Attorney General Ashley Moody, a fifth generation Floridian, was born and raised in Plant City, Florida. She attended the University of Florida where she earned her bachelors and masters degrees in accounting and juris doctorate. She later attended Stetson University College of Law earning a masters of law in international law. In 2018, she was elected the 38th Attorney General of Florida.

General Moody joined the United States Attorney’s Office prosecuting drug, firearm, and fraud offenses. While a federal prosecutor, Ashley was commended by the DEA for prosecutorial excellence and outstanding initiative in drug law enforcement. She was also recognized by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for her lead of “Operation Round-Up,” a targeted prosecution of violent and repeat offenders.

In 2006, at the age of 31, General Moody became the youngest judge in Florida when she was elected Circuit Court Judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. As a judge, she founded the Attorney Ad Litem program recruiting volunteer attorneys to stand in the place of parents who did not appear in court with their children. She also developed a mentoring program for at-risk children within the juvenile delinquency system.

Ashley is married to Justin, a federal law enforcement agent. They have two sons, Connor and Brandon. Their eldest son Brandon is serving in the United States Army.

Dear Summit Attendees:

As the Chair of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2019 Florida Human Trafficking Summit.

This Summit provides leaders at the local, state, and national levels an opportunity to learn about efforts in different fields to combat all forms of human trafficking. Today, we have a variety of breakout sessions and workshops where you can connect with members of our law enforcement community, local leaders, and survivors. It is our hope as a council that you will be able to forge partnerships and learn best practices to carry with you in your efforts to combat human trafficking and rescue survivors.

Ending human trafficking is one of my highest priorities. It will take the effort and collaboration of us all to eradicate this horrific crime, and I thank you for taking the time to actively participate in this Summit.

Your commitment to this cause is essential to making Florida a zero-tolerance state for human trafficking, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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OPENING PLENARY SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
(Windermere Y, Z)

Welcome
Emery Gainey, Chief of Staff/Director of Law Enforcement, Office of the Attorney General, State of Florida
Thad Seymour, Jr., Ph.D., Interim President, Vice President for Partnerships and Chief Innovation Officer, University of Central Florida

Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Remarks
The Honorable Ashley Moody, Attorney General, State of Florida

Keynote Address
Bradley Myles, Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director, Polaris

Presentation of Awards
The Honorable Ashley Moody, Attorney General, State of Florida

Closing Remarks
Emery Gainey, Chief of Staff/Director of Law Enforcement, Office of the Attorney General, State of Florida
BREAKOUT SESSION

Session A - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Effects on Survivors' Children: Breaking Cycles
(Regency U)

Presenters: Dr. Marianne Thomas, Director of Safe Home Operations, One More Child; Matthew Charles, Second Generation Survivor

The survivor movement is making headway in identification, preventing further victimization, and connecting survivors to services. However, one of the largest unspoken gaps relates to the children of human trafficking survivors. While we are making improvements in breaking cycles of further victimization of trafficking, we neglect to address the deficits in these children's cognitive, emotional, and social development. This session will be led by Dr. Marianne Thomas, survivor leader and behavioral psychologist, along with her son Matthew Charles as they discuss his experiences growing up in the midst of cyclical complex trauma. They will share insights on lessons learned, resiliencies built, and how to best support the children of the survivors we are serving so they have a chance to thrive.

Breaking the Barriers: Recovery to Healing
(Regency V)


This session emphasizes the importance of implementing trauma-informed care for human trafficking survivors. Presented from their multidisciplinary and strength-based perspectives, Juliana Diaz and Maria Clara Harrington will share strategies of engagement that service providers can utilize in improving response as they build relationships with survivors. While elaborating on the stages of change and how motivational interviewing can be used during these different stages, the presenters will also include a discussion on how engagement can still continue even while the survivor is in elopement. The goal of this session is to illustrate how service providers can help guide survivors in moving toward something rather than escaping from something.

Identifying & Treating HT Survivors: Perspectives of Healthcare Providers and Law Enforcement
(Windermere W)

Panelists: Dr. Elizabeth Sassatelli, Assistant Professor, University of Tampa; Jennifer Thayer, Director of Nursing, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay; Investigator Maurice Edwards, Seminole County Sheriff’s Office

Moderator: Jennifer Ray, Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator, Florida Department of Health

67.6 percent of sex and labor trafficking victims encounter healthcare professionals while being trafficked. Nurses and law enforcement have a critical role in response and treatment. Advocates provide the emotional support and resources needed to help survivors begin their journey of healing and aid survivors in becoming victim witnesses for prosecution. This interactive panel presentation will discuss strategies that healthcare providers, advocates, and law enforcement can work together to assess, identify, and assist victims of trafficking and provide support to survivors.

Danger! Understanding the Dynamics of Social Media Human Trafficking Recruitment
(Windermere X)

Marina Anderson, Regional Human Trafficking Coordinator, Florida Department of Children and Families

Social media is increasingly being exploited to contact, recruit, and sell children for sex. Some traffickers use online ads to target victims while others use social media to strike up conversations and develop online friendships. These conversations may start off friendly and innocently, but then the traffickers will begin to use manipulation to charm their potential victims to lure them into human trafficking. During this session, attendees will learn to recognize signs of social media recruitment, the dangers of popular social media sites and apps, and the hidden meanings used to communicate sexual gestures when communicating with popular emojis.
Session B - 11:15am - 12:15 pm

Local Task Forces: Serving Your Community Through Grassroots Efforts
(Windermere W)

Panelists: Marina Anderson, Regional Human Trafficking Coordinator, Florida Department of Children and Families; Liana Dean, Chair, Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking; Lt. Randy Foley, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office

Moderator: Julie Sercus, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor, Florida Office of the Attorney General, Office of Statewide Prosecution

This engaging panel discussion will highlight some of the local collaborative efforts being established across Florida. Panelists will discuss the role of their organizations and how progress is being made through combining efforts and forming partnerships. While highlighting their keys to success, panelists will provide guidance to form effective community organizations.

Collaborative Crisis Response to Human Trafficking
(Windermere X)

Presenters: Tomas Lares, Founder/President, United Abolitionists; Dr. Leslie Gavin, Clinical Psychologist, Nemours Children’s Hospital; Dr. Philip Toal, Senior Vice-President of Residential Services, Aspire Health Partners; Dr. Roberto Hugh Potter, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Central Florida

This joint presentation will cover how a community of anti-trafficking stakeholders work together to effectively and efficiently respond 24/7 to adult victims of human trafficking upon recovery and identification via hotline, detox, crisis shelters, and vital social services.

Meeting the Needs of CSEC Youth in Child Welfare: Three Year Findings on Program Implementation and Youth Outcomes
(Regency U)

Presenters: Dr. Gihan Omar, Clinical Coordinator of Foster Care, Citrus Health Network, Inc.; Melissa Johnson, Senior Social & Behavioral Researcher, University of South Florida

This presentation describes a specialized, trauma-informed treatment program implemented in Miami-Dade County, Florida which is designed to meet the needs of child welfare involved youth who have been commercially sexually exploited. Key program components of the CHANCE program will be discussed, and findings will be presented on youth demographic and diagnostic characteristics, fidelity to the program model, and youth outcome measures. Emphasis will be placed on key strategies for successful implementation of these services for provider agencies.

Pioneering Practices: Working with Survivors in a Professional Setting
(Regency V)

Presenters: Jamie Rosseland, Survivor Mentor, Open Doors Outreach Network; Tara Madison, Survivor Mentor, Voices for Florida

In the anti-trafficking movement, the topic of survivor employment has focused solely on economic empowerment as the vehicle to decrease the vulnerabilities faced after exploitation. Survivor leaders are entering the professional workplace in greater numbers which brings unique challenges. Engage with two survivor leaders and explore solutions on navigating this vital element to anti-trafficking advocacy and services. Spearheading the integration of survivor-centered practices within our agencies, task forces, and direct services is a critical component to ending human trafficking.
BREAKOUT SESSION

Session C - 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Innovative Ways to End Demand
(Windermere W)

**Panelists:** Stephanie Costolo, National Program Manager, TraffickingFree Zone Program, U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking; Dotti Groover-Skipper, Florida Anti-Trafficking Director, The Salvation Army; Corporal Alan Wilkett, Pasco County Sheriff’s Office

**Moderator:** Terry Coonan, Executive Director, Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

Human trafficking is a lucrative criminal enterprise which follows the laws of supply and demand. Without buyers, there is no profit. This panel will discuss evolving strategies for ending the demand side of human trafficking and will examine ongoing efforts being pioneered by law enforcement agencies, legislators, and non-governmental service providers to disrupt the multi-billion dollar human trafficking industry. The panel will highlight innovative tactics for demand reduction currently being utilized in our communities.

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This is Going to Be Hard: Acknowledging Trauma in Testimony Preparation
(Windermere X)

**Presenters:** Katie O’Rourke, Victim Services Program Specialist, Florida Office of the Attorney General, Office of Statewide Prosecution; Julie Sercus, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor, Florida Office of the Attorney General, Office of Statewide Prosecution

Preparing survivors to testify in court often will reopen wounds associated with the hardest times in their lives. This session will explore the impact that traumatic cognitive challenges can have on testimony and will outline a unique and effective court school program that can assist with victim stabilization. Using a victim-centered approach, this presentation will lay the framework to prepare trafficking survivors to testify effectively, build intentional relationships that will prepare survivors to relive their most traumatic experiences, and create conditions for not only a successful prosecution but for the most supportive survivor experience possible.

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Profiles of Child Sex Traffickers: A Forensic Behavior Analysis
(Regency U)

**Presenters:** Dr. Joan A. Reid, Associate Professor of Criminology, University of South Florida St. Petersburg; Dr. Bryanna Fox, Associate Professor of Criminology, University of South Florida

A descriptive typology of child sex trafficker profiles emerges from the forensic behavior analysis of 60 cases of child sex trafficking in Florida. Identifying and understanding common trafficker types and methods of operation provide a concrete set of child sex trafficking prevention and intervention recommendations.

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Strategies for Identifying and Engaging Male & LGBTQ Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation
(Regency V)

**Presenter:** Nathan Earl, Executive Director, Ark of Freedom Alliance

During this workshop, attendees will learn how to effectively develop strategies and tactics for identifying and engaging with male and LGBTQ youth victimized by commercial sexual exploitation. National research shows that boys can make up as much as half of all child sex trafficking victims. However, continued challenges exist in regional and local efforts to not only identify these victims but also to effectively engage and connect them with services. This presentation will address misconceptions regarding the intersectionality of males regarding sexual orientation and gender expression while discussing proven methodologies used by researchers to engage male and LGBTQ youth victimized by commercial sexual exploitation.
Session D - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Multigenerational Approaches to Serving Human Trafficking Survivors (Windermere W)

Panelists: Nathan Earl, Executive Director, Ark of Freedom Alliance; Bethany Gilot, Statewide Human Trafficking Prevention Director, Florida Department of Children and Families; Maria Clara Harrington, CHANCE Program, Citrus Health Network, Inc.

Moderator: Katherine Gomez, Director of Human Trafficking Intervention, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) has been in the forefront of child welfare for years. However, statistics show that a significant proportion of CSEC youth are living in family or extended relative care. In many cases, CSEC youth are living in a vulnerable home environment due to caregivers struggling to meet their own needs as well as the needs of their children. These children often experience challenges related to family engagement and treatment provision. For children to have the opportunity to thrive, it is important to address the needs of caregivers as well. This panel includes a discussion of the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center’s Human Trafficking Leadership Academy fellows’ special recommendations on addressing human trafficking using a multi-generational approach to increase protective factors in families and to promote healing.

Federal Human Trafficking Investigations and Introduction to the Dark Web (Windermere X)


This informative presentation will include an introduction to the dark web and how it is used to conduct criminal activity. Homeland Security

BREAKOUT SESSION

Investigators will discuss investigative efforts, provide a case study that was successfully prosecuted, and give a description of their human trafficking efforts locally, domestically, and internationally.

Children Exploited for Labor: The Other Form of Human Trafficking (Regency U)

Presenters: Sue Aboul-hosn, Regional Human Trafficking Coordinator, Florida Department of Children and Families; Cristobal Perez, Program Analyst, Florida Department of Children and Families – Refugee Services Program

Since the passing of the Florida Safe Harbor Law in 2012, much attention has been given to commercially sexually exploited children in the form of media coverage and law enforcement dollars. Although children are exploited for labor every day, this victimization goes mostly unrecognized and leaves these children at high risk for further abuse and neglect. Learn how to recognize the signs of labor trafficking, how to respond to domestic and foreign-born child victims, and what trends have been seen in Florida since 2009.

The Miami-Dade Model: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Combat Human Trafficking (Regency V)

Presenter: State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, Miami-Dade County

This multimedia presentation explains the efforts of the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office to combat human trafficking in Miami-Dade County. This session goes through the evolution of the infrastructures created to assist victims of human trafficking and discusses the multidisciplinary approaches formed to proactively investigate cases. The presentation also cites case examples of the different forms/models of human trafficking occurring in Miami-Dade County which have been prosecuted by the office’s Human Trafficking Task Force.
Tackling Human Trafficking Before the Big Game

While hosting major events in Florida is common, our state will be particularly busy in 2020 and 2021. These large-scale events provide a unique opportunity to spread awareness about human trafficking and require the coordination of a law enforcement response to human trafficking. Planning is well under way. Law enforcement, service providers, state agencies, state and national organizations, task forces, trade associations, and business partners are working together to provide resources, support, and enforcement. The ultimate goal: Provide a safe environment, spread awareness, and end human trafficking.
Sue Aboul-hosn began identifying human trafficking victims among the Florida Department of Children and Families’ missing children in 2003. Since 2009, she has assisted in over 1,000 human trafficking investigations resulting from reports received by the Department of Children and Families’ Abuse Hotline. In her current role, Sue provides expert guidance to Child Protective Investigators and Case Management. Through her work in developing and implementing policies, procedures, and training, Sue assists in identifying, documenting, and determining the appropriate services for victims of human trafficking. She has received several certifications and awards related to missing and exploited children and is a qualified expert witness in child risk assessment.

Marina Anderson joined the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office of Child Welfare Human Trafficking Team in May 2015. She began her career with DCF in 2002. For thirteen years, she worked as a Child Protective Investigator (CPI) in Duval County. In 2014, she became a Field Support Consultant for DCF. Marina is a recognized expert in safety methodology, providing training and mentoring to CPI and CPIS. She was recognized by Governor Rick Scott as a STAR Child Protective Investigator. Marina is a certified investigator and trainer in human trafficking and a subject matter expert in critical injury, domestic violence, physical/sexual abuse, and human trafficking. Marina serves as an executive board member on three task forces and is a member of an additional three task forces.

As President and CEO of the Florida Trucking Association (FTA), Dr. Kenneth Armstrong helps the organization elevate the image and issues of the state’s trucking industry in political, regulatory, and business arenas. Dr. Armstrong is a veteran of the nonprofit sector, and FTA is the fourth institution where he has served as chief executive officer. Much of his career has been in resource development; organizations under his leadership have raised a quarter billion dollars. During his more than 5 years at FTA, membership has increased by 88%, sponsorships and contributions by 260%, dues revenue by 79%, and attendance at their annual conference by 96%.

Matthew Charles is a second generation survivor of childhood sexual abuse and violence. He offers valuable insight into the myriad of complications children of HT survivors face as their parents fight to regain control of their lives. His story is a powerful example of the lack of awareness society has regarding the limitations of parent survivors while they heal. Matthew is currently pursuing his BA in psychology and plans to work in direct care with male survivors.

A veteran law enforcement officer, Sheriff Chad Chronister has served with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office for the past 28 years. He became the top law enforcement officer in Hillsborough County on September 30, 2017, upon his appointment by Governor Rick Scott and was elected by the citizens of Hillsborough County on November 6, 2018. He is co-chairman of the Regional Domestic Security Task Force, Region IV Tampa Bay, Vice-Chairman of the Hillsborough County Public Safety Coordinating Council, and Vice-Chairman of Hillsborough County Public Schools Citizen Oversight Committee. He credits his family, faith, and grandfather Jack Bentivegna “Nanu” for instilling his passion and selfless service for others.
**Speakers**

**Professor Terry Coonan** is the Executive Director of the Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and is an Associate Professor in the FSU College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Professor Coonan is also a member of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking. He has done leading work nationally on human trafficking, designing and delivering trainings for the U.S. Department of Justice, the Florida Office of the Attorney General, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Highway Patrol, and the Florida Department of Health. Professor Coonan has also done extensive work training state judges throughout the country.

**Stephanie Costolo** is the National Program Manager of the TraffickingFree Zone Program with the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (USIAHT). Stephanie is also the vice chair of the Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking and an advisory board member for the Post 911 Veterans Nonprofit Community Organization. While serving in the USAF, she earned her bachelor’s degree in behavioral science. She also holds a master’s degree in entrepreneurship in applied technologies from the University of South Florida and is working toward a second master’s degree in public policy and administration at Northwestern University.

**Liana Dean** is the Chair of the Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking. In this role, she leads anti-trafficking efforts in Pasco County by providing education, increasing awareness, and advocating for survivors. Significant accomplishments of the Commission include: implementation of human trafficking curricula in all county middle and high schools, passage of an ordinance mandating signage be posted in all of Pasco’s sexually oriented businesses, and the development of marketing campaigns that have made over one million impressions across ten Florida counties. Liana has twenty years of experience in the field. She is employed with BayCare Behavioral Health’s C.H.A.T. team and serves on the boards of the Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative and the Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County.

**Juliana Diaz** is a Licensed Mental Health Clinician who serves as a clinician at the CHANCE Program for Citrus Health Network. Prior to this position, Juliana was a part of the Project GOLD at Kristi House. Juliana has been a volunteer with Glory House of Miami since 2015 where she mentors adult survivors of human trafficking, provides orientation trainings for volunteers, and co-facilitates the Hands that Heal Training. Among others, her trainings include Risk Reduction Family Therapy and Alternatives for Families Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. She is currently part of a year-long training collaborative on the TF-CBT adaptation for CSEC.

**Carol B. Dover** has served as President/CEO of the more than 10,000-member Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) since July of 1995. Dover is a professional association manager, a lobbyist, a former government insider, and a Florida State University Dedman School of Hospitality graduate with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. As FRLA’s President/CEO, Dover works to protect, educate, and promote the diverse interests of Florida’s $111.7 billion hospitality industry. Comprised of 1.4 million employees, hospitality is the Sunshine State’s largest industry and represents individuals from every walk of life.
Nathan Earl is an anti-trafficking pioneer, fierce advocate, and visionary leader with a passion for building resilient communities immune to exploitation. In his role as Founder and Director of Ark of Freedom Alliance, Nathan creates impactful change across systems by leveraging prior lived experiences to develop and lead transformational strategic initiatives aimed at ending the marginalization of male and LGBTQ survivors of violent trauma and those at risk. Nathan represents tangible evidence of the resilience of the human spirit proving that anyone can rise from extraordinary circumstances to do great things in the world when connected to and supported by an engaged and trauma-informed community.

Investigator Maurice T. Edwards has been employed with the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office in Seminole County, Florida since 2006. His responsibilities include the investigation of missing juveniles and human trafficking cases. Investigator Edwards is also a Task Force Officer with the FBI for human trafficking cases. Investigator Edwards is currently the Chairman for the Seminole County Human Trafficking Task Force and has received numerous human trafficking awards for all of his hard work. Investigator Edwards routinely travels throughout the state of Florida to educate and provide resources to law enforcement and civilians in order to combat human trafficking.

Katherine Fernandez Rundle was appointed State Attorney for Miami-Dade County in 1993. State Attorney Fernandez Rundle prides herself in being a career crime fighter. She is recognized as a pioneer in the creation of numerous programs dealing with issues that affect our community daily such as teen truancy, domestic violence, gun violence, child support, human trafficking, and victim’s rights. Her accomplishments include the creation of her office’s Human Trafficking Task Force, a cooperative multi-agency law enforcement effort focusing on the arrest and prosecution of those individuals who prey on our children while creating and finding ways to save and rehabilitate the victimized and traumatized victims.

Lieutenant Randy Foley has over 19 years of experience in law enforcement while working for the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. He currently serves with the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigations Division which consists of the Human Trafficking Task Force, Behavioral Services, Cyber Crimes, Financial Crimes, and the Special Victims Unit. Lieutenant Randy Foley is the Task Force Coordinator for the Palm Beach County Human Trafficking Task Force which is funded through the U.S. Department of Justice, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Office for Victims of Crime.

Dr. Bryanna Fox is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology and Courtesy Professor in the Department of Mental Health, Law, and Policy at the University of South Florida. Dr. Fox earned her Ph.D. in psychological criminology from the University of Cambridge in England. She is a former FBI Special Agent, former research consultant for the FBI’s Field Investigation Group in Tampa, and former research fellow in the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) in Quantico, Virginia. Her main research interests relate to the identification of psychological and developmental risk factors for criminal behavior, developing evidence-based tools for law enforcement, and conducting experimental field research.
Speakers

Emery Gainey is the Chief of Staff for Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, where he oversees the day-to-day operations of the agency, including policy, budget, and personnel. He also currently serves as the Director of Law Enforcement for the Florida Attorney General’s Office. He has served for 12 years as a member of the Executive Staff, under three Attorneys General. Upon appointment by Governor Rick Scott, Emery served as Sheriff of Marion County from May 20, 2016 until January 3, 2017, before returning to the Attorney General’s Office. Prior to joining the Attorney General’s Office, Emery served with the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office for 25 years, reaching the rank of Colonel and Chief of Staff.

Zachary Garrand is a Special Agent (SA) with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Tampa and was previously assigned to HSI El Paso, Texas. SA Garrand has been a case agent on many major sex trafficking investigations, resulting in eleven convictions of traffickers for murder for hire, sex trafficking related offenses, and the rescue of over 40 victims to date. SA Garrand has been an instructor responsible for course development and human trafficking training at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Budapest, Hungary and the Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training (OPDAT) in San Miguel De Allende, Mexico.

Dr. Leslie Gavin is a Clinical Psychologist at Nemours Children’s Hospital. Her expertise includes autism and child development. Dr. Gavin has a Ph.D. in Child Clinical Psychology from the University of Denver. She has been involved with United Abolitionists (formerly Florida Abolitionist, Inc.) since the office doors opened on March 1, 2010 in downtown Orlando. Since then, Dr. Gavin has assisted with the development of the Victim Services Program, including psychological assessment and supervision of the case management program. Dr. Gavin also serves as the co-chair of the Victim Services Subcommittee of the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force, Inc.

Erica Geiger serves as the Attorney General’s Director of Special Projects and Initiatives overseeing General Moody’s top priorities including combating human trafficking, opioids, and fraud. General Moody named Geiger the Executive Director of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking and appointed her to Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse. Previously, Geiger worked on Moody’s successful Attorney General Campaign serving as her Travel Aide and was later promoted to Political Director. Before the campaign, Erica worked for the State Attorney’s Office in Hillsborough County. Erica graduated from the University of South Florida and received her J.D. from Stetson College of Law. While in law school, she was awarded the William Blews Award for her dedication to pro-bono service.

Bethany Gilot is the Statewide Human Trafficking Prevention Director for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). Bethany joined state-level anti-trafficking efforts in 2014, first serving as the Statewide Human Trafficking Director for the Department of Juvenile Justice prior to joining DCF. Bethany gained valuable experience working at NGOs serving sex trafficking survivors in both Miami, Florida and West Bengal, India. She has direct care and program development experience working with both adult and minor female survivors of sex trafficking at multiple levels of the continuum of care. Bethany currently oversees review of new legislation and implementation of statutory mandates as well as all of the Department’s efforts to identify and serve minor survivors of trafficking.
Katherine C. Gomez has 14 years of experience working in the juvenile justice field. She has worked as a contracted provider, probation officer, trainer, researcher, and currently serves as the statewide Director of Human Trafficking Intervention for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ). She specializes in high profile cases, youth with sexually-related offenses, complex boundary-spanning cases, and sexually marginalized youth. In a research capacity, Ms. Gomez served as the statewide coordinator for the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) component of the Juvenile Justice Systems Improvement Project, served as the director of FDJJ’s Institutional Review Board, contributed to published peer-reviewed literature on various juvenile justice topics, and created educational curriculum materials utilized statewide.

Special Agent and Computer Forensic Agent David Grawunder has 23 years of experience in federal law enforcement and counter-intelligence with the United States Department of Justice, the United States Department of Defense, and the United States Department of Homeland Security. Special Agent Grawunder is currently assigned to the Homeland Security Investigation Tampa Cyber Investigations group.

Dotti Groover–Skipper believes in dynamic living through servant leadership. She is an ordained elder and missionary. In this role, she has operated at the national level, mobilizing and training clergy as well as faith communities in the issues of addiction, human rights, and social justice. Groover-Skipper is founder of HeartDance Foundation, an organization serving men, women, and children in the adult entertainment industry. She is presently the Florida Anti-Trafficking Director for The Salvation Army. Groover-Skipper received the Florida Anti-trafficking Advocate of the Year in 2013. She is currently appointed by Attorney General Ashley Moody to the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking and appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council.

For more than 17 years, Maria Clara Harrington has been serving young survivors of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and sex trafficking. At the CHANCE Program, she is in a role that enables her to combine her understanding and compassion for survivors with her skills as an educator. As a lead trainer, she has helped several Florida communities launch a CSEC response. Maria Clara led the launch of the first drop in center for young female survivors of sex trafficking in Miami. For five years, she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the drop in center and led a team of professionals to provide support, mental health, and enrichment services to child survivors of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

Melissa Hope Johnson, M.A., M.P.H., is an Applied Cultural Anthropologist and Senior Social and Behavioral Researcher in the Department of Child and Family Studies at the University of South Florida. Her research interests include child welfare, human trafficking, structural violence, anthropology of the state, and social justice. Her research and scholarship over the past ten years has examined policy and practice among child welfare systems, with particular interest in the ways race, class, and gender inequalities shape vulnerability to intervention by the state. She currently works on a variety of research projects throughout Florida, including studies of family support services, specialized services for youth with dual child welfare and juvenile justice involvement, and services for commercially sexually exploited children.
Speakers

Tomas J. Lares is the founder/president of United Abolitionists, formerly Florida Abolitionist, Inc. and the co-founder/former chairman of the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force, Inc. In 2004, Lares became aware of the crime of human trafficking and began his advocacy. Lares was instrumental in creating a 24-hour Human Trafficking Hotline and advocating for the Orange County Government to fund an adult female short-term 24-hour facility. Lares is a graduate of the FBI’s Citizens Academy and is appointed to the Advisory Board of the University of Central Florida’s Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. Recently, Lares has partnered with Pasco FIRST in creating a statewide training module.

Tara Madison is a Survivor Mentor at Children’s Home Society of Florida and is a human trafficking subject matter expert. She is a survivor consultant for Homeland Security, Polaris Project, and the Rebecca Bender Initiative. Tara is also a certified national victims advocate, who works with law enforcement agencies assisting survivors in the state of Florida. She is a content writer and a sought-after speaker whose chief aim is to strategically educate specialists on exploitation and its implementation within their professional environments. Madison has trained numerous medical, law enforcement, and government agencies through her organization Human Trafficking Education and Voices for Florida.

Bradley Myles serves as Executive Director and CEO of Polaris. Under Myles’ leadership, Polaris has worked to strengthen the U.S. national movement against human trafficking through policy advocacy in all 50 states, and through a wide range of training and capacity-building programs. He also helped create and launch Polaris’s operation of the United States national human trafficking hotline at 1-888-373-7888. Mr. Myles is currently focusing his efforts on Polaris’s future strategy for the next decade, which includes working toward better anti-trafficking hotline coverage globally to build a stronger safety net for all 21 million victims of human trafficking worldwide, strengthening partnerships with the world’s leading technology companies, and undertaking new data-driven intervention efforts targeted toward eliminating specific types of modern slavery in the U.S. and around the world.

Chris Nocco is the Sheriff of Pasco County, a position he has held since former Florida Governor Rick Scott appointed him in 2011. He was elected to the position in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. Prior to becoming Sheriff and working at the Pasco Sheriff’s Office as a Captain and Major, Sheriff Nocco served with the Philadelphia Public School Police, the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department, and the Broward County (FL) Sheriff’s Office. He was a first responder to the attacks of 9/11, the Washington, DC sniper incident, the anthrax attacks, and numerous demonstrations and large-scale protests in the nation’s capital. Sheriff Nocco serves as a member of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking and is chair of the Criminal Justice Committee.

Lieutenant Governor Jeanette M. Nuñez was born and raised in Miami, Florida. She was elected as Florida’s first Hispanic female Lieutenant Governor of Florida in 2018. She previously served as a State Representative of the Florida House of Representatives from 2010 to 2018 and was named Speaker Pro Tempore from 2016 to 2018. Over the years, Lieutenant Governor Nuñez has demonstrated her ongoing commitment to the South Florida community through her active involvement in various local organizations and professional groups. She has also been a leader in advancing Florida’s anti-trafficking efforts. Lieutenant Governor Nuñez serves on the Statewide Council of Human Trafficking and chairs the Legislative and Special Initiatives Committee.
Dr. Gihan Omar is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist who has been in practice for 17 years. During her time at Citrus Health Network, Dr. Omar has supervised and coordinated various programs that provide services to children and adolescents with mental health problems including Juvenile Evaluation Treatment Services (JETS), Center for Adolescent Treatment Services, and the Children’s Crisis Response Team (CCRT). Dr. Omar is currently the Clinical Coordinator of Foster Care at Citrus Helping Adolescents Negatively impacted by Commercial Exploitation (CHANCE). Dr. Omar also has been an adjunct faculty at NOVA Southeastern University since 2007.

Katie O’Rourke has dedicated her career to systems-based advocacy for over 15 years. Her professional portfolio includes work in crimes against children, sexual violence, and for the last 8 years, a laser focus on advocating for victims of human trafficking. This path began in Colorado, where Katie focused on the assessment of cognitive abilities and the stages of trauma to implement intentional, victim-focused court school curriculum to appropriately prepare them for trial. Currently, as a Victim Services Specialist with the Florida Office of the Attorney General, she continues to find new, evidence-based strategies to support victims and help them navigate through incredibly difficult victimizations.

Cristobal Perez is an Educational Psychologist. Cristobal has provided direct services to victims of crimes in various roles. For over 13 years, he has developed and conducted human trafficking trainings for social service agencies, federal and local law enforcement agencies, and health providers. He currently works for the Florida Department of Children and Families-Refugee Services program. In this capacity, Cristobal supervises the programmatic aspect of the unaccompanied refugee minor’s program, consults in staffings and identification of human trafficking cases, and assists foreign-born survivors in obtaining public benefits. A published author and academic guest lecturer, Cristobal has received local and nationwide recognitions for his work on human trafficking.

Dr. Roberto Hugh Potter is a native Floridian with degrees from the University of South Florida (BA, 1975) and the University of Florida (MA, Ph.D., 1982). He is a sociologist whose work history includes positions in criminal justice, behavioral and public health agencies, and universities in the United States and Australia. He is currently a professor at the University of Central Florida. His interest in human trafficking stems from experience as a field hand as well as education, research, and program development in sexual violence prevention and response. His purview includes work with partners in the central Florida area to develop training on system-wide responses to human trafficking.

Jennifer Ray is the Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator at the Florida Department of Health. Jennifer facilitates the Department’s internal human trafficking workgroup and serves as a staff interface with the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking. Jennifer values collaboration and believes that expanding the engagement of multi-disciplinary actors will strengthen the public health response to human trafficking. Jennifer is a proud Florida native who can claim roots in the Latin community of Tampa, Florida, where she received her Master’s degree in Applied Anthropology from the University of South Florida. Jennifer and her husband David call Havana, Florida home.
Dr. Joan A. Reid is an Associate Professor in the Criminology Program at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. Dr. Reid has conducted research on human trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, sexual victimization, and child maltreatment. Dr. Reid has authored over 50 publications chiefly focused on sex trafficking of youth in the United States as well as research on strategies, tactics, and typologies of child sex traffickers. Dr. Reid is a licensed mental health counselor. She has over 15 years of practitioner experience using trauma-informed treatment and therapy with rape, sexual abuse, and sex trafficking survivors.

Jamie Rosseland is a Survivor Mentor at the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center and the Director of Marketing at Free Our Girls. Passionate about improving care for those impacted by sexual exploitation, Jamie works to encourage the anti-trafficking movement to include community accountability and demand reduction as vital components to countering trafficking. She has committed herself to serve the community through her work, volunteerism, and philanthropy. Leveraging her lived experiences, Jamie is able to connect with victim/survivors, community members, and stakeholders in a unique way, sharing a needed perspective of someone who has had similar life experiences to those seeking services.

Dr. Elizabeth Sassatelli has over 30 years of clinical experience as a registered nurse. She has a bachelor’s degree in nursing from The University of Massachusetts along with a Ph.D. in nursing science from Rush University in Chicago, IL. She currently serves as an Assistant Professor at the University of Tampa. Dr. Sassatelli is currently conducting research on the experiences of sex trafficking victims who seek healthcare during captivity. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, the American Nurses Association, the Florida Nurses Association, and the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants.

Julie Sercus is an Assistant Statewide Prosecutor with the Florida Attorney General’s Office of Statewide Prosecution. Ms. Sercus graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Miami. She has a Juris Doctorate Degree from Widener University School of Law. Ms. Sercus began her legal career as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County where she served as an Assistant Chief of the Career Criminal/Robbery Unit. She joined the Attorney General’s Office of Statewide Prosecution in 2013 and serves as the point of contact within the Office of Statewide Prosecution for cases involving human trafficking. Ms. Sercus currently specializes in the prosecution of cases involving human trafficking, cyber-crimes, drug trafficking, and white-collar crimes.

Dr. Thad Seymour, Jr. was selected as interim president by the University of Central Florida (UCF) Board of Trustees on February 21, 2019. Dr. Seymour also serves as UCF’s Vice President for Partnerships and Chief Innovation Officer, focused on expanding and deepening the university’s partnerships and enhancing UCF’s ability to cultivate the talent needed to strengthen and diversify Central Florida’s economy. Prior to his current role, Dr. Seymour spent two years leading efforts to bring UCF Downtown to life and positioning the campus, which opened in August, as an innovative model of 21st-century higher education. Before that, he led the development of UCF’s Collective Impact Strategic Plan, which was unanimously approved by the UCF Board of Trustees in May 2016.
Jennifer Silliman is currently a Group Supervisor for the Tampa Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Fraud and Human Smuggling/Trafficking (FAST) group. She has a staff of nine people including six special agents, one Intelligence Research Specialist, one Task Force Officer, and one Investigative Assistant. Under Ms. Silliman’s leadership, the FAST group works criminal investigations focusing on allegations of human smuggling and trafficking, and benefit and document fraud. She started with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1995 and started with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) when the agency was created in March 2003. Since that time, Ms. Silliman has worked as a special agent in Tampa, FL and held management and leadership positions at HSI offices in Tampa, Washington, D.C., San Diego, and Los Angeles.

Stephanie Smith is currently Senior Manager of Florida Public Policy at Uber. Prior to joining Uber, Stephanie was the Public Affairs Director for AT&T Florida & Georgia. For several years, she served as Executive Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs for Governor Charlie Crist. Prior to joining the Governor’s staff, Smith served as the Public Affairs Coordinator at WRS Infrastructure and Environment, Inc. in Tampa, Florida. Smith’s government experience also includes employment as a Special Events Coordinator for Governor Jeb Bush and a Business Development Liaison in the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. Governor Rick Scott appointed Smith to the CareerSource FL Board of Directors. Smith is a graduate of The Florida State University with a bachelor’s degree in political science.

Jennifer Thayer received her master’s degree in nursing in 2006 and has been practicing as a nurse practitioner ever since. Her primary focus is pediatrics. However, she began working in Sexual Assault Services as a nurse examiner three years ago and is now the full-time Director of Nursing at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay. Jennifer is also certified by the International Association of Forensic Nursing.

Dr. Marianne Thomas is passionate about standing alongside survivors in a comprehensive approach that is inspired by meeting them where they are and modeling how to build a balanced life. As both a behavioral psychologist and a survivor of exploitation, Dr. Thomas is an expert in the complex needs of sex trafficking survivors with a history of working with addictions, homelessness, children, and young adults who have been exploited. Dr. Thomas currently serves as the Director of Safe Home Operations for One More Child, overseeing the safe home operations serving minor female domestic sex trafficking victims in central Florida.

Dr. Philip Toal graduated from the University of Central Florida with an MS in Clinical Psychology. His doctorate is in Clinical Sexology. He is a licensed mental health counselor and has worked in the area of behavioral health care for over 39 years. He works with human trafficking survivors and provides training on a local, state, and national level. Philip has presented at several international behavioral medicine conferences and has contributed chapters to two books for professionals. He has worked with the Central Florida AIDS community since 1985. He is an adjunct Professor of Sex Therapy and Behavioral Health. Philip is the Senior Vice-President of Residential Services for Aspire Health Partners.
Corporal Alan Wilkett has served with the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office since 2005 with a total law enforcement experience of over 24 years. Patrol, court security, investigations, crime prevention, and community relations are among his assignments. In 2007, he was awarded the Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year. Corporal Wilkett holds a Florida Practioner Designation in both crime prevention and CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design). Corporal Wilkett has devoted the past several years in the fight against human trafficking. He has trained and instructed law enforcement, federal agencies, state and local agencies, and NGOs among others. Corporal Wilkett was recently awarded the 2017 Florida Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Official of the Year.

The Florida Bar has approved the 2019 Human Trafficking Summit for 7 hours of general continuing legal education credit. The course number is 1906469N. Attendees who want Florida Bar credit should sign into the Florida Bar website (www.floridabar.org) to record their attendance.

Certificates for the 2019 Human Trafficking Summit must to be picked up in registration Regency Ballroom T at the conclusion of the summit. Please bring your completed evaluation. Certificates will not be mailed or emailed. Please be sure to pick your certificate up on Monday, September 30, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Funds

The Florida Office of the Attorney General (OAG) administers the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for the State of Florida. The purpose of the VOCA grant reimbursement program is to support the provision of services to victims of crime - including, but not limited to, victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking.

Services are defined as those efforts that respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims, assist victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization, assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system, and provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. Eligibility to apply for VOCA funds is limited to victim assistance programs administered by state or local government agencies or not-for-profit corporations registered in Florida or a combination thereof. The funding cycle for the VOCA grant funds is October through September.

Organizations interested in participating in the annual competitive grant process, which involves submission of an application followed by an application review, should contact the Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management at (850) 414-3380.

REPORT SUSPECTED TRAFFICKING

National Human Trafficking Hotline
Phone: (888) 373-7888 • Text “info” or “help” to BeFree (233733)
Online: https://humantraffickinghotline.org/report-trafficking

The Florida Department of Children and Families Child Abuse Hotline *
Phone: (800) 962-2873 • Fax: (800) 914-0004
Online: https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline/
* Minor victims only