Human Trafficking

2021 Pennsylvania Rural Human Trafficking Summit

Working to End Human Trafficking by Increasing Education and Awareness Through the Health Systems and Community Response

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Speakers and Moderators



Michael Camal, Special Advisor, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC

Michael Camal contributes to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Campaign's Office management team, providing planning and analytical support on the development and integration of policy objectives related to anti-human trafficking and counter-terrorism. He also serves as a Contracting Officer Representative for DHS, marketing contracts valued at over \$35,000,000 and provides technical and program oversight on various federal projects, manages contract operation and performance, and maintains 100% accountability for services

provided.

Mr. Camal provides anti-trafficking educational training for government and private sector stakeholders and strengthens relationships with industry partners to increase public awareness of human trafficking.

He served as a Pathways Intern at the DHS Office of Biometric Identify Management; as an Intern at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; completed an Investigative Student Co-op at the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General; and was a Special Deputations Intern at the U.S. Marshals Service.

Mr. Camal received his undergraduate degree in sociology from the University of Rhode Island with a minor in leadership studies and completed the Law and Criminal Justice Program at the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.



Kimberly Casey, Human Trafficking Program Specialist, Office of Trafficking in Persons, Administration of Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

Kimberly Casey serves as a subject matter expert on human trafficking prevention, public awareness, and outreach. Ms. Casey has over 14 years of experience in program leadership with specific expertise in child sexual exploitation, human trafficking, and violence prevention and protection within marginalized populations. Through her work, Ms. Casey has advised schools, federal and state agencies, and nonprofit organizations on the implementation of effective prevention and identification strategies. She previously served as the

Director of U.S. Prevention at Love146, where she led the organization's prevention program in the United States. Ms. Casey has a Master of Public Policy from George Mason University and studied international organizations and human rights at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.



Patricia Danner, Regional Outreach Specialist, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region 3, Philadelphia, PA

Patricia (Trish) Danner serves as an advisor to the HHS Regional Director on and provides outreach to a variety of stakeholders on issues related to the Department. She also serves on the HHS Region III Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. Ms. Danner has assisted in identifying stakeholders throughout the Region to partner with to organize human trafficking education and awareness events. These stakeholders include Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, the faith-based community, as well as, the medical community. She also serves on the Delaware Human Trafficking Medical Committee and the Maryland Child Labor Trafficking Learning Collaborative. She is the lead of the Regional Interdisciplinary Collaborative Working to End Human Trafficking (the RIC). The RIC consists of national

representatives from OTIP, ORR, and Polaris and federal representation of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, Health Resources and Services Association; the Administration of Children and Families; and the Office of the Regional Director. Stakeholders represent the entire HHS Region 3 and include survivors and tribal members. The RIC held its first Regional Human Trafficking Summit in February, 2021 for advocates working to end human trafficking and will be holding annual regional meetings.

Prior to joining HHS, Ms. Danner served as a Local Government Policy Specialist in the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), where she worked on local government legislation and local government policies. She also served as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Pennsylvania Department of Health. At the Pennsylvania law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, Ms. Danner was a paralegal and the Government Affairs and Administrative Coordinator.



Lisa Davis, Director, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health and Outreach Associate Professor of Health Policy and Administration, Penn State

Lisa Davis is responsible for the overall direction and leadership of the state office of rural health, including ensuring that the office meets its mission of being a source of networking, coordination, and technical assistance to organizations focused on rural health care delivery; developing and sustaining linkages with state and national partners; and seeking ways to expand the office's role in enhancing the health status of rural Pennsylvanians.

On the national, state, and university levels, Ms. Davis serves on a wide range of boards of directors, advisory committees, and task forces focused on rural health policy, rural health research, economic development, outreach and education, and

vulnerable populations and specific health issues such as oral health and cancer. She has extensive experience in the field of rural health research.

Ms. Davis is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, an Outstanding Leadership Award from the Pennsylvania Rural Health Association, and an Award for Individual Contributions to Public Health from the Pennsylvania Public Health Association. The Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health received the Award of Merit and the Award of Excellence from the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health.

She holds a graduate degree in Health Administration from Penn State and an undergraduate degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in Sociology/Psychology with minors in English and Anthropology.



Jennifer DeBalko, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Court Appointed Special Advocates, Bethlehem, PA

Jennifer DeBalko has dedicated her professional career to advocacy for abused and neglected children through multiple roles with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). A graduate of Dickinson College, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Policy Studies with a concentration in Public Policy. While there, she interned at the Cumberland County CASA office. Ms. DeBalko then went on to work as a Case Supervisor and later as a Program Manager at CASA of Atlantic and Cape May Counties in New Jersey.

Ms. DeBalko then served as the Executive Director of the Lehigh County CASA Program for nine years. In that role, she had the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania CASA Association (PA CASA) and support the work of the state office.

In 2017, Ms. DeBalko was hired as the Executive Director of the PA CASA. In this role, she works with the board to develop a vision to better serve CASA programs in Pennsylvania. She has built the state office from one to six employees, overseen the development of four new local CASA programs, and, under her leadership, the number of children served by CASA volunteers has grown by 16% across Pennsylvania. Ms. DeBalko hopes to continue her advocacy for CASA and the children they serve until every abused and/or neglected child has access to a dedicated CASA volunteer with a caseload of one.



Nathan Earl, Subject Matter Expert, Giant Slayer Communications, Coconut Creek, FL

Nathan Earl is an anti-trafficking pioneer, fierce advocate, and visionary leader with a passion for building resilient communities immune to exploitation. Nathan creates impactful change across systems by leveraging prior lived experiences involving commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking, incarceration, and addiction to develop and lead transformational initiatives aimed at preventing and combating the victimization of boys and male-identifying individuals.

In addition to serving on The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CSE Leadership Council, Mr. Earl advocates for the continued framing of human

trafficking as a public health priority. He educates counter-trafficking stakeholders on the systemic factors that create and sustain exploitation through his work as a Consultant with the U.S. Office for Victims of Crime and the U.S. Office on Trafficking in Persons' National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center.

Mr. Earl is a 2019 Fellow of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Human Trafficking Leadership Academy. His educational background includes a business degree from the State College of Florida and current studies in marketing and public health at the University of South Florida. Mr. Earl earned a Certificate in Leadership from Coro Southern California, and a Certificate in Human Subjects Research from Florida International University. "

"Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."—Viktor Frankl



Dylan Ferguson, Director, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Harrisburg, PA

Dylan Ferguson has over 15 years of experience in public safety and emergency medical services (EMS) with experience as a firefighter, EMT, paramedic, and as an EMS administrator. He is a graduate of Illinois State University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government and has a master's degree in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Public University. Mr. Ferguson has a background in working with both rural and urban systems and has special interests in using data and analytics to advance EMS as a profession, in addition to a passion for providing quality EMS education.



Karen Galbraith, Training Projects Coordinator, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, Harrisburg, PA

A licensed social worker, Karen Galbraith has over 20 years of experience in the field of sexual violence, volunteering, and working at both the local and state levels. She has provided direct services to survivors and their families and has facilitated trainings to a variety of audiences, including victim advocates; criminal justice professionals; and the courts, college campuses, and the military. In her role at the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), Ms. Galbraith has developed numerous resources and training curricula and serves on a variety of task forces and working groups related to sexual assault and human trafficking.

In addition to her work at PCAR, Ms. Galbraith is an adjunct professor at Shippensburg University and Penn State Harrisburg and the Social Work Supervisor at Penn State Dickinson School of Law's Children's Advocacy Clinic.



Debra Holbrook, Forensic Nursing, Baltimore City Mercy Medical Center, Mercy Hospital's Blue Dot Program, Baltimore, MD

Debra Holbrook, MSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FNE A/P, DF-AFN, FAAN, attended The Union Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, in Baltimore, MD and completed both undergraduate and graduate studies through the Wilmington University. After working in the field of critical care, Mrs. Holbrook founded a Forensic Nurse Examiner Program in Delaware that became a model of the United States.

In 2002, she testified on Capitol Hill before a Senate Judicial Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs on behalf of the bill that was signed into law in 2005 as the DNA

Justice Act. She is the recipient of numerous international awards, including the ANCC Magnet International Nurse of the Year, the Delaware Nurse of the Year, the International Association of Forensic Nurses Pioneer Award, the 2014 Most Influential Marylanders in Healthcare, Distinguished Fellow–Academy of Forensic Nursing, and the prestigious Fellow American Academy of Nursing. Mrs. Holbrook serves on the Board of the National Strangulation Institute, has authored grants totaling over \$11 million to benefit victims of major person's crimes, and lectures nationally for the Office for Victims of Crime, educating medical professionals across the country. She has conducted over 200 pediatric and adult Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) educational offerings both nationally and internationally.

Mrs. Holbrook has integrated comprehensive forensic practice into the SANE model and her programs have cared for all patients of interpersonal violence including domestic, elder, child, institutional, vulnerable populations, gunshots, stabbings, non-accidental poisonings, and burns. She pioneered the use of the Alternate Light Source in strangulation cases and set precedence in national court systems. She is currently the Director Forensic Nursing at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore which coordinates care to victims of interpersonal violence for all hospitals in Baltimore City.



University of Pittsburgh.

Rhonda Jackson, Public Health Analyst, Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, Region 3, Philadelphia, PA

Rhonda Jackson has a broad knowledge of resources within the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), having worked over 17 years with grantees and stakeholders to support the development and improvement of public health programs. Ms. Jackson has worked as a Public Health Advisor with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health (OASH), and previously served as the Regional Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Consultant with the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau. She received both her BA in Social Work and her MSW from the



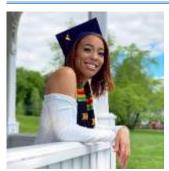


As CEO and co-founder of Marinus Analytics, Cara Jones is passionate about high tech implementations that maximize the efficiency—and by extension—impact, of agencies. Her desire to serve the public safety and human services sector was influenced by her father's career as a forensic social worker. She has managed the maturation and commercialization of Marinus Analytics's Traffic Jam software

since the company's founding.

Ms. Jones has a deep wealth of experience ranging from engineering autonomous robots, integration testing federal enterprise IT, and even coaching ice hockey, and leads Marinus's expansion across law enforcement, government, and corporate sectors.

Her journey as a social entrepreneur intersected with becoming a new mother which has motivated a flexible operational culture at the company.



Tanejah Jones, Prevention Social Worker, The University of Maryland SAFE Center, iEmpathize Empower Youth Program, Manassas, VA

Tanejah Jones, MSW-LMSW, joined the SAFE Center as a Prevention Social Worker in September, 2020. Ms. Jones's primary role is to help develop, implement, and manage the Prevention Project that will be presented in high schools within Prince George's County. In addition to the prevention project, she provides clinical, crisis intervention, and individual and group therapy services at the Center.

Ms. Jones completed a Master's degree Clinical Social Work from Simmons University in Boston, MA. During her time at Simmons, she interned with Dove,

Inc., a community domestic violence organization as an outreach and education specialist. Her role was to go into the community, local middle schools, and high schools to present about domestic violence and the warning signs of an abusive relationship. She also interned at the Centers for Violence Prevention and Recovery (CVPR) at Beth Israel Medical Center working with survivors of domestic violence, community violence, sexual assaults, and human trafficking. At CVPR, she worked one-on-one and facilitated groups with survivors of violence using trauma-informed care. Ms. Jones has a passion for prevention work and enjoys working within the community.



Erin McDonald, Administrator, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region 3, Philadelphia, PA

Erin McDonald, Ph.D., MPP, leads the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) strategic initiatives and priorities to promote the economic ell-being of children and families in Region 3. which serves Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Prior to joining ACF, Dr. McDonald served in the New York City Mayor's Office as the Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer for Human Services where she led a range of cross-cutting policy and programmatic initiatives to most effectively serve vulnerable residents including pathways to family economic mobility.

Dr. McDonald also served as the Vice President of Research, Evaluation, and Strategy at Feeding America where she oversaw a team leading national research on food insecurity and played a lead role in shaping the organization's national strategy to end hunger through financial stability. She previously worked to expand financial inclusion for millions in developing countries as Director of Research, Evaluation, and Monitoring at Women's World Banking. Dr. McDonald served as the Director of Research and Strategic Learning at The New York Women's Foundation where she cultivated and institutionalized dynamic research approaches to determine effective philanthropic investments for vulnerable women. She has held positions as a lead researcher at The Urban Institute overseeing federal demonstration projects and as a Senior Strategist within the government leading health care system reforms within the child welfare system. She holds a Ph.D. in Public Health and Research from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, a Master's in Public Policy and Evaluation from Johns Hopkins Policy Studies Institute and is a trained bioethicist.



Shamere McKenzie, Training Manager, National Human Trafficking Hotline, Polaris, Pikesville, MD

Shamere McKenzie was simply trying to find a way to pay her college tuition when she met her trafficker. He seemed like a nice guy, and he promised her she could make money dancing. Instead he forced her into sex slavery.

For the next several years, Ms. McKenzie was forced to perform sexual services both on the streets and inside strip clubs. Strong-willed as she is, Ms. McKenzie often refused and resisted this man who posed as her boyfriend. Each time, she

was beaten to a point where she was unable to take care of herself. *Escape was never an option*. It wasn't until the police busted the pimp (and her!) that she was able to find a way to liberate herself from his clutches. Even though Ms. McKenzie was clearly a victim, she was charged alongside the pimp.

Today, Ms. McKenzie is a free woman. She is empowered by her recognition of her own strength, her faith, and her family and friends. She is now the Chief Executive Officer for the Sun Gate Foundation, an anti-trafficking organization that provides educational opportunities for survivor of human trafficking. She the former Program Assistant for Shared Hope International, an organization whose mission is to prevent, rescue, and restore women and children in crisis. Ms. McKenzie is a subject matter expert consultant with Fox Valley Technical College Amber Alert TTA, a member of Who is Stolen performance troupe, a mentor to survivors of sex trafficking, a member of the National Survivor Network and the Survivor Leadership Institute, and an international speaker on the issue of sex trafficking.



Dalton Paxman, Acting Regional Director and Regional Health Administrator, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region 3, Philadelphia, PA

Dalton Paxman is the Acting Regional Director and the Regional Health Administrator for the mid-Atlantic region, where he oversees public health programs and initiatives for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The regional prevention initiatives his office leads include Let's Move Cities, Towns, and Counties (Childhood Obesity); Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative (Tobacco Prevention and

Cessation); Million Hearts Initiative (Cardiovascular Disease); and addressing health disparities in seasonal flu vaccination rates.

From 1996-2000, Dr. Paxman served as the Senior Environmental Health Advisor, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and the Department's liaison to the National Science and Technology Council for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. In these positions, he was the senior staff on key multi-agency environmental health and science policy initiatives, including the President's Task Force on Children's Environmental Health and Safety and the President's Food Safety Initiative.

He received the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for his work on Childhood Asthma (1999) and contributions to the development and release of Healthy People 2010 (2000), and also was awarded the EPA Administrator's Silver Medal for Superior Service for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Asthma Initiative (2002).

Dr. Paxman was a Senior Policy Analyst at the Office of Technology Assessment, in the U.S. Congress. He was a research toxicologist and a post-doctoral scholar for the UC Berkeley, School of Public Health and received his Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences from the Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health, where he received the Kruze Award for Excellence in Environmental Health Research. He received his BA and an MA in Cellular Biology and Physiology from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



Dawn Schiller, Training Director, L.A. County Project for the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST), Los Angeles, CA

Dawn Schiller is an expert survivor-leader in the anti-trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault movements. Abused and trafficked on the streets of Hollywood in her teens, her subsequent years of struggle to survivorship, education, and service to others offer valuable first-hand insight to community advocates. Today, she is a national speaker, educator, consultant, and author.

Ms. Schiller earned her undergraduate degree summa cum laude from Eastern Oregon University (EOU) with honors in communication and gender studies. She

received the "Women of Vision and Courage" award from EOU President's Commission on the Status of Women. She is a Phi Kappa Phi Kathleen Greey Fellow and received a teaching fellowship from Oregon State University, earning her Master of Arts in Women's Studies. Ms. Schiller is a VISTO volunteer and regularly visits the girls in Los Angeles juvenile halls who struggle with substance abuse, sharing her experience, strength, hope, and recovery.

Ms. Schiller taught Women's Studies and Activism at Oregon State University. Her academic presentations and trainings infuse lived experience on topics of anti-violence, anti-trafficking (Commercial Sexual Exploitation & Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children), trauma and trauma-informed care, teen/child abuse, the media, ally-ship, resilience, addiction, recovery and healing. Her memoir, <u>The Road Through</u> <u>Wonderland</u>, was published by Medallion Press.

Nationally, Ms. Schiller is a violence and human trafficking expert consultant with the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, the Department of Health & Human Services Office on Trafficking in Persons (NHTTAC) and the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. She is a founding member of "Survivor 2 Survivor" (S2S) and member of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking's (CAST) "Resilient Voices."



Glenn Sterner, III, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Research Center, Penn State Abington, Abington, PA

As an expert on the opioid epidemic, Glenn Sterner sits on the Opioid Overdose Task Force for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is a founding member of the Penn State Consortium to Combat Substance Abuse advisory board. He serves as a faculty fellow of the Penn State University Administrative Data Accelerator and is the founder of the Share Your Opioid Story initiative, found at <u>http://shareyouropioidstory.com/</u>.

His main research agenda focuses on the application of social networks analysis in understanding illicit, illegal, and covert networks, and he is experienced with both

quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. Dr. Sterner has been awarded over \$3.5 million in local, state, and federal grants to study and address the opioid epidemic, including the National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Dr. Sterner has presented his work locally, nationally, and internationally to organizations including opioid treatment and support organizations, Centre County HOPE, The Bucks County Together We Can Convention, The Wolf Administration's Opioid Command Center, The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, The American Society of Criminology, The Stockholm Criminology Symposium, and the International Network of Social Network Analysts. He works extensively with law enforcement agencies on the local, state, and federal level in his work to address the opioid crisis.

Dr. Sterner is dedicated to a collaborative criminal justice approach to addressing key issues associated with drug markets, sales, trafficking, and use, and he works across agencies and organizations to promote this ethos in his research and outreach endeavors. In addition to his extensive work on the opioid epidemic, Dr. Sterner is engaged in research on the networks of human sex trafficking. He is a dedicated scholar in community engagement and in engaging in research to improve learning for students in higher education.

He received his PhD from The Pennsylvania State University in Rural Sociology and an M.A. and B.S. from Michigan State University.



Sharon Stevens, Spiritual Director and Education Coordinator, Zoë Ministries, Power over Predators, Greenwood, DE

In her current role, Sharon Stevens speaks to groups within churches and communities to bring sex trafficking awareness. She is trained in the Power Over Predators trafficking preventive curriculum, with a goal to present to every middle and high school throughout Delaware. She created the curriculum for Zoë's Equine Mentorship Program, which she coordinates for youth, 12-17 years

of age.

Ms. Stevens has dedicated much of her life to teaching and mentoring youth, evident in her previous positions as a psychology teacher and Community Group Facilitator at Delmarva Christian High School and Youth Leader at Slaughter Neck UMC. She has served as Community Lay Director on the board of the Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus, where she has been an active member since 1995.

Ms. Stevens earned a bachelor degree in education from Salisbury State University, followed by a bachelor degree in theology from Christian World College of Theology.



Christine Woolslayer, Public Health Advisor, U.S. Department of Health and Human, Services, Region 3, Philadelphia, PA

Christine Woolslayer serves the six Region 3 Mid-Atlantic States which consists of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Woolslayer implements prevention-related activities in the Region, including serving as the Regional Women's Health Analyst, Regional Minority Health Analyst, the Regional Anti-Trafficking Federal Intergence Task Ferre

and as the co-chair for the Region 3 Anti-Trafficking Federal Interagency Task Force.