

NCVC National Training Institute

Event Schedule

Thu, Oct 06, 2022

8:00 AM

Registration and Coffee

⌚ 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, Oct 6

📍 Midway West

9:00 AM

Crime After Crime: Online Disinformation and the Impact on Survivors

⌚ 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, Oct 6

📍 Grand Ballroom

Plenaries

Virtual Sessions

As social media becomes more and more pervasive in our society, online misinformation has increased and can have a very real impact on survivors of crime. Untruths spread online can cause measurable harm to the mental and emotional well-being of survivors, and even impact investigations. Join two survivor advocates, Julie Murray and Kelsi German, as well as former FBI special agent and survivor Jim Clemente and survivor, advocate, and author Kim Goldman, to discuss their experiences with misinformation, and learn how we can combat it.

📢 Panelist



Jim Clemente

Writer/Executive Producer/Creator/Consultant/Subject Matter Expert
X-G Productions, Inc.



Kelsi German

Purdue University



Julie Murray

Advocate
Maura Murray

📢 Moderator



Kim Goldman

Executive Producer/Host
Kast Media

10:30 AM

Break

⌚ 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM, Oct 6

10:45 AM

Beyond Massage Parlors: Exposing Asian Sex Market in the U.S.

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 6

📍 Regency A

This presentation is based on three published and two unpublished studies (They are currently on the process by peer-reviewers) as well as the presenter's experience as an expert witness. Many law enforcement and service providers have difficulty identifying Asian sex trafficking victims because of their language and cultural barriers to assist victims. In some cases, service providers and law enforcement rely on translators who speak the languages but are not culturally competent as they were born and raised in the Western culture. This presentation therefore aims to provide the understanding of Asian victim characteristics as well as their perpetrators' criminal tactics, the problem of the current system, and recommendation to identify the Asian victims more appropriately.

☛ Speaker



Youngbee Dale
CEO/Anti-trafficking consultant
Dale Consulting, LLC

Unique Populations, Unique Services: Pulse Night Club Shooting Case Study

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway 7&8

Virtual Sessi...

Criminal mass violence and domestic terrorism (CMV/DT) incidents are becoming all too common in today's world. The needs of victims, families, and communities following a CMV/DT incident are vast and varied. This is only multiplied when victims identify as part of communities that are already underserved. Using the Pulse Night Club Shooting as a case study, presenters will discuss the phases of CMV/DT response – highlighting the unique needs and services offered to LGBT+ and Latinx victims, families, and communities as well as the complexities that were found in this challenging work. All presenters were involved in the Pulse Night Club response to victims and families. They will discuss their roles, best practices, and lessons learned from their experiences.

☛ Speakers



Tara Hughes

Director
ICPTTA -- Improving Community Preparedness to Assist Victims of Violence: Training & Technical Assistance



Joél Junior Morales

Foundation Manager
Contigo Fund



Kathy DeVault

Director of Strategic Partnerships
City of Orlando

Family violence and animal cruelty: how prosecuting animal abuse can save lives

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 6

📍 Regency C

There is a significant correlation between intimate partner violence and violence against animals. Victims will often refuse to leave their abusers out of fear that their beloved pet would be harmed, and not having a safe place that will shelter them both. One study found that at least 87% of victims felt that if they had access to a facility that allowed them to bring their pets, their decision to leave would be easier. Largely because of this important link, The National Sheriffs' Association formed an animal cruelty committee, and acts of animal abuse are now tracked alongside felony crimes like arson, assault, and homicide in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's criminal database. This seminar will review the relationship between animal abuse and IPV while encouraging a multidisciplinary approach (between law enforcement, prosecutors, child protective services, family violence shelters, etc.) to keep communities safe.

☛ Speaker



Erin Aiello

Law Enforcement Trainer/Assistant District Attorney
The Humane Society of the United States

Hitting the High Notes – Communicating with victims through the trial court process

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 6

📍 Frisco/Burlington

System-based advocates have a unique role in walking with a victim through the trial court process. Many victims are new to the criminal justice system or do not have a working knowledge of its intricacies. Advocates' actions and words have an impact on victims' perceptions of, and participation in, the trial process. Victims rely on advocates to help them define and seek their sense of justice. This presentation emphasizes the high points of victim participation in the trial court process through a trauma-informed lens as well as skills for advocates to best serve their victims and clients.

► Speakers

**Amy Bocks**

Assistant Director & Advocate Program Manager
AZ Attorney General's Office Of Victim Services

**Ashtyn Buechler**

Outreach Coordinator
Office of the Arizona Attorney General

Supporting Violence Intervention Specialists: Bridging the Gap Between Concept and Practice

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway Suites 5

This workshop is geared towards established and emerging hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs) that apply a “peer” or “credible messenger” model, including the use of Violence Intervention Specialists (VIS). VIS are “credible messengers” in that they use their knowledge of the community to act as an important bridge between violently injured individuals and organizations offering support and services. This workshop will discuss three common challenges regarding the VIS role: (1) preventing and addressing vicarious trauma; (2) workplace professionalism and boundary setting; and (3) the need for short- and long-term professional development. The presenters will recommend strategies for addressing each of these challenges, including updated procedures and training. Finally, the presenters will propose a “trauma-informed management” approach to support frontline VIS workers and set them up for professional success. This workshop is informed by data collected from an HVIP case study and discussions with national leaders on HVIP policy and procedures.

► Speakers

**Ramon Solkhah****Michelle Teaford Wojcik****Christine Neudecker****Sheetal Ranjan**

Professor
Department of Psychiatry, Hackensack Meridian Health

Intersectionality of Justice: Ableism and Crimes Against People with Disabilities

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway Suites 6

Crimes against people with disabilities are often challenging for professionals who respond to crime victims. Although people with disabilities experience sexual assault at a rate 7 times higher than people without disabilities, they do not often access victim services or the criminal justice system. People with disabilities face many barriers as they navigate the world. They especially find barriers when they are a victim of crime. We will discuss Ableism, Disability Victimization, and how professionals can work on removing those barriers and creating a more informed, welcoming victim response.

☛ Speakers

**Pam Malin**

Disability Victim Advocate
Disability Rights Wisconsin

**Kathy O'Connell**

Director
Radiant Abilities, LLC

Trauma and Violence: How Disrupting the Cycle Provide Safety for Everyone

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 6

📍 Regency B

Trauma has a heavy impact on individuals, families, and communities. Abuse, violence, and crime victimization lead to immediate and long-term effects on health, mental health, behavior, and overall wellbeing. Trauma is a unique experience for each person, our reactions, capacity to cope, and ability to heal and recover is based on static and dynamic risk and protective factors. The impact of trauma is most significant when the individual has a history of trauma, especially in childhood, and they then experience an additional shocking, violent, or life-threatening event or events. This workshop will look at the biological and social relationships between trauma and violence and help participants understand the role trauma informed treatment and care can play in preventing violence.

☛ Speaker

**Gena Castro Rodriguez**

Prosecutors Alliance California

Normalizing Victim Counsel in Trial and Appellate Courts

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway Suites 9

In this workshop, staff from Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center (“OCVJC”) will discuss their experiences and share strategies to normalize the presence of victim counsel in state courts. When victims’ rights are new, practitioners are often met with uncertainty and resistance on the part of courts, prosecutors/district attorneys, and defense counsel in criminal cases. In order to effectively advocate for victim rights in trial courts and beyond, the presence of victim counsel must become an expected part of the criminal justice process. Staff from OCVJC will discuss how normalizing trial court practice can open the door for appellate review and systemic change. OCVJC has existed for decades and will share tips and filing suggestions that optimize the likelihood of success in opening the doors of state courts to victims of crime and their counsel.

☛ Speakers

**Elizabeth Well**

Legal Director
Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center

**Alexandra Fehder**

Lead advocate
Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center

Direct Examination in Civil Cases

⌚ 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM, Oct 6

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

Preparing a client for direct and cross examination can be difficult in any case, the complexities are compounded when representing victims of crime. In this presentation I will discuss preparing your client for examination in a trauma informed victim centered manner, so that they are able to withstand cross examination without being retraumatized and to help them best tell their story in a direct.

Speaker



Jennifer Lipinski

Partner

Gordon & Partners

11:30 AM

Mastering the Key Deposition of the Security Professional in a Negligent Security Case

⌚ 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 6

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

When handling negligent security cases the crime victim lawyer needs to always gather the crime statistics, assess the security measures and deal with the causation issues. But the key to the case is how that trial lawyer uses this evidence in the first depositions in the case. The Security Professional (Apartment Manager, Hotel Manager, Gas Station Operator etc...) deposition is the moment in the case where everything is hanging in the balance. This interactive presentation will go over the strategy, tactics and developed questions that should be used in making this deposition the key to winning the case. Video clips of depositions that have changed the course of these cases will be used to illustrate this high level cross examination strategy.

Speaker



Michael Haggard

Managing Partner

The Haggard Law Firm

12:15 PM

Lunch (provided)

⌚ 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM, Oct 6

📍 Grand Ballroom

Lunch will be served in the Grand Ballroom and is plated.

1:00 PM

While We Wait: Searching for Accountability in a Nation Overcome by Mass Violence

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Oct 6

📍 Grand Ballroom

NCVBA

Plenaries

Virtual Sessions

Mass violence events have become all too common in the United States, and continue to increase. Following mass shootings, many survivors and family members are left without resources, while politicians, government officials, employers, and gun manufacturers blame each other. In this session, National Crime Victim Bar Association members who have helped victims of mass violence discuss who they were able to hold accountable, and how we can penalize the correct entities enough to help prevent these tragedies in the future.

Speakers



Michael Haggard
Managing Partner
The Haggard Law Firm



Max Panoff
Partner
Leighton Law, P.A.



Mel Hewitt
mel@isenberg-hewitt.com
Isenberg & Hewitt



Renee Williams
Executive Director
National Center for Victims of Crime

2:15 PM

Sex Crimes and Body Modification: Trauma Informed Tattooing and Reaching Vulnerable Subpopulations

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Oct 6

📍 Regency A

The perceived lack of safe spaces, resources, adequate supports from the community, private organizations, and the legal system are contributing factors to issues of sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, and trafficking. Advocates can combat this hurdle and enhance the availability of legal and social resources for survivors by partnering with relevant sectors of the community where populations gather and tell their stories. Studies have shown that tattoos and body modification are not only outlets for healing after traumatic experiences, but they also serve as weapons that abusers use to establish or maintain ownership and control over their victims. As such, it is critical that tattoo artists receive the training necessary to recognize patterns of abuse and victimization, provide trauma-informed services, and connect survivors to available resources. This presentation will help advocates and victims services providers connect to and engage these communities in trauma-informed practices to help survivors.

Speakers



Rachel Metzger
Advocate
Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program



Jim Kisor



Marilyn Bellemoore

Effective Victims Representation: Why being active in the criminal justice process matters

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 6

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

The same harmful conduct often results in victims navigating both civil and criminal systems. Yet when it comes to the criminal justice process few victims can afford an attorney to represent and guide them; those that do often find counsel with little knowledge of victims' rights or the criminal justice process; and other victims only seek counsel after a criminal case is concluded. However, the presence of an attorney can preserve crucial rights, evidence, and time limitations for future legal actions. In this session we will discuss the importance (and advantages) of representing crime victims through the criminal process and we will dig into some specific strategies to make the representation as impactful as possible.

► **Speakers**



Meg Garvin

Executive Director - formerly Director of Programs
National Crime Victim Law Institute



Renee Williams

Executive Director
National Center for Victims of Crime

Transforming Crisis Response into Long-Term Solutions

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Oct 6

📍 Regency B

Barrier Free Living is a domestic violence agency in New York City that serves people with disabilities and those who are D/deaf. According to the World Health Organization, people with disabilities are 1.5 times more likely to be a victim of violence than those without a disability, while those with mental health conditions are at nearly four times the risk of experiencing violence. During the COVID- 19 pandemic we learned a lot about how we can offer services in an accessible and flexible manner. We now better understand the true meaning “client centered” services by letting people choose how they would like to receive services such as by phone, video, or in-person. This resulted in people attending services more regularly and on-time. The presenters will discuss what a disability is from a social model perspective, lessons learned about providing accessible victim centered services virtually and in-person and identify elements of the social work principals of “meeting people where they are at” as it relates to agencies’ policies and procedures with a disability lens.

► **Speakers**



Cynthia Amodeo

Chief Program Officer
Barrier Free Living



Myra Ricard

Program Director
Barrier Free Living

Forced Criminality: Trauma-Informed Responses to Labor Trafficking in Criminal Enterprises

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Oct 6

📍 Regency C

Labor traffickers use a variety of tactics to coerce victims to engage in forced labor and services. Sometimes, that forced labor involves criminal activity or labor within illicit businesses. Identifying forced criminality as a form of labor trafficking requires a collaborative and trauma-informed approach. Achieving justice in these cases means that we are not only holding offenders accountable, but also providing victims and survivors with meaningful and accessible services, as well as a measure of control, autonomy, and privacy throughout the process.

This training will provide strategies to better identify and work with victims of labor trafficking and forced criminality. Presenters will share case examples of investigations and prosecutions where immigration relief, cultural humility, and other trauma informed strategies and practices were utilized to maximize offender accountability while minimizing re-traumatization to victims.

► **Speakers**



Jane Anderson

Attorney Advisor
AEquitas



Lou Longhitano

Attorney Advisor
AEquitas

The Missouri Model - A History of Prosecutor-Based Victim Advocacy

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Oct 6

📍 Frisco/Burlington

A history of prosecutor-based victim services throughout the state of Missouri. We will be discussing the steps that have been taken in the state of Missouri by the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys to ensure victims' rights by increasing the number of Prosecutor Based Victim Advocates. We will explain how the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys has utilized VOCA funding as a pass-through agency to increase direct services to victims of crime.

👉 Speakers



Jamie Padgett

Statewide Victim Advocate Coordinator
MOPS/MAPA



Kathleen Tofall

VOCA Fiscal Officer
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

Opportunities to Serve BIPOC Survivors of Gun Violence and Intimate Partner Violence

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway 7&8

[Virtual Sessi...](#)

Gun violence and domestic violence are inextricably linked. This workshop will explore the deadly correlation between gun violence and intimate partner violence, and the opportunities for national organizations and community-based organizations to partner in serving victims and survivors. Presenters will share their innovative, survivor-centered approaches to funding community-led programs, prioritizing services to Black, Indigenous, and people of color across the country through more than 30 mini-grants. Grantees will provide a case study of how they were able to utilize their mini-grants, assess needs, and develop services for survivors of intimate partner violence and gun violence. Presenters will provide trauma-informed key takeaways for working with survivors at the micro and macro levels.

👉 Speakers



Abigail Hurst

Director of Trauma-Informed Programs
Everytown for Gun Safety



Temitope Fagbemi

Director, Training & Technical Assistance
District Alliance for Safe Housing



Rediet Wegayehu

Associate Director, Evaluation and Learning
Everytown for Gun Safety



Leslie Washington

Conference speaker Everytown for gun safety

A Better Victim Experience – Improving Accessibility

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway Suites 6

Approximately one-third of women and one-fifth of men will become victims. Nationwide, fewer than 1 in 10 victims of crime receive resources needed for recovery. For many survivors, especially LGBTQ+, Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities, navigating the criminal justice system is intimidating.

As crime survivors find their justice, they deserve access to support, planning, and safety resources that are inclusive of who they are, and what they need. VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) supports all victims of crime through its innovative technology, designed with a human-centered approach to provide victims with access to empowering life-saving resources.

Speakers



Karen Adams
Equifax Workforce Solutions



Missy Young
VINE

Taking Action: Assisting Victims of Financial Fraud

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway Suites 9

Anyone can be a victim of financial fraud, and perpetrators of this type of crime can range from the most intimate of people like partners and family members to strangers far away. With financial fraud increasing, it's important for practitioners, and those who do client-facing work, to understand the dynamics of financial fraud, identify strategies, and provide resources to help professionals in supporting victims and those who will occupationally support someone experiencing fraud.

Speakers



Rachel Gibson
National Center for Victims of Crime



Rob Mascio
Director
FINRA Investor Education Foundation

3:00 PM

Trauma informed Legal Practice- Understanding a Traumatized Client

⌚ 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM, Oct 6

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

This presentation will feature an explanation of the science behind how trauma impacts the brain. Next a general discussion regarding the foundation of being trauma informed, including how it will impact all interaction with clients who have experienced trauma. Finally, we will explain how trauma can lead to burnout for those who work with a traumatized population, as well as the organizational impact that can result.

Speakers



Micha Star Liberty



Mike Barnes

3:45 PM

Break

⌚ 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM, Oct 6

4:00 PM

Serving Victims During Innocence Investigations: The NC Innocence Inquiry Model

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Oct 6

📍 Regency A

This workshop will discuss the impact innocence investigations and exonerations have on victims of crime and the practices and policies that can be put in place to limit the harm experienced by victims during innocence investigations. This discussion will include victims' reported experiences of exonerations, an overview of the NC Innocence Inquiry Commission's model of investigating claims of innocence, and the Innocence Inquiry Commission's path to becoming a more victim-centered and trauma-informed state agency. The workshop will discuss the gaps in the resources available to victims of crime in the post-conviction space and how the Innocence Inquiry Commission has dealt with those challenges. The discussion will also engage with the challenge of balancing victim-centered services with fully evaluating claims of innocence.

👉 Speakers



Emma Paul

Victim Services Coordinator
North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission



Catherine Matoian

Associate Director
North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

Trauma Responsive Practices for Communities in the Midst of Youth and Violence

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Oct 6

📍 Regency B

This presentation is aimed to empower frontline workers with the fundamental understanding of the intersection of culturally competent responses to participants experiencing grief and symptoms of complex PTSD due to community violence. This will be explored through the work and findings of Chicago Survivors, a non profit organization in the city of Chicago, that responds to homicides, providing wrap around support to the treatment of the family system – in the aftermath of violent loss. Participants will experience an interactive and didactic presentation – allowing for a comprehensive understanding of how responders can assess, refer and in some instances provide treatment for family systems that have experienced violent loss and a dismantled belief system. Common adaptive and complicated coping patterns will be reviewed and recommendations to formulate a comprehensive treatment plan will be discussed. Aspects of CFTSI, EMDR, TF-CBT, Theraplay, Narrative therapy, grief counseling and therapy will be addressed. Lastly, recommendations to promote client resiliency and enhancing the clinician's competency will be provided.

👉 Speakers



JaShawn Hill

Director Of Clinical Services
Chicago Survivors



Pedro Gonzalez

Family Support Service Manager
Chicago Survivors



Casey Hohs

Youth Clinical Counselor
Chicago Survivors



Michelle Gennaro

A New Tool for Streamlining Booking Emergency Hoteling for Survivors

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Oct 6

📍 Regency C

COVID exposed and widened existing shortages of emergency housing options for crime survivors. Shelters had limited capacity due to social distancing requirements and staffing shortages. Programs have been scrambling to build relationships with hotels, and are often met with resistance.

In this session, learn about Safe Stays by ReloShare, a free-to-use, business to business hotel booking platform. Designed specifically for agencies that serve survivors of crime, Safe Stays streamlines and simplifies booking hotel stays for survivors with built in confidentiality features.

📣 Speakers



Francesca Zarate

Partnerships Lead, Safe Stays
Safe Stays by ReloShare



Paige Allmendinger

Head of Safe Stays
Safe Stays by ReloShare



Mackenzie Masilon

Partnerships Associate
Safe Stays by ReloShare

Integrating Victims' Voices in Law Enforcement Response: Using Research & Evaluation to Promote Improved Experience

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Oct 6

📍 Frisco/Burlington

Crime victims must have a voice in the criminal justice system. Intentionally seeking ethical and trauma-informed ways to incorporate victims' voices throughout the daily practice of law enforcement agencies can be challenging. Law enforcement-based victim services programs are being developed and enhanced in police agencies across the country to address this challenge. This workshop will highlight the ways law enforcement agencies can use research and evaluation to grow their response to victims of crime from the time a report is made through case resolution. Practical tips for developing research partnerships, engaging victims and other stakeholders in research activities, and incorporating findings into policy and practice decisions will be explored. Hear about the experiences, successes, and challenges from practitioners who have engaged in research and evaluation of law enforcement-based victim services for more than 25 years.

📣 Speakers



Lisa Ingarfield

Owner/Consultant
Defi Consulting



Emily Burton-Blank

Project Manager
International Association of Chiefs of Police



Kimberly Messina

Victim Services Manager
Brighton/Commerce City Police Departments

Holistic Safety: How we can shift systems toward a more holistic vision of safety

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway Suites 5

Our concept of correctional safety has historically been rooted in control – locks and doors, fences and barbed wire, cameras and surveillance. This limited definition has led to correctional institutions continued failure to actualize long-term safety for the communities inside and outside correctional walls.

We can be leaders in reimagining and building toward a holistic vision of safety rooted in health, value, personal agency, connectedness, and trust. Dr. Nneka Jones Tapia, one of the first psychologists to lead an American Jail, will draw upon her experiences as well as those from correctional officers, people incarcerated, and survivors of crime to help us challenge our ongoing concept of safety. She will share best practices learned from leading initiatives alongside these lived experience groups aimed at instilling holistic safety in large correctional institutions. Participants should leave confident to communicate what holistic safety is (and is not) and push systems toward these new goalposts.

 **Speaker**



Nneka Jones Tapia

Managing Director of Justice Initiatives
Chicago Beyond

Centering Survivors: The Potential of Community and Court Collaborations

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway Suites 6

Come learn the benefits of a comprehensive domestic violence court response – where community partners are not only referred resources but resident professionals inside the courthouse. Through collaboration, communication, and evidence-based research, St. Louis County's Domestic Violence Court has learned to “center the survivor” by building a community inside the courtroom, with a reach well beyond its four walls.

 **Speaker**



Katie Dalton

Executive Director
Crime Victim Center

Failure to Protect or Protective Factors? Identifying Protective Factors and the Co-occurrence of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway 7&8

Virtual Sessi...

For advocates working with children disclosing abuse, it is important to align with caregivers to effectively advocate and amplify their voices during the investigative, and healing process. Knowing that domestic abuse co-occurs at a substantially high rate alongside child abuse speaks to the need of having an advocate engage caregivers to advocacy. In this session, participants will learn the barriers that victims of domestic violence face in leaving an abusive relationship, specifically when children are involved, and how system intervention may inadvertently create additional barriers. Additionally, the presenter will discuss barriers that children face to disclosing their own victimization when family violence is present in the home. We will examine protective factors that supportive caregivers have put in place to keep their children and themselves safe as well as how systems and advocates can best support families experiencing these types of victimization utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach.

 **Speaker**



Ally Washenesky

Advocacy and Prevention Coordinator
First Witness Child Advocacy Center

Need for Victim Sensitive Training related to Romance Scams

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Oct 6

📍 Midway Suites 9

Our organization provides a Peer Support Program for romance scam victims. In this program we provide the participants with knowledge of romance scams and cybercrime issues in order to help decrease revictimization. We also provide a support system and tools for increased emotional wellness. We have discovered the need for victim sensitive training related to romance scams for law enforcement and financial institutions. We will tell the real stories of financial and emotional devastation from real romance scam victims. We will share the victim blaming experiences of romance scam victims with law enforcement and financial institutions. Based on these experiences we will describe the necessary components of proper victim sensitive training.

► **Speakers**



Nichole Dennis



Cindy Liebes



Rob Mascio

Director

FINRA Investor Education Foundation



Christine Kieffer

Flip, Steal or Scare Them Off - Ways to Make a Defense Mental Health Expert a Star

⌚ 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM, Oct 6

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

Believe it or not, a defense mental health expert can be a great witnesses for a sex crime survivor plaintiff! This presentation will review multiple real life examples of defense mental health experts who have been co-opted in deposition for a plaintiff's case, including one defense expert who was converted into the plaintiff's first witness for her case-in-chief at trial. The presentation will explain how to identify weaknesses in defense expert analyses to undercut their positions as well as how to force admissions on key elements of the plaintiff's damage case. Examples will also be reviewed where a defense damage expert has been forced to make admissions to support the plaintiff's liability case on the key issue of a sex abuser's propensities to have committed abuse.

► **Speaker**



Michael Dolce

Cohen Milstein Sellers

Centering Survivors: The Potential of Community and Court Collaborations

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After this workshop: (1) Attendees will not only understand the importance of court/community collaborations, they will endorse them; (2) Attendees will have the ability to relate best-practices knowledge to key personnel, such as a Board of Directors or court administration; and (3) Attendees will understand how to write and implement an MOU.

Speaker



Carey DeLargy

Domestic Violence Court Manager
St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court

4:45 PM

Representing Victims of Police Brutality through the lens of the George Floyd Murder

⌚ 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM, Oct 6

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

George Floyd's murder was a spark into a loaded powder keg. Despite extensive press and publicity, misconceptions regarding the murder and the subsequent trials remain. Notably, tensions between law enforcement and communities of color were already on the rise before the murder. Join Floyd co-counsel Antonio Romanucci in this discussion on his representation of George Floyd and other victims of police brutality and the issues that have been pervasive in policing for years.

Speaker



Antonio Romanucci

Founding Partner
Romanucci & Blandin, LLC

Fri, Oct 07, 2022

8:00 AM

Registration and Coffee

⌚ 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, Oct 7

📍 Midway West

9:00 AM

A Conversation with Piper Kerman

⌚ 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Oct 7

📍 Grand Ballroom

Plenaries **Virtual Sessions**

Piper Kerman's bestselling memoir *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison* chronicles the 13 months she spent in a Federal Correctional Institution. What struck her the most about her experience, Kerman says, is the power of women's communities: "the incredible ability of women to step up for each other, and to be resilient and to share their resiliency with other people." Kerman's memoir also raises provocative questions about the state of criminal justice in America, and how incarceration affects individuals and communities—and how it disproportionately impacts people of color. With statistics showing that the vast majority of women who have incarceration histories are also survivors of harm, services both during and post incarceration must be a high priority for communities. Kerman will join NTI attendees to discuss services in women's prisons and the impact trauma has on incarcerated women and families.

Speaker



Piper Kerman

Writing Instructor
Otterbein University



Renee Williams

Executive Director
National Center for Victims of Crime

10:15 AM

Break

⌚ 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM, Oct 7

10:30 AM

Serving child survivors of intimate partner violence across service sectors: Interdisciplinary best practices to promote healing, safety, and justice

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Regency A

Working with child survivors of interpersonal violence presents complex practice challenges resulting from the nuanced experiences of each survivor. Child IPV survivors often struggle across multiple domains of psychosocial development which can create challenges with affect regulation, behavior, developing and sustaining healthy relationships, and mental health (Lam et al., 2015; van der Kolk, 2014). These challenges can make it incredibly difficult for child survivors to cope adaptively, feel safe, and trust others (Foster & Hagedorn, 2014).

These trauma responses are exacerbated when social service and legal practices are not trauma informed and child survivors are thrust into multiple systems such as the criminal justice system without an appropriate legal representative to assist in asserting victims' rights; thus, impeding the overall goal of healing. Legal advocacy often includes litigation on behalf of the child victims to protect privacy, provide access to court, and to seek testimonial accommodation. Legal advocacy and rights enforcement for child-survivors, coupled with trauma-informed support, are key aspects in helping to navigate an arduous criminal process and foster healing.

Intentional integration of trauma informed practice across service sectors supports the development of rapport and meaningful engagement with child IPV survivors and their caregivers (SAMHSA, 2014). Together, innovative programs like Arizona Voice for Crime Victims (AVCV) and the Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiative (ACASI) bring trauma-informed interdisciplinary stakeholders together to provide child IPV survivors with effective advocacy, a measure of safety, and opportunities for healing (Websdale, 2020). This workshop will focus on an interdisciplinary, trauma informed approach to providing direct services (e.g. legal advocacy, social services) to child survivors of intimate partner violence.

👉 Speakers



Bianca Harper

Clinical Associate Professor
Arizona State University



Colleen Clase

Chief Counsel
Arizona Voice for Crime Victims

(Case Study) Holding the Justice System Accountable to Survivors: The Madison Smith Case

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Regency B

Madison Smith, a rape survivor, successfully petitioned the court in McPherson County, Kansas for a grand jury investigation of her case following the county attorney's refusal to file any rape or sexual assault charges, instead prosecuting Ms. Smith's attacker on one count of aggravated battery. The county attorney called Ms. Smith's rape "immature sex" due to the fact that it began consensually, but when the perpetrator repeatedly strangled Ms. Smith to the point of losing consciousness, she was unable to verbally revoke consent. The county attorney's office blatantly violated the Kansas Victims' Bill of Rights and the Kansas Court Rules of Professional Conduct, treating Ms. Smith with an utter lack of respect, dignity or compassion, and in fact, actively re-traumatizing her. Ms. Smith built a pro bono consulting team; invoked an archaic Kansas statute allowing for citizens to call their own grand jury; secured signatures from registered voters in the county; and secured a citizen grand jury to review her case. Ultimately, the grand jury returned no charges, but Ms. Smith and her team continue to seek justice, appealing the grand jury's decision due to procedural issues, and taking action against the county attorney via bar complaint. Madison Smith's historic case has been featured by major media outlets including The Washington Post, NBC Nightly News, The Independent, Newsweek, and the Associated Press, and is a victory for sexual assault survivors everywhere who have been maligned by the justice system. This session will address the failures of the justice system in sexual assault cases; the crucial nature of advocacy; and the steps survivors can take to hold the system accountable.

👉 Speaker



Justin Boardman

Consultant
Boardman Consulting & Training

Early Intervention after Mass Violence Incidents: Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Skills for Psychological Recovery (SPR)

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Regency C

Victims of mass violence incidents are at risk for experiencing a range of mental health problems including post traumatic stress disorder, depression, and substance abuse. Several acute interventions have been developed over the past decade with the goal of being implemented shortly following a traumatic event (i.e., within four weeks), and the aim of reducing risk for longer-term mental health problems. This workshop will provide clinicians, health care providers, first responders, victim advocates, and other professionals with an overview of mental health challenges faced by mass violence victimization and traumatically bereaved persons as well as an introduction to the basic concepts of Psychological First Aid and Skills for Psychological Recovery, two early intervention approaches relevant to the needs of mass violence victims and survivors.

📣 Speaker



Alyssa Rheingold

Professor

National Crime Victims Research & Treatment Center, Medical University of SC

Native American Collaboration, Coalitions, and Resilience: FAST Initiative

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Frisco/Burlington

For this workshop, let's focus on Native American Collaboration, Coalitions, and Resilience:

Effective Research and Practice-based Skills! These are among additional goals of the South Dakota FAST initiative; Sexual Assault Forensic-Medical and Advocacy Services for the Tribes (FAST) Initiative.

This training emphasizes the ability to collaborate and expand useful, necessary resource networks while honing everyone's resilience. After all, knowing where to find resources when victims and survivors need them is critical, whether or not they are on Tribal lands! An individual's own overall resilience, notably after dealing with crime victim and survivor responses and organizational stress impact their ability to effectively collaborate and build coalitions.

This interactive and fun workshop is appropriate for tribal, state, local, and federal personnel and offers a range of strategic interventions that target the impact of the mind, body, spirit and social perspectives of resilience. These characteristics then strengthen one's ability to collaborate, utilizing trauma-informed skills in working with, and providing victim-centered assistance effectively for those American Indian and Alaskan Native crime victims and survivors we are honored to serve.

FAST is successfully conquering unique challenges in serving victims and survivors of crime in Rural/Frontier regions, as well as more populated areas. Our FAST Coordinator is an enrolled member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe with a colorful and varied resume! A retired FBI Victim Specialist also brings 20+ years of knowledge and skills in the elements necessary to effectively serve victims of crime in Tribal communities and also share strategies relevant to those in leadership roles. This research/experience-based and engaging training was developed to provide specific, in-depth information and skill development for both new and experienced staff privileged to serve American Indian and Alaskan Native crime victims and survivors in remote and urban communities. Ample opportunities to bring in the insightful voices and impressions of peers will be provided.

📣 Speakers



Gayle Thom

Retired

FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation



Tanya Krietlow

Facilitating Training with a Trauma-Informed Lens

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 5

Victim advocates and others working with survivors are regularly called upon to provide presentations and facilitate trainings on challenging, traumatic subjects. Participants will explore the intersection between adult learning and trauma-informed principles in order to create trauma-informed curriculum and nurture trauma-informed in-person or virtual training environments for adult learners. Specific examples and tools will be provided to maximize participant benefit.

 **Speaker**



Jennie Marsh

Director of Programs
Kansas Governor's Grants Program

Silly Rabbit, TikTok isn't Just for Kids: The Role of Technology when Working with Older Adult Victims of Crime

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway 7&8

Virtual Sessi...

Technology has opened the world up for more connections, more information sharing, and allowing victims and survivors to connect with service providers like never before. Using technology is not just for youth and young adults. More older adults are using technology to bank, connect with family and friends, date, and more.

According to the AARP, they found "that more older adults (44%) view tech more positively as a way to stay connected than they did before COVID-19. In addition, 4 out of 5 adults age 50+ rely on technology to stay connected and in touch with family and friends."

It is imperative for service providers to understand the nuances of how Older Adults are using technology, the ways this technology can be misused, and how Older Adults can use technology in an empowered way.

This session will identify risks to the use of technology for Older Adults and how to mitigate these risks. Participants will be able to identify safety planning strategies for Older Adult victims of crime and how these strategies will need to adapt based on victims' and survivors' needs. Lastly, participants will identify resources that can help empower victims, including a demo of a new feature from Apple called Safety Check.

*You may want to download iOS 16 on your iPhone prior to the session if you'd like to follow along during the demo of Safety Check.

 **Speaker**



Rachel Gibson

National Center for Victims of Crime

Reducing Firearm Violence: Victim-Centered, Legal and Public Health Strategies

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 10

Firearm violence is a public health crisis in the United States. In 2020, there were over 45,000 firearm deaths in the U.S. and twice as many nonfatal firearm injuries. The COVID-19 pandemic brought on alarming increases in both gun violence and gun sales. Access to firearms increases the risk of homicides, suicides, and unintentional injuries. Victim services providers are critical to helping survivors recognize the perils of gun violence and identify realistic safety planning strategies. This workshop will examine evidence-informed approaches to reducing firearm injuries and fatalities. Presenters will share creative policies and strategies for firearm violence prevention for a variety of audiences, including discussion of the interplay between domestic violence and firearms. This presentation will discuss legal mechanisms to empower victims of violence, including extreme risk protection orders and domestic violence protection orders. Presenters will combine public health and legal expertise to help participants implement these strategies.

👉 Speakers

**Lisa Geller**

Director of State Affairs
Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions

**Spencer Cantrell**

Director of Federal Affairs
Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions

Post-Conviction Assistance for Victims (PAV) Hawai'i: Pavhawaii.com, An Innovative Solution to Post-Conviction Advocacy

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 6

Post-conviction programming in Hawai'i, like in many states, are fragmented, underfunded, understaffed, and difficult to navigate. In 2019, a national post-conviction advocate and consultant developed a strategic plan with Hawai'i's victim service community that identified gaps and opportunities to improve post-conviction victim services. The strategic plan identified the fragmentation of victim services in Hawai'i as a barrier to providing quality victim services. In response, the Hawai'i Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC), the Hawai'i Department of Public Safety (PSD), and the Hawai'i Paroling Authority (HPA) developed Pavhawaii.com, a website designed to centralize post-conviction programs, increase accessibility to resources, and provide a comprehensive mapping of victims' rights and services for victims of crime throughout the criminal justice system.

Presenter will guide participants through the collaboration, planning, development, and testing stages of the project, as well as highlight the need for innovative solutions that are both comprehensive and accessible to victims of crime.

👉 Speaker

**Leanna Bair**

Investigator/Post-Conviction Victim Advocate
Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Promoting a Trauma Informed SAFE Clinic and Multidiscipline Collaboration

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 9

This workshop will delve into how Nashville, TN opened a stand alone trauma informed SAFE Clinic. How we obtained the buy-in from community partners and what we learned along the journey and how the SAFE Clinic built a better relationship with law enforcement and how Advocates, SANEs and law enforcement work together.

👉 Speakers

**Lorraine McGuire**

Sexual Assault Center

**Jessica Barfield**

VP of Program
Sexual Assault Center

We Deserve Justice Too: How to change low award amount jury verdicts in cases with black civil claimants

⌚ 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM, Oct 7

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

Black civil claimants stand to receive lower jury verdicts than their similarly situated White counterparts. Simply put, jurors award Black people less money at trial. An examination of over 1,110 civil trials uncovered that Black plaintiffs receive 41% the amount of non-economic damages awarded to White claimants. As lawyers who represent survivors of crime, it is our job to understand how racial bias effects the value of black clients' grievances and we must face the bias head on to make sure all of our clients receive just recourse for their damages.

📢 Speaker



Tyler D. Bailey

Attorney

Bailey Law Firm, LLC

11:15 AM

Bringing Cases Against the US Government (Indiana Health Service Case Study)

⌚ 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

This presentation intends to educate lawyers on how to identify, build, and succeed in bringing native sexual abuse claims under a somewhat novel and under-utilized breach of treaty theory in the US Court of Claims.

📢 Speakers



Peter Janci

Partner

Crew Janci LLP



Zach Pangares

Attorney

Crew Janci LLP

12:00 PM

Lunch (provided) and Remarks from Miss South Carolina, Jill Dudley

⌚ 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM, Oct 7

📍 Grand Ballroom

Lunch will be served in the Grand Ballroom and is a plated lunch. Remarks by Miss South Carolina, Jill Dudley, will begin at 12:15.

12:30 PM

Hidden Consequences: The Impact of Cycles of Incarceration and Trauma on Families

⌚ 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, Oct 7

📍 Grand Ballroom

Plenaries Virtual Sessions

For years, adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs, have been an area of focus by victim service providers, specifically those centered around childhood abuse and trauma. The experience of having a parent or guardian who has an incarceration history is also defined as an ACE but has not been as widely discussed as a contributing factor to trauma and later incarceration. This plenary session will discuss the impact of these experiences on children and families, and what can be done to lessen the harm done.

↳ **Speakers**



Kerry R. Watson, Jr.

Regional Vice President of Government Affairs
MGM Resorts



Nneka Jones Tapia

Managing Director of Justice Initiatives
Chicago Beyond



Richard Smith

Founder and Trainer
Richardsmithspeaks, LLC



Richard Washington

Program Manager
Alliance for Safety and Justice

1:30 PM

Rights of the Undocumented: Collaborating with Law Enforcement and Navigating through Family Court

⌚ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Regency A

The presentation will address the rights of undocumented people when contacting law enforcement, including balancing the fears of immigrant survivors with survivors' safety, and how immigration impacts family law litigation. We will review victims' rights, regardless of immigration status, and the advantages of contacting police when in danger, including immigration benefits of cooperating with police (i.e. U visa), what to expect and individual rights when contacting police, and a hypothetical in which the audience advises a survivor of their rights while addressing fears.

The second half addresses obstacles undocumented survivors may face when accessing family court for protection from abuse and/or child custody, including how and when immigration status might be raised by opposing parties, responding to inquiries about immigration status during litigation, best practices when representing undocumented litigants, and how to best advise clients on practical implications. We will also address how parents can protect their children from international child abduction and relocation issues.

↳ **Speakers**



Susan Pearlstein

Phila Legal Assistance



Terez Varkonyi

Staff Attorney
Nationalities Service Center

Stalking in the 21st Century: A Serial Stalking Case Study

⌚ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Regency B

Lack of identification and understanding of the dynamics of stalking, particularly serial stalking often goes unreported, unrecognized, undetected and under prosecuted. Unfortunately when survivors do come forward many victim service professionals provide outdated and unrealistic guidance when safety planning with survivors. One contributing factor to this is lack of understanding from within our criminal justice response. Presenters will use an abbreviated local case study to examine the dynamics of serial stalking and it's interconnectivity to an online world including from the survivor's shared perspectives. Speakers will provide trauma-informed practical strategies for law enforcement and victim service professionals responding to survivors of these crimes. Utilization of threat assessment tools and cyber evidence documentation and retrieval will be discussed from a law enforcement/victim services MDT lens. Dynamic strategies for safety planning around social media for survivors and prevention for at high risk populations will be shared throughout this presentation.

► **Speakers**



Mark Kurkowski

Consultant

Kurkowski consulting and training LLC



Cindy Malott

Building the Right Supports to Empower Elder Victims of Crime

⌚ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Regency C

The World Health Organization cites elder abuse as an important public health concern on the rise worldwide. Elder Americans may suffer increased consequences as a result of the trauma of their victimization including social and psychological impact and a deterioration in health and an increased mortality affecting their quality of life and independence. When a crime such as exploitation or physical abuse occurs, older adults need the right information and supports to drive their own advocacy, understand their victims' rights, and know what to expect from the criminal justice system. Lawful representatives often play an important role for elder victims and face unique difficulties. Advocates can learn about working with lawful representatives and assist victims in attaining justice while empowering them in an accessible, dignified and individualized manner. Learn skills necessary to serve some of the most vulnerable of crime victims and facilitate their empowerment through the criminal justice system.

► **Speaker**



Amy Bocks

Assistant Director & Advocate Program Manager

AZ Attorney General's Office Of Victim Services

Racial Disparities and Human Trafficking: How Racial Inequality Impacts Human Trafficking

⌚ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Frisco/Burlington

Overview of human trafficking, how racial inequality impacts human trafficking and providing services to trafficking victims and survivors, and promising practices to address racial disparities concerning human trafficking.

► **Speaker**



Shima Rostami

Executive Director

Gateway Human Trafficking

Strategies to Promote Mental Health Recovery: Recommendations Before, During, and Following a Mass Violence Incident

⌚ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 5

Many resources and activities are available to improve mental health recovery following a mass violence incident (MVI). However, strategies to prepare communities and to guide the selection and timing of behavioral/mental-health related resource implementation are limited. This workshop targets those who serve MVI victims (i.e., Victim Service Providers (VSPs), Mental Health Professionals (MHPs), emergency management planners, and others). First, we will share strategies to help communities be prepared to respond to MVI victims, and then discuss ways to address trauma- and grief-related symptoms in the immediate aftermath and throughout the recovery process. We also will describe factors to identify skilled, trauma-informed mental health providers, as well as key components of evidence-based trauma-focused interventions to guide the in the selection of appropriate ways to respond to victims. Finally, we will share lessons learned from prior MVI incidents (e.g., Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School, Charleston Mother AME Church).

► **Speakers**



Rochelle F. Hanson, PhD

Professor
Medical University of South Carolina



Alyssa Rheingold

Professor
National Crime Victims Research & Treatment Center, Medical University of SC



Anne Seymour

Firearms & Family Violence: Connecting the Pathways to Prevent Violence

⌚ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 6

A critical look into the criminology of perpetrators of mass shootings is needed to prevent these crimes from happening. In this workshop, presenters will take a deep dive into a case study of recent mass shootings, identify red flags, and discuss current laws. Attendees will examine federal and state laws that may provide loopholes for these offenders to slip through the cracks and will learn how our communities can collaborate effectively to identify high-risk offenders, create firearm surrender protocols, and secure protections for survivors.

► **Speaker**



Amanda Elkanick Oder

VP of Advocacy & Outreach
Texas Advocacy Project

Childhood Trauma and System Intervention- the impact on later victimization and human trafficking

⌚ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 10

The presenters will discuss overarching information on human trafficking and various risk factors common in the US, with a focus on various forms of childhood trauma as they present in victim/survivors both locally in the Midwest and nationally. This presentation will cover how childhood traumatic experiences and multiple systems responses cause harm, and how these experiences lead to vulnerabilities that are exploited by traffickers. The presenters will share data from anti-trafficking work they have been involved with in Minnesota, as well as national statistics regarding risk factors and intersections of trauma and victimization. The presenters will focus on how systems professionals, advocates, and community members can adjust responses to create the best outcomes to reduce risk and increase resilience throughout the lifespan.

► **Speakers**



Kate LePage

East Central Safe Harbor Regional Navigator
Lutheran Social Service



Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie

Board member
YWCA of Cass Clay

Defending the Vulnerable: The Criminalization of Womxn Experiencing Trauma

⌚ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 9

This workshop will focus on how womxn who are living through trauma are continuously criminalized through our justice system without considering the lived experiences that may have prompted them to make unconventional decisions. From the prospective of two defense attorney's, from grassroots nonprofits that advocate alongside indigent and marginalized peoples, the participants will learn how to mitigate sentences and paint a complete portrait of the womxn for the court.

► Speakers

**Anne Rios**

Executive Director
Uprise Theatre

**Mitchelle Woodson**

Executive Director, Managing Attorney
Think Dignity

How to Secure Media Attention for Underrepresented Victims

⌚ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway 7&8

Virtual Sessi...

True crime content continues to grow in popularity and cases that previously flew under the radar are becoming media sensations. However, cases that receive this spotlight often fit the same profile - a phenomenon known as "missing white woman syndrome". This presentation will focus on how media coverage can become more equitable and how advocates can work with the media to ensure awareness for these cases.

► Moderator

**Natalie Wilson**

Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer
Black and Missing Foundation, Inc

► Speakers

**Jeff Mays**

Politics reporter
The New York Times

**Stephanie Elam**

Correspondent
CNN

**Tammie Fields**

Spectrum News 13, Host Justice For All

**Brittany Bigelow**

Head Of Production
audiochuck

How Victims' Rights are Protected during Bankruptcy

⌚ 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM, Oct 7

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

This presentation aims to provide an understanding of how a Survivor's rights are impacted when a defendant in their case files for bankruptcy. This presentation will largely focus on institutional defendants such as the Christian Brothers, the Boy Scouts of America, the Diocese of Rochester, the Diocese of Buffalo, etc.

When a bankrupt defendant files for bankruptcy (the Debtor), the bankruptcy code automatically stays any litigation against the Debtor in state court. This is significant because Survivors have to navigate the intricacies of litigating their previously-filed claims not only against the Debtor, but against third-party entities that may also be implicated in the bankruptcy proceedings.

For those who wish to litigate in state court against third-party defendants while a Debtor is in bankruptcy, they run the risk of potentially violating the automatic stay against the Debtor as well as a risk of being precluded from seeking the requisite discovery from all potentially-responsible parties (particularly if a Survivor is prevented from seeking discovery from the Debtor in state court litigation while the bankruptcy is pending).

Additional issues arise in the bankruptcy itself, including a Debtor's attempt to secure third-party releases for additional responsible parties who have not filed for bankruptcy on their own, and who often fail to contribute the appropriate contribution that would warrant a release. Securing those third-party releases in the bankruptcy forecloses a Survivor's right to litigate against those third-parties in the future. This presentation will also aim to provide an overview of the pitfalls of certain negotiations in the bankruptcy proceedings and how a Survivor's rights may be impacted in the bankruptcy and beyond.

Speakers



Jason Amala

Partner Attorney
Pfau Cochran Vertetus Amala PLLC



Anelga Doumanian

Attorney
Pfau Cochran Vertetus Amala PLLC



Vincent Nappo

Pfau Cochran Vertetus Amala

2:15 PM

Sexual Assault in Ride-Share Cases

 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM, Oct 7

 New York/Illinois Central

 NCVBA

The rise in popularity among ride share companies brings with it a new emphasis on whether they are providing a safe environment for its passengers. In this presentation, Michael Neff will draw on his experience fighting ride share companies related to sexual assault cases. He will outline strategies and tactics ride share companies use to avoid responsibility and ways to overcome them as you seek justice for your clients.

Speaker



Michael Neff

Founder - Lead Trial Attorney
Neff Injury Law

3:00 PM

Break

 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM, Oct 7

3:30 PM

Real-Time Resiliency: Release Trauma While Serving Victims

 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Regency A

Stress, anxiety, and vicarious trauma are synonymous with victim assistance. Making time for self-care is a challenge and for some, it simply doesn't happen, which leads to burnout and health challenges. Learn how to cultivate resiliency and give yourself the support you need with simple, effective techniques that provide the ability to decompress and release trauma at a cellular level in real-time.

As a victim service provider, applying these techniques will allow you to be clear and grounded, help deescalate the scene/trauma-response, and give the victim the opportunity to feel seen and heard. Best of all, you will not be negatively impacted by the trauma you're exposed to.

*Wear comfortable clothing, bring pure drinking water, and a rolled-up bath towel if available.

📣 Speaker



Sabrina Fritts

Crisis Advocate & Trainer | Certified Block Therapist & Block Therapy Instructor
PeaceWorks, Inc.

From Jail, to Bail, to Sale: Identifying Human Trafficking Survivors within the Criminal Justice System

🕒 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Regency B

Traffickers target individuals who are less likely to report their exploitation to law enforcement. As a result, individuals who have a criminal record, are under court supervision, or otherwise subject to the authority of the criminal justice system are at higher risk for exploitation. Individuals who also struggle with addiction and substance abuse are especially vulnerable to coercion. The 2018 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report identified “participants in court-ordered substance use diversion programs” as individuals especially vulnerable to sex and labor trafficking, and recent news reports have validated this assertion.

This presentation will identify trafficking schemes that involve recruitment from local jails and prisons, as well as from court-sanctioned treatment programs as an alternative to incarceration. The presenter will focus on strategies to address victim safety concerns and help triers of fact understand the unique circumstances that led to a victim's exploitation. In addition, the presenter will discuss the importance trauma-informed practices and a coordinated response that includes healthcare providers and transitional housing.

📣 Speakers



Jane Anderson

Attorney Advisor
AEquitas



Joy Friedman

Founder
The Missing Peace

Unique Populations, Unique Services: Pulse Night Club Shooting Case Study

🕒 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Regency C

Criminal mass violence and domestic terrorism (CMV/DT) incidents are becoming all too common in today's world. The needs of victims, families, and communities following a CMV/DT incident are vast and varied. This is only multiplied when victims identify as part of communities that are already underserved. Using the Pulse Night Club Shooting as a case study, presenters will discuss the phases of CMV/DT response – highlighting the unique needs and services offered to LGBT+ and Latinx victims, families, and communities as well as the complexities that were found in this challenging work. All presenters were involved in the Pulse Night Club response to victims and families. They will discuss their roles, best practices, and lessons learned from their experiences.

☛ **Speakers**



Tara Hughes

Director

ICPTTA -- Improving Community Preparedness to Assist Victims of Violence: Training & Technical Assistance



Joél Junior Morales

Foundation Manager

Contigo Fund



Kathy DeVault

Director of Strategic Partnerships

City of Orlando

Warning Signs & Red Flags for Trafficking & Abuse of Immigrant Children

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Frisco/Burlington

Immigrant children are often vulnerable to crime including abuse, abandonment, neglect, and human trafficking. Achieving safety and justice for these children is a long-term process that must address both legal and social challenges. Immigrant children and the professionals serving them must navigate both a complex immigration system and the children's traumatic experiences. In this workshop, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) will provide practitioners with an overview of the immigration system, focusing on legal remedies and social service considerations for minor immigrant victims of crime. We will address Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for victims of abuse, abandonment, and neglect, U visas for victims of crime generally, asylum for victims of persecution abroad, and T visas for victims of trafficking. Participants will learn to identify common fact patterns for abuse and trafficking as well as trauma-informed methods of addressing children's cases, using case studies as a springboard for discussion.

☛ **Speakers**



Kevin Jackson

Staff Attorney

Kids in Need of Defense



Roy Alejandro

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)

What's your M.O.T.I.V.E? Building the Michigan Ops Team Investigating Violent Exploitation

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 5

What once was enforcing solely prostitution to now supporting and identifying victims of human trafficking, how training law enforcement and collaborating with victim services changed the game. A major gap in service has turned into a strong collaboration between a local law enforcement agency and victim service provider. Learn how working together by utilizing local resources can change the impact of fighting human trafficking within your community. M.O.T.I.V.E. combines expertise in investigations, advocacy, intelligence and outreach to pursue impactful joint operations in this discipline.

☛ **Speakers**



Allie Mercer

Human Trafficking Victim Advocate

Common Ground



Craig White

Sergeant

Madison Heights Police Department

Advocacy as a Tool for Healing

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway 7&8

[Virtual Sessi...](#)

Advocacy is defined as public support for, or recommendation of a particular cause or policy. MADD, along with many other similar grassroots organizations, have helped thousands of families feel less alone and encourage them find meaning in their tragedy. During this session we will examine how making the commitment to turn 'Pain into Purpose' allows individuals to channel the energy and belief that loss of their loved ones wasn't in vain and, hopefully, make positive systemic changes in their communities.

👉 Speaker



Heather Estudillo

National Director of Victim Services
Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Their Lived Experience, A Train-The-Trainer Presentation about Blended Identities and Disability Bias

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 6

THINK+change collaborated with people with disabilities who had lived experience and harmonized self-identities to film their perspectives concerning race, disability, and bias. Ultimately, resulting in two multi-part, mini-documentary video-based storytelling TALKS series titled Breaking the Barrier of Disability Bias and The Intersection of Race and Disability.

This presentation focuses on a Train-the-Trainer model. We will introduce video clips of each TALKS series, and attendees will be guided on how to use the no-cost Train-The-Trainer guide and online TALKS to promote open dialogue about race, disability, and bias. The guide includes video links and step-by-step instructions, carefully chosen questions, and suggested answers.

Together we can spur conversation, recognize inclusion, and understand how to be a better ally in supporting victims with disabilities.

👉 Speaker



Erica Dennison

THINK+change and Programs' Director
The Arc of Aurora / THINK+change

Innovative Approaches to Sexual Assault Investigations and Prosecutions – Strategies to Achieve “Success” In and Out of the Courtroom

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 9

This workshop will explore the short and long term traumatic impacts of sexual assault on survivors and how the responses of the criminal justice system, educational institutions, communities, family and friends impact survivors' choices about participating with the criminal justice system, as well as their own healing/unresolved trauma and self-perceptions.

This workshop will use examples and information gained from a cold-case sexual assault prosecution unit in Kalamazoo Michigan. The Kalamazoo Sexual Assault Kit Initiative utilizes a team approach from start to finish – investigators, prosecutors and advocates working closely together on every step of case evaluation, victim notification, case investigation, and prosecution.

The Kalamazoo SAKI Team has found great success from utilizing this team approach both in terms of case outcomes and convictions but more importantly in the ways that the supportive team approach has assisted survivors in healing from unresolved trauma. These “lessons learned” can and should be applied to the investigation and prosecution of ALL sexual assault cases, not just cold cases.

☛ **Speakers**



Erin House

Special Assistant Attorney General
Michigan Attorney General's Office SAKI



Rachel Johnson



Paul Cushman



Richard Johnson

Treating Child Sexual Abuse Cases as Traumatic Brain Injury Cases

⌚ 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM, Oct 7

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

The presentation will focus on the legal and medical authority that shows the ways in which CSA cases can be refocused in terms of being a traumatic brain injury case. This does not suggest or mean that there may not be other damages but rather another piece of ammunition in terms of damages and a way to frame the case.

☛ **Speakers**



Gaetano DAndrea

Laffey, Bucci, & Kent



Brian Kent

Laffey Bucci & Kent LLP

Connecting with Sustainable Resources to Enhance Personal Wellness for Helping Professionals

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 Midway Suites 10

☛ **Speaker**



Iva Rody

Chief Programs Officer
National Center for Victims of Crime

4:15 PM

Title IX: Serving as an Advisor in Campus Proceedings to build your lawsuit

⌚ 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 7

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

This presentation will cover the campus-level requirements for responding to stalking, sexual misconduct, and intimidate partner violence affecting students and employees in higher education under Clery Act and Title IX, while also showing practitioners how serving as a campus-level advisor during the campus disciplinary process can help develop later negligence and Title IX-based lawsuits. Many practitioners unfamiliar with Title IX tend to conflate campus level requirements with civil liability standards, so this presentation will distinguish those requirements and discuss various Title IX liability theories beyond deliberate indifference. The presentation will also discuss when filing.

► **Speaker**



Laura Dunn

Founding Partner
L.L. Dunn Law Firm, PLLC

Sat, Oct 08, 2022

8:00 AM

Registration and Coffee

⌚ 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, Oct 8

📍 Midway West

9:00 AM

The Role of Victim Advocacy in Technology Design

⌚ 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Oct 8

📍 Grand Ballroom

Plenaries

Virtual Sessions

This plenary session will bring together leading dating app experts, Buddy Loomis, from the Match Group and Kathryn Kosmides, Survivor/Advocate, and Online Background Check Founder to discuss the realities of what it means to support victims, survivors, and those using online dating apps. Conversations will begin with understanding the context of privacy and safety when dating apps are being used, what advocates and professionals can do to support victims, and ways tech companies are working to create products that are inclusive and safe for all users.

► **Speakers**



Rachel Gibson

National Center for Victims of Crime



Kathryn Kosmides

CEO
Garbo



Buddy Loomis (she/her)

Sr. Director, LE Operations & Investigations
Match Group

10:00 AM

Break

⌚ 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Oct 8

Child Sex Abuse Section Meeting - Closed Session

⌚ 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM, Oct 8

📍 New York/Illinois Central

NCVBA

10:15 AM

Talking to Killers and Non-lethal abusers: What can they tell us about sexual

coercion, jealousy and infidelity as key elements of abusive behavior?

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Oct 8

📍 Regency A

Belying their minimizing and braggadocio, perpetrators of intimate partner homicides unwittingly provide useful information about the interconnections between sex and violence within the context of an abusive relationship. Their expectations about sex, rushed courtships, jealousy and infidelity, provide retrospective insight when and why sexual coercion unfolds over time, and how this contributes to homicide. Based on in-depth interviews of killers as well as victims of attempted homicide, I will describe four phases of the relationship, beginning with first sex, onset of jealousy and infidelity, escalation of sexual coercion, and the weaponization of sex.

While the first part of this session will focus on cases of homicide and near-homicide, the second part will focus on sex as a coercive element in non lethal relationships of abusers engaged in an abuser intervention program. Key elements of this are first and second date sex, rescuing fantasies, the idea of being a “soul mate” and other kinds of magical thinking, infidelity, selfish sex and the evolution of sexual coercion.

📢 Speaker



David Adams

Co-Director
Emerge

Trauma Informed Practices; Investigative Interviews with Assault Victims

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Oct 8

📍 Regency B

Interviewing Sexual Assault Victims, training and activities. This Workshop is an annual training that I provide Hawaii County Police Department on Trauma Informed Practices when speaking to victims of sexual assault. The activity is geared towards law enforcement, but is beneficial and informative to others who support sexual assault victims.

📢 Speaker



Amanda Alvarado

Responding to Transnational Fraud Schemes that Target Older Adults

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Oct 8

📍 Regency C

The Department of Justice recently launched the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force, bringing multiple federal agencies together to focus efforts on responding to and prosecuting transnational fraud schemes. These crimes are often perpetrated through telemarketing, mass-mailing, and tech-support scams. Scammers also frequently use victims as money mules to move stolen funds from other victims to perpetrators. Transnational scams can be difficult to investigate; law enforcement and advocates are often not trained on how to approach these crimes, and victims aren't aware of available resources. This presentation will provide information on common scams and what actions can be taken to assist victims. We will review the agencies and organizations where victims should be referred. We will also discuss resources specifically for law enforcement that can facilitate investigations.

📢 Speakers



Laura Cook

Program Manager
The National White Collar Crime Center



James Foley

Vice President
National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C)

Child Exploitation: The Pandemic that No One is Talking About

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Oct 8

📍 Midway Suites 5

In just one week, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received over 500,000 reports of child pornography. The terrifying reality is that these reported cases represent just a fraction of the child abuse and exploitation that occurs across the nation. Child exploitation cases are some of the most difficult to work on, both within the legal system and outside of it for many reasons such as: the horrific nature of the cases themselves, the ages of victims, helping parents navigate the guilt, anger, and devastation that comes with the identification of their children as victims, and the juxtaposition of conflicting feelings victims sometimes experience regarding their abusers. The presentation will examine successful practices that embrace a team-oriented, victim-centered approach to the criminal investigation and prosecution of defendants who sexually exploit children, with applications for law enforcement, social services, and other victim service providers. We also intend to speak of our innovative outreach efforts that have reached thousands of children, parents, and professionals in an effort to prevent children from becoming victims of child exploitation.

👉 Speakers



Lauryn Myers

Victim Witness Specialist
USAO



Anne Paruti

Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of the Major Crimes Unit
United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts



Karen Legace

Project Safe Childhood Program Specialist
USAO: District of Massachusetts | MA

Using a Data Driven Approach to Prevent Youth Homelessness

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Oct 8

📍 Midway Suites 6

In 2019, NRS began working with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago to produce an annual Crisis Services and Prevention Report. This analysis highlights findings from data collected from youth between 2019 – 2021, who have connected with NRS' 24/7 crisis services via a hotline, live chat and email. This session will discuss the findings, lessons learned, and challenges for providing services and supporting youth in crisis and preventing youth runaway episodes and youth homelessness. Issues that will be highlighted include: child abuse and neglect, mental health and suicide, LGBTQ+ and other family dynamics that impact youth experiencing crisis. Presenters will share qualitative and quantitative data from crisis contacts and will describe how this data has informed NRS' crisis intervention and prevention, engagement and outreach strategies.

👉 Speakers



Susan Frankel

CEO
National Runaway Safeline



Sam Gillis

Chief Program Officer
National Runaway Safeline

Tools and Strategies to Empower Victims in Online Spaces

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Oct 8

📍 Midway 7&8

Virtual Sess...

Victims and Survivors are using dating apps and participating in online spaces from all different walks of life. It is important for not only victims and survivors, but those who work with them to have a baseline understanding of where they can go to find tips, strategies, and support if they chose to use these apps, as well as ways to manage risks. Participants will learn how to identify places they can go to direct victims and survivors to help think through trust and safety.

► **Speaker**



Kathryn Kosmides
CEO
Garbo

Advocating in Indian Country: Five Things I Wish I'd Known

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Oct 8

📍 Frisco/Burlington

Advocacy can be overwhelming. In this presentation, we will discuss five foundational strategies to work with American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) victims and survivors. This presentation will focus on victim safety, autonomy, and confidentiality, jurisdiction in Indian Country, building relationships with partners, and the role of the advocate.

► **Speaker**



Renee Stapp (Mvskoke)
Program Director
National Center for Victims of Crime

Crime Survivors Speak Report 2022: A National Survey of Victims' View on Safety and Justice

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Oct 8

📍 Midway Suites 9

► **Speakers**



Tricia Forbes
Senior Manager, Member Support
Alliance for Safety and Justice



TraVonn Jones
Alliance for Safety and Justice

11:45 AM

Lunch (on your own)

⌚ 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM, Oct 8

Lunch will NOT be provided today. Feel free to bring food back to eat in the conference space!

12:30 PM

NCVBA Awards Luncheon

⌚ 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM, Oct 8

📍 Pegram

NCVBA

Awards lunch open to NCVBA members only.

1:00 PM

“The ‘Soul Crushing’ Job: Emotional labor and Secondary Trauma in Prosecuting Sexual Assault Cases”

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Oct 8

📍 Regency A

This workshop will explore the emotional impacts of prosecuting sex crimes, reviewing the results of a qualitative study that examined the ways prosecutors' experience and manage their response to cases involving sexual trauma. In addition to sharing indicators of secondary and vicarious trauma, prosecutors appear to engage in emotional labor to mitigate the psychological impacts of participation in the courtroom experience on survivors of sexual assault. Participants will learn key indicators and ways to mitigate the impacts of secondary and vicarious trauma and recommendations for organizations on how to enhance resiliency using the OVC Vicarious Trauma-Informed Organization Toolkit.

☛ **Speaker**



Tammi Slovinsky, PhD, MPA

Lead TTA Specialist
OVC TTAC

Trauma-Informed Interventions for Accessing & Reprocessing Traumatic Memories

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Oct 8

📍 Regency B

Research from the past two decades has significantly contributed to our understanding of trauma and trauma treatment. Contemporary research in the neurosciences highlights the deleterious impact of traumatic events and underscores treatment approaches for addressing the psychological sequelae of trauma. In part, this research suggests that trauma is an experience which is stored as symbols, icons, sensations, and images in the right hemisphere of the brain. More specifically, advances in the neurosciences establish the rationale for using sensory-based interventions as mechanisms for accessing and reprocessing these traumatic experiences and memories.

Through the lens of neuroscience, this workshop highlights the use of play therapy, art therapy, and sandtray as expressive interventions for addressing traumatic events and their impact. A review of findings in the fields of neuroscience, trauma, and psychotherapy will be conducted to provide the foundation from which expressive interventions will be explored. An understanding of the manner in which traumatic experiences are stored, accessed, and reprocessed will be provided. The use of expressive interventions such as play, art, and sand will be examined as mechanisms which activate the right hemisphere of the brain by which traumatic images, sensations, and memories can be accessed, explored, and reprocessed to facilitate management of posttraumatic reactions and promote recovery.

An integrative, prescriptive approach will provide the theoretical framework from which play therapy will be explored and applied. An emphasis will be placed on highlighting the use of play therapy, art therapy, and sandtray as sensory-based interventions for facilitating posttraumatic management, growth, and recovery.

☛ **Speaker**



Sueann Kenney-Noziska

Child Therapist
Play Therapy Corner, LLC

Survivors and Second Chances

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Oct 8

📍 Regency C

This workshop will discuss the ways survivors and prosecutors are influencing policy and promoting lasting change through healing trauma caused by youth violence and extreme sentences. This discussion will explore not only the successes in the movement, but also the healing that takes place when directly impacted individuals are at the center of this movement.

► **Speakers**



Enako Major

Survivor Engagement Coordinator
Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth



Preston Shipp

Senior Policy Counsel
The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth

Investigating Cases Involving Victims and Witnesses with Disabilities in Care Settings

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Oct 8

📍 Frisco/Burlington

This training is intended for law enforcement professionals and attorneys seeking to advance their understanding of investigations of crimes against individuals with disabilities who reside in care settings. This training is founded in law enforcement best practices with considerations and adaptations for individuals with disabilities. Participants will learn systemic conditions associated with abusive environments, abuse dynamics, special legal considerations, and investigative strategies enabling more comprehensive investigations on behalf of victims with disabilities.

► **Speakers**



Dermot Whelan



Staci Whitney

Facing Forward

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Oct 8

📍 Midway 7&8

Virtual Sessi...

In an effort to strengthen and maximize healing, prosecution, and interruption of re-victimization victims services programs must offer a holistic framework that addresses the interconnectivity of all the complex working parts of the individual, the family, and the institutional processes. Band-Aid approaches can be a disservice to victims, families, and community wellness, and are not sufficient for managing the intensity of our collective and intergenerational wounds. It is time to address the roots of suffering rather than continue to apply a topical and temporary anesthetic.

This presentation will explore a three-tiered systems-based approach that allows us to better respond to violence in ways that not only address the current incidents of violence, but also help to transform the conditions that allowed for it to happen. We will first explore integrative methods for addressing individual care through alternative trauma healing modalities that focus on body-based and experiential therapies, enhanced connectivity to people, place, and post-traumatic growth. We will then address the complexities of family dynamics by including all family members, as well as the offender in the healing process, address multigenerational considerations, and implement corrective and transformative methods of familial restoration to interrupt generational cycles of trauma. Lastly, we will discuss innovative approaches to institutional shifts and cohesive collaboration with victims healing services, advocacy and police. Now, more than ever, helping professions must build alternatives to current systems of intervention. Transformative systems of support must be anchored in trauma-informed standards, must be preventive and proactive, and must provide a continuum of care that promotes resilience and sustainable healing and regeneration.

► **Speakers**



Robin Afinowich

Trauma & Resilience Trainer/Trauma Healing Specialist
CARE7 Human Services, City of Tempe

Anastasia Stinchfield



Incorporating Culture into Indigenous Youth Prevention Work

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Oct 8

📍 Midway Suites 6

The presenter will discuss ways that providers can incorporate indigenous knowledge and tools into prevention work with at risk, exploited, and trafficked Indigenous population. This will include information on an indigenous prevention curriculum developed by the presenter.

► **Speaker**



Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie

Board member
YWCA of Cass Clay

Human Trafficking & Race – How Racism and Systemic Oppression increase Black Girls vulnerability to sexual exploitation

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Oct 8

📍 Midway Suites 5

Human trafficking is a crime that preys on vulnerabilities and although it cuts across age, ethnicity, race and socioeconomic status, Black girls have an increased vulnerability to sexual exploitation as a result of racism and systematic oppression. Although Black women and girls make up 13% of the US population, they represent 40% of sex trafficking victims and account for 51% of prostitution arrests. Black girls are oversexualized, dehumanized and often treated as criminals rather than being allowed to exist in environments which provide hope and healing.

We each have a shared responsibility to combat human trafficking. In order to prevent trafficking and work to create environments for survivors to thrive, we must address the root causes of trafficking.

Through the use of personal testimony, video clips, and group dialogue, the presenter will lead the audience in exploring the experiences of trafficking and sexual exploitation for Black girls and explore the racial roots that contribute to the dehumanization and sexualization of Black girls. Participants will recognize how systematic oppression increases vulnerability to the push/pull factors of human trafficking and evaluate the use of trauma and survivor informed approaches in order to avoid re-traumatization and build resilience.

► **Speaker**



Crystal Bennett

Rural Communities: Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention and Response Training for Churches

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Oct 8

📍 Midway Suites 9

In rural communities, churches are structural and social hubs, and as such are often the first place a disclosure about domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking may occur. Not all religious leaders are formally trained, and even those who are report that training often does not equip them to appropriately respond to reports of gendered violence, which means the default response too often is to deal with reports in-house even when professional referral systems are available. This presentation will report on a training we designed and delivered as a prevention measure for church communities in rural Appalachian Ohio. It outlines how we promote dialogue with them to uncover ways that religion is used to keep survivors in abusive relationships, and how we engage and support them as they develop their own prevention and trauma-informed response plans. We will report on our assessment model and invite others to collaborate with us.

👉 **Speakers**



Rachel Metzger

Advocate
Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program



Rebekah Perkins Crawford

2:00 PM

Child Sex Abuse Section Meeting - Closed Session

⌚ 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Oct 8

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2:45 PM

The Impact of the Intimate Partner Violence Intervention: A Case Study of Kingston, New York

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Oct 8

📍 Regency A

Participants will gain an understanding of how the Intimate Partner Violence Intervention (IPVI) can reduce incidents of intimate partner violence (IPV) in a community. Through a multidisciplinary partnership, IPVI shifts the burden off of victim-survivors and focuses the attention and actions on individuals causing harm. By being abuser-focused, while also victim-centered, IPVI rewrites the narrative on how IPV can be addressed in communities. Participants will learn about how the intervention not only enhanced collaboration amongst partners in Kingston, New York, but also review data analysis showing the impact of the intervention in the community.

👉 **Speakers**



Rachel Teicher

NNSC



Fatma Zahra

Associate Director of the Intimate Partner Violence Intervention
National Network for Safe Communities



Elizabeth Culmone-Mills

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney
Ulster County District Attorney's Office



Alexis Acevedo

Data Analyst
National Network for Safe Communities



Kassondra Seyfert

Director of Projects-IPVI
Ulster County District Attorney's Office

Revival Windows and SOL Reform for Sexual Abuse Victims: Trauma-Informed Navigation of Legal Proceedings

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Oct 8

📍 Regency B

Navigating legal proceedings as a survivor of childhood abuse is often frightening, confusing, and traumatizing. However, by applying trauma-informed principles, this journey can be restorative and promote healing for survivors. Combining clinical knowledge, personal experience, and professional expertise, the presenters, a survivor and an attorney, explore the ways justice can be obtained through the time-barred revival windows and SOL reform many state legislatures have passed in the last year.

👉 Speakers



Kendall Wolz

Mental Health and Wellness Manager
Mosaic Georgia



Samantha Kilpatrick

Attorney
Kilpatrick Law Group, PLLC

Why Working in Collaborative Teams to Address Elder Abuse and Integrate Services Benefits Older Victims and Professionals: The Department of Justice's Efforts to Build Skills and Collaborative Teams to Address Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Oct 8

📍 Regency C

Significant advances in our understanding of elder abuse and financial exploitation (EA/FE) have been achieved over the past decade in part because of the dedicated resources throughout the Department of Justice. One lesson learned from these collective efforts is the importance of elder justice professionals working collaboratively (e.g., Networks, MDTs, FAST Teams, Coalitions) on EA/FE cases to address the myriad and unique needs of older victims. In this Workshop, the presenters will explain, based on research, why it is best practice to work collaboratively when addressing EA/FE. The presenters also will discuss how working with older victims differs from that of younger victims and the meaning of using a trauma-informed, person-centered approach in the context of EA/FE. As part of this presentation, the Department's elder justice programs and resources will be shared with attendees. Questions throughout the presentation will be welcomed, and time will be allotted for discussion.

👉 Speakers



Shelly Jackson

EJI



Laura Ivkovich

Expanding the Village: Identifying Your Role in MMIW/MMIP Work

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Oct 8

📍 Frisco/Burlington

You are critical in responding to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIW/MMIP). Law enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutors, and others are all part of the village needed to improve the safety of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). Join this in-depth discussion on MMIW/MMIP work including available resources, community mapping as it relates to MMIW/MMIP, and how you can make a meaningful impact as an AI/AN ally. Expanding the village of support for AI/AN into urban areas offers more opportunities for AI/AN to access healing, connection, and services supporting their wellbeing. The [Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center](#) and its partners will facilitate this discussion.

☛ **Speakers**



Tyesha Wood

Contractor

The Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center



Shira Phelps



Renee Stapp (Mvskoke)

Program Director

National Center for Victims of Crime

Trauma & Our Digital Selves

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Oct 8

📍 Midway Suites 5

Media and social media are more interwoven with our lives than ever before, with limited control over the amount and type of content we consume. Regardless of how many accounts you have or how often you check your phone, social media and the media impact how we understand the world, build connection, and access each other, making the boundaries between our physical and digital selves more complex. Understanding what this means for trauma survivors is critical to the healing process and avoiding re-traumatization. By identifying the intersection between trauma and media, we can empower survivors with information on consuming media content and utilize best practices that can protect us from secondary and vicarious trauma.

☛ **Speaker**



Callie Stewart

Director of Strategic Engagement & Partnerships

National Organization for Victim Assistance

Bridging the Gap: An Overview of the NCVC Hotlines

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Oct 8

📍 Midway Suites 6

Description coming soon!

☛ **Speaker**



Belen Gonzalez Munera

Hotline Supervisor and Outreach Supervisor

DC Victim Hotline

(Case Study) Holding the Justice System Accountable to Survivors: The Madison Smith Case

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Oct 8

📍 Midway 7&8

Virtual Sessi...

Madison Smith, a rape survivor, successfully petitioned the court in McPherson County, Kansas for a grand jury investigation of her case following the county attorney's refusal to file any rape or sexual assault charges, instead prosecuting Ms. Smith's attacker on one count of aggravated battery. The county attorney called Ms. Smith's rape "immature sex" due to the fact that it began consensually, but when the perpetrator repeatedly strangled Ms. Smith to the point of losing consciousness, she was unable to verbally revoke consent. The county attorney's office blatantly violated the Kansas Victims' Bill of Rights and the Kansas Court Rules of Professional Conduct, treating Ms. Smith with an utter lack of respect, dignity or compassion, and in fact, actively re-traumatizing her. Smith built a pro bono consulting team; invoked an archaic Kansas statute allowing for citizens to call their own grand jury; secured signatures from registered voters in the county; and secured a citizen grand jury to review her case. Ultimately, the grand jury returned no charges, but Ms. Smith and her team continue to seek justice, appealing the grand jury's decision due to procedural issues, and taking action against the county attorney via bar complaint. Madison Smith's historic case has been featured by major media outlets including The Washington Post, NBC Nightly News, The Independent, Newsweek, and the Associated Press, and is a victory for sexual assault survivors everywhere who have been maligned by the justice system. This session will address the failures of the justice system in sexual assault cases; the crucial nature of advocacy; and the steps survivors can take to hold the system accountable.

Speakers



Justin Boardman

Consultant
Boardman Consulting & Training



Madison Smith

Badass
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Mandy Smith

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