem in 2009. In 2010, she organized a workshop which developed the nucleus for the New Jersey legislation passed in 2013. She was the President of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills from 2012-13. Kate was born in London and attended the University of Warwick gaining a BA in Politics. She was a BBC News and Current Affairs Producer in London and worked as a Newsreader and Rewriter for NHK World in Tokyo for two years.
Cat Parkay
President, Junior League of Portland

Cat personally benefited from the effective action of the Junior League’s trained volunteers when they helped her escape an abusive marriage in 2012. Her experience motivated her to become heavily involved in the Junior League of Portland’s (JLP) work on the issue of human trafficking. As 2014-2015 President of the JLP and current member of their Stop Human Trafficking Committee, she’s helped launch an advocacy campaign and formation of a State Political Action Committee. She is all too aware that as volunteers and civic leaders we are not immune from the issues we seek to address and is passionate about enlisting everyday citizens to transform Portland’s trafficking hotbed to ground zero for a solution. In her professional work as Research Programs Director at InsideTrack, she oversees research and thought leadership activities with higher education luminaries and industry partners.

Lee Lowry
Former President, Junior League of Tampa

As President and CEO of the 1900-member Junior League of Tampa, Lee spearheaded the creation of the Abolish Movement, a campaign to fight the crime of child sex trafficking, in partnership with Ad 2 Tampa Bay and the FREE Network. The campaign won Ad 2’s national contest and helped spike a 40% increase in calls to the national trafficking line from Florida. As a result, Lee was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Florida Statewide Taskforce on Human Trafficking in August 2014. Her other past and present community leadership roles include: Vice Chair of the Hillsborough County Commission’s Citizens Advisory Committee; JLT’s Community Vice President and Finance Vice President; and Children and Families Taskforce Chair on the State Public Affairs Board of the Junior Leagues of Florida. She also serves on several other non-profits’ Boards of Directors.

Notes
Creating a Successful Social Enterprise to Enhance Survivor Empowerment

If you are interested in creating a social enterprise to empower survivors, this workshop is for you! We will explore various ways to use trade as a means of professional development and earned income for those you serve. We will share our Fields of Hope business model as a blueprint for those of you creative thinkers seeking to enhance your programming.

Located in the National Harbor 8

Meet the Speaker

Emily Fitchpatrick  Founder and Executive Director, On Eagles Wings Ministries

Emily is Founder and Executive Director of On Eagles Wings Ministries, based out of Charlotte, North Carolina. OEWM began in 2007 to restore females ages 12 - 25 that have been sexually exploited as domestic victims of sex trafficking, a growing problem in the United States. They accomplish this through prevention, outreach, aftercare, and empowerment. As spokesperson for OEWM, Emily actively educates the public about domestic sex trafficking. She offers presentations and workshops to churches, community groups, youth groups and colleges. Emily has also helped educate the public through various radio, television, and print, including national recognition in Christianity Today magazine and a segment on CBN's 700 Club. In 2012, Emily was invited to speak before members of Congress in Washington, D.C. at a caucus briefing on domestic minor sex trafficking. In 2013, Emily was invited to serve on the NC Governor’s Human Trafficking Commission. In 2014, Emily was invited to serve as a U.S. Speaker from the U.S. Department of State International Information Programs. She has also been the recipient of several awards including the Good Samaritan Award by the Trafficking in America Task Force and the 2012 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award.
Effective and Practical Activities for Trauma-Informed Care Training

Powerful, practical and empathy-inducing activities training staff and volunteers in Trauma-Informed Care (TIC), with emphasis on the importance of engaging the heart, not just the head, with academic knowledge in the process of understanding victims of multiple trauma. This seminar provides practical material to use in training service providers, information which elicits a better understanding of the dynamics and key issues of trauma’s effects on individuals. Following this workshop, participants will: distinguish between the terms trauma-informed, trauma-sensitive care and trauma-focused care; engage in and practice presentation exercises designed to elicit a deeper empathetic understanding of the effects of multiple trauma on victims; and identify four key components in trauma-informed/trauma-sensitive care.

Located in the National Harbor 6

Meet the Speaker

Becca Johnson, PhD  
Clinical Director, Engedi Refuge; Director of U.S. Aftercare, Agape International Mission

Becca has been a practicing clinical psychologist for over 25 years, working with victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Becca is the Clinical Director at Engedi Refuge, a residential recovery program for sexually exploited women and also serves as the Director of U.S. Aftercare for Agape International Mission (AIM). She provides training around the world on trauma care for service providers who are working with sex trafficking victims in aftercare settings.
Fighting on the Frontlines

Effective Tactics for Outreach

Is your organization hoping to provide outreach into your community where both adults and domestic minors are trafficked? Come learn the ins and outs of the strip club industry and how to build relationships with club management in order to gain inside access for your team to meet the women and potential victims working on site. Learn how to recognize sex trafficking inside a strip club and how to report it. Learn what services and which community partners to establish in advance in the event that you are approached by someone wanting to leave the sex industry. The presenters will discuss how this organization’s outreach started, what services we have implemented and what we have learned in the process.

Located in the National Harbor 7

Meet the Speakers

Tayla Fortenberry
Case Manager/Counselor, Switch

Tayla Fortenberry, MA, Ed.S, LPC has been involved with Switch since November 2012. She is currently the case manager and counselor. She received her Masters and Educational Specialist in Mental Health Counseling from Gardner-Webb University in May 2014. She specializes in Trauma and Crisis and is certified in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. She has a background in working with at-risk youth in a group home setting and has conducted research on the effects of abuse on mental health.

Lindsay Blair
Program Director, Switch

Lindsay is the Program Director for Switch, a local 501(c)3 non-profit based in the upstate of South Carolina. She has worked with women in the commercial sex industry for 2.5 years through implementing local strip club programs and building a strong network of victim service providers and partners to assist women out of the life of the commercial sex industry. Through their outreach efforts, Switch has helped 14 women leave the life since 2012, including three self-identified sex trafficking victims. Lindsay and her team work closely with local law enforcement to ensure that any woman and all minors who are being trafficked will be reported and appropriate measures or actions will be taken to ensure their safe exit from the sex trafficking industry.
THE JUST RESPONSE COUNCIL WAS DEVELOPED TO INFORM A GROWING BODY OF POLICY AND FIELD RECOMMENDATIONS created through Shared Hope’s JuST Response project. JuST Response brings together the foundation of the law and the effective policies of state child serving systems to provide guidance for those working to support juvenile survivors of sex trafficking and to help connect them to appropriate services in the most trauma-informed and safe manner.

The Council is made up of the field’s leading juvenile sex trafficking professionals from the areas of service provision, law enforcement, government agencies, academia, the faith community, philanthropy, and survivor leadership. Their expertise brings a holistic and comprehensive body of knowledge to the JuST Response, leveraging Shared Hope’s history of involvement in restorative shelter and care, our extensive research on state laws, and our knowledge of services for domestic trafficking victims—information that is critical for effective advocacy and development of state responses.

JuST Response Council Members

- Nancy Baldwin, Hickey Family Foundation (AZ)
- The Honorable Bobbe Bridge (ret.), Center for Children and Youth Justice (WA)
- Laura Boyd, Foster Family-based Treatment Association (OK)
- Darla Bardine, National Network for Youth (DC)
- Nikki Trautman Baszynski, Office of the Ohio Public Defender (OH)
- Lauren Behsudi, Casey Family Programs (DC)
- Mike Conrad, FBI, retired (AZ)
- Denise Edwards, National Children’s Alliance (DC)
- Rebecca Epstein, Georgetown University School of Law (DC)
- Tina Frundt, Courtney’s House (DC)
- Courtney Gaskins, Youth for Tomorrow (VA)
- Melinda Gioveno, YouthCare (WA)
- Lisa Goldblatt Grace, My Life My Choice, Justice Resource Institute (MA)
- Kim Grabert, Dept. of Children & Families (FL)
- Yolanda Graham, Devereux Georgia (GA)
- Michelle Guymon, L.A. County Probation Dept. (CA)
- Marian Hatcher, Cook County Sheriff’s Office (IL)
- Stephanie Holt, Mission 21 (MN)
- Rebecca Johnson, PhD (WA)
- Katherine Kaufka Walts, Center for the Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago (IL)
- Gretchen Kerr, Northland, A Church Distributed (FL)
- Abigail Kuzma, Indiana Attorney General’s Office (IN)
- Faiza Mathon-Mathieu, ECPAT-USA (DC)
- Withelma “T” Ortiz Walker Pettigrew, Survivor Advocate (MD)
- Alexandra (Sandi) Pierce, Othayonih Research (MN)
- The Honorable Hiram Puig-Lugo, D.C. Superior Court (DC)
- Margie Quin, Tennessee Bureau of Investigations (TN)
- Elizabeth Ranade Janis, State of Ohio Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator (OH)
- Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Sex Trafficking Intervention Research, Arizona State University (AZ)
- Linda Smith, Shared Hope International (WA)
- Melissa Snow, NCMEC (VA)
- Jen Spry, RN (PA)
- Margaret Talburtt, Lovelight Foundation (MI)
- Yasmin Vafa, Human Rights Project for Girls (DC)
- Terry Williams, Women’s Foundation of Minnesota (MN)

Membership in the council does not indicate endorsement of all JuST Response research and recommendations.
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund. Together, we raised $15,000 and were able to extend scholarships to 45 law enforcement agents and survivors who would have otherwise been unable to attend the conference. We are deeply grateful for your support!
Session 1

Thursday | 8:50 – 10:20 AM

Innocence Stolen
Protecting Our Children Online
This is a multimedia presentation that provides communities the necessary information to keep children safe online, including prevention and intervention strategies to combat predators.
Located in National Harbor 5

You Can’t Stop What You Don’t See
Identifying CSEC Using a Validated Screening Tool
This presentation addresses practice, policy and research implications for integrating systematic CSEC screening into child-serving settings.
Located in Chesapeake J-L

Providing a Continuum of Comprehensive Services to Meet the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth in Child Welfare
This class focuses on the key components of a trauma-informed treatment program for youth in foster care.
Located in National Harbor 4

Walking In Her Shoes
A detective and former sex trafficking victim will discuss inside information the FBI obtained when cracking the sex trafficking case and the story behind recovering Leah Rogers and catching her savage, high-profile pimp in Arizona. The audience will leave with greater awareness and ideas for prevention.
Located in Chesapeake A-C

Prosecuting Human Trafficking Cases
(Law Enforcement/Prosecutors Only)
This class is designed to assist prosecutors and investigators who are tackling human trafficking cases, from initial investigation to post-conviction. Topics include: charging decisions, trial preparation, defense strategies, and victim and witness preparation.
Located in National Harbor 6

The Culture of Family-Controlled Trafficking
This session will take a look at some of the patterns and tactics found in familial sex abuse and trafficking cases in order to thwart future victimization.
Located in Chesapeake G-I

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Session 2

Thursday | 10:45 – 12:00 PM

**Keeping it Real**
An Informal Discussion With a Survivor on the Reality of Trafficking, the Streets and What Survivors Need From You
EleSondra will share her trafficking story and provide valuable insight into the mindset of a victim and what matters in creating opportunities for connection, growth and long-term healing.
Located in Chesapeake G-I

**Beyond Arrest and Prosecution**
Strategies for Responding to the Demand for Commercial Sex
This workshop will present the “Buyer Beware” program, a new initiative in Seattle dedicated to ending commercial sexual exploitation by reducing sex buying.
Located in Chesapeake J-L

**A Three-Stage Residential Recovery Model**
A three-stage residential recovery model will be presented to the audience. Stage One includes daily learning classes and requirements; Stage Two adds community/work involvements; and Stage Three provides adjustment to independent living.
Located in Chesapeake A-C

**Recognizing Risk-Inducing Family Patterns**
This session will discuss the role of secrets and how they work to provide protection for abusers, instructing attendees how to explore self-talk, somatic expression, and other behavioral indicators.
Located in National Harbor 4

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**Chasing “America’s Most Wanted”**
A Juvenile Sex Trafficking Case Study (Law Enforcement/Prosecutors Only)
This case study details the criminal investigation, two-year manhunt, and prosecution of a pimp who was featured on America’s Most Wanted.
Located in National Harbor 5

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Session 3
Thursday | 1:30 – 3:00 PM

How Trauma Can Affect the Forensic Interview Process for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims
This workshop will discuss how different forms of complex trauma that minor victims experience can affect the forensic interview process; different scenarios from actual interviews will be included. Located in National Harbor 4

How Do We Find the Boys?
This workshop will discuss some of the challenges facing providers when working with boys and LGBTQ survivors, as well as provide information on how to find and engage them in programs. Located in Chesapeake G-I

The Illusion of Choice
Seen Through the Eyes of Two Survivors
Two women from different parts of the country share their story of recruitment, grooming and trafficking by the same man. Walk away with tools on how to fight tactics employed by traffickers. Located in Chesapeake A-C

Working Together Towards a Common Goal
How Law Enforcement and Non-Governmental Organizations Can Team Up to Fight Trafficking
A discussion on how nonprofits can build a strong relationship with law enforcement to create an effective collaboration. Located in Chesapeake J-L

Developing a Statewide Response to Child Trafficking
Leveraging Resources and Building Capacity
Participants will learn about New York’s model for responding to child trafficking through the child welfare system, innovative solutions, promising practices, and common challenges. Located in National Harbor 5

No Vice Squad...No Problem!
A Multi-Disciplinary Response to Sex Trafficking in Your Jurisdiction (Law Enforcement/Prosecutors Only)
A roadmap for child sex trafficking investigations designed specifically for agencies without a dedicated vice squad or human trafficking unit. Located in National Harbor 6
Session 4

Thursday | 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Beneath the Surface Case Study Presentation
This presentation involves a case study on Jane Doe, comparing treatments, explaining failures, and demonstrating how success occurs through communication and collaboration.

Located in Chesapeake J-L

The Slave and the Porn Star
Links Between Pornography and Sex Trafficking
The increased demand for trafficked women and children in recent years is in part due to pornography. This presentation will discuss the impact pornography has on society, highlighting one survivor’s story.

Located in Chesapeake G-I

Building Bridges
A Collaborative Approach to Addressing the Comprehensive Health Needs of Sexually Exploited Youth
This workshop will focus on the development of a small collaborative partnership of medical, mental health, legal, and youth advocates working to improve services to exploited youth.

Located in National Harbor 4

U.S. vs Xavier Villanueva
Four defendants were convicted and sentenced for the sex trafficking of a 14-year-old girl. This case study will give an overview of the criminal investigation of four traffickers and the victim services provided to the child victim involved.

Located in National Harbor 5

Ending The Game
Addressing Psychological Coercion to Reduce Recidivism Among Survivors
This workshop will discuss the effects of psychological coercion in trafficking and explain why coercion is the missing link to understanding recidivism.

Located in Chesapeake A-C

Utilizing RICO to Combat Criminal Street Gangs Involved in Human Trafficking (Law Enforcement/Prosecutors Only)
This presentation will cover two separate multi-defendant cases, demonstrating how law enforcement can investigate traditional street gangs who have transitioned to human trafficking.

Located in National Harbor 6

Policy Training and Technical Assistance Workshop and Resource Center
Policy advisors will review Shared Hope’s recommendations for addressing the gaps in state laws, provide state and issue-specific advocacy materials and discuss strategies for how to impact the legislative process.

Located in Potomac Ballroom AB

Pre-registration Only
# Session 5

**Friday | 10:00 – 12:00 PM**

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Session 7
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**Leader of Sex Trafficking Ring Convicted of Pimping Juveniles**  p. 80
This case study pertains to the federal prosecution of a pimp who operated a prostitution business involving multiple juvenile victims, highlighting a victim-centered prosecution model.
Located in National Harbor 4

**Identifying and Responding to Child Sex Trafficking in the Healthcare Setting**  p. 83
This presentation provides clinical information to assist healthcare providers in caring for victims of child sex trafficking in pre-hospital and healthcare settings.
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**Florida’s Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Our State**  p. 84
This program will describe recent bills and their impact on Florida, current services available, what CSEC-specific services should be delivered and the need for standardized outcomes.
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**Shame, Faith and Resiliency**  p. 82
This session explores how the Judeo-Christian faith can be used to promote healing and create a shame-free identity for victims.
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**“Mike Pyro”**  p. 86
Pimp Turned Child Pornographer
This workshop will expose the challenges and successes in the identification, investigation, prosecution and trial of Robert Harold Scott, the five women involved with Scott, and seven minor victims, ages 1-5 years old.
Located in Chesapeake J-L
JOHN RICHMOND IS A FEDERAL PROSECUTOR SERVING AS THE SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He has investigated and prosecuted numerous victim centered labor and sex trafficking cases throughout the United States. John has also prosecuted cross burnings, police misconduct, and neo-Nazi hate crimes cases. John’s work to combat human trafficking has earned numerous honors, including: being named one of the “Prosecutors of the Year” by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, receiving the David Allred Award for Exceptional Contributions to Civil Rights, twice earning the Department of Homeland Security’s Outstanding Investigative Accomplishments in a Human Trafficking Award, winning the Distinguished Law Enforcement Teamwork Award from the Federal Executive Board, as well as twice receiving the Department of Justice’s Special Commendation Award, and other honors. John frequently serves as an expert on human trafficking for the United Nation’s Working Group on Trafficking in Persons and at the European Union’s multilateral meetings on human trafficking. He has trained judges, prosecutors, federal agents, law enforcement officers, non-governmental organizations, and international delegations on human trafficking investigative and prosecutorial strategies. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, John worked on human trafficking crimes as the Director of the International Justice Mission’s slavery work in India. John lives with his wife and three children in Vienna, Virginia.
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Walking In Her Shoes

Vice Detective Christi Decoufle and former sex trafficking victim Leah Rogers will educate the community and law enforcement about the sex trafficking industry. In this workshop, presenters will discuss inside information the FBI obtained when cracking the sex trafficking business along with the story of recovering Leah Rogers and catching her savage, high-profile pimp in Arizona. The audience will leave with greater awareness and ideas for prevention after hearing the story first-hand from the two women who lived it.

Located in Chesapeake A-C

Meet the Speakers

**Leah Rodgers**  
*Survivor Advocate, Catholic Charities*

Leah was lured into sex trafficking by her boyfriend who she soon discovered was a pimp. Undercover officers plotted to catch him in a meeting with “underage” girls, but it was Leah who was caught and charged. Fortunately, the judge gave her a chance to be a part of a program that saved her life and she now travels around the world sharing her story with the detective that rescued her from human trafficking. Leah’s book, *Game Over: The Story Behind a Sex-Trafficking Victim*, was written to educate others on how to prevent becoming prey to the sex industry and she is now a full-time advocate whose video testimony has received over 600,000 views and likes on Facebook.

**Christi Decoufle**  
*Vice Detective, Phoenix Police Department*

Christi is a 15-year veteran of the Phoenix Police Department and has been a Detective in the Vice Enforcement Unit for 10 years. She has a B.S. in Psychology and a M.Ed. focused on Psychology and Human Services. Christi is a subject matter expert in the area of domestic human trafficking and testifies as an expert witness in both state and federal court. She is a member of the FBI’s Human Trafficking Task Force and the International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators. Christi works with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in identifying and rescuing juvenile victims of sex trafficking. She is a trained child forensic interviewer and has trained law enforcement, juvenile probation, the medical community, CPS, faith-based organizations, FBI, attorneys and educational institutions about sex trafficking.
You Can’t Stop What You Don’t See

Identifying CSEC Using a Validated Screening Tool

Without early identification, commercial sexually exploited children suffer prolonged abuse, resulting in cumulative trauma that impacts their mental and physical health. In a community research study, WestCoast Children’s Clinic found that 75% of youth are exploited for three years before getting help. In response, WestCoast developed the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) in 2014 in collaboration with more than 100 stakeholders in California. To validate the tool, WestCoast is piloting the CSE-IT in more than 25 sites including: child welfare, probation, mental health, education, primary care, homeless services and residential programs. This presentation addresses practice, policy and research implications for integrating systematic CSEC screening into child-serving settings.

Meet the Speakers

Hannah Haley, MSW
Policy and Communications Associate, WestCoast Children’s Clinic

Hannah Haley, MSW, is WestCoast’s Policy and Communications Associate. She has six years of experience with state and federal policy related to foster care, commercial sexual exploitation of children, and children’s mental health. She has presented policy recommendations to audiences throughout California and has provided consultation for counties developing interagency protocols for CSEC. For the Commercial Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool project, Ms. Haley has overseen pilot site implementation and technical assistance.

Stacey Katz, Psy.D.
Executive Director, WestCoast Children’s Clinic

WestCoast Children’s Clinic is a children’s mental health clinic in Oakland, California serving over 1,700 children annually, most are involved in the child welfare system. During her tenure, Stacey has expanded WestCoast’s impact on children and families by establishing new mental health programs for underserved populations. In 2009, she launched the C-Change program, which provides intensive mental health services to more than 125 sexually exploited youth per year. She is the Co-Chair of the Prevalence and Assessment Committee of the California Child Welfare Council’s Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Action Team, a statewide committee tasked with developing solutions to improve services for child sex trafficking victims. Stacey has worked with youth in the child welfare system and children’s mental health for more than 25 years.
Jodie Langs, MSW
Director of Policy and Communications, WestCoast Children’s Clinic

Jodie leads WestCoast’s work to reform California’s response to commercially sexually exploited children. She is currently working with more than 25 public and private agencies to integrate the Commercial Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool (CSE-IT) into existing processes and protocols. Jodie also provides technical assistance to California counties to develop interagency CSEC response protocols. She has more than 15 years of experience working collaboratively with providers, policy makers, advocates and researchers to protect and improve services for youth in foster care, youth with mental health needs and sexually exploited children.
Providing a Continuum of Comprehensive Services to Meet the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth in Child Welfare

One Year Findings On the CHANCE Program Implementation and Youth Outcomes

Citrus Health Network has developed an Enhanced Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care Program and an intensive in-home team to meet the special needs of youth involved in commercial sexual exploitation entitled Citrus Helping Adolescents Negatively Impacted by Commercial Exploitation (CHANCE). This presentation will focus on the key components of this trauma-informed treatment program which include foster parents specially trained in both the behavioral and emotional needs of this population and the unique social factors related to commercial sexual exploitation. The presentation will include one year of findings on youth demographic and diagnostic characteristics, fidelity to the program model and youth outcome measures including functioning, strengths, mental and behavioral health needs and well-being over time.

Meet the Speakers

Melissa Johnson, MA, MPH
Senior Social and Behavioral Researcher, Department of Child and Family Studies, University of South Florida

Melissa is an applied anthropologist and senior social and behavioral researcher with over five years’ experience conducting research on child welfare and children's mental health services, both within the state of Florida and nationally. Her research experience includes evaluations for the Western and Pacific Child Welfare Implementation Center and a pilot Enhanced Therapeutic Foster Care program.

Kimberly McGrath, Psy.D.
Clinical Coordinator of Foster Care, Citrus Health Network

Kimberly received her doctorate at Florida Institute of Technology and completed her internship and residency at Citrus Health Network, Inc. For 10 years, she has been responsible for patient care at the Foster Care Plus program at Citrus Health Network. She directs the initial assessment of potential foster care clients, the facilitation of matching and placement of clients with foster families, and the coordination and supervision of continued therapeutic services. She is the founding psychologist of the CHANCE (Citrus Helping Adolescents Negatively Impacted by Commercial Exploitation) program and the TACT (Treating Adolescents Coping with Trauma) program at Citrus Health Network.
Prosecuting Human Trafficking Cases

(Law Enforcement/Prosecutors only)

Human Trafficking cases present prosecutors with unique issues and complicated litigation. This class is designed to assist prosecutors and investigators who are tackling human trafficking cases, from initial investigation to post-conviction. A team approach between prosecutors, law enforcement and victim advocates allows for simultaneous goals of rescuing victims and prosecuting their offenders to the fullest extent. This course will help prosecutors work with law enforcement to investigate cases involving trafficking, and to gather the evidence necessary to make a successful case. We will discuss charging decisions, trial preparation, accomplice testimony, defense strategies and witness preparation. Working with trafficking victims to prepare them for trial requires knowledge of their individual trauma experience, interpersonal dynamics, their needs and their recovery process. Addressing witness issues and anticipating the unexpected is crucial for a successful prosecution.

Located in the National Harbor 6

Meet the Speaker

Brooke Grona-Robb, Esq.  Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County

Brooke has been prosecuting cases involving human trafficking and Internet crimes since November 2005. She received her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 2000, and is currently an Assistant District Attorney in Dallas County, Texas. Brooke is the Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Organized Crime Division and has been supervising the Human Trafficking and Internet Crimes Against Children Unit of the Organized Crime Division for the past nine years. She trains law enforcement, prosecutors, and other individuals in issues involving human trafficking, and she has written an article for the Texas District and County Attorney Association entitled “Prosecuting Human Traffickers” in the Sept-Oct 2010 issue of The Prosecutor. She received an award from the Crime Victims Council of Dallas County for Outstanding Service on Behalf of Victims in April 2011. She has been a prosecutor since January 2001 and has recently prosecuted human trafficking cases, sexual assaults, compelling prostitution, violent offenses, and drug trafficking enterprises.
The Culture of Family-Controlled Trafficking

Just like the world of pimp-controlled trafficking, there is a culture to a family engaged in familial sex abuse and trafficking. Some of the tactics used by families to brainwash and “break” children are similar to the pimp environment, while some are different. But one thing is certain, they are all deliberate and everyone plays a role in the dysfunctional family system. If we recognize these tactics, we can thwart them when working with victims and potential victims of family-controlled trafficking and abuse.

Meet the Speaker

Elisabeth Corey, MSW  Survivor Advocate, Beating Trauma

Elisabeth is a survivor of family-controlled child sex trafficking and abuse. Her encounters with domestic violence and incest began when she was two years old. After years of familial sexual abuse, her father started selling her to make extra money. Through her bravery and resilience, she was able to survive and leave home at 18, but not without physical and psychological repercussions. She has spent the past six years recovering from her childhood experiences and earning her Masters of Social Work degree while parenting two small children. Elisabeth writes about the biological, psychological, social and spiritual aspects of recovery from complex posttraumatic stress disorder (C-PTSD) and dissociation on her blog at BeatingTrauma.com. She intimately discusses issues that affect the daily lives of survivors, including breaking the cycle of abuse through conscious parenting, navigating intimate relationships as a survivor, balancing the memory recovery process with daily life, coping with self-doubt and overcoming the physical symptoms of a traumatic childhood. She uses her corporate experience in program management, training, finance and information technology, her education in social work and her personal experiences as a sex trafficking and abuse survivor to generate awareness about sexual violence and complex post-traumatic stress disorder.
Keeping it Real

An Informal Discussion With a Survivor On the Reality of Trafficking, the Streets and What Survivors Need From You

EleSondra, known as “El,” is a survivor of child sex trafficking. El is from the streets, was victimized on the streets and now goes back to the streets to conduct outreach and provide services to girls stuck in similar violence and exploitation. Join us for a facilitated discussion as El keeps it real and shares her story, providing valuable insight on the mindset of a victim and explains what really matters in creating opportunities for connection, growth and long-term healing. Ample time will be given for an informal Q&A with the audience where El encourages people to ask the hard questions so a real and honest discussion can take place.

Located in the Chesapeake G-I

Meet the Speakers

EleSondra DeRomano
Founder, Standing Together Against Real Slavery (S.T.A.R.S.)

El works tirelessly with at-risk women and girls from backgrounds of exploitation, domestic violence, rape, and drug abuse. She couples her brutal honesty and extraordinary background to create an atmosphere of hope for women and children who are forgotten or abandoned by society. El’s exposure to exploitation began with her parents. She was placed in the foster care system and introduced to the world of abuse at the age of four, graduating to a world of drugs, prison and prostitution by eleven. El’s insurmountable perseverance and dedication is an essential part of S.T.A.R.S. where she has created one-of-a-kind programs such as the Girls Crisis Prevention/Intervention Program and Outreach Program for Survivors of Prostitution, fostering love and trust to a sector of our society that is lost and forgotten.

Melissa Snow
Child Sex Trafficking Program Specialist, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Melissa is the Child Sex Trafficking Program Specialist for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, providing assistance with victim advocacy and services planning to law enforcement and social services. Previously, as Director of the Anti-Trafficking Program for TurnAround, Inc., Melissa launched a drop-in center and long-term residential program for survivors of sex trafficking and established a partnership with the MD Department of Juvenile Services, to implement a screening tool for youth at risk for trafficking. Melissa is former Director of Programs for Shared Hope International where she managed domestic and international partners, directed research, and co-authored the resulting National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking.

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A Three-Stage Residential Recovery Model

A three-stage residential recovery model will be presented to the audience. Stage One incorporates daily learning center classes and requirements; Stage Two adds community/work involvements; and Stage Three provides support and adjustment to independent living. This model is being implemented at Engedi Refuge, with a 90+% success rate (where women who have been in the program are not returning to the Life).

Meet the Speakers

Lea Newcomb
Executive Director, Engedi Refuge

Lea, together with her husband Aaron, founded Engedi Refuge, a residential recovery home for sexually exploited women, located in Washington State. They have been burdened since 2007 with the concerns and needs of those that have been victims of prostitution and human trafficking. As their awareness and education increased, they desired to put their compassion into action. Before opening Engedi Refuge, the Newcombs interned at Servants Anonymous Society in Surrey, Canada, learning all the ins and outs of running a Learning Center and Safe House facility for exploited women.

Becca Johnson, PhD
Clinical Director, Engedi Refuge; Director of U.S. Aftercare, Agape International Mission

Becca has been a practicing clinical psychologist for over 25 years, working with victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Becca is the Clinical Director at Engedi Refuge, a residential recovery program for sexually exploited women and also serves as the Director of U.S. Aftercare for Agape International Mission (AIM). She provides training around the world on trauma care for anti-sex trafficking victim aftercare service providers.
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Beyond Arrest and Prosecution

Strategies for Responding to the Demand for Commercial Sex

Sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation are driven by sex buying. If there were no buyers, there would be no business. And yet, even as the volume of sex buying across the country balloons, the harmful practice has traditionally been neglected in efforts to address sex trafficking. The presenter will talk about a new approach in Seattle dedicated to ending commercial sexual exploitation by reducing sex buying. The initiative, “Buyer Beware,” is a unique coalition of organizations including the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, social service agencies, advocacy organizations and law enforcement. Learn some of the innovative tactics to reduce sex buying including high volume online deterrence, social media, community education, business engagement, media engagement, high school education, traditional law enforcement stings and a 10-week class for sex buyers.

Meet the Speaker

Valiant Richey, Esq.  Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office

Val has worked in the Special Assault Unit of the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office for the last six years, handling cases involving the sexual abuse of children and adults and the physical abuse of children. Currently, Val is a senior trial attorney in the unit and is responsible for prosecuting cases involving sex traffickers and the purchase of children for sex. He is also one of two local coordinators for “Buyers Beware: A Partnership to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation,” a King County initiative funded by Demand Abolition. Val has conducted numerous trainings on sex trafficking for law enforcement, service providers, and the general public throughout Washington State. In 2013, he was appointed to the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Statewide Coordinating Committee. He has a BA and MA in political science from Boston University and a JD from the University of Washington.
Recognizing Risk-Inducing Family Patterns

The session will discuss the role of secrets and how they work to provide protection for abusers. We will learn to ask the questions that will reveal secretive patterns in families. We will explore how self-talk can be a red flag for mandatory reporters to delve deeper. We will also look at somatic expression related to visitation or interaction in certain environments and other subtle behaviors that may indicate potential risks for commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Meet the Speaker

Darlene Pawlik, LPN  Vice President, Savethe1

Darlene has been a practicing nurse for 26 years and has worked in pro-life ministry for more than 22 years. She's spoken in many venues including the New Hampshire legislature, fundraisers, public events, TV interviews, schools, churches and other groups. Darlene served as a Trustee and as President of New Hampshire Right to Life, and is currently the Chair of the Educational Trust and serves as Vice President of Savethe1. Conceived by rape, she suffered ritual abuse from toddlerhood by her own father and later a maternal uncle. Darlene was targeted for CSEC and sold on her 14th birthday. To escape the enslavement after four years, and to keep her unborn child safe, she faked an abortion to get free from the man holding her. Darlene escaped to a maternity home, pledged her life to God, and soon married a wonderful man. Together they have raised five great children and now have two grandchildren. Darlene was interviewed by Dr. James Dobson on his Family Talk radio program with four other members of Savethe1. She's also authored the book of her own life story, “Testimony: The Dark Side of Christianity.”
Chasing “America’s Most Wanted”

A Juvenile Sex Trafficking Case Study

(Law Enforcement / Prosecutors Only)

This case study details the criminal investigation, two-year manhunt and prosecution of Archie Richard Byrd III. Byrd was identified as a pimp during an undercover hotel operation where two victims were recovered. Byrd fled from law enforcement officers during the operation and was a fugitive for two years. Over forty-five law enforcement agencies assisted with the manhunt for Byrd. He was featured on America’s Most Wanted, where they created a reenactment of the operation. Byrd was ultimately arrested, convicted of six human trafficking charges and sentenced to three life counts in prison.

Meet the Speaker

Sara Thomas  Special Agent, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Sara has been in law enforcement for eight years. She was assigned to the Athens Regional Field Office in 2007 where she worked a variety of investigations involving a range of felony violations. In 2011, Sara was selected to begin working in the newly-formed Human Trafficking Unit which is now part of the Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit. She is currently assigned as a Federal Task Force Agent with Homeland Security Investigations in Atlanta, Georgia and trains regional, national and international law enforcement on the subject of juvenile sex trafficking.
How Trauma Can Affect the Forensic Interview Process for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the average age a person is targeted and trafficked is 12 – 14 years old. Minors who have been sexually trafficked have experienced complex trauma. Since forensic interviewers have a specialized skill in gathering detailed information, it is key that forensic interviewers continue to gain information and knowledge on how to interview different populations. This workshop will discuss how the different forms of complex trauma could affect the forensic interview process for reasons such as: disrupted brain development, locations of forensic interviews and the importance of MDT involvement. Different scenarios and snippets from actual interviews will be discussed.

Located in the National Harbor 4

(Approved for 1.5 NBCC credit hours)

Meet the Speakers

Iona Rudisill, LGSW
Program Operations Manager, Baltimore Child Abuse Center

Iona is a licensed social worker and certified National Victim’s Advocate for victims of child abuse. She is an expert in forensic interviewing and its national and international protocols with a 15 year history. As Lead Forensic Interviewer at Baltimore Child Abuse Center, she has co-developed interview scripts to determine the identity and behaviors of persons involved in violent crimes against children and intellectually disabled adults. She is a certified trainer for the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force and has presented at conferences sponsored by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention, the Araminta Freedom Initiative, and the National Child Advocacy Centers. Iona served on a 16-member work group that instituted guidelines for conducting forensic interviews with DMST victims.

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How Do We Find the Boys?

The anti-trafficking field is robust these days and largely focused on assisting female survivors of sex trafficking. Boys, however, have been shut out of many “gender safe spaces” that provide specific trauma-informed care and only recently have we begun to see a surge in awareness and services available for boys and the LGBTQ population nationally. One pitfall many communities face in working with boys is assuming that the same program that works for girls will work for boys. With boys and transgender youth being least likely to self-identify as victims, service providers find it difficult to reach them. This workshop will discuss some of the challenges with working with boys and LGBTQ survivors of trafficking and provide information about how to find them and engage them in an effective program sensitive to their needs.

Located in the Chesapeake G-I

Meet the Speakers

Sandy Skelaney  
*Chief Mastermind, Ignition Fund*

Sandy is a social entrepreneur who has played a pivotal role in developing Florida’s response to the issue of child sex trafficking. She is a Social Venture Consultant, Adjunct Professor at Florida International University and the Chief Mastermind at Ignition Fund, an accelerator program and seed funder for innovative human rights startups. In 2007, she founded the first specialized program in Florida that provides comprehensive services to sexually trafficked girls 11–18 years old, one of the first in the nation within a child advocacy center. Under Sandy’s leadership, Project GOLD at Kristi House in Miami helped hundreds of youth exit prostitution, won three highly competitive national grants, advised dozens of policy changes and wrote and advocated for the passage of Florida’s Safe Harbor Act 2012.

Nathan Earl  
*CEO, Ark of Freedom*

Recognizing critical gaps in treatment services for young male victims of trafficking, Nathan felt called to help end their silent suffering. In 2014, the vision became a reality when Nathan and founding supporters officially registered Ark of Freedom with the State of Florida as a male-focused, victim-centered and trauma-informed human rights organization with the aim of preventing child trafficking, as well as the rescue and restoration of those who have fallen prey.

Personal triumph over life experiences instilled in Nathan, as Ark of Freedom’s founder, a deep passion for advocating on behalf of victimized youth. His life experiences, faith in God, and strategic insight have helped mold him into a visionary, innovative leader and change agent, inspiring others to embrace the movement to end the trafficking in humans.
The Illusion of Choice

Seen Through the Eyes of Two Survivors

A story you don’t want to miss! Two women from different parts of the country and different backgrounds were trafficked by the same man. Hear how they were lured, groomed and forced into exploitation in very different ways, how they leaned on one another to get through and eventually get out. Using their real-life case examples, the two survivor leaders will show how the RICO Act worked for or against them and where each path led: criminalization vs decriminalization. Walk away with tools on how to decode online ads and fight corrective tactics employed by traffickers.

Located in the Chesapeake A-C

Meet the Speakers

Rebekah Charleston
Founder, Rebekah Speaks Out

Rebekah is a mother, honors college student and passionate advocate for victims of human trafficking. At the age of 17, Rebekah ran away and became a victim of human trafficking for more than ten years. She had multiple traffickers and was not able to escape until the federal authorities finally became involved. As a survivor, Rebekah has wisdom to impart and a story that will help her audience understand the issues, and shed light on what happens here in America. Rebekah’s story is one of hope and restoration. She has allowed God to turn her tragedy into triumph and is truly a voice for the voiceless.

Rebecca Bender
Founder and Director, Rebecca Bender Ministries

Rebecca is more than just a survivor of domestic sex trafficking. She is an award-winning, internationally-recognized speaker, author and Survivor Leader in the movement to eradicate modern-day slavery. Her testimony of redemption, escaping a life of sex trafficking, can be read in her first book Roadmap to Redemption, which has helped countless victims find hope. Rebecca hosts a unique Virtual Mentoring Program for survivor leadership development and consults on the development of safe shelters for women. Finishing her master’s degree in Christian Thought, Rebecca is also the mother of four children and lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and their family.
Working Together Towards a Common Goal

How Law Enforcement and Non-Governmental Organizations Can Team Up to Fight Trafficking

Often it is easy for there to be mistrust and disdain between law enforcement and victim advocacy groups, yet the successful prosecution of the trafficker requires an excellent working relationship between law enforcement and non-governmental organizations. Over the last few years, the Tampa Bay/Clearwater Task Force has become one of the nation’s leading examples of collaboration and success. This session will focus on the ways law enforcement and nonprofits complement each other in the fight against the sex trafficking of minors, providing strategies to develop these relationships in order to create cohesion.

Located in the Chesapeake J-L

Meet the Speaker

James McBride  Detective (Ret.), International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators

Detective James McBride was selected as the lead investigator of the Clearwater/Tampa Bay Area Human Trafficking task Force in August of 2006 and was assigned as Director in May of 2011. As the director and lead investigator, he was responsible for building relationships with all ethnic communities, non-governmental agencies, faith-based organizations, and law enforcement agencies within Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco Counties. He was a task force officer on the FBI-led Innocence Lost Task Force which investigates and coordinates services for domestic minor sex trafficking offenses in the Tampa Bay Area. Detective McBride assisted the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute and the Department of Justice with the Immersion Learning Program. This program was designed to assist other human trafficking task forces with investigative techniques and task force management. He assisted the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in creating a 40 hour Advanced Human Trafficking Investigations course for law enforcement investigators, and the Minnesota Community Policing Institute with creating advanced human trafficking task force curriculum. Detective McBride currently serves as the President and Co-founder of the International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators.
Developing a Statewide Response to Child Trafficking

Leveraging Resources and Building Capacity

Participants will learn about New York’s model for responding to child sex and labor trafficking through the child welfare system. In 2012, this project, Safe Harbour: NY, was implemented within the state through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in five areas. Now active in 17 regions, IOFA and OCFS work together to develop innovative and sustainable training and advocacy efforts on child trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation for the child welfare system, stakeholder agencies, and for first responders within the community. The project was designed to increase identification of cases, ensure that child trafficking victims receive full access to the legal and human rights afforded to them under the law, and ultimately to prevent further child trafficking. It focuses on enabling child protection staff to identify and access key protections and services for the victims. Promising practices and common challenges in responding to the CSEC population will be discussed.

Located in the National Harbor 5

Meet the Speakers

Madeline Hannan, MSW
Project Director of ChildRight: New York, International Organization for Adolescents

Madeline coordinates, develops and implements a statewide response to child trafficking through partnerships with select counties, delivers training and technical assistance, and created a screening tool and strategic statewide action plan. She provided policy analysis on child welfare issues for the New York State Council on Children and Families. She designed and completed a study of child protection training materials on behalf of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and wrote a master’s thesis on New York State’s Safe Harbor for Exploited Children Act.

Phil Goldstein
Director of Program Development, Westchester County Department of Social Services

Phil began with the Department of Social Services in 1987 as a Senior Social Caseworker in Child Protective Services and has continued in supervisory positions. In 2004, he designed and developed the curriculum that provided the foundational training for all new Westchester County child welfare workers. That program has since become DSS’s own Child Welfare Training Academy. Phil now oversees training, program and policy of Child Protective Services, Foster Care and Preventive Services. He also oversees the department’s newest initiatives: Cross Systems Units which provide PINS Pre-Diversion/Preventive Services to families to address concerns without Family Court Intervention, and the Safe Harbor Program.
No Vice Squad...No Problem!

A Multi-Disciplinary Response to Sex Trafficking in Your Jurisdiction

*(Law Enforcement / Prosecutors Only)*

A roadmap for child sex trafficking investigations designed specifically for agencies without a dedicated vice squad or human trafficking unit. This course will offer strategies for identifying the scope of sex trafficking in your jurisdiction, raising awareness for law enforcement and the community, developing protocols for sex trafficking investigations and collaborating with non-governmental organizations to increase resources in lean budgetary times. The training will provide an overview of how agencies are applying the victim-centered approach to their investigations. Case studies will demonstrate how this collaborative approach increases the recovery of trafficked victims along with the arrest and prosecution of traffickers and buyers.

Located in the National Harbor 6

Meet the Speakers

**Domenick Kaufman**
*Sergeant, Mesa Police Department*

Domenick is a 19-year veteran of the Mesa Police Department with over eight years as a detective assigned to the Major Incident Response Team investigating several high profile cases within the Violent Crimes Unit and Homicide. In his current assignment at the Mesa Family Advocacy Center, Domenick supervises investigations involving child and adult sex offenses, child abuse, kidnappings, Internet crimes against children, child pornography and sex trafficking. He developed the sex trafficking response protocols for the Mesa Police Department and is one of the primary instructors on the topic of sex trafficking for the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board.

**Scott Carpenter**
*Detective, Scottsdale Police Department*

Scott is a 23-year veteran of the Scottsdale Police Department who has extensive investigative experience with an emphasis on gang-related incidents. He is currently assigned to the Gang Investigations Unit, is a Task Force Officer with the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force, and serves as the department’s primary investigator of sex trafficking and related crimes. Scott assisted in the development of the sex trafficking protocols and provided department-wide training for the Scottsdale Police Department. He has provided instruction on sex trafficking investigations and strategies to a number of law enforcement and non-governmental organizations and instructs for the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZ POST).
Beneath the Surface Case Study Presentation

This presentation involves a case study on Jane Doe who was in the system from an early age. The case study compares the “traditional treatment” and the gaps caused by such treatment, showing a progression of systemic failures throughout the system, not due to lack of effort or professionalism but to communication and misdiagnosis. The presentation then demonstrates how success occurs when all parties involved use a mental health model versus a safety and security model.

Located in the Chesapeake J-L

Meet the Speakers

Jeff Smialek, MA, MeD, LMHC
Camelot Community Care and N.G.S.

As a Clinical Director, Adjunct Professor, and Co-Founder of N.G.S., Jeff is currently working with domestically trafficked youth ages 10-18. He is collaborating with two circuit courts to develop a mental health format that will assist community understanding of the need for trauma-informed care. Other endeavors include developing evidence-based modalities to help children and families overcome the trauma inflicted when involved in trafficking, working with Springfield College to develop programs that maximize treatment while promoting fiscal responsibility, and, as director of a detention center, to promote understanding of trauma-informed behavior among youth, families, and the legal system. In an effort to provide warmth, compassion, and a sense of safety, Jeff also incorporates canine therapy and works closely with staff to break down the youths’ walls of fear.

Mary Rivera Gibson, MA
Sexual Violence Counselor, Sunrise of Pasco Domestic and Sexual Violence Center

Mary provides counseling and crisis intervention services to survivors of sexual assault, sexual abuse and/or sexual violence. Since 2011, she has provided a broad range of mental health counseling services to at-risk children and adults. In 2013, Mary developed a strengths-based curriculum providing counseling services to victims who were sexually exploited through human trafficking. In addition, she participated in developing an evidence-based treatment mental health modality for youth who were sexually exploited through human trafficking. The treatment modalities consist of an integrative approach that incorporates trauma-informed care, a holistic approach, an empowerment model, and animal therapy to assess the needs of each individual.
The booming demand for trafficked women and children in recent years is due in part to the proliferation of pornography. Dawn Hawkins will discuss the latest research on the impact pornography has on the individual, the family and society to explain how men get to the point of being a John and how many girls are groomed by the pornified culture. Research and anecdotal evidence indicate that pornography is a major factor in the demand; it is used regularly to advertise and sell victims; and is often used to make more money for the pimps. Anna Malika will share her personal story which follows the unfortunate patterns explained by the research, sharing how pornography was intertwined with her victimization.

Located in the Chesapeake G-I

Meet the Speakers

Anna Malika
Survivor Advocate

Born in India, Anna was adopted into an American family and was later sexually trafficked as a teenager in North Carolina. She received services at Mercy Ministries, and is now majoring in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology and Pre-Law. A powerful public speaker and a policy and survivor advocate, Anna has assisted in drafting bills concerning human trafficking, including the recently passed Safe Harbor Law in North Carolina where she gave her personal testimony. She has also assisted in writing both national and international policy for combating sex trafficking and providing meaningful support for victims. Anna served as the keynote speaker and panelist for the Code Red Conference in the country of Malta on child trafficking law and has completed several national speaking tours.

Dawn Hawkins
Executive Director, National Center on Sexual Exploitation

Dawn is a passionate defender of human rights who is dedicated to fighting societal harms that threaten the dignity of others. Her energy, creativity and mobilization skills have revived the anti-pornography movement. As Executive Director NCSE, Dawn has developed a national strategy uniting conservative, women’s rights, child advocacy and religious groups, including bipartisan political leadership, to collectively raise awareness of the pornography pandemic. Her initiatives have led to sweeping changes of exploitative policies at Google, Verizon, and the Department of Defense. Dawn has appeared on local and national television programs, including Fox & Friends, CNN, and Good Morning America. She regularly speaks and writes on the harms of sexual exploitation and what can be done to curb the growing public health crisis resulting from pornography.
Building Bridges

A Collaborative Approach to Addressing the Comprehensive Health Needs of Sexually Exploited Youth

This workshop will focus on the development of POHSEY (Proactive Outreach for the Health of Sexually Exploited Youth), a small collaborative partnership of medical, mental health, legal and youth advocates working to improve the provision of medical and mental health services to commercially sexually exploited children. Presenters will focus on the development and implementation of partnership goals, including creation of a vulnerability index through analysis of a youth database, development of triage models, policies and procedures for care, vetting of community resources and improving community and health care provider education. Discussion will include the ongoing work of YLOL (Youth Living Out Loud), a mentoring program aimed at assisting CSEC.

Located in the National Harbor 4

Meet the Speakers

Wendi Ehrman, MD
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Adolescent Medicine
Division of the Medical College of Wisconsin; Medical Director, Milwaukee Adolescent Health Program

Wendi has been practicing in Adolescent Medicine for 21 years and is currently Medical Director of the Milwaukee Adolescent Health Program which provides comprehensive care to high-risk youth. Wendi worked at the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center for the past 14 years providing health screens, acute care and reproductive care to detained youth. She is currently the Primary Investigator on POHSEY, a grant aimed at improving collaborative care for CSEC and a partner on a federal mentoring grant for CSEC in crisis.

Tia Medley, FNP, CNS
Milwaukee Adolescent Health Program

Tia is an employee with the Adolescent Medicine Department and provides trauma-informed, primary and acute health care services at the Juvenile Detention Center of Milwaukee County and at the Downtown Health Center. She is a member of the Proactive Outreach for the Health of Sexually Exploited Youth (POHSEY), Milwaukee County Human Trafficking Task Force and Committee Comprehensive Approaches to Youth who Have Been Sexually Exploited (CAYSE). Tia has a Masters in Psychology and Nursing and is dually trained as a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in public and women’s health and a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP).
U.S. vs Xavier Villanueva

Four defendants were convicted and sentenced for the sex trafficking of a 14-year-old girl. The victim was recruited by an adult female, then taken to a pimp, an active member of the criminal street gang Nine Tre Gangsters where she suffered physical and sexual assault, and forced drug use. Eventually recovered by law enforcement, she was placed in treatment at a residential mental health facility. Following discharge, she ran from home and was trafficked again in South Florida. This case study will give an overview of both the criminal investigation and the victim engagement and services provided to the minor child.

Meet the Speakers

Erin Wirsing
DELTA Program Manager for CSEC, Devereux Florida

Erin has worked with trafficked persons since 2006, and currently provides advocacy for children and youth who have survived commercial sexual exploitation. Her role includes the support and implementation of CSEC programs across the Devereux continuum of care, including residential, foster care and wrap-around services. She also serves as a trainer to professionals and foster parents caring for sexually exploited youth.

Patrick Guckian
Master Sergeant, Orlando Police Department

Patrick has been with the Orlando Police Department since 1997. He has conducted and supervised more than 80 human trafficking investigations from initial victim interview through successful prosecution. He has made numerous human trafficking training presentations to law enforcement officers, nongovernmental organizations, governmental organizations, and victim service providers throughout Florida. His area of expertise is domestic minor sex trafficking.
Ending The Game

Addressing Psychological Coercion to Reduce Recidivism Among Survivors

This workshop will discuss the effects of psychological coercion in trafficking and explain why coercion is the missing link to understanding recidivism beyond Stockholm Syndrome and trauma bonds. We will explore “The Game,” a documented and systematic coercion process used by many traffickers, and we will explore Ending The Game, a survivor-created intervention curriculum designed to help survivors overcome feelings of attachment to a trafficker and/or the lifestyle of commercial sexual exploitation. This first-of-its-kind curriculum has shown promising results in reducing recidivism by helping survivors understand the methods and effects of psychological coercion and learn and practice various strategies for coercion resiliency. Workshop attendees will hear survivor testimonies, engage in thought-provoking dialogue, and participate in an interactive activity from the Ending The Game curriculum. Attendees will also learn practical ways to incorporate what they’ve learned into their own work and interactions with survivors.

Located in the Chesapeake A-C

Meet the Speaker

Carissa Phelps, Esq., MBA  
Survivor Advocate, Founder and CEO of Runaway Girl, Inc.

Carissa strives for social impact. She is a licensed attorney, author, trainer, consultant and small business owner. Carissa’s fearless leadership in the survivor community has led to an increased level of awareness among communities, as well as improved legislation and responses to human trafficking victims, especially children. In 2012, Carissa founded Runaway Girl, Inc., a training company that offers survivor-led experiential trainings to individuals and communities. Runaway Girl, Inc. has offered hope to survivors through opportunities to lead in their own communities. In 2012, Carissa’s inspiring memoir “Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time” was published by Viking Press. In 2010, she was named one of the top 100 inspirational graduates by UCLA Anderson School of Management. She holds a BA in mathematics summa cum laude from Fresno State, and in 2013 she was celebrated as a Top Dog by the university. Carissa lives on the Central Coast of California, where she creates and contributes to positive impact businesses as a social entrepreneur.

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Utilizing RICO to Combat Criminal Street Gangs Involved in Human Trafficking

*(Law Enforcement / Prosecutors Only)*

This presentation will cover two separate multi-defendant cases charged with Conspiracy to Violate RICO in the Southern District of California. Presenters will demonstrate how federal and local law enforcement can investigate traditional street gangs who have transitioned into human trafficking as a racketeering criminal enterprise. The presenters will review case evidence, operational targeting with social media, working with gang victims and overall lessons learned throughout the investigation and prosecution of 60+ defendants.

Located in the National Harbor 6

**Meet the Speakers**

**Jack Reed**  
*Detective, Oceanside Police Department*

Jack has been a police officer for 18 years with Los Angeles and Oceanside Police Departments and has been a Detective in the Special Enforcement Section of the Oceanside Police since 2007. His experience includes complex criminal investigations related to narcotics trafficking, prostitution, human trafficking, and criminal street gangs. Jack served as a member of the FBI Innocence Lost Task Force and is a sworn Special Deputy U.S. Marshall. He is assigned to the DEA San Diego Integrated Narcotic Task Force and has testified in federal and/or state court as an expert in the areas of prostitution, narcotics, weapons trafficking, commercial sex trafficking and child sexual exploitation. He has developed and provided training courses to law enforcement and NGOs on prostitution enforcement, investigations and complex racketeering case development.

**Vince Bales**  
*Detective, San Diego Police Department*

Vince has been with the San Diego Police Department for over 13 years where he has worked domestic violence, narcotics, and vice operations. He was assigned to the Narcotics Team from 2007 to 2009 and has been on the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force for the last four years. He has been involved with over 500 prostitution-related arrests, over 200 pimping investigations and acted as case agent on both state and federal prosecutions for pimping, pandering and human trafficking. Vince is cross-sworn with the FBI as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshall, acting as the co-case agent on a recent RICO case involving the indictment of 24 subjects. He has provided training on human trafficking throughout the United States to other law enforcement agencies.
Policy Training and Technical Assistance Workshop and Resource Center

Do you want to help your state raise its Protected Innocence Challenge grade? Do you want guidance on how to advocate for better laws in your state? Meet with national policy advisors to discuss the strength of your state’s laws under the Protected Innocence Challenge legislative framework, the basis of Shared Hope’s annual report cards grading each state on the strength of their laws to combat juvenile sex trafficking. Policy advisors will review Shared Hope’s recommendations for addressing the gaps in state laws, provide state and issue-specific advocacy materials and discuss strategies for how to impact the legislative process. The policy resource center includes Protected Innocence Challenge policy research materials as well as information about Kids Are Not For Sale legislative advocacy campaigns, coalition-building and other advocacy tools.

Located in the Potomac Ballroom AB

Meet the Speakers

Tabatha Mansfield
Tabatha is the Principal of Mansfield Consulting, a policy consulting firm specializing in victims’ rights. Prior to obtaining her law degree, she worked for Congress and for the Virginia legislature.

Rachel Harper
As Policy Counsel at Shared Hope, Rachel engages in legislative advocacy, analyzes statutes, submits testimony for hearings, and supports collaborative efforts. She produces policy position papers and raises awareness regarding demand.

Joel Shapiro
Joel is the policy advisor and lobbyist for Kids Are Not For Sale in Oregon. He’s worked on state and federal sex trafficking policy issues for the past seven years, including serving as Chief Counsel to Oregon Senator Ron Wyden.

Ryan Dalton
Ryan is the CEO and co-founder of Rescue Forensics, an intelligence and forensic platform that targets and disrupts online human trafficking. He served as policy counsel at Shared Hope International and director of an anti-trafficking nonprofit in Memphis.

Pre-registration required. Walk-ups welcome from the following states: AZ, CO, GA, IA, IN, MD, MI, NY, VA, WI, TX.

Christine Raino
As Director of Public Policy at Shared Hope International, Christine leads the Protected Innocence Challenge research and advocacy, focusing on policy initiatives related to access to services for juvenile sex trafficking victims and demand enforcement.

Amanda Rodriguez
Amanda is the Chief Program Officer at Turn Around, Inc. and the Co-Chair of the Training Subcommittee for the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force. Previously, she prosecuted human trafficking cases at the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Samantha Vardaman
Samantha is a Senior Director at Shared Hope International, leading the organization’s state and federal policy initiatives since 2005. She is the author of numerous reports, articles and briefs on domestic minor sex trafficking and its policy implications.
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BONNIE IS A TECHNICAL EXPERT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAUMA INFORMED MENTAL HEALTH and psychosocial programs and has worked domestically and internationally for 15 years to reduce the effects of trauma on rule of law, interpersonal relationships, and education in stress-affected societies and marginalized populations. Bonnie specializes in complex trauma and has worked with thousands of victims of violence, exploitation and human trafficking. She teaches culturally-specific strength-based approaches for motivating behavioral change and building trauma resiliency. She has developed an evidenced based cross-cultural model for the prevention, intervention and treatment of complex traumatic stress that incorporates the most current neuroscientific research on brain development and attachment theory. Her work focuses on psychosocial capacity building by providing systemic training for corporations, government agencies, professionals, paraprofessionals and grass roots organizations. Her fieldwork includes the countries of Mexico, India, South Africa, Swaziland, Serbia, Russia, Bolivia, Colombia, Thailand, Haiti, Nepal and the United States. Bonnie is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Therapist Supervisor in the states of Maryland and Virginia. She earned her M.Ed. degree in School Counseling from Wilmington University, and a post-graduate Certificate of Advanced Counseling Studies (CACS) from Regent University.

Keynote: Beating the Burnout Blues

Compassion fatigue, burnout, and secondary trauma are occupational hazards for those combating sex trafficking. New research indicates that initiatives focused solely on individual self-care and work-life balance are doomed to fail and may actually make us worse. Long hours, financial uncertainty, demanding work environments may not be the problem. What is emerging in work-stress literature is a fundamentally different problem, a problem that begins when the boundary between what we are trying to accomplish and our ideals about what we bring to our work become blurred. What is required for an effective long-term career in the field is a change in our philosophical outlook and a new understanding of what it means to “help.” Improving our “response-ability” and focusing on resiliency are the keys to beating work-stress blues.
Establishing and Maintaining an Effective Task Force

Challenges and Best Practices

This session will explore the reasons why task forces are an effective model to combating human trafficking with a specific region. The presentation will focus on the challenges newly developing task forces will face including funding, multi-disciplinary engagement, defining roles within the task force, task force administration, among others and will offer viable solutions based on established best practices.

Located in the Chesapeake J-L

Meet the Speaker

Bill Woolf  Detective, Fairfax County Police Department, Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force

Bill has been a police officer for 13 years with the Fairfax County Police Department and is currently assigned as the lead investigator with the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force to investigate all forms of trafficking in the Eastern District of Virginia, compile intelligence on trafficking trends and methods, track and interdict trafficking activity, and disseminate information throughout the D.C. Metropolitan area. Bill has been recognized as a national expert in sex trafficking and provides training to professionals and community members across the U.S. on gang dynamics and human trafficking. He has investigated and prosecuted crimes in both state and federal court, partnering with the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security on investigations. He has received awards from the Virginia Gang Investigator’s Association, the Virginia Office of Attorney General, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Gang Crime Research Center. He graduated from the University of Virginia.
From Survivor to Thriver

Working with Victims of Commercial Exploitation

This training, which is co-presented by a survivor, will discuss working with victims of commercial sexual exploitation through a trauma-informed lens. This workshop will review how the brain is affected by trauma, reactions in the context of trauma, key principles of trauma-informed care, vicarious trauma that can be experienced by family members or the helping professional and the importance and practice of self-care.

Meet the Speakers

**Carrie Speiser, MPA**
*Program Coordinator for the Human Trafficking Prevention Initiative, Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey*

Carrie is a passionate advocate with over 10 years of experience working towards the prevention of dating and domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. In her current role she provides training and technical assistance for the prevention of commercial sexual exploitation for adolescent girls and coordinates the My Life My Choice Sexual Exploitation Prevention Curriculum for at-risk adolescent girls. She also oversees the implementation and quality management of the curriculum throughout the state as the State Leader of My Life My Choice. She graduated from Seton Hall University with a Master of Public Administration for Non-Profit Management. Carrie believes that everyone can help make a difference toward social change.

**Jennifer Hammer**
*Survivor Advocate, Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey*

Jennifer is a survivor advocate with more than five years of experience working with victims of domestic minor sex trafficking as an outreach worker, group facilitator at juvenile justice facilities, and on-site peer mentor. Her current work with Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey is as a member of the CSEC Prevention Team. Jennifer facilitates trainings for clinicians, therapists, social workers, and other service providers to educate them on the survivor perspective. Jennifer also works with at-risk teenagers implementing the My Life My Choice Exploitation Prevention Curriculum.
Early Information Gathering and Risk Assessment of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims

This workshop will focus on early risk assessment of juveniles coming into contact with law enforcement officials, by showcasing an innovative form of risk assessment and an algorithm for services and collaboration of law enforcement officials and clinicians. A survivor’s case study will be presented to discuss the perspective of survivors being exploited through strip clubs and other adult entertainment establishments, followed by a discussion on clinical practice and current research supporting the algorithm used by this team in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The presenters will define a flowchart for victim services through innovative assessment, the use of current law enforcement operations and community partnerships along with research to support this current method of intervention.

Meet the Speakers

Keahi Soumo, MS, MSW, LMSW
Executive Director, Four Winds Behavioral Health

Keahi is Executive Director of Four Winds and Senior Research Associate with the California State University Center for Delinquency and Crime Policy Studies. He has worked in the area of adult and youth gangs for 15 years, developing and supervising gang intervention and tattoo removal programs. Keahi consults with numerous national, state, county, and tribal agencies and was honored with the “Social Worker of the Year” for the State of New Mexico in 2011. He co-chairs the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, is National Advisory Board Member for Encuentro Latino National Institute on Family Violence, OVC Children’s Justice Act, is a member of the NM Human Trafficking Task Force, and is president of Advocates of Social Justice Division of the New Mexico Counseling Association.

Roslynn Gallegos, LMSW
Therapist, AMIKids Sandoval

Roslynn received her MSW from New Mexico Highlands University School of Social Work. She is a licensed social worker currently working at AMIKids Sandoval as a therapist, providing services to male youth and their families. Roslynn is an advocate for victims of human trafficking and women who have been exploited by the sex industry. In 2013, she and a group of classmates created a billboard reading “Hope for a future where people are not for sale.” This billboard stood for one year in various locations in Albuquerque, New Mexico representing both the state and national hotline for reporting cases of Human Trafficking.
Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) in Los Angeles

A Multi-Disciplinary Approach

This workshop will provide an overview of multi-disciplinary collaborations and programs in place in Los Angeles County to serve commercially sexually exploited children. Panelists will present on the Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol for CSEC that prioritizes a victim-centered, strengths-based approach to identifying and serving CSEC within 72 hours of law enforcement identifying them. The panel will discuss the Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience (STAR) Court, a specialized collaborative court for CSEC and the role of attorneys, probation officers and social workers participating in the court. The panel will review other efforts related to CSEC in L.A. including a prevention curriculum, juvenile hall workshops, and media campaign. Last, the panel will discuss the statewide initiatives in California including the clarification to child welfare law, the state-funded CSEC Program, and resources for use in other jurisdictions.

Meet the Speakers

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

Michelle is the project manager for Los Angeles County’s Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children which was launched in August 2014 and places a priority on treating trafficked children as victims rather than criminals. She is a frequent presenter and trainer regarding child abuse issues, strategies for working with youth in the probation system, and the commercial sexual exploitation of children. She has also received numerous awards for her work in the area of child sex trafficking, has been featured in the media as a subject matter expert on the topic, specifically within the juvenile justice system. Michelle is currently the lead on the Los Angeles County CSEC Action Team working with various county/community agencies to create a multi-system response model for CSEC in Los Angeles County. She is an advocate for youth and is very passionate about her work within the Probation Department.
Kate Walker, Esq.

National Center for Youth Law, Oakland, CA

Kate is an attorney whose legal career has been devoted to examining the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the U.S. and its intersection with the child welfare system. She currently serves as Project Director for the statewide CSEC Action Team, charged with improving the services and support received by exploited and at-risk children in the state of California. She also works in Los Angeles and San Francisco counties, and others, to develop interagency protocols to more effectively serve CSEC victims. Kate has provided expert testimony at state Senate hearings and conferences throughout the country on the intersection of the child welfare system and commercial sexual exploitation. She was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship after graduating from law school and during her fellowship authored “Ending the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: A Call for Multi-System Collaboration in California.” She received her undergraduate degree in Public Policy with a focus in Psychology from Pomona College and her J.D. from University of Iowa College of Law.

Jessica Midkiff

Survivor Advocate, Nola Brantley Speaks

Two years ago, Jessica couldn’t show her face on camera out of fear for her life; she is a child sex trafficking survivor who suffered years of sexual and physical abuse at the hands of exploiters. Now she is using her experiences and strength to educate, empower and advocate for young girls throughout Los Angeles County. Despite a tumultuous past, Jessica has become a survivor-leader, dedicating her life to helping others in similar situations. She works with the Los Angeles County Probation Department, providing mentorship to commercially sexually exploited youth. She facilitates prevention workshops for at-risk youth and provides support for girls who are bravely testifying against their traffickers in court. Jessica is a member of Los Angeles County’s STAR Court team, and provides support to law enforcement when young children are rescued from the streets. In addition, Jessica has spoken on various panels, testified before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and received numerous awards for her outstanding work with victims of sexual exploitation, including being named “Woman of the Year” by Supervisor Don Knabe, LA County Board of Supervisors.
Promising Practices in Therapeutic Foster Care for Juvenile Sex Trafficking Survivors

Youth in foster care show a common history of vulnerability to sex trafficking or to being targeted by traffickers for exploitation. However, foster care parents are often unprepared to identify signs of victimization or provide survivors with the level of care and intervention necessary to ensure their recovery, restoration and successful transition to adulthood. As such, there is a tremendous need to equip foster care parents with the knowledge and resources necessary to provide therapeutic care to trafficking survivors, in partnership with local professionals, and to train interested foster care parents nationwide to address the shortage of safe shelters for exploited children and youth. Drawing from a statewide training program for foster care parents in Iowa, this presentation delineates a pathway for foster parents to serve the needs of youth and address our nation’s shortage of safe shelters. This presentation offers an approach to community-engaged care which facilitates survivors’ restoration and community reintegration, while helping to nurture resilient youth, communities and families. It emphasizes promising practices which help to ensure every survivor’s continuous voluntary connections to their safe families and integrated networks of support.

Meet the Speakers

Teresa Downing-Mattibag, PhD

Executive Director, Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking, Office of the Attorney General; Iowa State University

Teresa is an expert on human trafficking and intimate relationships in young adulthood, and her research engages a human rights perspective in understanding the commercial sexual exploitation of women and youth. She has given presentations on sex trafficking in the Philippines, Ecuador, Jamaica, and the United States, and provides extensive training to communities and professionals. Teresa has been instrumental in advancing anti-trafficking legislation in Iowa and organized the state’s first conference on trafficking in 2011. She is an affiliate of the Iowa Office of the Attorney General’s working group on human trafficking and co-chair of the Central Iowa Services Network Against Human Trafficking. She is currently training foster care parents on juvenile sex trafficking prevention and intervention for the Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association.
Proactive Juvenile Pimping Investigations

*(Law Enforcement/Prosecutors only)*

What do you do when you encounter a juvenile sex trafficking victim who denies help? What do you do when you know she’s being exploited and she claims that she is independent, and does not have a pimp? This presentation will address aggressive proactive approaches in combating juvenile sex trafficking, proven and successful techniques which involve cultivating the victim to provide a statement while simultaneously targeting the pimp. This presentation will also help break down the pimping and prostitution subculture in a different light. Investigative techniques will be shared along with case studies from a Canadian perspective.

Located in the National Harbor 6

Meet the Speaker

**Thai Truong**  
Detective, York Regional Police, Ontario, Canada

Thai has been a supervisor in the Drugs and Vice Unit for over seven years. The current mandate of his team involves preventing the sexual exploitation of women and juveniles. This involves targeted and proactive investigations against pimps and human traffickers. Thai has also been an undercover operator for the past 12 years, operational across Canada and the United States. He currently instructs throughout Canada, including the Canadian Police College, on successful proactive techniques when investigating violent crimes against women and juveniles. He has provided training on undercover investigative techniques and instructs at the Ontario Police College on undercover drug techniques.
What Does ‘Normal’ or ‘Healthy’ Look Like for Survivors?

What does it mean to be ‘normal’ or emotionally ‘healthy?’ How do we know when we’re ‘over’ the worst of the trauma symptoms and on the real road to recovery? What DOES recovery look like? Join the discussion, as survivors and therapists come together to facilitate, challenge and encourage us to take a deeper look at trauma recovery and healing. This workshop will define the differences between ‘healthy,’ ‘normal,’ and ‘recovery’ as well as identify components of the trauma healing process, allowing survivors to evaluate self-progress.

Located in the Chesapeake A-C

Meet the Speakers

Rebecca Bender
Founder and Director, Rebecca Bender Ministries

Rebecca is more than just a survivor of domestic sex trafficking. She is an award-winning, internationally-recognized speaker, author and Survivor Leader in the movement to eradicate modern-day slavery. Her testimony of redemption, escaping a life of sex trafficking, can be read in her first book Roadmap to Redemption, which has helped countless victims find hope. Rebecca hosts a unique Virtual Mentoring Program for survivor leadership development and consults on the development of safe shelters for women. Finishing her master’s degree in Christian Thought, Rebecca is also the mother of four children and lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and their family.

Becca Johnson, PhD
Clinical Director, Engedi Refuge; Director of U.S. Aftercare, Agape International Mission

Becca has been a practicing clinical psychologist for over 25 years, working with victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Becca is the Clinical Director at Engedi Refuge, a residential recovery program for sexually exploited women and also serves as the Director of U.S. Aftercare for Agape International Mission (AIM). She provides training around the world on trauma care for anti-sex trafficking victim aftercare service providers.

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Bonnie Martin, LPC
Psychotherapist, Educator, Consultant

Bonnie is a technical expert in the development of trauma informed mental health and psychosocial programs and has worked domestically and internationally for 15 years to reduce the effects of trauma on rule of law, interpersonal relationships, and education in stress-affected societies and marginalized populations. Bonnie specializes in complex trauma and has worked with thousands of victims of violence, exploitation and human trafficking. Bonnie teaches culturally-specific strength-based approaches for motivating behavioral change and building trauma resiliency. She developed an evidenced based cross-cultural model for the prevention, intervention and treatment of complex traumatic stress that incorporates the most current neuroscientific research on brain development and attachment theory.

Brittany DeWitt
Survivor Advocate

Brittany is a licensed insurance agent and works in her community to raise awareness and train professionals about the realities of human trafficking in the U.S. She specifically enjoys working with those who are committed and passionate about helping survivors, in teaching and training about what to expect, what to (and what not to) say, and the importance of choice in the life and healing of all survivors. Her story appears in Made in the U.S.A. She is working towards earning her degree in sociology and business. She is also particularly passionate about addressing the needs of LGBTQ+ youth and raising awareness within “the movement” of how LGBTQ+ youth can be particularly vulnerable to human trafficking.

EleSondra DeRomano
Founder, Standing Together Against Real Slavery (S.T.A.R.S.)

El works tirelessly with at-risk women and girls from backgrounds of exploitation, domestic violence, rape, and drug abuse. She couples her brutal honesty and extraordinary background to create an atmosphere of hope for women and children who are forgotten or abandoned by society. El’s exposure to exploitation began with her parents. She was placed in the foster care system and introduced to the world of abuse at the age of four, graduating to a world of drugs, prison and prostitution by eleven. El’s insurmountable perseverance and dedication is an essential part of S.T.A.R.S. where she has created one-of-a-kind programs such as the Girls Crisis Prevention/Intervention Program and Outreach Program for Survivors of Prostitution, fostering love and trust to a sector of our society that is lost and forgotten.
Beyond the Standard Sexual Safety Plan

This workshop will examine emotional and physical safety planning procedures and explicitly discuss completing safety plans with sexually exploited youth in substitute care. The Florida Department of Children and Families mandates that all children who have a history of sexual abuse require a sexual safety plan, establishing safeguards to prevent any further sexual incidents. The goal is to formulate a plan with the individual that keeps them safe while in substitute care, as well as protect any other children in the placement from sexual aggression, recruitment, etc. Safety plans should be completed specifically with thought given to the individual youth and their current placement, and needs to be sustainable for all parties involved. This workshop will discuss why including youth in their own safety plan is ideal, and discuss other types of safety plans that may benefit youth and their caregivers.

Located in the Chesapeake J-L

Meet the Speakers

**Erin Wirsing**

**DELTA Program Manager for CSEC, Devereux Florida**

Erin has worked with trafficked persons since 2006, and currently provides advocacy for children and youth who have survived commercial sexual exploitation. Her role includes the support and implementation of CSEC programs across the Devereux continuum of care, including residential, foster care and wrap-around services. She also serves as a trainer to professionals and foster parents caring for sexually exploited youth.

**Sue Aboul-Hosn, BSSW, CSW**

**Regional Human Trafficking Coordinator for the Central and Suncoast Regions, Florida Department of Children and Families**

Sue began identifying human trafficking victims among DCF’s missing children in 2003. Since 2009, she has assisted in over 300 human trafficking investigations resulting from reports received by the DCF’s Abuse Hotline. In her current role she provides expert guidance to Child Protective Investigators and Case Management, as well as developing and implementing policies, procedures and training that assist in identifying, documenting and determining the appropriate services for victims of human trafficking. Furthermore, Sue has taken the lead in adapting and implementing the newly developed Human Trafficking Screening Tool among DCF’s Child Protective Investigators and Case Management.

(Approved for 1.5 NBCC credit hours)
Working with Schools to Educate Students About Human Trafficking

Virginia is ranked 6th in number of calls related to human trafficking according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline statistics. Fairfax County has seen an average of two new human trafficking reports to law enforcement per week since October 2013. In response, Fairfax County Public Schools in Fairfax, Virginia is implementing lessons to prevent teen sex trafficking in grades 6-10 and 12. Instruction includes the scouting, manipulation and trapping process used by traffickers; and the importance of self-esteem, online and community safety, healthy relationships and resources for help. Presenters will share the process and strategies used to engage the community to gain support for including prevention lessons in health education and ongoing community awareness efforts. The goal is to provide strategies to help community members and advocates engage school districts in prevention efforts.

Meet the Speakers

Liz Payne, EdD
K-12 Coordinator for Health and Family Life Education, Fairfax County Public Schools Department of Instructional Services

Liz’s role as education coordinator takes place in the 10th largest school division in the nation serving over 185,000 students. Under her leadership, the school district is implementing lessons to prevent teen sex trafficking in grades 6-10 and 12. Instruction includes the scouting, manipulation, and trapping process used by traffickers, the importance of self-esteem, online and community safety, healthy relationships, and resources for help.

Becky Howery
Education Specialist for Health and Family Life Education, Fairfax County Public Schools Department of Instructional Services

Becky’s role as an educator takes place in the 10th largest school division in the nation serving over 185,000 students. The school district is implementing lessons to prevent teen sex trafficking in grades 6-10 and 12. Instruction includes the scouting, manipulation, and trapping process used by traffickers; and the importance of self-esteem, online and community safety, healthy relationships, and resources for help.
Threats and Challenges Posed by Gang-Controlled Sex Trafficking

From neighborhood crews to transnational organized crime syndicates, gangs have long posed a serious threat to the safety and security of our communities. The same characteristics that make gangs so dangerous: rigid hierarchy, expectation and requirement of extreme violence, concerted action, division of labor, territorial control, recruitment and control of juveniles and collective depravity; also make them perfectly situated to execute brutal sex trafficking schemes. Over the past five years, federal, local and state law enforcement have become better equipped to investigate these cases and present them for prosecution; consequently, gang controlled sex trafficking cases now appear on court dockets in many jurisdictions. This workshop will include an in-depth analysis of gangs, including the ways gangs form, operate, expand and dynamics at play within some of the most violent organizations in the country. Armed with this knowledge and utilizing federal case studies, the presenters will explore how vicious gang members have used their existing structure and methods to engage in some of the most brutal juvenile sex trafficking schemes imaginable.

Meet the Speakers

Zach Terwilliger, Esq.
Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia

In his role as a federal prosecutor in one of the largest suburban communities in the country, Zach prosecutes all manner of crimes including: white collar fraud, organized crime, violent crime, immigration offenses, and sex trafficking. Through this work, he has had hands-on experience working with victims, traffickers, service providers, and law enforcement. In addition to his work as a prosecutor, Zach also serves as an adjunct professor at George Washington University where he teaches a 300 level course on human trafficking and has lectured on human trafficking across the United States as well as in Central America.

Claudio Saa
Sergeant, Herndon Police Department

Claudio has been a police officer in Herndon since 1999. Currently, he supervises general assignment, narcotics, gang and ICAC detectives. He is a certified Gang Expert in Virginia and Maryland courts and in federal courts in the Eastern District of Virginia and in the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. He participated in the Central American Law Enforcement Exchange program, trained Command Staff of the Iraqi Police force and has been utilized in an undercover capacity in federal, state, and local cases. Claudio is a frequent presenter on the topic of gangs nationally and internationally and conducts gang awareness and prevention seminars to law enforcement and civic groups, schools and businesses as well as motivational speeches to troubled youth.
The Art and Reward of a Well Integrated System of Response and Care

Children and youth who are trafficked for sex or labor are first and foremost victims and a shared community responsibility, deserving a systemic response that is immediate, adequate and well-integrated. Such a system assures proper coordination and effective clinical intervention. With a great deal of study and collaboration, the 18th Judicial District in Aurora, Colorado is much better equipped to address the identification, sheltering, treatment, healing and reintegration issues which demand high quality care and support as a unified system. This workshop will provide instruction on Colorado’s model of care.

Located in the National Harbor 5

Meet the Speakers

Angela Lytle
Deputy Director of Children, Youth and Family Services, Arapahoe County Department of Human Services

Angela has served within the field of child welfare for the last 20 years. In her present role, she oversees and manages the child and adult protection and youth services for the county. She utilizes her experience in the public and private sectors of child welfare to influence system transformation, practice improvement and policy development at the state and local levels. Previously, Angela served in many capacities with The United Methodist Children’s Home (UMCH), a residential and foster care program for children involved in the Child Welfare system in Columbus, Ohio. During her 10 years there, she held roles as a clinician, Assistant Director of Foster Care, Director of Residential Care and then as the Director of Out of Home Care.

Magistrate Robert Lung
Magistrate, Dependency and Neglect, Arapahoe County

Robert has served on the bench for over twelve years after serving as Assistant City and County Attorney and Deputy District Attorney. He is co-chair of the 18th Judicial Human Trafficking Committee and a voting member of the Legislative Subcommittee of the Colorado Anti-Trafficking Task Force. In a recent presentation, titled “Child Abuse, Resiliency and Evidence-based Hope,” Robert addresses the impacts of abuse, cites a case study involving a child that was sexually abused, trafficked and tortured over a 10-year period, and shares “evidence-based hope” derived from the fact that he is that child. Robert incorporates grounding techniques in his presentations to model that self-care should be professionals’ first care when handling trauma-related cases.

(Approved for 1.5 NBCC credit hours)
Operation Young Blood

In 2013, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and FBI Miami began an investigation into a group of men who were prostituting girls ranging in age from 14 to 17 years old. The investigation uncovered that several of the men were Blood gang members and recruited the teens from local group homes. This case study covers the investigation and prosecution of six defendants, highlighting the involvement of co-conspirators, death threats and an incarcerated sex buyer.

Meet the Speakers

Elli Bray
Special Agent, FBI

Elli is assigned to the FBI’s Miami Division, assigned to work Violent Crimes Against Children. She works primarily cases of domestic minor sex trafficking but also child pornography and kidnapping. Prior to joining the FBI, Ellie worked as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in child welfare in the District of Columbia.

Susan Romash
Special Agent, FBI

Susan has served in this role for six years. As of May 2015, she has been assigned to the Violent Crimes Against Children, Special Initiatives Unit, in Linthicum Maryland, where she collaborates with other field offices to identify victims of child exploitation. Prior to this position, she was on the Violent Crimes Against Children squad in Miami, Florida, and focused mainly on juvenile sex trafficking investigations.

Francis Viamontes, Esq.
Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida

Francis has served in the capacity of Assistant State Attorney for eight years with the past four years as Assistant United States Attorney. Her dedication to the Federal Law Enforcement’s Initiative Against Child Exploitation Offenders resulted in numerous arrests and led to six successful federal jury trials in the past year. She has successfully prosecuted more than ten sex trafficking subjects in the past two years and was commended by the FBI Miami Field Office for outstanding skills in prosecuting child sex offenders while displaying exemplary work with sex trafficking investigations. Recently, Francis spearheaded an investigation with the Department of Homeland Security to combat sex tourism in Colombia that resulted in the recovery of minor victims and the arrest and conviction of a United States citizen.
Policy Training and Technical Assistance Workshop and Resource Center

Do you want to help your state raise its Protected Innocence Challenge grade? Do you want guidance on how to advocate for better laws in your state? Meet with national policy advisors to discuss the strength of your state’s laws under the Protected Innocence Challenge legislative framework, the basis of Shared Hope’s annual report cards grading each state on the strength of their laws to combat juvenile sex trafficking. Policy advisors will review Shared Hope’s recommendations for addressing the gaps in state laws, provide state and issue-specific advocacy materials and discuss strategies for how to impact the legislative process. The policy resource center includes Protected Innocence Challenge policy research materials as well as information about Kids Are Not For Sale legislative advocacy campaigns, coalition-building and other advocacy tools.

Located in the Potomac Ballroom AB

Pre-registration required. Walk-ups welcome from the following states: CA, DC, FL, NC, NV, OH, TX.

Meet the Speakers

Tabatha Mansfield
Tabatha is the Principal of Mansfield Consulting, a policy consulting firm specializing in victims’ rights. Prior to obtaining her law degree, she worked for Congress and for the Virginia legislature.

Rachel Harper
As Policy Counsel at Shared Hope, Rachel engages in legislative advocacy, analyzes statutes, submits testimony for hearings, and supports collaborative efforts. She produces policy position papers and raises awareness regarding demand.

Joel Shapiro
Joel is the policy advisor and lobbyist for Kids Are Not For Sale in Oregon. He’s worked on state and federal sex trafficking policy issues for the past seven years, including serving as Chief Counsel to Oregon Senator Ron Wyden.

Ryan Dalton
Ryan is the CEO and co-founder of Rescue Forensics, an intelligence and forensic platform that targets and disrupts online human trafficking. Ryan served as policy counsel at Shared Hope International and director of an anti-trafficking nonprofit in Memphis.

Christine Raino
As Director of Public Policy at Shared Hope International, Christine leads the Protected Innocence Challenge research and advocacy, focusing on policy initiatives related to access to services for juvenile sex trafficking victims and demand enforcement.

Amanda Rodriguez
Amanda is the Chief Program Officer at Turn Around, Inc. and the Co-Chair of the Training Subcommittee for the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force. Previously, she prosecuted human trafficking cases at the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Samantha Vardaman
Samantha is a Senior Director at Shared Hope International, leading the organization’s state and federal policy initiatives since 2005. She is the author of numerous reports, articles and briefs on domestic minor sex trafficking and its policy implications.
This case study pertains to the federal prosecution of Jeremy Tate, a pimp who operated a prostitution business involving multiple prostitutes and trafficking victims, including juveniles. Tate and others used telephones and the Internet to arrange online advertising, schedule prostitution sessions and recruit other prostitutes. Tate took most of the proceeds from the prostitution business and distributed controlled substances to his victims and others to manipulate and intimidate them. Tate also enticed his victims to travel interstate to engage in prostitution for him. In addition to the victims’ testimony, the case study highlights the victim-centered prosecution model which focuses on federal, state and local law enforcement authorities, government agencies and nongovernmental victim service providers collaborating in a multidisciplinary approach to identify juvenile sex crimes, assist victims and prosecute cases.

Located in the National Harbor 4

Meet the Speaker

Reginald Jones, Esq.  Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section

Reginald is a passionate and successful prosecutor who is currently employed with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Reginald previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana and as an associate attorney at a regional law firm in Jackson, Mississippi. He earned a law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law and a bachelor’s degree with high honors from the University of Southern Mississippi. During his career, Reginald has led numerous complex investigations and prosecutions ranging from human trafficking, national and international child exploitation enterprise, racketeering enterprise, public corruption, healthcare fraud and abuse, tax fraud, and Ponzi Schemes. He has served as lead prosecutor in several cases, including in a sex trafficking ring investigation in which four defendants were convicted for operating an interstate prostitution enterprise in Louisiana, and has also tried a significant number of cases to verdict in federal court. Reginald has delivered presentations and led panels on numerous topics including human trafficking, child exploitation, and prosecutorial practice at Department of Justice national and international training sessions, and law enforcement conferences.
Project Ariel

Crime Prevention Strategy For At-Risk Girls

This presentation will address service gaps identified in child protection agencies and law enforcement—working together versus working alone, providing an in depth look at a unique crime prevention strategy focusing on young girls and preventing juvenile sex trafficking before it’s too late. Specific strategies involving social development, education and awareness and community mobilization will be discussed, showing how this crime prevention model can advance an investigation.

Located in the Chesapeake A-C

Meet the Speaker

Thai Truong  Detective, York Regional Police, Ontario, Canada

Thai has been a supervisor in the Drugs and Vice Unit for over seven years. The current mandate of his team involves preventing the sexual exploitation of women and juveniles. This involves targeted and proactive investigations against pimps and human traffickers. Thai has also been an undercover operator for the past 12 years, operational across Canada and the United States. He currently instructs throughout Canada, including the Canadian Police College, on successful proactive techniques when investigating violent crimes against women and juveniles. He has provided training on undercover investigative techniques and instructs at the Ontario Police College on undercover drug techniques.
Shame, Faith and Resiliency

One of the most debilitating symptoms of complex trauma is the formation of a shame identity. Many research studies indicate that spirituality is a powerful role in the healing process. This session explores how the Judeo-Christian faith can be used to promote healing and create a shame-free identity.

Meet the Speaker

Bonnie Martin, M.Ed., CACS, LPC  Psychotherapist, Educator, Consultant

Bonnie is a technical expert in the development of trauma informed mental health and psychosocial programs and has worked domestically and internationally for 15 years to reduce the effects of trauma on rule of law, interpersonal relationships, and education in stress-affected societies and marginalized populations. Bonnie specializes in complex trauma and has worked with thousands of victims of violence, exploitation and human trafficking. Bonnie teaches culturally-specific strength-based approaches for motivating behavioral change and building trauma resiliency. She has developed an evidenced based cross-cultural model for the prevention, intervention and treatment of complex traumatic stress that incorporates the most current neuroscientific research on brain development and attachment theory. Bonnie’s work focuses on psychosocial capacity building by providing systemic training for corporations, government agencies, professionals, paraprofessionals and grass roots organizations. She also provides consultation for stakeholders and funders. Her fieldwork includes the countries of Mexico, India, South Africa, Swaziland, Serbia, Russia, Bolivia, Colombia, Thailand, Haiti, Nepal and the United States. Bonnie is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Therapist Supervisor in the states of Maryland and Virginia. She earned her M.Ed. degree in School Counseling from Wilmington University, and a post-graduate Certificate of Advanced Counseling Studies (CACS) from Regent University.
Identifying and Responding to Child Sex Trafficking in the Healthcare Setting

This presentation provides practical, clinical information to assist the health care provider to recognize and provide care for victims and survivors of child sex trafficking that present in the pre-hospital and healthcare settings. Topics to be covered include: safety for the victim and provider, challenges to recognition in the health care setting, “red flags” specific to the medical/nursing exam, keys to the medical interview, case studies, clinical findings, potential physical and mental health acute and chronic presentations, nutrition management and other issues of concern to the health care professional. The presentation targets physicians, nurses, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, paramedics, EMTs, firefighters, social workers, case managers and hospital administrators.

Located in the National Harbor 5

Meet the Speaker

Cathy Miller, PhD, RN  
Professor, Baylor University; Healthcare Training Consultant, Shared Hope International

Cathy has worked with anti-human trafficking organizations for the past ten years and has over 20 years’ experience as an ER, ICU, and trauma-registered nurse. She has held positions as the director of multiple departments, clinical professor, and critical care flight nurse. She presents and trains nationally and internationally on the subjects of human trafficking, complex trauma, and child sex trafficking. Cathy has multiple published works on child and adolescent complex trauma and child sex trafficking. She joined Shared Hope International as a Fellow in 2010 and became their Healthcare Training Consultant in 2014. Cathy recently completed the first research to identify the most important elements of a health care provider education program for the recognition, intervention, and referral of child sex trafficking victims, utilizing the results to develop the health care provider training curriculum and materials for Shared Hope. She is an active member of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, Emergency Nurses Association, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Dr. Miller will be running in the PGH Pittsburgh Marathon in May to raise funds for SHI and asks that you support the effort: https://www.crowdrise.com/raceagainstdomesticm/fundraiser/sharedhopeinternatio.
Florida’s Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Our State

The topic of commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) has been in the forefront in regards to child welfare for the past several years. In response, the Florida Legislature has passed bills and rules to help guide how the child welfare system, professionals and providers engage with and treat survivors of exploitation. This program will describe bill 7141 and its impact on the state of Florida, current services available throughout the state, what CSEC specific service providers should be delivering to survivors and the need for standardized outcomes.

Located in the National Harbor 6

Meet the Speakers

Kim Grabert, MPA, CPM
Statewide Human Trafficking Prevention Director, Florida Department of Children and Families

Kim has been with DCF for 13 years and has worked in the child welfare field for 16 years. She is responsible for the implementation and development of child welfare policy and administration for human trafficking issues across the state of Florida. She has her B.A. in Justice from American University in Washington D.C. and a Master’s in Public Administration from Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida. She currently sits on the Advisory Council for the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force (GOHTTF). She previously Co-founded and Co-Chaired the Lake County Human Trafficking Task Force and Co-founded and Co-Chaired the Commercially Sexually Exploited Child (CSEC) Committee for the GOHTTF.

Lisa Pompa, LMHC
Assistant Clinical Director, Devereux Florida

Lisa has worked in the child welfare and community mental health systems in the state of Florida for the past twenty years. In her current role, Lisa provides oversight and consultative services to all of Devereux’s residential, community-based and child welfare programs. Her clinical expertise in TF-CBT and DBT has played a key role in establishing Devereux Florida’s CSEC (DELTA) programs. She has initiated protocols on the treatment of children and adolescents who are victims of sexual abuse, sexual trauma and sexual exploitation. She has attended several statewide conferences on CSEC awareness and training including three-day training based on CCIP curriculum to become a domestic trafficking responder as well as GEMS five day train-the-trainer model. She is currently the director of services to all DELTA youth in Devereux Florida’s programing.
Melissa is an applied anthropologist and senior social and behavioral researcher with over five years of experience conducting research on child welfare and children’s mental health services, both within the state of Florida and nationally. Melissa’s research experience includes evaluations for the Western and Pacific Child Welfare Implementation Center, which assessed system change capacity, process, and outcomes across three implementation project sites; a pilot Enhanced Therapeutic Foster Care program for youth with juvenile justice involvement in Florida, which assessed treatment fidelity and youth behavioral and mental health outcomes; and quality assessments of several child welfare case management agencies in the state of Florida. Current projects include evaluations of Florida’s System of Care Expansion Grant for children’s mental health services; Utah’s Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project to enhance implementation of in-home services; and a pilot treatment program for child welfare involved youth who have been commercially sexually exploited in Florida.
“Mike Pyro”— Pimp Turned Child Pornographer

In 2013, Robert Harold Scott was arrested by Virginia Beach police for extorting women. Using the name “Mike Pyro,” Scott trolled social media to locate vulnerable women and convince them to work as prostitutes at his sex parties. Instead of following through on payment, Scott used the parties to produce images and videos which he later utilized as blackmail. While Scott was pending trial in local court for these crimes, he upped his ante and started preying on women who were not only willing to prostitute themselves, but also their children. Homeland Security’s investigation identified five different women involved with Scott and seven minor victims, ages 1 thru 5 years old. This workshop will go through the challenges and successes in the identification, investigation, prosecution and trial of Robert Harold Scott and the five women he manipulated.

Located in the Chesapeake J-L

Meet the Speakers

Paul Wolpert
Special Agent, Homeland Security Investigations

Special Agent Paul Wolpert has been working for Homeland Security Investigations and Federal Law Enforcement for thirteen years. He began working investigations involving drug smuggling, Intellectual Property Rights, and Immigration, but has been working child exploitation for the past eleven years. He has also been working as a Digital Forensics Agent for the past nine years. He’s been involved with over 200 investigations that involved child pornography, travel and enticement, and sex tourism. S/A Wolpert is assigned to the Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Norfolk, Virginia.

Elizabeth Yusi, Esq.
Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia

Elizabeth Yusi is an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. She has been an AUSA for six years, concentrating on prosecuting child exploitation and human trafficking cases. Ms. Yusi is also the Project Safe Childhood (PSC) Coordinator for the entire district. Prior to this, Ms. Yusi was a Trial Attorney with the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she prosecuted similar cases and assisted in advising on legislative and policy issues. Ms. Yusi attended the University of Virginia for college and Washington and Lee University School of Law for law school.
Shared Hope Resources

Trafficking Research

Demanding Justice Report
2014
The Demanding Justice Project is a research and advocacy initiative designed to promote demand deterrence through increased attention and advocacy on demand. The research report documents the outcomes of federal and state arrests, charges and prosecutions of buyers of sex acts with children. The findings of this research will inform advocacy efforts to strengthen anti-demand legislation and enforcement.

We believe effective response is informed response. Shared Hope heavily invests in providing policy leaders, community advocates, and first responders with data-driven, comprehensive studies to create better solutions to fight trafficking.

Books

Renting Lacy: A Story of America’s Prostituted Children
By Linda Smith
Based on actual encounters, Linda exposes the underworld of child sex trafficking in America by telling the stories of those who live there, the traffickers, the buyers and the victims who struggle to survive each night.

Practitioner Resource

Intervene: Identifying and Responding to America’s Prostituted Youth
Designed for service providers and clinicians, the Practitioner Guide provides instruction on vulnerability factors, recruitment and grooming tactics, control and coercion tactics, and the impact of trauma on survivors. The accompanying Intake Tool has a tiered set of questions designed to identify exploited youth while reducing the risk of retraumatization. Includes two training videos (Intervene + Gang TRAP).
Prevention Resources

Introducing the Full Collection of Chosen
As traffickers narrow their target to lure younger and younger victims, America’s youth find themselves engaged in a battle they never prepared for. This film series is designed to teach teens the warning signs and indicators of trafficking through the true stories of teenage girls who were tricked by traffickers. Brianna, Lacy and Maria discuss how American pimps and gangs are luring youth into the commercial sex industry and how teens can protect themselves and others from being chosen. (Available in English and Spanish)

For more information visit: www.sharedhope.org/chosen

Training

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Training Guide and Video Series
This interactive training tool offers a comprehensive guide to domestic minor sex trafficking including the law, victim vulnerabilities, trafficker tactics, and effective responses for agencies and organizations. The 40-minute video series allows viewers to hear from experts and survivors, watch pimps engage with buyers and discover the reality of child sex trafficking.

Gang TRAP Training Guide and Video Series
This unique training tool addresses the growing trend of sex trafficking by criminal street gangs. The guide and accompanying 60-minute video series targets law enforcement, service providers and prosecutors, offering instruction on gang trafficking dynamics, recruitment and control tactics, common professional challenges, therapeutic response, collaboration and prevention measures.

Please visit SharedHope.org/Resources to find information on prices, fact sheets, and many other useful materials.
# Exhibitors

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1. Did the venue meet your expectations?

2. What suggestions do you have to improve the conference for 2016?

Please complete an evaluation after each session. Evaluations will be collected at the conclusion of session 7.
WE HEARD YOU!

Shared Hope staff reads each and every conference evaluation from our JuST attendees and work to improve your conference experience year to year. As you fill out this year’s evaluation form, please know that your feedback matters. While some things are outside of our control, here are some of the key improvements made this year:

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<th>Some sessions filled up too fast. Ask for pre-registration for workshops to get indications of interest.</th>
<th>We did it and we hope the new system works better for all attendees. Let us know!</th>
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<td>Breakouts were diverse, very well done, and knowledgeable. The variety of options has been mind-blowing.</td>
<td>Thanks! We work hard to build a robust agenda that addresses criminal trends, requested topics and new perspectives. You can count on that every year. Keep the feedback coming!</td>
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<td>Meals were sub-par and coffee at lunch would be nice.</td>
<td>This year we selected great lunch buffets that include coffee—no excuse for falling asleep!</td>
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<td>Given the burnout in this field, I was disappointed that there was no self-care segment.</td>
<td>We’re sorry we overlooked this in the past. This year, everyone will benefit from your feedback. Bonnie Martin will cover this topic in Day 2 Plenary. Grab a seat! She’s outstanding!</td>
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<td>Bonnie Martin should be invited as a keynote presenter.</td>
<td>Check that one off your list! See previous point. Who should we invite next year?</td>
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<td>Allow programs that have products made by trafficking survivors to sell their items.</td>
<td>Done. Please stop by the Exhibit area to check out Survivor-made goods and other Vendor items!</td>
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<td>Would be great to have workshops on grant writing and funding opportunities, mobilizing communities, building relationships with law enforcement and healthcare.</td>
<td>Absolutely! Take a look at our awesome agenda. We’ve included each of these for 2015.</td>
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<td>Not enough time between workshops.</td>
<td>We agree. No need to run anymore, we’ve allowed 30 minutes between workshops this year.</td>
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<td>More networking opportunities? Round tables for meals facilitates networking and discussion.</td>
<td>Every year we brainstorm new ideas to improve networking. You’ll see we added round tables in the ballroom and snagged a lively, fun location for our Networking Social on Thursday. We are open to more suggestions.</td>
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<td>Hearing from Survivors was so powerful.</td>
<td>We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with a host of experts each year from across the nation in juvenile sex trafficking, a portion of whom are our Survivor presenters. We recognize their voices are critical in the training sector, so you can count on us to highlight and empower Survivor speakers, contributors and attendees at every conference.</td>
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The Metro

**Metrorail Operating Times**

*Mon-Thu* 5am-midnight  
*Fri* 5am-3am  
*Sat* 7am-3am  
*Sun* 7am-midnight

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Orange Line - New Carrollton/Vienna  
Blue Line - Franconia-Springfield/Largo Town Center  
Green Line - Branch Ave/Greenbelt  
Yellow Line - Huntington/Fort Totten  
Silver Line - Wiehle-Reston East/Largo Town Center
Dining Guide

1. Bond 45
   Italian Steak & Seafood
   149 Waterfront St

2. Elevation Burger
   Organic Burgers & Vegetarian
   108 Waterfront St

3. McCormick & Schmick's
   Seafood & Steaks
   Steak & Seafood
   145 National Plaza

4. Grace's Mandarin
   Pan-Asian
   188 Waterfront Street

5. Cadillac Ranch
   Burgers, Pasta, Seafood
   186 Fleet St

6. The Walrus Oyster
   & Ale House
   Seafood
   152 Waterfront St

7. Rosa Mexicano
   Mexican
   153 Waterfront St

8. Nando's Peri Peri
   Flame-Grilled Chicken
   191 American Way

9. Public House National Harbor
   Sandwiches, Salads & More
   199 Fleet St

10. Crab Cake Cafe
    Sandwiches, Salads & More
    140 National Plaza

11. Bobby McKey's
    Pizza, Wings & Live Music
    172 Fleet St

12. Potbelly Sandwich Shop
    Sandwiches and Salads
    146 National Plaza

13. CVS Pharmacy
    162 Fleet St

14. Harrington's Pub
    Irish Food and Beer
    177 Fleet St
Hotel Map

Level Two

Chesapeake Conference Rooms
Potomac Ballroom

Potomac Ballroom: Plenaries, Exhibit Hall, Registration, Policy Workshop
Chesapeake Rooms: Thursday and Friday Workshops
Level Three

National Harbor Rooms

National Harbor Rooms: Pre-Conference Option B Workshops, Thursday and Friday Workshops
Lower Atrium Level

Eastern Shore Meeting Rooms

Easter Shore Rooms: Pre-Conference, Option A Workshop
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