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2023  
Strengthening  
Sovereign  
Responses to  
Sex Trafficking  
in Indian Country  
and Alaska  
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# WELCOME



On behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Men as Peacemakers, the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and Mending the Sacred Hoop; we welcome you to the **2023 Strengthening Sovereign Responses to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska**, in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 24-26, 2023.

This conference brings together survivors, tribal leaders, field experts, tribal communities, and federal partners focused on improving responses to sex trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Native children, women, men, gender non-conforming, and two-spirit relatives

The conference general sessions and breakout workshops are designed to equip Tribal programs and their partners with critical information and tools necessary to plan and implement comprehensive, culturally-based strategies to combat sex trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska Native communities while highlighting key issues to improve systemic responses to, and support for, American Indian/Alaska Native survivors of sex trafficking.

We welcome Tribal crime victim advocates, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, prosecutors, and other tribal services providers working with American Indian/Alaska Native sex trafficking survivors, tribal leaders, tribal gaming, commercial enterprises, travel and tourism, hotel staff, and others wanting to learn more about developing comprehensive tribal responses to sex trafficking in tribal communities.

Find all materials and the most up-to-date conference information online at [www.miwsactraffickingconference.com](http://www.miwsactraffickingconference.com).

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# BOOZHOO!

*On behalf of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, I am pleased to welcome you to our 3rd National Trafficking Conference:*

***Strengthening Sovereign Responses to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska.***

*It has been three years since we have gathered together for this conference, and I'm excited to be hosted by the city of New Orleans and the Tribal Nations in Louisiana. Our work on sex trafficking has always been informed by the lived experiences of victims and survivors; and this conference will share insights and knowledge from experts in the field, which includes families and survivors of sex trafficking. This conference has been a collaborative effort of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, the Office on Violence Against Women, the Tribal Law & Policy Institute, Men as Peacemakers, and Mending the Sacred Hoop. Many hours of hard work go into the planning and preparation of this event, and I want to express my deepest gratitude to the MIWSAC staff and the planning committee members from the agencies, for all that they have done to make this conference happen! I am also deeply grateful to the survivors, volunteers, and the presenters for taking the time to help us make this conference a success.*

*While you are here, please take the time to talk with somebody new, network with other Service Providers, and learn from one another. Our best ideas and support come from one another, and together we can create positive changes for our communities! Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist with your learning experience at this conference.*

*Thank you so much for all you do to make our communities safer!*

***Miigwetch!***

Nicole Matthews | MIWSAC Executive Director

The Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC) is a statewide Tribal coalition and national Tribal technical assistance provider. MIWSAC has worked since 2001 to end gender-based violence and enhance Tribal, state, and federal responses to sexual violence and sex trafficking.

MIWSAC uses culturally based training, technical assistance, strategies, resources, tools, and a wide range of events and activities to engage and support survivors of sexual violence, advocates, service providers, community, and allies that are working to end sexual violence and sex trafficking across Minnesota's 11 federally recognized Tribal Nations, urban Native bases, and Tribal communities across the country.



# CONFERENCE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Check-In and Registration

Attendees should check-in at the registration table to receive your name badges and other materials. On-site registration will also be available for those who require assistance. Registration will be located outside of **Rhythms Ballroom** at the following times: **Monday, January 23 from 5pm-7:30pm** and **Tuesday, January 25 7am-9am**.

MIWSAC Staff and Conference volunteers will be available at the registration table throughout the conference for additional questions or needs for assistance that may come up.

### Conference Materials

MIWSAC is utilizing the Whova mobile app for this year's conference. The most up to date agenda, session information, and more can be accessed electronically there. Download the app by searching WHOVA in your app store or scanning the QR code.



The conference website can be found at [www.miwsactraffickingconference.com](http://www.miwsactraffickingconference.com).

A limited number of printed conference binders are also available upon request.

### Safe Room & Safe Persons

The topics addressed during this conference are very heavy, and content shared may trigger unexpected or overwhelming emotional responses from participants. For that reason, safe persons have been identified and will be available to assist throughout the conference. If you want to talk with a safe person please seek out individuals with a blank Gold ribbon attached to their name badge.

Additionally, a Safe Room (located in Edgewood A) has been designated for participants who would like to meet or speak confidentially with an Advocate. Someone will be available in the Safe Room throughout the duration of the conference.

Please note, sessions with particularly graphic content will be noted with the following: **CONTENT WARNING: THIS SESSION WILL INCLUDE GRAPHIC CONTENT AND PHOTOS.**



## **Vendor & Resource Booths**

Vendor and resource booths are located in Rodrigue Gallery on the first floor of the hotel, and will be open daily throughout the conference.

## **Cell Phones**

As a courtesy to presenters and conference attendees, please turn your cell phones to vibrate or silent for the duration of the conference.

## **Conference Evaluations**

Please complete an evaluation form at the conclusion of each workshop and/or general session, and give them to the room moderator or leave them on your table. Your feedback is appreciated and helps in planning for future conferences and events.

We will also offer the option to complete evaluations electronically. Information will be shared throughout the conference and sessions about accessing evaluations and providing your feedback electronically.

## **Media**

You were given the option to authorize photo/video/media release when you registered for the conference. If you do not want to be photographed or videotaped, please notify a MIWSAC staff person, and you will receive further information.

## **COVID-19**

We will be following local guidelines on COVID precautions, including masking recommendations, for the risk level the area is currently experiencing at the time of the meeting. Also, the hotel and meeting venue may have their own requirements that visitors to the facility should observe. Precaution requirements in the community and hotel are subject to change. Attendees should be prepared to follow local guidance based on the risk level in the local community.

Visit <https://nola.gov/health/coronavirus> for the most up to date local information.

# CONFERENCE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

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DAY ONE	TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
7am - 9am	Conference Registration and Vendor Tables Open
9am - 10:30am	Traditional Opening Ceremony
10:30am - 12pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshops
12pm - 2pm	Lunch Break (on your own)
2pm - 5pm	General Session
DAY TWO	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023
9am - 10:30am	General Session
10:45am - 12:15pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshops
12:15pm - 2:15pm	Lunch Break (on your own)
2:15pm - 5:30pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshops
DAY THREE	THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023
9am - 12pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshops
12pm - 1:30pm	General Session and Traditional Closing Ceremony
2:30pm - 4:30pm	Roundtable Discussions

# CONFERENCE TRACK DESCRIPTIONS

WORKSHOP TRACK DESCRIPTIONS	
<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES: RESPONDING TO SEX TRAFFICKING</b></p>	<p>The <b>Advocacy &amp; Services</b> workshops will build on expertise and share promising practices for those providing direct services to survivors and victims seeking support and services in relation to sex trafficking experiences. The workshops in this track are offered to support advocates and service providers across the spectrum of direct services and advocacy work. They will focus on building foundational understanding, enhancing skills, expanding knowledge, and building networks to better support those seeking services within intersecting systems of support.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITIES &amp; IDENTITIES OF SEX TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS</b></p>	<p>The <b>Communities &amp; Identities</b> workshops will highlight various topics relating to victims of sex trafficking across identities, communities, including regional and Tribal-specific impacts and implications. The workshops in this track will focus on the ‘margins of the margins’, exploring intersecting identities and experiences of the often most vulnerable of sex trafficking survivors. Content and conversations will center around uplifting marginalized gender identities, sexualities, faith and spiritualities, ethnic identities, realities of experiencing life with disabilities, and encountering mental health barriers, in addition to highlighting Tribal culturally-specific identities, within the lives and experiences of survivors.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE IN RESPONSE TO SEX TRAFFICKING</b></p>	<p>The <b>Law, Policy, &amp; Practice</b> workshops will offer sharing of expertise on jurisdictional issues that include both law enforcement and tactical recommendations, as well as preventative action steps, for those working on the ground as first responders to and within sex trafficking of Native people. The workshops in this track will build capacity and understanding around the importance of development, enforcement and coordination within responses, systems, laws and public policy. Emerging issues within digital endangerment, recruitment and grooming tactics, multidisciplinary responses, and safety and protective factors within Indigenous communities will be addressed. (Note: we added VAWA to the agenda.</p>
<p><b>RESTORATION &amp; CULTURE: TRADITIONAL HEALING FROM SEX TRAFFICKING</b></p>	<p>The <b>Restoration &amp; Culture</b> workshops will share both contemporary, traditional, and emerging opportunities on the facets of healing and wellness through the restoration of tribal culture in response to sex trafficking. The workshops in this track will explore enhancement of services through the lens of traditional healing practices as a primary factor the in the work to end sex trafficking and the violent colonized experiences of trafficking survivors.</p>
<p><b>SURVIVOR VOICES: SURVIVOR LEADERS AFTER SEX TRAFFICKING</b></p>	<p>The <b>Survivor Voices</b> workshops will be a mixture of storytelling from sex trafficking survivors sharing their lived experiences as Survivor Leaders and experts in the movement to end sex trafficking. The workshops in this track will utilize stories and discussion to share and express the strength and traditional healing practices that engage all who work in providing services and support to survivors across the regions of Turtle Island and Indian Country.</p>

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## FULL AGENDA

DAY ONE	TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
7am - 9am	Conference Registration/Welcome Packets/Vendor Tables Open
<p data-bbox="159 1192 360 1222">9am - 10:15am</p> <p data-bbox="110 1272 409 1339">Rhythms Ballroom General Session Room</p>	<p data-bbox="516 655 1468 722"><b>Traditional Opening</b> Nicole Matthews, <i>Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition</i></p> <p data-bbox="516 772 1188 886"><b>The Flag Song &amp; Posting of the Colors</b> Louisiana Color Guard Procession Louisiana Tribal Drum Group and Opening Song</p> <p data-bbox="516 936 1146 1045"><b>An Honoring of Survivors, Victims, and Purpose</b> Jingle Dress Dancers Honor Song/Drum</p> <p data-bbox="516 1096 1081 1163"><b>Traditional Opening Youth &amp; Adult Prayers</b> Honorary Local Natives</p> <p data-bbox="516 1213 1442 1365"><b>The Welcoming from the Land</b> Melinda Butaud, <i>Chitimacha Tribe, Institute for Indian Development</i> Tribal Chairman Marshal Pierite, <i>Tunica Tribe of Louisiana</i> John Silver, <i>United Houma Nation, Institute for Indian Development</i></p> <p data-bbox="516 1415 1549 1684"><b>Setting the Space</b> Nicole Matthews, <i>Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition</i> Sherriann Moore, <i>Deputy Director, US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, Tribal Affairs Division</i> Allison Randall, <i>Acting Director, US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women</i></p> <p data-bbox="516 1734 1305 1801"><b>Indigenous Restoration Keynote and All Nations Invocation</b> Lyla June Johnston, <i>Diné (Navajo)</i></p> <p data-bbox="516 1852 906 1881">Housekeeping and Transition</p>
10:15am-10:30am	BREAK





10:30am-12pm  
 Breakout Sessions

DAY ONE | January 24, 2023

**LAW, POLICY, & PRACTICE**  
*(Intermediate)*

*Developing a Collaborative  
 Response to Violence Against  
 Women in Indian Country:  
 Federal Prosecution Options*

Rhythms Ballroom

**Leslie A. Hagen | National Indian Country Training Coordinator, United States Department of Justice, National Advocacy Center - Office of Legal Education**  
 Victimization rates in Indian country are high in many parts of the country, particularly for crimes like sexual assault and domestic violence. In non-PL 280 jurisdictions, the federal government has concurrent jurisdiction with the tribe for many of these offenses. And, even in PL 280 states, the federal government may have jurisdiction to prosecute some intimate partner violence crimes occurring on the reservation. In each of these situations, it is likely that tribal personnel will be the first responders to the crime scene or to meet with the victim. This session will address how the federal government and tribal governments can work collaboratively to investigate and prosecute domestic violence and sexual assault offenses. The session will cover the elements needed to prove the most commonly charged assault crimes in Indian country, special federal evidentiary rules that apply in sexual assault cases, and laws in the federal system that protect victims of sex trafficking domestic violence, and sexual assault.

**COMMUNITIES/IDENTITIES**  
*(Beginner)*

*Reaching the Root: Serving  
 Urban and Rural Youth with an  
 Understanding of Generational  
 Trauma*

Nottoway Room

**Heather Hagelberger | ANCHOR Team Program Coordinator, Covenant House Alaska**

Alaskan communities both urban and rural experience some of the highest rates of sexual assault, rape, domestic violence, and addiction in the nation. Rural Alaskan communities are often off of road systems, have little to no law enforcement, and a history of trauma spanning generations. Seeking an end to this cycle of pain and vulnerability means finding creative and collaborative solutions. Join this workshop to hear about what the presenters have learned about the ways in which trafficking occurs in populations with rural communities, historical trauma, and a transient workforce. This workshop will share ideas for ways to reach the root causes of high vulnerability for these youth and offer alternatives to silently suffering communities.

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## FULL AGENDA

10:30am-12pm Breakout Sessions	DAY ONE   January 24, 2023
<p><b>COMMUNITIES/IDENTITIES</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Serving Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities</i></p> <p>Bayside A Room</p>	<p><b>Olga Trujillo   International Advocate, Author and Consultant</b></p> <p>Survivors of human trafficking with mental health disabilities still face significant barriers in seeking and receiving healing services, including more significant or unfamiliar responses to trauma and lingering stigma around their disabilities. Service providers must continue the work in ensuring survivors' services are safe, welcoming, and accessible and that their experiences are centered. During this workshop Olga Trujillo will explore the needs of survivors with mental health disabilities and potential solutions for overcoming barriers to services that providers can implement to be more responsive to their needs.</p>
<p><b>SURVIVOR VOICES</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Indigenous Intersections to Sex Trafficking</i></p> <p>Bayside B Room</p>	<p><b>Jessica Desmond-Solomon/Aki'Kwe   Indigenous Knowledge Carrier and Survivor of Sex Trafficking, Earth Woman, Inc.</b></p> <p>This time will be spent sharing an inspiring true story from Surviving to Advocacy. Finding the strength, bravery, and truth helps advocates understand these Indigenous truths. This workshop will show service providers how Indigenous healing works through personal perseverance while experiencing discrimination and injustice. There will also be an exercise on healing through art to showcase these realities traditionally.</p> <p><b>CONTENT WARNING: THIS SESSION WILL INCLUDE GRAPHIC CONTENT AND PHOTOS.</b></p>
<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Protecting Our Children and Youth by Addressing the Intersection of Child Welfare Response and Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC): Showcasing the Work Being Done Between Tribal Nation and County Child Welfare Agency in a PL 280 State</i></p> <p>Bayside C Room</p>	<p><b>Bonnie Clairmont   Victim Advocacy Program Specialist, TLPI</b></p> <p><b>Suzanne Garcia   Tribal Legal and Child Welfare Specialist, TLPI</b></p> <p>This workshop will provide an overview of work being done between a tribal nation and a county child welfare agency to protect at risk Native children/youth; to better provide services and preserve Native families. Participants in this workshop will gain knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History and role of child welfare system &amp; impact of placement on Native children/families</li> <li>• Laws – federal, state, tribal on CSEC and protecting children involved in child welfare system.</li> <li>• Team development and collaboration when addressing CSEC</li> <li>• Importance of understanding differences between CSEC Identifiers, Screening and Intake tools</li> <li>• Type of training needed by child welfare workers and tribal representatives</li> <li>• Identifying solutions to protect Native children and youth.</li> </ul>



10:30am-12pm  
Breakout Sessions

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**ADVOCACY & SERVICES**  
(Beginner)

*Understanding Sex Trafficking:*  
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Oak Alley Room

Becki Jordan | Communications and Development, MIWSAC, Deborah Bush | TSASP National TA Coordinator, MIWSAC, and Stephanie Bridwell | TSASP National TA Coordinator, MIWSAC Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence programs are often the only services providers for victims of sex trafficking in Tribal communities, therefore, it is critical that they are knowledgeable and prepared to serve victims. This workshop will identify key advocacy skills, including safety planning and crisis intervention; as well as community and systems collaboration, for trauma informed services to sex trafficking survivors. This workshop will provide 101 foundational knowledge for advocates and service providers that intersect with sex trafficking survivors.

12pm - 2pm

LUNCH BREAK

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## FULL AGENDA

DAY ONE	TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
2pm - 3:30pm	GENERAL SESSION: Sex Trafficking Survivors Panel
Rhythms Ballroom General Session Room	<p>Facilitated by: MIWSAC &amp; Men as Peacemakers Jessica Gidakakoons-Smith, Survivor Advocate Jessica Desmond-Solomon, Earth Woman Consulting Justine Baker, War Flower Society Monte Fronk, Survivor Activist</p> <p>This panel will share experiences and transformation from sex trafficking to advocacy, emerging issues, and storytelling that will fortify advocates with tools of understanding, traditional values, and community recruitment to end trafficking at each intersection present.</p>
3:30pm-3:45pm	BREAK
3:45pm - 5pm	GENERAL SESSION: Connecting to Indigenous Joy
Rhythms Ballroom General Session Room	<p>Jillene Joseph &amp; Theda NewBreast   Healing Advocates, Native Wellness Institute</p> <p>The Native Wellness Institute has heard many, many stories and examples of challenges in advocacy over the years. In response, NWI has developed a Wellness in the Work session that helps participants better understand where working with survivors becomes challenging, how to heal from secondary trauma and more importantly, how to address confidence and healing in the advocacy workplace. This interactive session will follow the Sex Trafficking Survivor's Panel and will take participants on a journey of personal and workplace wellness with skills and tools to be a more positive, proactive, and productive advocate and conference participant processing difficult information and replacing it with confidence, community, and joy.</p>
5pm	END OF DAY ONE



<p><b>DAY TWO</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023</b></p>
<p>9am - 10:30am</p>	<p><b>GENERAL SESSION: Total Safety Solutions for Sex Trafficking</b></p>
<p>Rhythms Ballroom          General Session Room</p>	<p><b>Clayton Cranford   President, Total Safety Solutions</b>          This session will explain the current technology and applications Indigenous youth are using to access the Internet and social media networks. Secondly, human trafficking and other online threats are defined with current trends and real-world examples that Clay Cranford has investigated in schools. Lastly, participants will be given tools and an action plan with solutions that they can immediately begin using to help keep their children and students safe online at home and at school.</p>
<p>10:30am-10:45am</p>	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p>10:45am-12:15pm</p>	<p><b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b></p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b>  <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and Sex Trafficking Intersect Panel Discussion</i></p> <p>Rhythms Ballroom</p>	<p><b>David Rogers   Coordinator, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, US Attorney's Office; Ingrid Cumberlidge   Coordinator, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, US Attorney's Office; and Joel Postma   Coordinator, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, US Attorney's Office</b>          Department of Justice – MMIP Coordinators are supporting increased tribal response capacity through a collaboration with Tribal Communities in the development of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons - Tribal Community Response Plans (TRCP). The TRCP details best practice responses to reports of Missing/Murdered indigenous Persons (MMIP) including Law Enforcement, Victim Advocates, community outreach, and media elements. The Tribal Community Response Plans are tailored to the resources and culture of the Tribal Community then written (with MMIP coordinator support), approved, and owned by the Tribal Governments. Tribal Communities have identify Human-Sex Trafficking as being a major response concern throughout their TCRP work. Acknowledging the intersection of Human-Sex Trafficking with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons further highlights the urgent MMIP TCRP response need across our nation's tribal communities.</p>

# CONFERENCE FULL AGENDA

10:45am-12:15pm  
Breakout Sessions

DAY TWO | January 25, 2023

**ADVOCACY & SERVICES**  
(Beginner)

*Responding to Trafficking in a Shelter Setting: One Agency's Journey of Learning to see People vs. Problems*

Nottoway Room

**Heather Hagelberger | ANCHOR Team Program Coordinator, Covenant House Alaska**

At Covenant House in Anchorage, AK, we have been serving youth experiencing homelessness for 35 years. Youth come to us in crises of every kind, including experiences of abuse, neglect, sexual assault, domestic violence, gender and identity exploration, behavioral health challenges, physical illness and injuries, suicidal ideation and attempts, self-harm, and more. And yet, only in recent years have we begun to see the reality of trafficking in our community. This new knowledge has required that we examine how to serve youth who are also experiencing trafficking. Join for this discussion of our journey so far, take what you need, and bring your insights from your experiences to share back!

**LAW, POLICY, & PRACTICE**  
(Intermediate)

*Sex Trafficking and the 2022 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)*

Bayside A Room

**Kelly Stoner | Victim Advocacy Legal Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute**

Sex Trafficking and the 2022 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013) included a historic provision that recognized the inherent authority of “participating Tribes” to exercise “special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction” (SDVCJ) over certain defendants, regardless of their Indian or non-Indian status, who commit acts of domestic violence or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country. In 2022, Congress amended this provision to recognize “special Tribal criminal jurisdiction” (STCJ) over an expanded list of “covered crimes” that includes, in addition to the VAWA 2013 crimes, assault of Tribal justice personnel, child violence, obstruction of justice, sexual violence, sex trafficking, and stalking. This workshop will provide information on how VAWA (2022) will impact sex trafficking and intersecting acts of violence.

**ADVOCACY & SERVICES**  
(Intermediate)

*How the Bus, Casino and Truck Stop/Travel Plaza Industries Can Combat Sex Trafficking*

**Lexi Higgins | Deputy Director,**

**Busing on the Lookout - Truckers Against Trafficking**

This session will focus upon sex trafficking in the United States and the ways in which the bus/transit, casino and trucking/travel plaza industries may be coming into contact with potential victims and/or perpetrators. The session (cont.)



<p>10:45am-12:15pm          Breakout Sessions</p>	<p><b>DAY TWO   January 25, 2023</b></p>
<p><i>How the Bus, Casino and Truck Stop/Travel Plaza Industries Can Combat Sex Trafficking</i></p> <p>Bayside B Room</p>	<p>(cont.)          will focus on proactive steps that leaders from Indian Country and Alaska can take to empower these industry professionals with information that may help them recognize and report signs of trafficking as they encounter it.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITIES/IDENTITIES</b>  <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Serving Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities</i>  <b>-REPEAT SESSION-</b></p> <p>Bayside C Room</p>	<p><b>Olga Trujillo   International Advocate, Author and Consultant</b>          Survivors of human trafficking with mental health disabilities still face significant barriers in seeking and receiving healing services, including more significant or unfamiliar responses to trauma and lingering stigma around their disabilities. Service providers must continue the work in ensuring survivors' services are safe, welcoming, and accessible and that their experiences are centered. During this workshop Olga Trujillo will explore the needs of survivors with mental health disabilities and potential solutions for overcoming barriers to services that providers can implement to be more responsive to their needs.</p>
<p><b>RESTORATION/CULTURE</b>  <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>The Don't Buy It Project: Engaging Men and Creating Healing Communities for Native Relatives Who Have Been Sexually Exploited</i></p> <p>Oak Alley Room</p>	<p><b>Sarah Curtiss   Executive Director, Men As Peacemakers</b>          This interactive session will discuss the cultural impact of trafficking in Native communities through the lens "We Are All Connected". When Indigenous People understand this, the community can step into the role of good relatives, caring for and supporting the safety and well being of all relations, now and seven generations into the future. In this interactive session, participants will hear from MAP about the Don't Buy It Project (DBIP), a community engagement tool co-created with MIWSAC. DBIP specifically aims to engage men, inviting them to come alongside women, advocates, and survivors, to apply the teachings of the ancestors to the world as it is today, and transform communities into places of healing for relatives who have been harmed by sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. In this session, participants will build connection and community, participate in activities taken directly from the DBIP resource, and learn more about bringing the DBIP to their own communities across Indian Country and the United States of Tribal communities.</p>
<p>12:15pm - 2:15pm</p>	<p><b>LUNCH BREAK</b></p>

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2:15pm-3:45pm  
Breakout Sessions

DAY TWO | January 25, 2023

### SURVIVOR VOICES

*(Beginner)*

*A Native Father's Journey: Sex Trafficked and Murdered Daughter*

Rhythms Ballroom

**Monte "Awan" Fronk | Tribal Fire Fighter/EMT/Emergency Management**  
Monte's life was forever changed when his daughter Nada was human trafficked from the age of 14 to 16 and was recovered alive but was then murdered in a murder/suicide Nada's Ojibwe name Aakwaadizi Nishkaadizhkiwn Ikwe which means "she is a fierce passionate woman" had a life goal of working with homeless native youth and especially young native women who had similar life experiences. Monte had the opportunity to be selected to provide testimony on The Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Native with the human trafficking of his daughter Nada and using his resources to have his daughter recovered alive. This workshop will be traditional storytelling to focus on work to end violence.

**CONTENT WARNING: THIS SESSION WILL INCLUDE GRAPHIC CONTENT AND PHOTOS.**

### LAW, POLICY, & PRACTICE

*(Advanced)*

*Sex Trafficking: Extractive Industry Project*

Nottoway Room

**BobbiJo Pazdernik | Special Agent, MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force; and**

**Brian Pottratz | Deputy Commander/Investigator, TRUST Task Force**  
Sex Trafficking Investigations are extremely complex: see how Minnesota trafficking teams joined forces to combat sex trafficking in and around an Extractive Industry Project in Indian Country. Learn how to prepare for an Extractive Industry Project to include prevention, training, pro-active operations and re-active investigations. Working collaboratively is key to making an impact. This workshop will also explore and define these extractive industries such as oil pipelines, and/or mining by the MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force.

### RESTORATION/CULTURE

*(Intermediate)*

*Native People: Native Lands Commercial Industries Impact on Sex Trafficking*

Bayside A Room

**Jessica Gidakakoons-Smith | Survivor Advocate**

This workshop a sex trafficking leader voice of commercial environmental projects and tourism on and around Native lands. In her work, Jessica's on-the-ground reporting of realities of Native People and Native Lands will be linked together from a viewpoint of a survivor, advocate and activist who has investigated, responded, written, and lead action steps to stop the continual link of trafficking and commercial environmental projects. This workshop will explore methods of activism and advocacy when commercial industries create threats of sex trafficking on and around Native lands.





2:15pm-3:45pm  
 Breakout Sessions

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**RESTORATION/CULTURE**  
*(Beginner)*

**Culture Is Our Best Protective  
 Factor and Healing Practice**

Bayside B Room

**Tami Truett-Jerue | Executive Director and Janelle Chapin | Program Specialist, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center**

Presenters will explore how Indigenous cultures have natural protective factors for trauma and provide resiliency skills. Many Indigenous cultures have cues built in that are designed to connect us to each other and the natural world around us. Indigenous people are often taught from a young age to use them in everyday life both for safety and learning new skills. Indigenous cultures are visual and use many cues making us comfortable with extended periods of silence when learning and in everyday life. Learning by observation can lead to us not initially questioning the introduction of systems that harm us. Indigenous cultures teach us resiliency, learning to speak out and how to heal from traumas. This session will explore how culture provides both the barriers and the skills to overcome them in this modern world.

**ADVOCACY & SERVICES**  
*(Beginner)*

***A Silent Epidemic of Sex  
 Trafficking: Men and Boys***

Bayside C Room

**Lenny Hayes | Executive Director, Tate Topa Consulting, LLC**

Often men are the neglected victims of all forms of sexual violence, including being abused as a boy. It is frightening to realize how widespread sexual abuse and violence is in Tribal societies and yet how strong the denial of it is. The presenter will discuss the impact of sexual abuse and violence against men and as boys, as well as mental health issues, and define the issues that prevent individuals from having healthy relationships. This workshop will explore sex trafficking of men and boys and the intersections of sexual violence.

**RESTORATION/CULTURE**  
*(Beginner)*

***The Don't Buy It Project:  
 Engaging Men and Creating  
 Healing Communities for  
 Native Relatives Who Have  
 Been Sexually Exploited***  
**-REPEAT SESSION-**

**Sarah Curtiss | Executive Director, Men As Peacemakers**

This interactive session will discuss the cultural impact of trafficking in Native communities through the lens "We Are All Connected". When Indigenous People understand this, the community can step into the role of good relatives, caring for and supporting the safety and well being of all relations, now and seven generations into the future. In this interactive session, participants will hear from MAP about the Don't Buy It Project (DBIP), a community engagement tool co-created with MIWSAC. DBIP specifically aims to engage men, inviting them to come alongside women, advocates, and survivors, to apply the teachings of the ancestors to the world as it is today, and transform communities into places of healing for relatives who have been harmed by sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. In this session, participants will build (cont.)

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<p><i>The Don't Buy It Project: Engaging Men and Creating Healing Communities for Native Relatives Who Have Been Sexually Exploited</i> -REPEAT SESSION-</p> <p>Oak Alley Room</p>	<p>(cont.) connection and community, participate in activities taken directly from the DBIP resource, and learn more about bringing the DBIP to their own communities across Indian Country and the United States of Tribal communities.</p>
<p>3:45pm-4pm</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>4pm-5:30pm Breakout Sessions</p>	<p>DAY TWO   January 25, 2023</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITIES/IDENTITIES</b> (Beginner)</p> <p><i>Sex Trafficking &amp; Traditional Advocacy: Protecting Alaska Native Women</i></p> <p>Rhythms Ballroom</p>	<p><b>Tami Truett-Jerue   Executive Director, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center</b> Native victims of sex trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault face additional barriers to safety based on jurisdictional confusion, lack of tribal resources, isolation, lack of law enforcement and lack of culturally sensitive services. These barriers are reflected in federal and state laws and policies. Indigenous tribes are empowering themselves and protecting Indigenous women by creating a network of advocates who operate based on traditional values of helping each other. Learn how Alaska Native Women's Resource Center is working with partners both tribal, local and state to enhance these natural systems of support to encourage safety.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b> (Advanced)</p> <p><i>Sex Trafficking: Extractive Industry Project</i> -REPEAT SESSION-</p> <p>Nottoway Room</p>	<p><b>Bobbi Jo Pazdernik   Special Agent, MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force; and</b> <b>Brian Pottratz   Deputy Commander/Investigator, TRUST Task Force</b> Sex Trafficking Investigations are extremely complex: see how Minnesota trafficking teams joined forces to combat sex trafficking in and around an Extractive Industry Project in Indian Country. Learn how to prepare for an Extractive Industry Project to include prevention, training, pro-active operations and re-active investigations. Working collaboratively is key to making an impact. This workshop will also explore and define these extractive industries such as oil pipelines, and/or mining by the MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force.</p>



4pm-5:30pm  
 Breakout Sessions

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**RESTORATION/CULTURE**

*(Beginner)*

*Crooked Beads & Other Stories  
 for Decolonization*

Bayside A Room

**Tai Simpson | Advocate, Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence**  
 Crooked Beads is a workshop that explores traditional and contemporary Indigenous storytelling as a practice of healing and community building. The workshop is geared toward advocates and healers in Indigenous communities to rejuvenate the practice when it comes to connecting with victims of violence. Additionally, how to tell and amplify the stories through the lens of Indigenous "old ways" helps to decolonize advocacy work. The workshop will allow time for participants to share stories, engage in group discussion, ask hard questions and learn subsequent calls to action. These models of advocacy are rooted in the cultural and traditional values that work better in tribal/indigenous communities. The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence has incorporated the practice of storytelling as healing, which Tai shares, explores and helps to identify best practices.

**LAW, POLICY, & PRACTICE**

*(Beginner)*

*Sex Trafficking of Indigenous  
 Youth: Current State and  
 Future Action*

Bayside B Room

**Kirby Williams | Violence Prevention Specialist; and  
 Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie | Regional Navigator, Someplace Safe**  
 This workshop will address the past contributions, current state, and future actions addressing trafficking and exploitation of Indigenous youth. Topics will include historical context and current systems of oppression impacting trafficking and exploitation against Indigenous youth. The presenters will present their work and findings as part of NHTTAC's Human Trafficking Leadership Academy to address culture as a protective factor in preventing trafficking among all Indigenous youth. This workshop will give examples of the presenters' current work, while providing actionable steps for attendees to move forward in solidarity with the Indigenous community to address trafficking and exploitation of Indigenous youth.

**ADVOCACY & SERVICES**

*(Intermediate)*

*The Critical Intersection of Sex  
 Trafficking & Murdered and  
 Missing Indigenous Relatives*

Bayside C Room

**Nicole Matthews | Executive Director, MIWSAC  
 Jolene Engelking | National Tribal Sexual Assault Resource Center  
 Coordinator, MIWSAC**  
 The dangers of sex trafficking are often exacerbated by the long-existing barriers of invisibility and jurisdictional barriers that traffickers count on when committing violent crimes. The presenters will explore the critical intersection of sex trafficking and murdered and missing Indigenous relatives and offer support and training around the historical connections of Tribal cultures (cont.)

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<p>4pm-5:30pm Breakout Sessions</p>	<p>DAY TWO   January 25, 2023</p>
<p><i>The Critical Intersection of Sex Trafficking &amp; Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives</i></p> <p>Bayside C Room</p>	<p>(cont.) impacts, policy, sovereignty, and traditional values, along with the emerging issues in contemporary sex trafficking. These connections are tightly woven between victims/survivors, their communities and families. The presenters will discuss grassroots promising practices to understand, intervene, prevent, and support those most at risk. Comprehensive responses can impede upon the endemic of Missing and/or Murdered Indigenous people in both online and in real life.</p>
<p><b>SURVIVOR VOICES</b> (Beginner)</p> <p><i>Missing &amp; Trafficked Intersect: Missing the Missing</i></p> <p>Oak Alley Room</p>	<p><b>Justine Baker   War Flower Society, Survivor Advocate</b> This workshop is led by a survivor of trafficking who will share solutions to help ensure the missing across Turtle Island are seen. Conversation will center around ways communities and providers can utilize existing and available technologies to assist in raising awareness of the missing, and include first-hand and lived experiences.</p>
<p>5:30pm</p>	<p>END OF DAY TWO</p>



DAY THREE	THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023
9am-10:15am	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
<p><b>COMMUNITIES/IDENTITIES</b>  <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Supporting Urban Indian Survivors of Sex Trafficking</i></p> <p>Rhythms Ballroom</p>	<p><b>Jolene Engelking   National Tribal Sexual Assault Resource Center Coordinator, MIWSAC; and Project Beacon Site Coordinators</b></p> <p>Within Urban Indian communities, sex trafficking can be difficult to identify and even harder to support survivors. While trafficking services have increased over the last several years, many communities still lack culturally based services to support Indigenous survivors. Join us for a conversation with communities funded under the Office for Victims of Crime’s Project Beacon. The sites will discuss lessons learned, how to navigate the complexities of urban sex trafficking, and how they are working to support Indigenous sex trafficking survivors within their communities.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b>  <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Multidisciplinary Systems Approach to Human Trafficking from an Indigenous Lens</i></p> <p>Nottoway Room</p>	<p><b>Sarah Florman   Public Policy Manager, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault; and Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie   Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, Someplace Safe</b></p> <p>A comprehensive and successful response to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation depends upon the work of all stakeholders throughout the system—including prosecutors, law enforcement, medical forensic examiners, and advocates. Strong collaboration among these professionals is essential: if one organization in the multidisciplinary team does not do its job well, victims/survivors can fall through the cracks. The most critical elements of the response are how Native communities are most affected, particularly Indigenous communities. Traditional systems have historically failed to engage Indigenous communities in meaningful, equitable collaborations to address these shared concerns. This presentation will explore the key components for successful multidisciplinary collaboration and the need for these efforts to be led by the communities themselves.</p>
<p><b>RESTORATION/CULTURE</b>  <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Therapeutic and Traditional Healing in Programs</i></p>	<p><b>Jessica Desmond-Solomon/Aki’Kwe   Earth Woman, Inc. and Indigenous Knowledge Carrier</b></p> <p>What will heal Indigenous people from this intergenerational trauma on Turtle Island? This presenter will share an inspiring story for those who want to heal and who cannot find the strength or bravery to support themselves or their communities. This interactive/activity-based workshop is intended for individuals and service providers on how Indigenous healing can (cont.)</p>

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*Therapeutic and Traditional  
Healing in Programs*

Bayside A Room

(cont.) flourish in this work. Jessica will share her perseverance on how she kept going despite experiencing discrimination and injustice in sex trafficking. Attendees can create art, writings, and expressions to share with others, gift to others, share with MIWSAC, (or keep for themselves).

**CONTENT WARNING: THIS SESSION WILL INCLUDE GRAPHIC CONTENT AND PHOTOS.**

**COMMUNITIES/IDENTITIES**  
(Intermediate)

*Disabilities: Ensuring Access  
for Native Survivors of Sex  
Trafficking with Disabilities*

Bayside B Room

**Amanda Watson | Program Director, Praxis International**

This workshop will explore some of the common barriers to accessing services that survivors with disabilities and Deaf survivors may encounter. Participants will identify concrete steps they can take to ensure that their agency is accessible and proactively take action to meet the needs of Native sex trafficking survivors with disabilities.

**LAW, POLICY, & PRACTICE**  
(Advanced)

*Conceptualizing the  
Healthcare Response to Sex  
Trafficking in Indigenous  
Communities*

Bayside C Room

**Tammy Scarlett | Forensic Nurse Specialist,  
International Association of Forensic Nurses**

Sex trafficking can have many negative outcomes within a community, especially when we consider the health consequences that arise. As the response to this violence is being strengthened, we need to approach this from all angles. One important approach being the medical response. Understanding the need to address the medical and healthcare aspects will bring a trauma-informed lens and a worthwhile response to communities as a whole.

**ADVOCACY & SERVICES**  
(Beginner)

*Storytelling: Knowing Your  
Community*

Oak Alley Room

**Deborah Bush | TSASP National TA, MIWSAC, and**

**Becki Jordan | Communications and Development, MIWSAC**

Responding to sex trafficking in Tribal communities requires continuous learning and adaptability to meet the ever-changing needs of survivors. This session will be an interactive discussion for participants working in the field who are interested in diving deeply into solutions-based conversation on emerging issues and needs through the use of storytelling. Information shared will help to inform new training and technical assistance content and product development, as well as related policies/practices to be shared.



<p>10:15am-10:30am</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>10:30am-11:45am        Breakout Sessions</p>	<p>DAY THREE   January 26, 2023</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b>  <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Addressing the Issues of        Violence Against American        Indian &amp; Alaska Native Women</i></p> <p>Rhythms Ballroom</p>	<p><b>Sherriann Moore   Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Division        Office on Violence Against Women; and OVW Tribal Affairs Division Staff</b></p> <p>Attendees will be provided an overview of the OVW Tribal Affairs Division (TAD) grant programs, technical assistance projects, policy and legislation, special initiatives, and other activities facilitated through TAD to address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking in tribal communities.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b>  <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Multidisciplinary Systems        Approach to Human        Trafficking from an Indigenous        Lens</i></p> <p><b>-REPEAT SESSION-</b></p> <p>Nottoway Room</p>	<p><b>Sarah Florman   Public Policy Manager, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault; and Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie   Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, Someplace Safe</b></p> <p>A comprehensive and successful response to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation depends upon the work of all stakeholders throughout the system—including prosecutors, law enforcement, medical forensic examiners, and advocates. Strong collaboration among these professionals is essential: if one organization in the multidisciplinary team does not do its job well, victims/survivors can fall through the cracks. The most critical elements of the response are how Native communities are most affected, particularly Indigenous communities. Traditional systems have historically failed to engage Indigenous communities in meaningful, equitable collaborations to address these shared concerns. This presentation will explore the key components for successful multidisciplinary collaboration and the need for these efforts to be led by the communities themselves.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITIES/IDENTITIES</b>  <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Building Inclusive Services with        Native LGBTQ and Two Spirit        Survivors of Sex Trafficking</i></p> <p>Bayside A Room</p>	<p><b>Amanda Watson   Program Director, Praxis International</b></p> <p>This workshop is designed to engage participants in reflecting on the services they offer to survivors. The gaps in services that may exist for the Native LGBTQ and Two Spirit community. Through this workshop, participants will learn more about the unique barriers faced when seeking support, explore common challenges programs face, identify actionable steps they can take to strengthen the services offered while learning more about Native LGBTQ and Two Spirit outreach and lived experiences.</p>

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10:30am-11:45am  
Breakout Sessions

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### **SURVIVOR VOICES**

*(Beginner)*

*Online Recruitment & Sex  
Trafficking: New Methods &  
Realities*

*Bayside B Room*

**Jessica Gidakakoons-Smith | Survivor Advocate**

This time will focus on pre- and post- COVID realities of Indian Country and mainstream impacts of digital and online recruitment and advocacy strategies. The session will explore new efforts and practices to help advocates, communities, and parents end the endangerment of online trafficking. While intervention is growing, online recruitment continues to change with new apps and methods. This workshop will explain and explore online trafficking work for advocates from a survivor perspective to help inform real-life programming and approaches.

### **ADVOCACY & SERVICES**

*(Intermediate)*

*Technology to Combat Missing  
and Trafficked: Transportation  
Industries*

*Bayside C Room*

**Justine Baker | War Flower Society, Survivor Advocate**

Currently sex traffickers of Native people are ahead of most in their crimes against humanity. This workshop will cover simple solutions to get ahead of predatory behaviors. Community awareness and participation is vital for many who don't self-identify. This workshop will explore how transportation facilities can be an asset to prevent, decrease and eventually end trafficking.

### **RESTORATION/CULTURE**

*(Beginner)*

*Gender-Based Violence and  
Sex Trafficking: Indigenous  
Lived Experiences of  
Trafficking Intersections*

*Oak Alley Room*

**Jessica Desmond-Solomon/Akikwe | Indigenous Knowledge Carrier and Survivor of Sex Trafficking**

This workshop is lead by a traditional knowledge carrier of human trafficking and has first-hand knowledge of how to keep girls safe, identify what causes Indigenous people to be targeted, and why do recruiters see Indigenous people as vulnerable to sex trafficking. The goal is teach the audience, from a lived experience to advocacy - the roots of recruitment and how to protect Indigenous people from the roots up of Indigenous communities including impacts in medical settings, gangs, and sex trafficking through family and generational recruitment and the links to Native community and culture.  
**CONTENT WARNING: THIS SESSION WILL INCLUDE GRAPHIC CONTENT AND PHOTOS.**

11:45am - 12pm

**BREAK**





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12pm - 1pm	GENERAL SESSION: Native Wellness: Healthy Communities to Stop and Heal from Trafficking
Rhythms Ballroom General Session Room	<p>Jillene Joseph   Executive Director; and          Theda New Breast   Program Coordinator, Native Wellness Institute</p> <p>Understanding historic trauma of Indigenous People has caused current-day trauma in Indigenous families and communities. This is evident by the high rates of substance abuse, violence, gossip, negativity, poverty, and other destructive behaviors and conditions. Native people have the strength and resiliency to move beyond and forward from the hurtful past and utilize what the ancestors left us- prayer, faith, songs, dances, ceremony, language, and a legacy for future generations.</p>
1pm - 1:30pm	CONFERENCE CLOSING
Rhythms Ballroom General Session Room	<p>Final Evaluation Collection</p> <p>Closing Reflection          Nicole Matthews, <i>Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition</i>          Sherriann Moore, <i>U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, Tribal Affairs Division</i></p> <p>A Traditional Closing Prayer          Local Prayer Speaker (TBD)</p> <p>The Flag Song &amp; Retiring the Colors          Louisiana Color Guard Procession          Louisiana Tribal Drum Group Closing Song          Jingle Dress Dancers</p>
1:30-2:30pm	LUNCH BREAK May bring lunch to Roundtable Sessions

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DAY THREE	THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023
2:30pm-4:30pm	Roundtable Discussions
Rhythms Ballroom General Session Room	<p>Throughout the conference, participants will have opportunities to learn from experts about a multitude of topics related to sex trafficking. These roundtables will allow time for participants to share their own expertise with others and learn more about what is happening across Indian Country and Alaska.</p> <p>Participants may choose which discussion topics to participate in.</p> <p><b>Discussion Topics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Creating Healthy &amp; Sustainable Organizations</li><li>● Survivor Engagement &amp; Leadership</li><li>● Access/Pathways to Healing &amp; Justice</li><li>● Emerging Issues in Sex Trafficking</li></ul>
4:30 pm	Roundtables End

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**Justine Baker (War Flower Society, Survivor Advocate)** is a survivor of childhood trauma and exploitation, Justine went on to work as one of the pioneers in internet and cellular technology. After the impact of the online trafficking boom, she endured trafficking over the course of several years unknowingly. In 2019, she discovered she was being trafficked via the Internet. Since then, she has been active in pursuing justice and finding solutions by sharing life experience other advocates to end sex trafficking. She is also the ED of War Flower Society focusing on helping survivors of online trafficking, is a public speaker and is a certified law enforcement trainee on sex trafficking response. (Sample: <https://www.rainn.org/survivor-stories/justines-story>). **Presenting: Sex Trafficking Survivors Panel, Missing & Trafficked Intersect: Missing the Missing; and Technology to Combat Missing and Trafficked: Transportation Industries.**

**Stephanie Bridwell (Tribal Sexual Assault Service Program - National TA, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition)** is Lakota and an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe from Eagle Butte, South Dakota. She began work in the victim services field in 2001 and brings experience from various roles while working as an Advocate for State and Tribal domestic violence shelters, legal assistant for the Tribal prosecutors office, family Service Specialist and has been providing National training and technical assistance to Tribal victim service programs for 5 years. **Presenting: Understanding Sex Trafficking 101.**

**Deborah Bush (Tribal Sexual Assault Service Program - National TA, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition)** brings 20+ years plus experience as a Human Services Professional with focus on addiction, sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, dating violence, stalking, reintegration, Every Child Matters, International Day of Peace, and MMIW. She is an inspiring, influential, creative and passionate leader for her family and community. Deborah provides National TR/TA to TSASP grantees at MIWSAC. **Presenting: High-level Sex Trafficking Discussion on Emerging Issues; and Critical Collaboration and Understanding Sex Trafficking 101.**

**Janelle Chapin (Program Specialist, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center)** is Koyukon Athabascan. Her family is originally from Kaltag and Illinois. She is married with two children. Janelle holds an associate degree in addictions counseling and bachelor degree of fine arts in Social Work with a minor in Alaska Native Studies. Janelle has worked in the domestic violence field with both survivors and batterers throughout her career. Janelle spent several years working in behavioral health and addictions. She believes the way we change family patterns is working with the whole family and through addressing cultural and historical trauma and cultural resiliency. **Presenting: Culture Is Our Best Protective Factor and Healing Practice.**

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**Bonnie Clairmont (Tribal Law and Policy Institute) (TLPI)** works at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute in St. Paul, MN, as the Victim Advocacy Program Specialist, providing training and technical assistance to tribal communities to better enable them to respond to violence against Native women. She has more than 25 years of experience advocating for victims of sexual assault, sex trafficking, domestic violence, and children exposed to violence, providing multidisciplinary training/collaboration and improving services for Native victims of crime. For 4 years, Ms. Clairmont coordinated the Strengthening the Circle of Trust Conference, an event focusing on sexual assault and exploitation perpetrated by American Indian “spiritual leaders/medicine men.” In addition, she co-edited *Sharing Our Stories of Survival*, an anthology of writing by Native women who have experienced violence, and provided technical assistance to research conducted by Amnesty International USA for the report, *Maze of Injustice: The Failure to Protect Indigenous Women From Sexual Violence in the USA*.

*Presenting: Protecting Our Children and Youth by Addressing the Intersection of Child Welfare Response and Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC): Showcasing the Work Being Done Between Tribal Nation and County Child Welfare Agency in a PL 280 State.*

**Clayton Cranford (Sergeant at Southern California Law Enforcement Agency and Total Safety Solutions, and 'Cyber Safety Cop')** is one of the nation’s leading law enforcement educators on social media, child safety, and behavioral threat assessments. Clayton is the author of the definitive book on cyber safety for families, “Parenting in the Digital World.” He has served as a member of the Orange County School Threat Assessment Team, School Resource Officer, and Crisis Negotiation Team. He has investigated threats, weapon possession, and violent crimes in K-12 schools throughout Orange County, California. Clayton has more than 20 years of teaching experience and has been a featured speaker at the National Conference on Bullying, the Southwest Conference on Human Trafficking, the California Association of Crime Prevention Officers, and the National Association of School Resource Officers. Clayton has a Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy and a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice. (*Sample: <https://www.cybersafetycop.com>*). *Presenting: Total Safety Solutions for Sex Trafficking.*

**E. Ingrid Cumberlidge (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Coordinator, U.S. Attorney’s Office)** currently serves as the (MMIP) Coordinator at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Alaska, having been appointed in July of 2020. She is one of the 5 MMIP Coordinators designated to serve in the DOJ, U.S. Attorney’s offices nationwide, to address missing and murdered Native American issue through districtwide collaboration and response capacity building. Of both Aleut and Tlingit decent, Ms. Cumberlidge is an educator, former tribal court judge and tribal court trainer. Previously, Ms. Cumberlidge served the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe as a Tribal Judge and Chief Judge for 22 years, a teacher and then principal



of Sand Point School for 23 years. Ms. Cumberlidge also served as a member of the Tribal Advisory Council for the National Judicial College, at the University of Nevada, Reno. She was a tribal appointed Alaska Tribal Delegate on the Millennium Agreement team between the federally recognized Tribes of Alaska and the State of Alaska. ***Presenting: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and Sex Trafficking Intersect Panel Discussion.***

**Sarah Curtiss (Executive Director, Men As Peacemakers) (MAP)** has worked for Men As Peacemakers since 2015. Prior to joining MAP, she spent six year providing training and technical assistance for tribal communities both nationally and locally as the director of the Sacred Hoop Coalition through Mending the Sacred Hoop. Sarah has worked in the anti-violence field for over 15 years and began her career as a women's advocate for the Dabinoo'Igan shelter and coordinated the Giiwe Mobile team, which provided housing and support to long-term homeless Native families in Duluth, MN. In her work at MAP, Sarah utilizes primary prevention tools to work with communities to systematically shape their environment to prevent violence against women. Sarah is the Keeper of Traditional Ways (Board President) for the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, and is a founding member of the Native Sisters Society. ***Presenting: The Don't Buy It Project: Engaging Men and Creating Healing Communities for Native Relatives Who Have Been Sexually Exploited.***

**Jessica Desmond-Solomon/Aki'Kwe (Knowledge Carrier/Consultant, Earth Woman, Inc.)** is a Native survivor, advocate, and educational knowledge carrier of human and sex trafficking. Aki'Kwe envisions ending trafficking and MMIW and understands the importance to stop people of Turtle Island from straying from the sacred ways of life. Today Aki'kwe tells her story all over Turtle Island as a public speaker on surviving years of trafficking. She also shares the impact across generations of silence is violence with authentic life experience of healing and transitioning to advocacy we can all take home to our communities to help survivors and families. She was an international speaker on trafficking with The Joy Smith Foundation, World Trafficking Awareness Day, 3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference, Wiikwemkoong Prevention Services, and has been published and interviewed by journalists and publications focusing on trafficking. She was also a highlighted speaker for the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) and Journey to Safe SPACES: Indigenous Anti-Human Trafficking Engagement Report. *(Sample: <https://www.thestar.com/politics/political-opinion/2019/08/02/its-time-to-end-the-trafficking-of-indigenous-women-and-children.html>)* ***Presenting: Sex Trafficking Survivors Panel; Therapeutic and Traditional Healing in Programs; Gender-Based Violence; and Sex Trafficking: Indigenous Lived Experiences of Trafficking; and Indigenous Intersections to Sex Trafficking.***

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**Jolene Engelking (National Tribal Sexual Assault Resource Center Coordinator - National TA, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition )** joined the national technical assistance team at MIWSAC in the summer of 2020. Her role focuses on helping communities build effective and sustaining responses to victims of sex trafficking in urban areas through OVC's Project Beacon. Jolene has been in the anti-sexual violence movement since 2006. After years in direct advocacy, she has been doing national training and technical assistance for most of the last six years. An advocate at heart, Jolene thrives when talking with communities about increasing genuine collaboration and reimagining justice, accountability, and advocacy to better meet the needs of all survivors and create safer communities. *Presenting: The Critical Intersection of Sex Trafficking & Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives, and Supporting Urban Indian Survivors of Sex Trafficking.*

**Monte "Awan" Fronk (Tribal Public Safety Responder, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe)** has been a Tribal officer for 32 years, starting his career as a Mille Lacs Tribal Police Officer. In 2000, he began overseeing Tribal Emergency Management as a Tribal Firefighter/EMT for the tribe. Monte has degrees in Public Safety Executive Leadership. Monte's holds many Tribal certifications and specializes in Community Risk Reduction or CRR. Monte's life was forever changed when his daughter Nada was trafficked from the age of 14 to 16. She was recovered alive but at age 24 was murdered in a murder/suicide in her apartment. Nada's Ojibwe name Aakwaadizi Nishkaadizhkiwn Ikwe which means, "She is a fierce passionate woman." She had a life goal of working with homeless native youth and especially young native women who had similar life experiences. Monte had the opportunity to be selected to provide testimony on The Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Native speaking on the trafficking of his daughter and how he used available resources to have his daughter recovered alive. He is now a public speaker on trafficking, investigation processes, and healing from trafficking tragedy. *Presenting: Sex Trafficking Survivors Panel and A Native Father's Journey: Sex Trafficked and Murdered Daughter.*

**Sarah Florman (Public Policy Manager, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault) (MNCASA)** has a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota. Prior to coming to MNCASA, she spent over 15 years working with youth in crisis, including survivors of sexual exploitation. Her work at MNCASA has included helping communities in Minnesota to improve their awareness and response to sexual exploitation and trafficking, and providing training and technical assistance to Sexual Assault Response Teams across the U.S. as part of MNCASA's Sexual Violence Justice Institute. In her current role as Public Policy Manager, Sarah leads MNCASA's policy work to advocate for change at the local, state, and national level. She works with members, victims/survivors, community stakeholders,



and lawmakers to address issues affecting victims/survivors of sexual violence and fulfill the organization's mission of driving transformative culture change. ***Presenting: Multidisciplinary Systems Approach to Human Trafficking from an Indigenous Lens.***

**Suzanne Garcia (Tribal Legal and Child Welfare Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute)** is a Tribal Legal and Child Welfare Specialist at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI). At TLPI, Suzanne works on projects that focus on tribal/county/state collaboration, prevention, implementation of wellness courts, child welfare, domestic child sex trafficking, as well as projects that address substance use. Immediately prior to working for TLPI, Suzanne served as the Assistant General Counsel for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California where she represented the Tribe in child welfare cases and program development. Suzanne also served as a staff attorney for the Domestic Violence Victims Assistance Project, where she provided civil legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence in tribal and state courts in rural Nevada. ***Presenting: Protecting Our Children and Youth by Addressing the Intersection of Child Welfare Response and Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC): Showcasing the Work Being Done Between Tribal Nation and County Child Welfare Agency in a PL 280 State.***

**Jessica Gidagakoons-Smith (Survivor Leader; Survivors Leadership Council Member)** is a survivor leader, researcher, student, McNair scholar, and legal advocate for MMIWG2 families. She is a proud two-spirit member of The Bois Forte Band of The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and a proud member of Sovereign Bodies Institute Survivor Leadership Council. Jessica speaks nationally on Indigenous issues and fights for justice for all Indigenous people by taking steps towards systemic change. Jessica is a member of the Ochichidaa-Namana Campaign through MN350 and provides educational videos on the dangers of online grooming, human trafficking, and how to protect children online. Jessica is a dean's list student and education has been her greatest support throughout her personal healing journey. ***Presenting: Sex Trafficking Survivors Panel; Online Recruitment & Sex Trafficking: New Methods & Realities; and Native People: Native Lands-Commercial Industries Impact on Sex Trafficking.***

**Heather Hagelberger (ANCHOR Team Program Coordinator, Covenant House Alaska)** is currently the Program Coordinator for the newly created Trafficking Prevention and Intervention Program, known as the ANCHOR Team, at Covenant House Alaska (CHA). Heather has been working with adult and minor victims of trauma for 20 years within the medical field, social services and ministry settings, with 8 of those years spent advocating and working directly with victims of human trafficking. Heather has worked with in Alaska coordinating with agencies to connect identified victims of human trafficking to direct services. Heather has provided trainings on identifying and serving victims of human trafficking throughout the state

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as well as presenting on nationwide virtual offerings. Heather is originally from Florida and loves all things Disney, beach, and sunshine related. ***Presenting: Shelters: Adapting SA/DV Shelter Services and Support and Intervention and Prevention in Communities with Historical Trauma and Indigenous Populations.***

**Leslie Hagen (National Indian Country Training Coordinator, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Education)** serves as the Department of Justice's first National Indian Country Training Coordinator. In this position, she is responsible for planning, developing and coordinating training in a broad range of matters relating to the administration of justice in Indian Country. Previously, Hagen served as the Native American Issues Coordinator for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. In that capacity, she served as EOUSA's principal legal advisor on all matters pertaining to American Indian and Alaska Native issues. ***Presenting: Developing a Collaborative Response to Violence Against Women in Indian Country: Federal Prosecution Options.***

**Lenny Hayes (Executive Director, Tate Topa Consulting, LLC)** is a citizen of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the northeast corner of South Dakota. Lenny is also owner and operator of Tate Topa Consulting, LLC and is currently in private practice specializing in Marriage Family Therapy. He has extensive training in mental and chemical health issues that impact the Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ and Native community. Lenny has traveled nationally and locally training and presenting on the issues that impact both the Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ individual and community. These issues include the Impact of Historical and Intergenerational Trauma on this population, violence of all forms, child welfare issues, and the Impact of Sexual Violence on Men and Boys, which is a topic that is rarely discussed. Lenny is the former Missing and Murdered Two-Spirit Project Assistant for Sovereign Bodies Institute and a 2020 graduate of the Human Trafficking Leadership Academy Cohort 5. ***Presenting: A Silent Epidemic of Sex Trafficking: Men and Boys.***

**Lexi Higgins (Deputy Director, Busing on the Lookout - Truckers Against Trafficking)** In her work, Lexi focuses on equipping and empowering members of the bus industry (motor-coach, transit, and school) to combat human trafficking in the course of their everyday jobs. Throughout her professional career, Lexi has dedicated her talents and efforts towards tackling gender-based violence through systems and culture change. Past experience include positions with the Association of Junior Leagues International, the University of Washington Women's Center, and in Guatemala as a Peace Corps Volunteer, where she partnered with local NGOs to train and empower rural women's groups. ***Presenting: How the Bus, Casino and Truck Stop/Travel Plaza Industries Can Combat Sex Trafficking.***





**Becki Jordan (Communications and Design Specialist, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC))** Becki's experience and expertise center around sexual and domestic violence advocacy, anti-trafficking work, coordinated community response development and technical assistance, and law enforcement training and education. Becki also worked as a Safe Harbor Regional Navigator in Minnesota, providing technical assistance to partners and communities around building and improving their responses to victims and survivors of trafficking and exploitation. She has experience in organizational development, grants management, fundraising, and community outreach and organizing. Becki is a descendant of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. *Presenting: High-level Sex Trafficking Discussion on Emerging Issues; and Critical Collaboration and Understanding Sex Trafficking 101.*

**Jillene Joseph (Executive Director, Native Wellness Institute) (NWI)** is an enrolled member of the Gros Ventre or Aaniiih people from Fort Belknap, Montana. She lives in Oregon with her life partner and children. She is the Executive Director of the Native Wellness Institute and helped to found the national non-profit organization in 2000. She has a Bachelors of Science degree in Community Health Education and has served Indian Country for 30 years providing training and technical assistance in a variety of areas. Jillene has traveled to hundreds of Native communities and interacted with and learned from thousands of people. Whether she is providing youth leadership training, assisting women heal from childhood trauma or helping to bring wellness to the workplace, Jillene shares her passion for being positive, productive and proactive. *Presenting: Connecting to Indigenous Joy and Native Wellness: Healthy Communities to Stop and Heal from Trafficking.*

**Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie (Regional Navigator, Someplace Safe)** As a Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, Anne focuses on opportunities to improve and expand Safe Harbor responses and resources throughout regions of Minnesota. Her work continues to strengthen collaboration among community partners across the state to enhance safety for survivors of trafficking and prostitution through the Safe Harbor program. She has also been the Child Protection Supervisor at Mille Lacs Band Family Services program. *Presenting: Sex Trafficking of Indigenous Youth: Current State and Future Action; and Multidisciplinary Systems Approach to Human Trafficking from an Indigenous Lens.*

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**Nicole Matthews (Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC))** is a descendent of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, and is the Executive Director for Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition; a statewide Tribal Coalition and National Tribal Technical Assistance Provider, addressing sexual violence and sex trafficking against Indigenous people. The mission of this organization is to strengthen the voices of Indigenous women to create awareness, influence social change, and reclaim the traditional values that honor the sovereignty of Indigenous women and children thereby eliminating the sexual violence perpetrated against them. Their vision is: Creating Safety and Justice for Native Women Through the Teachings of Our Grandmothers. Nicole was one of five researchers who interviewed 105 Native women used in prostitution and trafficking for their report: Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota. Nicole is the Vice Chair of Minnesota's Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women's Task Force; she serves on the Executive Council of the Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota; she is a board member for the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center; she served on the State of Minnesota Attorney General's Work Group on Sexual Assault; and she is a National and International Speaker on sexual violence and sex trafficking. Nicole is also the proud mother of three beautiful children and the grandmother to one. They give her the strength and motivation to continue working to end gender-based violence. *Presenting: The Critical Intersection of Sex Trafficking & Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives.*

**Sherriann Moore (Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice)** Ms. Sherriann C. Moore, citizen of the Rosebud "Sicangu" Lakota Tribe in South Dakota, is the Deputy Director of the Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Moore provides federal leadership, national oversight, and guidance for Tribes and tribal organizations to strengthen their capacity and improve the federal response to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. This encompasses administration of tribal funds and programs; enhancing the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women from domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, homicide, stalking, and sex trafficking; strengthening the federal response to such violent crimes; and improving access to local, regional, state, and federal crime information databases and criminal justice information systems to address violence in our Nation's tribal and urban Indian communities. Sherriann is responsible for meeting the statute that directs the Attorney General to solicit recommendations from Indian tribes at an annual consultation concerning the above referenced topic areas. Prior to joining OVW, Sherriann worked for 5 years in research administration at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, an academic, medical, and research institution. Sherriann also spent 16 years working at the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service. Sherriann earned her



Master's Degree in Health Services Administration from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society. ***Presenting: OVW Tribal Affairs Division: Addressing the Issues of Violence Against American Indian & Alaska Native Women***

**Theda NewBreast (Master Trainer/Facilitator, Native Wellness Institute) (NWI)** was born and raised on the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana. She has a B.S.W & M.P.H. in Health Promotion and Prevention. Theda is a founding board member and master trainer/facilitator for the NWI. She is also a board member of the Sovereign Bodies Institute (SBI), launched in 2019, builds on Indigenous traditions of data gathering and knowledge transfer to create, disseminate, and put into healing on gender, sexual violence against Indigenous people and MMIWG (Missing Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls). ***Presenting: Connecting to Indigenous Joy and Native Wellness: Healthy Communities to Stop and Heal from Trafficking.***

**Bobbi Jo Pazdernik (Special Agent, MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force (MNHITF))** has been working for the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) since 2006. SA Pazdernik is currently assigned to the Metro Predatory Crimes Unit to serve as a leader of the MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force. MNHITF is a BCA-led statewide task force created in September 2017 and housed out of the BCA St. Paul HQ. During SA Pazdernik's career at the BCA, SA Pazdernik had previously been assigned to the SIU unit and deputized as a Federal Task Force Officer at the Minneapolis DEA Task Force. SA Pazdernik has served over 28 years as a sworn police officer. Prior to being hired at the BCA, SA Pazdernik was a WI DCI Special Agent assigned to the Narcotics Bureau for approximately 10 years. SA Pazdernik started her Law Enforcement Career as a WI State Trooper assigned to the Eau Claire, WI State Patrol HQ. ***Presenting: Sex Trafficking: Extractive Industry Project.***

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**Joel Postma (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office)** grew up on a small farm nestled between two Tribal communities in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan with his adopted parents. He attended Lake Superior State University where he majored in Criminal Justice. He was employed as a Special Agent for the FBI for more than 25 years, serving 23 years in Michigan. At the time of hiring, he was the youngest FBI pilot which led him on many unique and challenging assignments throughout the country. After 11 years of aviation, he voluntarily stepped aside to return to Northern Michigan with an opportunity to work as an FBI Agent in Indian Country. He became heavily involved within the Tribal communities where he once lived. It was serving in this capacity that he quickly gained insight into the importance of not just relationships with the Tribal Law Enforcement, and Victim Advocates, but also with Tribal Leadership and the entire Tribal community. He understood and respected the sovereignty of the Tribal governments and their communities coupled with the many challenges victims of crime faced. He strived to do everything within his abilities to ensure Justice was met, regardless of the many jurisdictional diagrams that exist. In 2010, he received the Distinguished Case Award for his hard work and dedication in Indian Country. In 2020, Joel was appointed as the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator for both Eastern and Western Districts in Michigan. He has served as one of the original 11 MMIP Coordinators for all 12 Tribes in Michigan. Joel is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy Unit (NA230). *Presenting: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and Sex Trafficking Intersect Panel Discussion.*

**Brian Pottratz (Deputy Commander/Investigator, Tribes United Against Sex Trafficking (TRUST) Task Force)** is a Sex Trafficking Investigator and in January 2021, became Commander of the TRUST Task Force. Investigator Pottratz has received specialized training in Child First Witness Forensic Interviewing, Native Focused Sexual Assault Advocacy, and undercover operations. *Presenting: Sex Trafficking: Extractive Industry Project.*

**David J. Rogers (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office)** is the MMIP Coordinator for the Western and Eastern Districts of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington state. He is an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho and is related to the Winnebago of Nebraska and Lakota in South Dakota. He has over 44 years of experience in the Criminal Justice field. He has been the CEO and Chief Instructor for his own consulting and training company, Tribal Public Safety Innovations (TPSI). TPSI has been working with the Western Community Policing Institute (WCPI), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) and individual Tribes on numerous projects. David's police experience has spanned 22 years with city police,



county sheriff, federal and tribal policing agencies and included positions as Patrolman, Lieutenant, Captain, Undersheriff and Chief including Chief of his own tribe's police department from 2013 to 2016. David served as a Probation Officer and Court Commissioner for the Clark County District Courts in Vancouver, WA, for 9 years. He also served as the Tribal Training Program Manager for the Western Community Policing Center followed by the Criminal Justice Center for Innovation at Fox Valley Technical College for 13 years providing a large variety of training including Community Policing on behalf of the COPS Office. During this time, David created the National Indian Youth Police Academy and the Tribal Probation Academy. David specializes in Community Policing, youth gangs, drug trafficking, Probation, Traditional Tribal Leadership and Jurisdiction in Indian Country. He has been a member of the IACP Indian Country and Community Policing Sub-committees, the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association, and was appointed as Indian Country Representative on the President's 21st Century Policing sub-committee on Recruitment, Hiring and Retention of Police Officers. ***Presenting: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and Sex Trafficking Intersect Panel Discussion.***

**Tammy Scarlett (Forensic Nurse Specialist, International Association of Forensic Nurses) (IAFN)** provides training and technical assistance. Tammy has been working as a registered nurse since 2010 and received her Master in Public Health with a concentration in Global Health in 2020. Initially receiving a position as a forensic nurse in Newport News, Virginia, providing care to patients in an on-call capacity while working in the Emergency Department. Eventually Tammy started working as a full-time forensic nurse in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 2016. A few years later she became a team lead where she provided education to community partners, worked on process improvement within the forensic nursing team, and became a Principal Investigator on two research projects. ***Presenting: Conceptualizing the Healthcare Response to Sex Trafficking in Indigenous Communities.***

**Tai Simpson (Social Change Advocate, Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence)** "The Storyteller" is Tai Simpson's name in the Indigenous language of the Nez Perce Tribe. Tai studied Sociology and Political Philosophy at Boise State University. In the community, she serves as an organizer for the Indigenous Idaho Alliance and works as a Social Change Advocate with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence. As an antiracism activist and community leader, she uses contemporary and traditional Indigenous storytelling to champion radical inclusion, equity, and liberation. ***Presenting: Crooked Beads & Other Stories for Decolonization.***

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**Kelly Stoner (Victim Advocacy Legal Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute) (TLPI)** serves as TLPI's Victim Advocacy Legal Specialist. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1988. For the past twenty years, Kelly has taught at the North Dakota School of Law and Oklahoma City University School of Law (OKCU) where she taught American Indian/Tribal Law and Domestic Violence related classes. She directed the University of North Dakota Native American Law Project that served clients of the Spirit Lake Reservation with a caseload that targeted domestic violence and sexual assault cases. In 2011, Kelly was appointed as a Judge for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. She also supervised a project in partnership with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma that established a SAFE Unit at a local hospital, recruited SANEs and targeted community education on domestic violence and sexual assault. Kelly directed the Native American Legal Resource Center at OKCU where she supervised law students prosecuting Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking cases and representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in civil matters. *Presenting: Sex Trafficking and the 2022 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).*

**Tami Truett Jerue (Executive Director, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center)** lives in Anvik Alaska, a small Athabascan community on the Yukon River. She is the mother of four children and the grandmother of five. She has worked in the field of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for the last 40 years in various capacities. Ms. Jerue's education includes a Bachelor Degree in Social Work, Community Psychology and Secondary Education. She has been involved with many non-profit Boards over the years and has worked most of her professional life in rural Alaska in many fields such as Therapist, Sexual Assault Counselor, Teacher, Tribal Administrator, ICWA Social Worker, and Trainer. She currently works as the Executive Director of the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center. Her many experiences and that of her family and friends with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault have kept Ms. Jerue passionate in helping facilitate change at a community level, within systems, and families to help survivors live a violence free life. *Presenting: Sex Trafficking & Traditional Advocacy: Protecting Alaska Native Women, and Culture is Our Best Protective Factor and Healing Practice.*

**Olga Trujillo (International Author, Speaker, Trainer)** is an attorney, trainer, internationally renowned speaker and author who has devoted their career to helping advocates, first responders and others in the field better understand the impact of trauma on survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse and human trafficking and one of the only speakers in the US to address the issue of Dissociative Identity Disorder from a lived experience of diagnoses and healing. Olga intertwines the role of culture, and in particular Latino culture into every presentation, training or technical assistance opportunity. *Presenting: Serving Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities.*



**Amanda Watson (Program Director, Praxis International)** has nearly a decade of experience as an advocate, organizer, and technical assistance provider in the movement to end gender-based violence. They bring a strong background in curriculum development and extensive experience creating culturally specific strategies to end violence while strengthen community. They previously worked with the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC) on multiple national technical assistance projects focused on responding to sexual violence and sex trafficking in tribal communities. Prior to joining MIWSAC, they worked as an advocate with university, county, and nation-wide sexual assault advocacy organizations. Amanda has considerable expertise in training communities to understand the unique impact of sexual violence on Two Spirit and LGBTQ folks while building inclusive advocacy services. Amanda joined the Praxis staff in 2019 and currently serves as the senior manager responsible for the implementation of Praxis' Advocacy Learning Center and Rural programs. ***Presenting: Disabilities: Ensuring Access for Native Survivors of Sex Trafficking with Disabilities; and Building Inclusive Services with Native LGBTQ and Two Spirit Survivors of Sex Trafficking.***

**Kirby Williams (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma)** is a violence prevention specialist addressing violence against Native people and tribal communities and is a survivor of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. She holds a master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Missouri State University. Since 2014, she has worked in her professional and personal life to raise awareness and promote prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking, and has conducted numerous trainings on serving Native American survivors of these crimes. She is a Class 5 graduate fellow of the National Human Trafficking Leadership Academy (HTLA), in which she and 11 other Indigenous fellows addressed how culture can be used as a protective factor in the trafficking of all Indigenous youth. For her work in violence prevention, she was named an inaugural recipient of the Cherokee Phoenix's Seven Feathers Award and the Nebraska recipient of the 2022 National Sexual Violence Resource Center's (NSVRC) Visionary Voice Award. In 2022, she helped to establish the Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition (NETAV). In addition to her understanding of violence against Native Americans, she has a background of knowledge and training in psychological diagnostics, statistical analysis, the impact of trauma from a physical and psychological perspective, healing from a culturally relevant perspective, and yoga teaching. She currently serves on the board for the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs (NCIA) and is the tribal representative for the Nebraska Domestic Abuse Death Review Team. ***Presenting: Sex Trafficking of Indigenous Youth: Current State and Future Action.***

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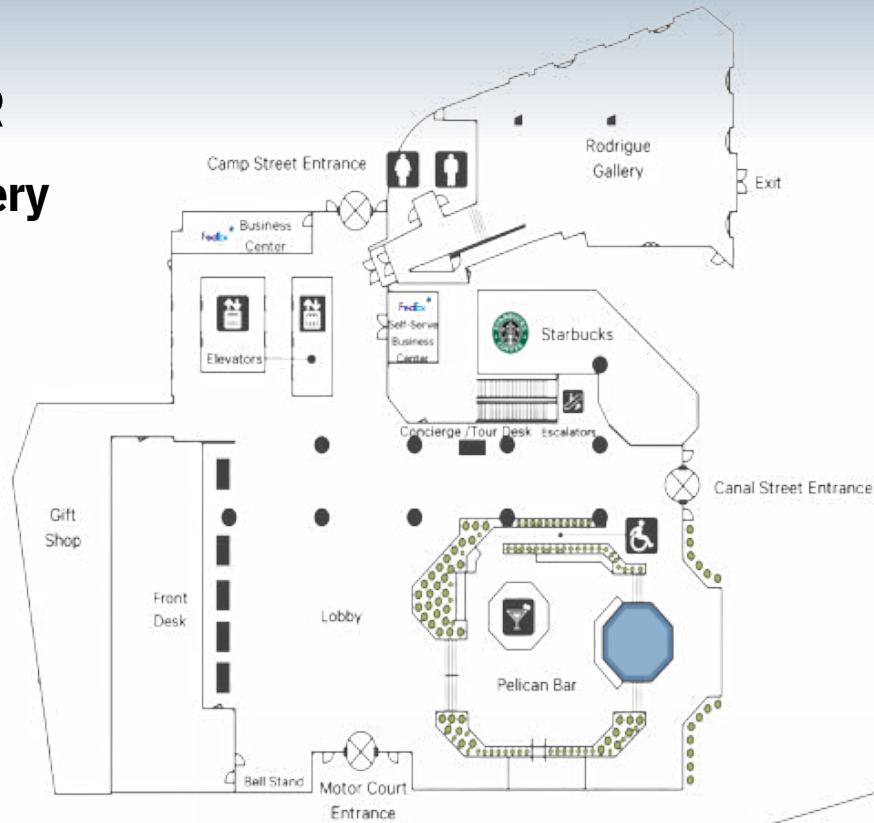
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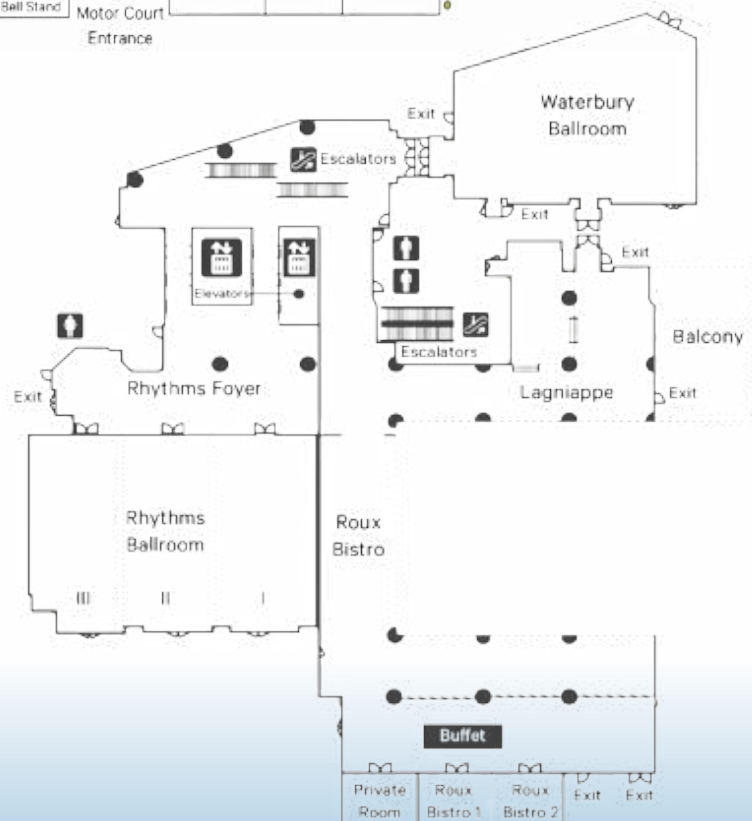
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### Rhythms Ballroom

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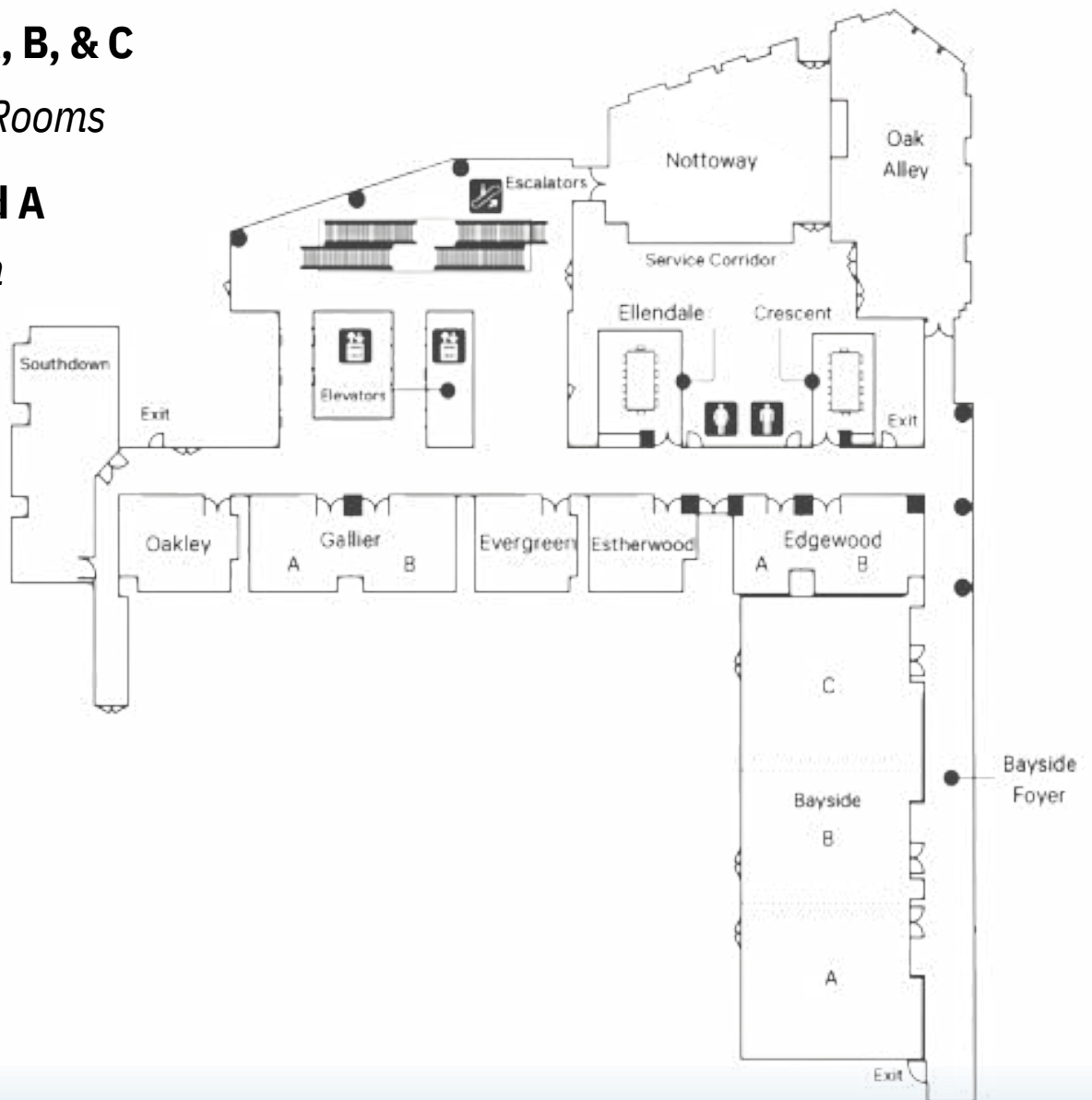
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