# 2021 HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT

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### ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHLEY MOODY



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 bachelor's degree and master's degree in accounting and a law degree. She later attended Stetson University College of Law earning a Master 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**

# CHRIS GODWIN, WIDE RECEIVER, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS



Chris Godwin is a Pro Bowl wide receiver for the 2021 Super Bowl Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Off the field, Godwin and his wife Mariah have advocated for human trafficking awareness through the It's A Penalty campaign. Together, they have worked to end abuse, exploitation, and trafficking through Chris' unique platform as an NFL athlete. Chris and Mariah have educated not only Floridians but people worldwide on the signs of human trafficking and how to report it. Team Godwin continues to work with It's A Penalty to provide education on this global issue, equipping people with the necessary information to help end human trafficking.



EDUCATIONAL PARTNER &
AWARD PRESENTATIONS



# SECRETARY SHEVAUN HARRIS, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Shevaun Harris joined the Department of Children and Families as the Secretary in February 2021 after a nearly two-decade career at the Agency for Health Care Administration. Prior to joining DCF, Mrs. Harris was responsible for administering the Florida Medicaid program and regulates over 40,000 health care facilities in the state. Mrs. Harris held positions in the health and human services field providing services to children and adults diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and children receiving services in an inpatient psychiatric program. During her time as Acting Secretary, Mrs. Harris led the Agency's COVID-19 efforts in partnership with other state agencies and essential health care providers. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in social work from Florida State University, and a master's degree in business administration from Quinnipiac University.



#### RICHARD MCCULLOUGH, PRESIDENT, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Richard McCullough became the 16th president of Florida State University on Aug. 16, 2021, bringing more than 30 years of academic research and leadership experience to the role. Prior to joining FSU, McCullough served as vice provost for research and professor of materials science and engineering at Harvard University. McCullough began his academic career at Carnegie Mellon University, where he served as the Thomas Lord Professor of Chemistry and was successively promoted to head of the chemistry department, dean of the Mellon College of Science, and vice president for research. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Texas at Dallas and a doctoral degree in organic chemistry from Johns Hopkins University.



# ACTING SECRETARY JOSEFINA M. TAMAYO, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Josie Tamayo was born in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. After Fidel Castro took control of the country, she and her parents fled Cuba, immigrating to the United States, and settled in Milledgeville, Georgia. She received her bachelor's degree from Emory University and her law degree from Georgia State University. Ms. Tamayo has an extensive background (33 years) as a public servant. She has served as an Assistant States Attorney, General Counsel for five state agencies (Department of Children and Families, Department of Health, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Department of Management Services, and the Lottery), and served as the First Cuban American Woman appointed to serve as Circuit Judge on the Second Judicial Circuit. In 2012, Ms. Tamayo received the Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, recognizing her commitment to the betterment of society. Ms. Tamayo is also an active volunteer in the community; she mentors young lawyers, and regularly speaks at community events, sharing her story and inspiring others.



**BLOCK 1** 

Each session is one hour

#### OHIO CASE STUDY: PROSECUTING A HUMAN TRAFFICKING RECRUITMENT SCHEME

Presented by Jennifer Rausch, Legal Director, Human Trafficking Initiative, Ohio Attorney General's Office, and Jomel Aird, Director of Victim Services, Ohio Attorney General's Office

This presentation will examine the case of AW, who ran a sex trafficking ring for several months in 2017. Attendees will learn how the investigative information was gathered and presented to the prosecutor for consideration. One of the victims was 16 years old, falling into a loophole that existed at the time in Ohio law. That loophole, along with the charges AW faced will be explained, along with the court process. Attendees will also learn how the advocate's ability to work with the victim from the beginning of the investigation to the end of the court proceedings (and beyond) was instrumental.

#### STORIES FROM FRONTLINE ADVOCACY: WORKING ALONGSIDE VICTIMS OF HT

Presented by Ginger Rockey-Johnson, Child Advocate Manager, Guardian ad Litem; Tammy Miller, Senior Child Advocate Manager, Florida 13th Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program; and Michelle Blume Esq., Assistant Director, Florida 13th Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program

This session will cover the stories and lessons learned from parents with lived experienced in caring for children and youth as victims of human trafficking on what works and what is not helpful to a life of recovery. The team will cover mental health warning signs and red flags, court orders to help, escalating behaviors, meaningful services, frontline focus, and plans for healing. Legal advocacy professionals work with and advocate for teens on a daily basis in areas such as mental health, substance abuse, delinquency, human trafficking, and educational concerns.

### EXPLORING COERCIVE TACTICS, TRAUMA, AND EXPLOITATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR WORKING WITH VICTIMS OF CSEC

Presented by Jenna Hulse, Victim Services Coordinator/Open Doors Program Manager, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center; Vicky Basra, President and CEO, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center; and Chanel Dionne, Survivor Mentor, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center

This session will explore what trauma coerced attachment means and how traffickers use coercive control tactics to exploit victims in addition to sharing emerging research on "predatory helpfulness" and coercive tactics that have implications for victims of CSEC. Participants will know how to better interact with youth who have experienced complex trauma and how to better advocate for youth and young adults with systems involvement.

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE HEALTHCARE SETTING: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**

Presented by Dr. Vinita Kiluk, Associate Professor Pediatrics, USF Morsani College of Medicine, and Dr. Amy Weiss, Associate Professor Adolescent Medicine, USF Morsani College of Medicine

This is a case-based session that will take the participants through two sex trafficking cases and labor trafficking cases in order to satisfy specific objectives: how to define human trafficking, including sex & labor trafficking; how to describe the prevalence of human trafficking; how to identify risk factors, red flags, and common health problems associated with human trafficking victims and survivors; how to report suspected cases of human trafficking; and how to recommend resources available to trafficked individuals.



**BLOCK 2** 

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#### FLORIDA ANTI-TRAFFICKING LEGISLATION—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Presented by Professor Terry Coonan, Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez, and Representative Toby Overdorf

This panel will examine the leading national role that Florida has assumed in enacting state legislation aimed at combating human trafficking in the last two decades. It will also explore the legislative process from an insider's perspective and survey future areas of legislative engagement for the state.

# EMPLOYING SURVIVORS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION: VOICES FROM SURVIVORS WORKING IN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Presented by Bradel Canfield, Programs Manager, Kristi House's Project GOLD; Claire Helpingstine, Doctoral Student, Florida International University; and Professor Maureen C. Kenny, Department of Psychology, Florida International University

This presentation draws on research with 16 survivors of commercial sexual exploitation who are working in service-providing agencies. The presentation will share the survivors' experiences in employment, challenges, and satisfaction with roles, salaries, and positions. This is the first known study of this type that gives voice to survivors. While survivors are being increasingly recognized as an integral part of a treatment team, little is known about their experiences in the workplace. Recommendations for agencies that employ survivors will be made.

#### RESPONDING TO FOREIGN NATIONAL MINOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

Presented by Lauren Devine, Child Trafficking Prevention & Protection Coordinator, Office on Trafficking in Persons Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This training will help participants understand the resources available to assist foreign national minors (including unaccompanied children) who have experienced sex and/or labor trafficking, as well as the reporting requirements under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended. Participants will receive an overview of the process to submit a Request for Assistance to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) as well as gain an understanding of Interim Assistance Letters, Eligibility Letters, and the benefits and services provided to minors who are potential and determined victims of trafficking.

# POWER, PARTNERS, AND PARALLELS: AN OVERVIEW OF STARK SIMILARITIES AMONGST HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Presented by Catt Raley, Sexual Assault Program Coordinator, Sunrise of Pasco County; Kelly Sinn, CEO, Sunrise of Pasco County; and Corporal Alan Wilkett, Retired from Pasco County Sheriff's Office

This multimedia presentation provides education for law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service providers, and communities about the commonalities between three forms of gender-based violence. Viewers will learn the similarities amongst risk factors, survivor response, survivor self-acknowledgment, perpetrator behavior, and community response in human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Viewers will also learn the etiology of trauma, trauma response, the common push-and-pull factors, and how previous incidents of witnessed or experienced domestic and/or sexual violence can perpetuate marked risk for future increased violence experiences including human trafficking. Presenters will outline opportunities for future and further partnerships to eradicate power-based violence on the community level which will have a profound impact on the institutional level.



**BLOCK 3** 

Each session is one hour

#### SOCIAL MEDIA RECRUITMENT AND TRAFFICKING TECHNIQUES THROUGHOUT COVID

Presented by Marina Anderson, Regional Human Trafficking Coordinator Northeast & Northwest Regions, 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 or send friend/follow requests to young people in their region to strike up a conversation. These conversations may start off friendly and innocently. However, traffickers will manipulate their potential victims, and the online friendship quickly evolves into a romantic relationship. Sextortion techniques are then used to lure these victims into human trafficking. During this session, attendees will learn how to identify the signs of social media recruitment and the techniques traffickers use online to engage potential victims. This session will also discuss the dangers of popular social media sites, apps, and the hidden meanings of Emojis and TikTok hand signals used when communicating online.

#### **COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON THE FRONT LINES**

Presented by Lisa Thelwell, Assistant United States Attorney and Human Trafficking Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office - Middle District of Florida

This presentation will explore the critical role healthcare and frontline professionals play in identifying victims of human trafficking. It will also explore the impact human trafficking has on public health, help participants to identify vulnerable victims, identify tactics used by traffickers, and understand how to respond to potential human trafficking situations. A case example will also be shared from the prosecution's perspective.

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN LGTBO+ COMMUNITIES**

Presented by Heather Wilkie, Executive Director, Zebra Coalition, and Isaac Salazar, Outreach and Education Coordinator, Zebra Coalition

This session provides information on human trafficking within the LGBTQ+ population. There are a growing number of LGBTQ+ youth who are experiencing homelessness, bullying, extreme physical and sexual abuse, isolation from their families, and a myriad of life challenges or setbacks.

### HOW FAR WE'VE COME: REVIEWING 20 YEARS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

Presented by Lindsey Roberson, Director of Legal Engagement, Human Trafficking Institute

This dynamic presentation will cover the first-of-its-kind Federal Human Trafficking Report published by the Human Trafficking Institute. This annual report includes year-over-year trends from human trafficking case profiles, including prior vulnerabilities of victims, the types of coercion used by traffickers, recruitment methods used by traffickers, demographics and geographic origin of victims, and a breakdown of types of exploitation. Additionally, for the first time in its four years of publication, this year's report includes 20 years of enforcement data since the enactment of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, and as such, is an incredibly helpful tool for practitioners to see how far we have come, and how far we still have to go.



**BLOCK 4** 

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#### PROSECUTION STUDY OF UNIQUE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS

Presented by Rita Peters, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor, Florida Office of the Attorney General Statewide Prosecution

Dealing with turbulent home life, JOHN DOE befriended a neighbor who ultimately facilitated his escape from his home and arranged to have him reside with friends out of county. During that time, JOHN DOE experienced abuse at the hands of multiple people until he was ultimately rescued. This case study will focus on the dynamics within the survivor's life and the exposure he had to deviant behaviors to explain how the victimization occurred so easily. The law enforcement response and the rescue will also be mentioned as well as the evidence retrieved. Additionally, the prosecutor will discuss the unique arguments to support the charge of human trafficking, including ultimate filing decisions, discovery, and motion practice. The presenter will discuss the trial strategy, plea negotiations, and the ultimate conclusion of the case in which the survivor's attackers were sentenced.

#### HELP WANTED: BRINGING OUR MISSING AND EXPLOITED KIDS HOME

Presented by Marina Anderson, Regional Human Trafficking Coordinator Northeast & Northwest Regions, Florida Department of Children and Families; Sue Aboul-hosn, Regional Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinator Central & Suncoast Regions, Florida Department of Children and Families; and Kristin Morgan, Statewide Missing Child Coordinator, Department of Children and Families

This multimedia presentation provides insight into why children run away, their vulnerability to commercial sexual exploitation, and how social media plays a role in not only exploiting them but locating them.

# BUILDING A SCHOOL-WIDE RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A TRAUMA-INFORMED, PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING PROJECT DESIGNED TO EMPOWER AND PROTECT THE WHOLE CHILD

Presented by Valerie Ellery, Global Human Trafficking Education Curriculum Specialist, A21 Campaign

There is a waging war on our next generation. It is in the form of child trafficking and exploitation tearing at the social fabric of our schools. For educators, the ultimate success is not only to see their students thrive but to know how they are protected. Schools play a vital role in equipping students with a voice and helping them to combat this abhorrent crime against humanity. We know when students are educated, they are empowered. During this multi-media session, attendees will engage in K-12 applicable strategies. This session will also explore trauma-informed practices, fostering resilience, and prevention education to strengthen and protect the whole child.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-CARE FOR DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Presented by Elyssa Riggs, Regional Advocate, One More Child, and Chelsea Pricone, Peer Mentor, One More Child

Direct service professionals play an important role in helping victims of human trafficking recover and restore their lives. The needs of victims are often complex and require extensive consideration of the levels of trauma they experienced. In their vital roles, direct service professionals can experience burnout, compassion fatigue, and even secondary traumatic stress. This presentation will discuss self-care practices for direct service professionals and provide techniques for incorporating them into their everyday lives.



### **SPEAKERS**



# JENNIFER RAUSCH, LEGAL DIRECTOR, HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE, OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

As legal director for the Human Trafficking Initiative, Jennifer Rausch focuses on education and assisting task forces and prosecutors with building better cases. She previously spent almost 20 years at the Franklin County Prosecutor's office, with 15 of those years as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Special Victims Unit, handling cases of interpersonal violence, child exploitation, and sexual assault. She served as director of that unit for six of those 15 years.



# JOMEL AIRD, DIRECTOR OF VICTIM SERVICES, OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Jomel Aird focuses on connecting and strengthening victim services for human trafficking survivors, bringing awareness to communities across the state, and empowering others to take action in their families, schools, work environment, and everyday life in her role as the Director of Victim Services for the Human Trafficking Initiative. Previous to joining the Attorney General's Office, she worked as an anti-trafficking victim's advocate embedded full-time with the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force and Salvation Army for almost two and a half years. Prior to that, Jomel worked as a Victim Advocate and Victim/Witness Coordinator at Palm Beach County Florida State Attorney's Office for six and a half years.



# GINGER ROCKEY-JOHNSON, CHILD ADVOCATE MANAGER, FLORIDA 13TH CIRCUIT GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

Ginger Rockey-Johnson is a vocal advocate for the invisible youth of our society. She is a seasoned Six Sigma Black Belt and uses CISR tools to focus on continual process improvements. For the last six years, she has been a Guardian ad Litem in Tampa Bay. She has a mission to help youth who are runaways, human trafficking victims, and substance abusers with criminal records. Ginger is driven to help youth have a voice, stand out, and find remarkability inside themselves. She believes that no one should be made to feel that if they disappeared tomorrow no one would notice. That is her passion.



# TAMMY MILLER, SENIOR CHILD ADVOCATE MANAGER, FLORIDA 13TH CIRCUIT GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

Tammy Miller serves as the Supervisor for the CAM team unit in the 13th Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program and has 27 years in the social work field. Tammy has focused the last 15 years of her career in child welfare as a Child Protective Investigator and with the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program. Outside of work, Tammy is the parent to her two adopted daughters.





# MICHELLE BLUME, ESQ., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FLORIDA 13TH CIRCUIT GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

Michelle Blume is the Assistant Director for the Guardian ad Litem Program in Hillsborough County. She started her legal career as an Assistant Attorney General in Children's Legal Services and then made the move to Guardian ad Litem. She has focused on teens throughout her career. In 2019, Michelle worked with Judge Robert Bauman and his team to create the OPTIONs human trafficking docket for kids in foster care. This court takes a holistic approach for child victims to help give them options and opportunities in the future.



# JENNA HULSE, VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATOR/OPEN DOORS PROGRAM MANAGER, DELORES BARR WEAVER POLICY CENTER

Jenna is a Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern (RCSWI), and as the Senior Regional Advocate for the Open Doors Outreach Network, Jenna works with other members of our Open Doors Network team to advocate, provide care management, and build partnerships with community agencies to best serve survivors of sex trafficking. She received her bachelor's degree and master's degree in Social Work from Florida Atlantic University and Florida International University. She has over 18 years of experience working with girls and young women who are involved in the juvenile justice system and/or adult system. Jenna is trained in Trauma–Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. In 2015, Jenna was awarded Child/Youth Therapist of the Year and Compassionate Care Service Award.



# VICKY BASRA, PRESIDENT AND CEO, DELORES BARR WEAVER POLICY CENTER

Dr. Vicky Basra is a nationally recognized executive and advocate for girls' rights with more than 20 years of experience in non-profit leadership. She is a sought-after trainer and a trusted expert on the impact of trauma on girls and young women. A passionate advocate for gender equality, Vicky currently serves as the President and CEO of the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center, where she oversees strategies for growth and improvement. She has extensive experience meeting the needs of communities through the development of innovative programs and community engagement models.



# CHANEL DIONNE, SURVIVOR MENTOR, DELORES BARR WEAVER POLICY CENTER

Chanel serves as the Survivor Mentor at the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center with the Open Doors Outreach Network. In 2015, Chanel became a self-published author and sold over 1,000 copies in the first six months. Chanel is a senior at Texas Woman's University where she is studying sociology and plans to become a licensed social worker. In her spare time, Chanel speaks at events where she shares her journey and life struggles, exploitation, hardships, victories, and triumphs. Chanel's goal is not only to shed light on the exploitation that occurs here in America but desires to bring empowerment and hope to others who share similar experiences.





## DR. VINITA KILUK, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PEDIATRICS, USF MORSANI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Dr. Vinita Kiluk earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, magna cum laude, from Virginia Commonwealth University and her Medical Degree from the Medical College of Virginia. She completed a Pediatric Internship at the University of Florida and a Pediatric Residency at the Medical College of Georgia. She is currently an Associate Professor – Ambulatory Pediatrician for the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Kiluk has spoken both nationally and internationally on a variety of healthcare and healthcare education topics including several specific to human trafficking.



## DR. AMY WEISS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ADOLESCENT MEDICINE, USF MORSANI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Dr. Amy Weiss earned a Bachelor of Science degree with Honors from Brown University and a Medical Degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She completed Pediatric Internship and Residency at Vanderbilt University, and she completed an Adolescent Medicine Fellowship at Children's National Medical Center. She is currently an Associate Professor in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. In addition to caring for adolescent patients, Dr. Weiss participates in medical education and has spoken at regional and national conferences on a variety of adolescent health topics including several on human trafficking.



### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JEANETTE NUÑEZ

Jeanette M. Nuñez was born and raised in Miami, Florida. She was elected as Florida's first Latina Lieutenant Governor in 2018. Lieutenant Governor Nuñez 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. She is a member of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking. Lieutenant Governor Nuñez is a proud graduate of Florida International University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Political Science and a master's degree in Public Administration. She is married to her husband, Adrian Nuñez, and together they are the proud parents of three children: Megan, Justin, and Jason.



# PROFESSOR TERRY COONAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Professor Coonan is the Executive Director of the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and an Associate Professor in the FSU College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Professor Coonan has been a member of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking since its inception in 2014. 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, and numerous other agencies. Professor Coonan has also done extensive work training state judges throughout the country. Since 2004, he has worked closely with the Florida Legislature in designing Florida's anti-trafficking statutes.





#### REPRESENTATIVE TOBY OVERDORF

Representative Toby represents District 83 in the Florida House of Representatives. He is an Environmental Consultant, currently living in Palm City, Florida, with his wife Maggie. His occupation stemmed from his passion for the environment, which he exemplified by receiving his Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Union College, along with his master's degree in Biology and Environmental MBA from Florida Atlantic University. Apart from work, Representative Overdorf enjoys spending time with his supportive wife Maggie, who is also a longtime Treasure Coast Resident, daughter Carleigh, and their dog Tommy.



# BRADEL CANFIELD, PROGRAMS MANAGER, KRISTI HOUSE'S PROJECT GOLD

Bradel Canfield is the programs manager for Kristi House's Project GOLD (a survivor-led program providing services to girls who've experienced CSE as well as at-risk youth), and she also supervises the survivor mentor department for the program. Over the years, she has served as a success coach for girls who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and is a strong advocate for their needs. Bradel is an educator, speaking at national conferences and to law enforcement and service providers, regarding best practices and the nuances of providing the best possible assistance for at-risk and exploited youth. As an anti-trafficking movement leader, Bradel is also very passionate about her work consulting for organizations and advocating for the transitions toward being survivor-led. Bradel provides systems with training on best practices for hiring, onboarding, and employing survivors as well as empowering survivors through her Survivor Leadership Training Curriculum.



# CLAIRE HELPINGSTINE, DOCTORAL STUDENT AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Claire Helpingstine is a doctoral student in the Department of Psychology at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. Her research focuses on the role of culture, context, and intersectionality in women and girl's experiences of commercial sexual exploitation entry and exit in the US and globally.



# PROFESSOR MAUREEN C. KENNY, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Maureen C. Kenny is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at Florida International University. Dr. Kenny is a licensed psychologist in Florida. She has over twenty years of clinical and research experience with child victims of sexual abuse. She has published extensively on the topic of child sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation, and prevention efforts. She serves as a consultant to Kristi House and assists in the evaluation of their services.



LAUREN DEVINE, CHILD TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND PROTECTION COORDINATOR, OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Lauren Devine is the Child Trafficking Prevention and Protection Coordinator at the Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In this role, Lauren coordinates child trafficking issues within HHS, with federal partners, and with external stakeholders to improve efforts to address child trafficking from a public health framework. Prior to OTIP, Lauren worked as a social worker in domestic and international child welfare settings. Lauren received a Master of Social Work in Clinical Global Practice from Boston College and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Florida.



# CATT RALEY, SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM COORDINATOR, SUNRISE OF PASCO COUNTY

Catt Raley is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Social Science and a master's degree in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling from the University of South Florida. Catt Raley is the Sexual Assault Program Coordinator at Sunrise of Pasco County and the chair of the Pasco County Sexual Assault Response Team. Catt Raley is a therapist who specializes in Accelerated Resolution Therapy and also provides training and education on sexual violence, trauma-informed response, and violence prevention. Catt Raley aims to create a society where survivors are treated with empathy, understanding, and respect.



### **KELLY SINN, CEO, SUNRISE OF PASCO COUNTY**

Kelly began her progressive career at Sunrise Domestic and Sexual Violence Center in 2002 and was selected as CEO in 2013. She graduated from USF with her master's degree and holds a Florida license as a Clinical Social Worker. Kelly graduated Leadership Pasco in 2008 and was selected by the Pasco County Commission to serve on the Human Trafficking Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women. Kelly is passionate about supporting and educating her community while remaining dedicated to helping those who have been victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.



### CORPORAL ALAN WILKETT, PASCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Corporal Alan Wilkett recently retired from the Pasco Sheriff's Office where he served for almost 15 years with a total law enforcement experience of over 27 years. Alan has hundreds of hours of advanced law enforcement training in areas such as human trafficking investigations and awareness, advanced interview and interrogation, homicide investigations, terrorism, active threat, as well as many others. He holds certificates in Human Trafficking Investigation, Cryptocurrencies, Dark Web Investigations, Social Media Investigations, Basic Cyber Investigations, and others. Corporal Wilkett was awarded the 2017 Florida Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Official of the Year by Attorney General Pam Bondi and recently received the Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Crime Prevention Association.





# MARINA ANDERSON, REGIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING COORDINATOR NORTHEAST & NORTHWEST REGIONS, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Marina's career with Florida's Department of Children and Families spans almost 20 years where she has served as a Child Protective Investigator (CPI), Field Support Consultant, and a member of Office of Child Welfare Human Trafficking Team. Through her experiences at DCF, Marina has become a certified investigator and trainer in human trafficking, and she is a subject matter expert in critical injury, domestic violence, physical/sexual abuse, and human trafficking. Marina also is a recognized expert in safety methodology, providing training and mentoring to CPI and CPIS, and was personally recognized by Governor Scott as a STAR Child Protective Investigator.



# LISA THELWELL, ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING COORDINATOR, U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Lisa has a servant's heart and began her legal career as an Assistant State Attorney for the citizens of Miami-Dade County. After nearly four years of service, Lisa relocated to Tampa to serve as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida where she is currently assigned to the Special Victims Section and serves as the district's Human Trafficking Coordinator. She is passionate about seeking the truth, serving as a voice for victims, and ensuring that justice prevails. A proud double Gator, Lisa graduated cum laude from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where she received a certificate in Criminal Justice, and from the University of Florida Warrington College of Business.



### HEATHER WILKIE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ZEBRA COALITION

Heather Wilkie is the Executive Director of the Zebra Coalition, a network of community organizations that provide services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and all youth. Following the tragic Pulse shooting, the Zebra Coalition evolved as a leading organization in the community's provision of services to victims and their families, and Wilkie continues to lead these efforts to ensure that LGBTQ+ youth in Central Florida have a safe space to turn. Wilkie serves on the Taskforce for the LGBTQ Alliance, a group of appointed LGBTQ organizations and community leaders formed to address our community's needs as a result of the Pulse shooting. Wilkie is an experienced executive leader in the non-profit sector with over 13 years of personal commitment and dedication to community service.



# LINDSEY ROBERSON, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL ENGAGEMENT, HUMAN TRAFFICKING INSTITUTE

Lindsey oversees HTI's Country Programs prosecution efforts in Uganda and Belize, where she focuses on increasing the specialized knowledge of prosecutors and other criminal justice practitioners handling human trafficking cases. Lindsey also leads HTI's Thought Leadership team, which develops and advocates for innovative and data-driven strategies for combatting human trafficking based on proven victim-centered enforcement models. Lindsey is an experienced federal and state prosecutor, with over a decade of anti-trafficking litigation experience. Most recently she served as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, a component of the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division which focuses on enforcing the federal laws that prohibit forced labor and sex trafficking in the United States.





# RITA PETERS, ASSISTANT STATEWIDE PROSECUTOR, FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATEWIDE PROSECUTION

Rita Peters is an Assistant Statewide Prosecutor in the Tampa Bureau of the Florida Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution. Ms. Peters prosecutes human trafficking, child sexual exploitation, and racketeering cases among others. Prior to working for the Office of Statewide Prosecution, Ms. Peters served as an Assistant State Attorney in the Thirteenth Circuit State Attorney's Office. In her nearly eighteen years at the SAO, she served as supervisor of the sex offender division and prosecuted sex crime cases involving child abuse, child neglect, human trafficking, and homicide. Ms. Peters received her J.D. from Loyola University and a B.A. from the University of Tampa



# SUE ABOUL-HOSN, REGIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATOR CENTRAL & SUNCOAST REGIONS, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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.



# KRISTIN MORGAN, STATEWIDE MISSING CHILD COORDINATOR, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Kristin received both her Bachelor and Master of Social Work degrees from Florida State University. She has worked in child welfare since 2014 and has been previously employed as a Dependency Case Manager, Child Protective Investigator, as the DCF Statewide Missing Child Specialist, and as a Child Protection Team Case Coordinator. She is currently employed as the DCF Statewide Missing Child Coordinator where she oversees policy and special projects related to children missing from state care.



# VALERIE ELLERY, GLOBAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING EDUCATION CURRICULUM SPECIALIST, A21 CAMPAIGN

Valerie Ellery is the global education and curriculum specialist for the A21 Campaign. 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.





### **ELYSSA RIGGS, REGIONAL ADVOCATE, ONE MORE CHILD**

Elyssa Riggs is a leading expert in the human trafficking field. Her focus and passion to help advocate for victims and survivors of trafficking have helped her become the asset that she is. Elyssa earned her B.S. in Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. At One More Child, Elyssa was the Safe Home's Supervisor for three years and now is part of the mobile units as a Regional Services Advocate. One More Child Anti-Trafficking uses a 3-prong approach, including 24/7 mobile crisis and long-term care teams serving over 10 counties in Florida; a safe home for CSEC females; and training and awareness programs that target community members such as first responders, and governmental leaders on childhood trauma and sex trafficking. Elyssa has been providing direct services to sexually exploited and trafficked persons since 2018 and regularly uses her expertise in the importance of self-care as a consultant and trainer to community partners.



#### CHELSEA PRICONE, PEER MENTOR, ONE MORE CHILD

Chelsea is a Peer Mentor for the anti-trafficking mobile team for FBCH One More Child. Chelsea works closely with regional advocates and clinicians to provide the proper services to young girls and boys by meeting with clients face-to-face in their region. The main focus in her position is to provide mobile care management and direct services support to victims/survivors as needed. Chelsea is passionate about helping her clients, and this easily translates to her approach in assisting them work through a wellness plan which can include life skills, building self-esteem, and educational goals.



# ISAAC SALAZAR, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION COORDINATOR, ZEBRA COALITION

Isaac Salazar (He/Him/His) is the current Outreach and Education Coordinator for the Zebra Coalition. Isaac grew up in Medellin, Colombia until he was 13 years old, and moved to the United States in 2012 to pursue an education. In 2017, he moved to Orlando, Florida, and attended the University of Central Florida. There, he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. During his time at UCF, Isaac was an active student leader within the office of Social Justice and Advocacy, striving to make UCF an equitable and inclusive institution for all students. Presently, as Outreach and Education Coordinator, Isaac connects community partners and services, providing LGBTQ+ cultural competency workshops to promote the safety and wellness of LGBTQ+ youth around Central Florida.















