Webinar
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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.

Keynote Speaker - Tim Tebow

Tim Tebow is a two-time college football national champion, a first-round NFL draft pick, and the Heisman Trophy winner. In addition, he serves as a college football analyst for ESPN. Prior to joining ESPN Tebow played three years in the NFL for the Denver Broncos and the New York Jets. Tebow is currently pursuing a career in professional baseball as a member of the New York Mets organization.

Tebow is the author of three New York Times Best Selling books; Through My Eyes, which was named the #1 sports and religion book of 2011 and Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life’s Storms which released in 2016 and won the 2017 Evangelical Christian Publishers Association Book of the Year. Tebow released his third New York Times bestseller, This Is The Day, in September of 2018.

The Tim Tebow Foundation was established in 2010 with the goal to bring Faith, Hope, and Love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need. The foundation works to put an end to human trafficking, as well as other initiatives designed to make the lives of children better.
**Efforts to Teach and Research Human Trafficking at State Universities**

**Moderator:** Dr. Roberto Hugh Potter, Director, UCF Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery

**Panelists:**
- Madelyn Diaz, Faculty Member, UCF Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery
- Dr. Joan A. Reid, Associate Professor, University of South Florida
- Dr. Suman Kakar, Associate Professor, Florida International University
- Dr. Nairruti Jani, Associate Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University

State universities are a unique public resource that can be brought to bear on “wicked problems” such as human trafficking. Hear an overview of teaching and research activities being carried out by faculty at multiple state universities, including UCF, USF, FIU, and FGCU. The unique and collaborative efforts of faculty from multiple academic disciplines, from statewide to international work, are presented.

**Not So Super: Spike in Human Trafficking During Super Bowl Events**

**Presenters:**
- Sheriff Chad Chronister, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
- Detective Ryan Daniels, Special Investigations Division, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office
- Detective Brian Dawsy, Special Investigations Division, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office

The Super Bowl attracts millions of visitors to its host city, including human traffickers looking for an opportunity to profit. As Tampa prepares to welcome Super Bowl LV in 2021, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office is increasing its efforts to spread awareness about human trafficking. Sheriff Chad Chronister and detectives with the Special Investigations Division will detail their undercover operations to locate human traffickers, victims, and those who solicit sexual activity.

**Considerations and Challenges on the Path to Sustainable Living**

**Presenters:**
- Ricardo Rubiales, Project GOLD Associate Director, Kristi House, Inc.
- Brenna Aiossa, Project GOLD Career Coach, Kristi House, Inc.
- Christa Lynn Hicks, Executive Director of Anti-Trafficking, One More Child

Survivors of human trafficking face unique challenges after exiting exploitation. Service providers and survivor leaders discuss strategies to complete the continuum of care and services needed to enrich survivors’ lives on the path to sustainable living. The panelists focus on the necessary steps to build a solid foundation on which survivors will thrive.
Sex Trafficking: The Long-term Impacts of Childhood Trauma

Presenters: Erin Wirsing, DELTA Program Manager, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health; Andreena Harriman, DELTA Outpatient Therapist, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health

Most people accept that minors cannot choose sex work for themselves, but the concept of choice continues to muddle the waters. This is even more complicated when it comes to adults or LGBTQ+ individuals when sometimes sex work for survival seems like the only option. This workshop addresses ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) vulnerability, unstable network of resources, and the vulnerability of submission as challenges to addressing the problem of sex trafficking.

Labor Trafficking of Children in Florida

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

Children in our state are being exploited for labor every day but remain under the radar and unreported, leaving them 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 minor victims, and hear about the labor trafficking trends we have seen in Florida since 2009.

U.S. Department of Justice Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

Presenter: Stacie B. Harris, Associate Deputy Attorney General, National Human Trafficking Coordinator, U.S. Department of Justice

This presentation will provide an overview of the U.S. Department of Justice’s collaborative victim-centered approach to combat human trafficking, development of a new national strategy, and recent efforts to respond to COVID-19 challenges.

Combating HT Through Public-Private Partnership: HSI and TRSS


Learn about the current joint efforts of Homeland Security Investigations and Thomson Reuters Special Services to combat human trafficking. The presentation focuses on previous successes such as the Super Bowl Human Trafficking Command Center and the illicit massage industry. The presentation details the methodologies, processes, and partnership that led to progress in combating human trafficking.
**Gang Sex Trafficking: What You Need to Know**

**Presenter:** Marina Anderson, Regional Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinator, Florida Department of Children and Families

Gangs conduct criminal activity in all 50 states in both urban and rural areas. Learn to recognize signs of gang involvement including gang tattoos, terminology, graffiti, and hand signals in order to spot warning signs and risk factors of youth gang recruitment. This session also discusses the female’s role in gangs and how gang sex trafficking differs from other forms of trafficking.

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**Transgender Adolescents and Human Trafficking**

**Presenters:** Dr. Jussethy Cortina, Licensed Psychologist, Clinical Coordinator - Center for Adolescent Treatment Services Girls Unit, Citrus Health Network, Inc.; Dr. Robyn Lyn, Licensed Psychologist, Clinical Coordinator - Center for Adolescent Treatment Services Boys Unit, Citrus Health Network, Inc.

This presentation provides a literature review delineating current empirical research on transgender adolescents who are victims of human trafficking. Presenters highlight the need for additional research within this population and increased awareness with the hopes of promoting program development within this at-risk population. Increased awareness will enhance future research and provide a framework for evidenced-based treatment modalities for transgender adolescents.

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**Actionable Steps Toward Child Trafficking Prevention in Florida Schools**

**Presenter:** Valerie Ellery, Human Trafficking Education Specialist, Title IV, Part A, Florida Department of Education

Students are some of the most at-risk populations for becoming victims of trafficking. The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has been a leader in informing educators about human trafficking, including a recent FDOE rule requiring each school to develop a plan on child trafficking prevention and education. Learn to help identify applicable prevention and awareness strategies within the threads of human rights, identity, relationships, and online exploitation.

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**Pandemic & Beyond: A Time to Keep Our Guard Up Against Child Predators**

**Presenter:** Alex Ortiz, Director of Advancement and Sustainability, Child Rescue Coalition

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused global changes to most aspects of life. One of the biggest changes affecting children is the increase in the time spent online on computers and smart devices for both education and fun, exposing them even further to the threat of predators. Learn how to keep kids safe online, what you can do to get involved, and how to be part of the solution in protecting innocence through technology.
Presenting Evidence Within Forensic Interviews

**Presenters:** Tamara Glover, Forensic Interview Specialist, Homeland Security Investigations; Kate Myers, Forensic Interview Specialist, Homeland Security Investigations

This presentation defines forensic interviews and explores the approach of presenting evidence within the forensic interview. Primarily focusing on the Prepare and Predict model, presenting evidence can assist with gathering additional information while also remaining victim centered. This is a model that can be used for a variety of investigations and age ranges.

Florida Juvenile Justice System’s Response to Trafficking

**Presenters:** Katherine Gomez, Director of Human Trafficking Intervention, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice; Dr. Jasmine Armstrong, Human Trafficking Intervention Coordinator, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

This presentation provides an overview of the Florida juvenile justice system’s approach to human trafficking intervention. The session will discuss trafficking victims’ involvement with the juvenile justice system, juvenile justice system reforms, human trafficking intervention policy & procedure, delinquency risk assessment instruments, structured decision-making, human trafficking screening, research opportunities, and future expansion of trafficking intervention.

Hospitality and the Fight Against Human Trafficking

**Presenters:** Tomas Lares, President, United Abolitionists, Inc.; Corporal Alan Wilkett, Retired, Pasco County Sheriff’s Office; Jessica Wickey, Program Director, Rosen Professional Internships, UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management; Savannah Parvu, Survivor Leader and Speaker

Human Trafficking has affected the hospitality industry for decades. Florida is not only a tourist destination but has been on the cutting edge of addressing these effects during sporting events, conferences, and other gatherings. Learn about the outreach and training programs that have been implemented in our state and have become a model to combat human trafficking in our own backyard.

Wholistic Approaches in Recovery from Trauma

**Moderator:** Dr. Philip Toal, Senior Vice-President of Residential Services, Aspire Health Partners

**Panelists:** Cece Varnum, Board Certified Music Therapist, Tampa Bay Institute for Music Therapy; Bradel Canfield, Project GOLD Program Manager, Kristi House, Inc.

This panel addresses the brain changes that occur with trauma and explores how it impacts a human trafficking survivor’s recovery. While clinical and psychosocial interventions are needed to support a survivor’s recovery from human trafficking trauma, wholistic therapies such as yoga and music offer survivors multiple forms of expression for processing trauma and developing an empowering narrative of the past, present, and future.
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.

Brenna Aiossa, MSW, is the career coach at Kristi House’s Project GOLD. She serves on the leadership team that has created and is implementing a trauma-informed career development and employability curriculum for youth who are victims or at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. She works with members of the program to explore career interests and opportunities, help them develop employability and job maintenance skills, and assist them with career planning. Prior to joining Kristi House, Ms. Aiossa worked with youth aging out of foster care to meet their housing, employment, education, and emotional support needs. She holds a Master of Social Work degree from Florida International University.

Jane Anderson brings her expertise in prosecuting domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking to her role as an attorney advisor with AEquitas. Prior to joining AEquitas, Jane served as a prosecutor in Miami, Florida where she tried many of the state’s first human trafficking cases, including cases against buyers, cases built on digital evidence, and cases where additional charges such as racketeering, child pornography, and money laundering were used to hold offenders accountable. Jane develops and delivers training and technical assistance around the country, and she serves as the task force liaison for several human trafficking task forces.

Marina Anderson began her career with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in 2002 and joined the DCF Office of Child Welfare Human Trafficking Team in May 2015. A former child protective investigator (CPI) in Duval County, 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 six task forces.

Dr. Jasmine Armstrong has worked for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ) since 2017 in the Office of Research and Data Integrity as a research analyst for a study exploring crime characteristics of juveniles who commit sexually-related offenses. She currently serves as the human trafficking intervention coordinator for FDJJ. Prior to her employment with FDJJ, Dr. Armstrong has studied societal differences in marginalized youth and young adults. Her research interests include social stratification, race/gender studies, intersectionality, and higher education. She holds a Ph.D. and MS in Sociology from Florida State University and a BA in Sociology from University of Florida.
Bradel Canfield was naturally drawn to helping Project GOLD girls overcome trafficking in 2017 when she began as a volunteer sharing her skills as a yoga teacher, teaching weekly classes for the girls. Soon thereafter, she accepted the first full-time survivor-mentor position at Project GOLD. She was later promoted to program manager and has hired another full-time survivor “success coach” to mentor the girls in the program. Creating a survivor-led program that encourages members’ success and leadership skills, Bradel continues working to establish protocols and create innovative program formatting to further develop Project GOLD to best serve commercially sexually exploited children.

Dr. Alexander Cartwright began his role as the University of Central Florida’s sixth president on April 13, 2020. Previously, he served as the chancellor of the University of Missouri, with an appointment as a professor in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department in the College of Engineering. He also is an internationally recognized researcher and scholar in the area of optical sensors.

As a first-generation college student whose journey to higher education was not traditional, Dr. Cartwright understands and prioritizes the need to build successful outcomes for students from all backgrounds. Dr. Cartwright is dedicated to diversity, inclusion, and equity on campus.

Sheriff Chad Chronister has served with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office for the past 28 years. He has a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and a master’s degree in criminology from St. Leo University. 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 for Region IV Tampa Bay, council member of the Florida Attorney General’s Statewide Council on Human Trafficking (Council), and chairman of the Council’s Criminal Justice Committee.

Dr. Jussethy Cortina is a licensed psychologist in Florida. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Florida International University in 2009. She subsequently earned her Master of Science in Psychology in 2011 and Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology from Carlos Albizu University in 2016. She is currently working with Citrus Health Network, Inc. as the clinical coordinator for the Center for Adolescent Treatment Services Girls Unit. She has ten years of experience working with children, adolescents, families, and adults in the mental health field, and her experience has included the provision of a wide range of therapeutic services, community presentations, and psychological assessments.

Detective Ryan Daniels, who was hired in January 2009, is a vital asset to the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigations Division. His tireless work ethic and self-motivation have assisted with successfully combating the prostitution and human trafficking crimes in the county. He has a deep desire to prevent human trafficking from occurring, to identify victims, and to rescue victims from their traffickers. With a focus on prostitution operations to identify and save victims of human trafficking, Detective Daniels has a vested partnership with the Selah Freedom organization, which specializes in providing services to victims of the sex industry.
Detective Brian Dawsy is a native of Florida and a graduate of the University of South Florida. Detective Dawsy’s distinguished career with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office includes serving on the DUI Enforcement Squad and the District V Street Crimes Unit. He is currently assigned to the Selective Operations Sections within the Special Investigations Division. Detective Dawsy is primarily focused on investigating prostitution related offenses, human trafficking, and locating and identifying individuals who use the internet for the exploitation of children. Detective Dawsy has a vested interested in human trafficking victims and works closely with the Selah Freedom organization.

Madelyn Diaz, M.A. is a third-year doctoral student and graduate teaching associate in the Department of Sociology at the University of Central Florida. Her research interests encompass broad topics in violence, with particular areas of interest including but not limited to human trafficking, homicide, the criminology of place, quantitative methodologies, and crime typologies. She is a former Department of Homeland Security intern, U.S. Marshals intern, the current managing editor for Homicide Studies, and has professional memberships with the Homicide Research Working Group, American Society of Criminology, and Southern Sociology Society.

Valerie Ellery is the human trafficking education specialist for Title IV, Part A team at Florida Department of Education. Valerie has dedicated 30+ years to the field of education in various roles as a national board certified teacher, curriculum specialist, international educational consultant, and author. Her resources in literacy, self-worth, and trafficking have been inspiring educators to empower learners in classrooms and universities in 37 nations. She is currently creating a standards-based, child trafficking prevention education curriculum guide to support Florida schools. Valerie is a wife, mother of four children, and has four grandchildren. She is passionate about creating healthy schools and families.

Renaldo Franklin is the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Supervisory Special Agent for the HSI Miami Cyber Crimes/Child Exploitation Group and group supervisor for the HSI Miami Human Trafficking Group. Originally hired as a special agent by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Franklin transferred to the HSI Miami office where he investigated student non-immigrant visa violations as well as identity document and immigration benefit fraud. Previously, Franklin supervised the HSI Detroit Cyber Crimes, HSI Miami Compliance Enforcement, HSI Miami International Airport Narcotics, and HSI Miami Human Smuggling groups.

Tamara Glover is a forensic interview specialist with the Department of Homeland Security in Tampa, Florida. Well versed in psychology and introductory concepts of law, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Georgia Institute of Technology. While completing her Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology from Marymount University, she became aware of her passion for serving victimized youth. Tamara has continued to be an advocate for victims with nearly ten years of experience in youth development and victim services.
**Speaker Bios**

Katherine C. Gomez currently serves as the director of human trafficking intervention for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ). She holds a BA from the University of Florida, MA from the University of South Florida, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Central Florida. She has served Florida since 2006 as a juvenile probation officer, trainer, researcher, and administrator. She specializes in working with youth who have experienced human trafficking, sexually marginalized youth, youth who have committed sexually-related offenses, and high-profile multijurisdictional cases.

Rebecca Gonzalez-Ramos is currently the assistant special agent in charge for the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Fort Lauderdale office and oversees a large area of responsibility that includes Broward County. In her prior role at the HSI Miami office, she was responsible for overseeing a total of seven investigative groups with multiple programmatic areas to include immigration violations, child exploitation, human trafficking, and multiple investigative programs. She has dedicated most of her career to investigate crimes against children in which she utilized the HSI victim-centered approach in the launch of the internet safety I-Guardian outreach program and the development of international sextortion investigations.

Andreena Harriman, LCSW, is a DELTA outpatient therapist with Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health. DELTA is the identified treatment program throughout the Devereux continuum of care for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. Andreena has worked in community mental health for 18 years and is passionate about supporting individuals in their recovery, to achieve their goals and experience a more complete and fulfilled life. Prior to moving to Florida, Andreena provided trauma-informed co-occurring mental health and substance abuse clinical case management to adults in Washington, DC and Vermont.

Stacie Harris is an associate deputy attorney general at the U.S. Department of Justice where she coordinates child exploitation, human trafficking, and civil rights programs. Since joining the Department in 2008 as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Middle District of Florida and later as chief of the Special Victims Section, Ms. Harris has prosecuted cases involving child exploitation, sex trafficking, violent crimes, and national security offenses. Ms. Harris previously served as an associate at the law firm of Hill, Ward, and Henderson in Tampa, Florida. She has been honored as Florida’s Human Trafficking Prosecutor of the Year and received the FBI Director’s Award for her dedication and expertise in human trafficking.

Christa Hicks is a licensed therapist in the State of Florida, a certified clinical trauma professional, RYT 200 Yoga instructor, and a second generation survivor of sex trafficking. She is the founder of an organization providing direct services to adult trafficking survivors in SW Florida and is executive director of anti-trafficking at One More Child which provides wrap-around services to sex trafficked persons, a residential home for trafficked teens, and HT and trauma trainings. Christa is grateful to share her experience as a trafficking survivor, her clinical education, and years of growth to continuously better the services available to those being sold and exploited by others.
**SPEAKER BIOS**

Jim Isajewicz is an analyst manager with Thomson Reuters Special Services (TRSS), where he leads a team of 15 analysts. The team supports the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in special investigative fields including human trafficking, drug, money laundering, visa fraud, counterproliferation, and intellectual property rights investigations. Previously, Isajewicz worked at the U.S. DHS-Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Exploitation Unit. He is a member of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators and conducted regulatory health care investigations with the Florida Department of Health. From 2009 to 2015, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Dr. Nairruti Jani is an associate professor at Florida Gulf Coast University. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Work from University of Texas, Arlington and an LLM from University of Warwick, UK. As a social worker with over twenty years of experience, Dr. Jani teaches social work values, human trafficking, research, and practice. Her research and scholarship interests include women and children's rights and issues related to human trafficking in the USA and South Asia. Dr. Jani has produced documentary films on human trafficking that explain structural violence leading to trafficking vulnerability. Dr. Jani strives to create an interdisciplinary work environment in teaching, research, and community service.

Dr. Suman Kakar joined the faculty at Florida International University in 1993. She earned multiple university awards in research, teaching, and service and has been nominated for the University Distinguished Professor Award. Dr. Kakar’s research has been published in national and international journals. She has also authored books on human trafficking, child abuse, and domestic abuse. Dr. Kakar is a member of several national and international criminal justice associations. She serves as a reviewer for several federal agencies including the Department of Justice, Department of Education, Center for Disease Control, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Tomas J. Lares is the founder/president of United Abolitionists, Inc. (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 for advocating Orange County Government to fund an adult female short-term 24-hour facility. Lares is a graduate of the FBI’s Citizen’s Academy and is appointed to the Advisory Board to UCF’s Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.

Dr. Robyn Lyn is a licensed psychologist with Citrus Health Network. Prior to her current role as clinical coordinator for the Center for Adolescent Treatment Services, Dr. Lyn served as a psychology resident for Citrus Health’s Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program (SIPP) and as an intern at Goodman Psychological Services Center. Dr. Lyn holds degrees from Florida International University and Albizu University. In addition to being a licensed psychologist, Dr. Lyn is a licensed mental health counselor and board certified behavior analyst. Adolescent therapy, crisis intervention, and behavior management are among Dr. Lyn’s areas of expertise.
Simone Marstiller was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice in 2019 by Governor Ron DeSantis. Prior to her appointment, Simone Marstiller was Of Counsel with Gunster, Yoakley, Stewart, P.A., in the firm’s Tallahassee and Tampa offices. She joined Gunster in 2017 after retiring from the First District Court of Appeal, where she served as a judge for six years. Secretary Marstiller’s extensive public service also includes serving as General Counsel for the Department of Management Services (DMS), Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and Executive Director for the Florida Elections Commission.

Kate Myers is a forensic interview specialist with the Department of Homeland Security in Miami, Florida. She has received extensive education in forensic interviewing, including child sex trafficking forensic interview training through the National Criminal Justice Training Center as well as advanced forensic interviewing training through the National Children’s Advocacy Center. She graduated from the Catholic University of America with her Master of Social Work and received her Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages from George Mason University. Kate has ten years of experience serving survivors of trauma and holds a firm belief in a victim’s right to safety, dignity, and justice.

Kim Nash has been a nurse for 22 years. Dual board certified as a SANE-A and a SANE-P, Kim is a forensic nursing specialist with the International Association of Forensic Nurses, where she provides training and technical assistance. Kim’s forensic clinical experience includes 12 years as a forensic nurse in Colorado where she provided care to patients who experienced violence. She was the Colorado SART trainer for three years providing education and participating in protocol development and legislative work. Kim worked at a child advocacy center for three years, and her international experience includes projects in Swaziland, Egypt, and Mexico.

Alex Ortiz is a mission-driven development and data visionary who is experienced in child protection, K-12 education, early childhood welfare, and protection and safety technology solutions. He passionately advocates to deliver impactful technology to protect those at risk of online and offline threats that erode trust, safety, and security of children in the digital age. At Child Rescue Coalition (CRC), Alex is on the front line identifying opportunities to drive organizational funding as well as promoting event and program sponsorship, extending CRC development efforts, and supporting a sustainable mission that delivers donor-funded technology to law enforcement catching predators and saving kids.

Savannah Parvu has a passion for writing and speaking about the hope she has found after many years of abuse. She is involved in survivor leadership through active prevention and awareness activities. Savannah routinely shares her experiences with the public to grow knowledge of the tragic issue of familial trafficking within the commercial sex trafficking arena. A nationally recognized speaker on the subject, Savannah has won awards from anti-human trafficking organizations for her efforts. She refuses to sit back and continue to be a victim. The wounds from her past are being healed, and it is her desire to be a voice for the voiceless.
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Cristobal Perez is an educational psychologist who obtained his bachelor’s degree in Denver, Colorado and his master’s degree in Chile. For over 13 years, he has worked supervising social workers in non-profit settings, as well as conducting trainings for health providers, social service agencies, federal and local law enforcement agencies, and community associations. He currently works as a program analyst for the Florida Department of Children and Families-Refugee Services where some of his duties include supervising the programmatic aspect of the unaccompanied refugee minor’s program, consulting in staffing, and identifying human trafficking cases throughout the state.

Chad Poppell was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Children and Families by Governor Ron DeSantis in 2019. He has served in state and local government for nearly 20 years, including as Chief of Staff of the Department of Economic Opportunity and Secretary of the Department of Management Services. Secretary Poppell is dedicated to ensuring children and families have access to high-quality services when needed and that they are delivered at the best value to Florida’s taxpayers. He is also committed to innovation, adequately resourcing frontline staff, and creating meaningful change that will enhance the lives of all Floridians.

Dr. Roberto Hugh Potter is a native Floridian with degrees from USF (BA, 1975) and UF (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 the Director of the University of Central Florida Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. 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.

Joan A. Reid, Ph.D., LMHC is an associate professor of Criminology at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. Dr. Reid has conducted research on human trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, sexual victimization, family violence, and children in state care. Dr. Reid has authored over 50 publications chiefly focused on human trafficking of minors in the United States. Additionally, Dr. Reid has extensive experience as a practitioner in the field providing trauma-informed care to fostered and justice-involved youth and survivors of human trafficking. She has over 15 years of experience counseling children, adolescents, and adults who have been exposed to trauma.

Ricardo Rubiales, LCSW, is the Associate Director for Project GOLD, which is the Kristi House CAC’s program for commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) and human trafficking. In addition to supervising service provision to youth in the program and education outreach in the community, he oversees Project GOLD’s U.S. Department of Justice-funded program for job training and career development, Bridges to the Future. He holds high credentials in South Florida as an approved national trainer of trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy and has a Master of Social Work degree from Florida International University.
Anthony Salisbury is the special agent in charge for Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Miami. He oversees the HSI criminal investigations portfolio and activities of more than 300 special agents covering Ft. Pierce to Key West. These investigations cover narcotics trafficking, violent crime, commercial fraud, counter proliferations, money laundering, human smuggling and trafficking, as well as the HSI intelligence program in South Florida. Mr. Salisbury has pursued the human trafficking mission for HSI during his assignments in Mexico, St. Louis, Ft. Lauderdale, and Miami and has implemented a victim-centered approach while stressing the importance of developing public and private sector partnerships to successfully combat human trafficking.

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 Florida licensed mental health counselor and has worked in the area of behavioral health care for over 40 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. He has worked with the Central Florida AIDS community since 1983. He is an adjunct professor of Sex Therapy and Substance Abuse Disorders. Philip is the senior vice-president of Residential Services for Aspire Health Partners.

Cece Varnum is a board certified music therapist and works with the Tampa Bay Institute for Music Therapy serving a variety of populations. She has worked in various roles with the Department of Juvenile Justice helping girls in prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation settings. She has facilitated teen music therapy groups at a human trafficking therapeutic safe home for the last two years. Cece’s passion is working with survivors of physical and emotional trauma with the core belief that music functions as a bridge to help clients create safe connections to their experiences and to others.

Jessica Wickey is a University of Central Florida Rosen College of Hospitality Management alumna, graduating with her master’s degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Jessica received her bachelor’s degree from Florida Gulf Coast University in Resort and Hospitality Management as a non-traditional student. She has worked for 25 years in the hospitality and tourism industry, including restaurants, resorts, events, convention centers, non-profit fundraising, and live entertainment. Currently, Jessica is the program director for Rosen Professional Internships and a faculty member in the Tourism and Events Department at the Rosen College. Jessica is an avid sailor and enjoys volunteering in the community.

Corporal Alan Wilkett recently retired from the Pasco Sheriff’s Office where he served for almost 15 years. Devoting the past several years to the fight against human trafficking, Alan has trained and instructed law enforcement, federal agencies, state and local agencies, NGOs, and churches. He holds certificates in human trafficking investigation, cryptocurrencies, dark web investigations, social media investigations, and basic cyber investigations among others. A subject matter expert in human trafficking, Alan has presented at the Florida Senate, numerous conferences, civic organizations, task forces, and panel discussions. He was awarded the Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year in 2007 and Florida Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Official of the Year in 2017.
Erin Wirsing, MSW, is the DELTA program manager for commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) at Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health in Florida. Her current role includes the implementation and support of CSEC programs across the Devereux continuum of care, to include residential, foster care, and wrap-around services. Prior to this role, Erin managed a comprehensive case management program for human trafficking survivors in Chicago, where she oversaw the provision of direct outreach as well as services to survivors looking for support to exit and rebuild their lives free from exploitation.

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The 2020 Human Trafficking Summit is pending general continuing legal education credit with the Florida Bar. Once the Summit has been approved for CLE credit, the course number will be provided and attendees who want Florida Bar credit should sign into the Florida Bar website (www.floridabar.org) to record their attendance.

This year, due to the virtual nature of the Summit, an email will be sent out on October 6, 2020 at 5 PM (EDT) to all registrants with the following directions: In order to receive a notification of attendance, at least 6 hours (i.e. 6 presentations) must be completed within 18 months from the launch of the Summit. Once 6 hours have been completed, fill out and submit the form in the link sent at 5 PM on October 6, 2020. Within 2-4 weeks of submission, you will receive an email with your notification of attendance.
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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

The Florida Department of Children and Families Child Abuse Hotline (minor victims only)
Phone: (800) 962-2873
MyFLFamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline

Florida Office of the Attorney General
Phone: (800) 962-2873
MyFloridaLegal.com/HumanTraffickingCouncil

Tim Tebow Foundation
https://www.timtebowfoundation.org