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Sexual Assault Coalition

# 2024

**STRENGTHENING  
SOVEREIGN  
RESPONSES TO SEX  
TRAFFICKING IN  
INDIAN COUNTRY  
AND ALASKA  
CONFERENCE**



**APRIL 9 - 11, 2024**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

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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, and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute; we welcome you to the **2024 Strengthening Sovereign Responses to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska**, in San Francisco, California, April 9-11, 2024.

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 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 4th National Trafficking Conference: Strengthening Sovereign Responses to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska.*

*We are looking forward to these next few days of informative and educational sessions. This year, we are very excited to be hosted by the city of San Francisco, which has a deep and complicated history and connection to both sex trafficking, and Tribal people. We hope you will find time to explore these connections and enjoy all that San Francisco has to offer.*

*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, and Men as Peacemakers. 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, for all that they have done to make this conference come together! 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 **Nikko I & II (General Session Room)** on the third floor of the Nikko Hotel at the following times: **Monday, April 8 from 5pm-7pm** and **Tuesday, April 9 from 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.

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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 yellow ribbon attached to their name badge.

Additionally, a Safe Room (located on the 25th floor of the hotel) has been designated for participants who would like to meet or speak confidentially with an Advocate. A Traditional Healer will also be on site and available in the Safe Room and throughout the duration of the conference. Please stop by the registration table for information.



## **Vendor & Resource Booths**

Vendor and resource booths are located in the foyer on the third floor of the hotel, just outside of Nikko I & II (General Session Room), and will be open daily from 8am-5pm throughout the conference.

## **Door Prizes**

Door prizes donated by vendors and conference partners will be given out just prior to the Closing Ceremony. All attendees who have registered and checked in for the conference will be entered, and must be present for the drawing to win.

## **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://www.sf.gov/topics/coronavirus-covid-19> for the most up to date local information.

# CONFERENCE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

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<b>PRE-CONFERENCE</b>	<b>MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024</b>
9am - 3:30pm	Pre-Conference Sessions - (Note: ONLY for those pre-approved)
<b>DAY ONE</b>	<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024</b>
7am - 9am	Conference Registration and Vendor Tables Open
9am - 9:30am	Traditional Opening Ceremony
9:30am - 12pm	Conference Keynote Sessions
12pm - 2pm	Lunch Break (on your own)
2pm - 4:45pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshops
<b>DAY TWO</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024</b>
9am - 10:30am	Conference Keynote Session
10:30am - 12pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshops
12pm - 2pm	Lunch Break (on your own)
2pm - 3:30pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshops
3:30 - 4:45pm	Conference Panel Session
<b>DAY THREE</b>	<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024</b>
9am - 10:30am	Conference Keynote Session
10:30am - 12pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshops
12pm - 2pm	Lunch Break (on your own)
2pm - 3:15pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshops
3:15 - 4pm	Conference Closing

# 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.</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 in the work to end sex trafficking and the violent colonized experiences of trafficking survivors.</p>

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DAY ONE	TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024
7am - 9am	Conference Check-in & Registration <i>Vendor &amp; Resource Tables Open 8am-5pm</i>
9:00am -9:30am	CONFERENCE OPENING
Nikko I & II General Session Room	<p> <b>Welcome</b>            Nicole Matthews, <i>Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC)</i> </p> <p> <b>The Flag Song &amp; Posting of the Colors</b>            Color Guard Procession            Tribal Drum Group and Opening Song - <i>All Nations Singers</i> </p> <p> <b>Honoring of Survivors, Victims, and Purpose</b>            Honor Song/Drum            Jingle Dress Dancers  <i>Jackie Crow Shoe, McKay Munoz, Holly Henning, Jada Aljubailah</i> </p> <p> <b>Setting the Space</b>            Nicole Matthews, <i>MIWSAC</i>            Sherriann Moore, <i>Deputy Director, US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, Tribal Affairs Division</i> </p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>KEYNOTE SESSION</b> <i>Roots of Resistance: Disrupting Sex Trafficking in Tribal Communities</i>
Nikko I & II General Session Room	Whitney Anderson, <i>Co-Founder and Executive Director of The Dragonfly Home</i>
10:30am -10:45am	BREAK





<p><b>10:45am - 12:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SESSION</b> <i>Gentle Action Theory and Traditional Ways as a Collaborative Community Response in Bringing Hope and Healing</i></p>
<p>Nikko I &amp; II General Session Room</p>	<p>Dr. Carma Corcoran, <i>Director of Indian Law, Lewis and Clark Law School</i> This keynote will walk through Gentle Action Theory in parallel with Traditional Ways of Knowing and Being to bring Hope and Healing to survivors of sex trafficking. The tenets of the theory meld well with traditional ways of knowing and being in that it is based on respect, trust, and the building of relationships to address the needs of survivors, their families, and their communities.</p>
<p><b>12:00pm - 2:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b></p>
<p><b>2:00pm - 3:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>DAY ONE BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b></p>
<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Using Culture as a Resource to Respond to Human Trafficking in Native Communities: Building Culturally Responsive and Trauma-Informed Supportive Service Projects</i></p> <p>Nikko I &amp; II General Session Room</p>	<p>Elizabeth Tibaduiza, <i>Research Public Health Analyst, RTI International</i> Ada Pecos Melton, <i>President/CEO, American Indians Development Associates</i> Learn how six projects were developed to provide culturally responsive, trauma-informed services to Native American people who have experienced human trafficking. These geographically diverse projects included two federally recognized tribes, one nonprofit with three tribal partners serving multiple tribes, one state agency serving four state-recognized tribes, and two nonprofits serving Native American clients. Projects received 3-year grants through the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities (VHT-NC) Program. This workshop is informed by the VHT-NC Program formative evaluation led by RTI International and American Indian Development Associates, and overseen by ACF's Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation and Office on Trafficking in Persons.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITIES &amp; IDENTITIES</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Eye of the Survivor</i></p> <p>Nikko III</p>	<p>Genevieve Chavez, <i>Human Trafficking Program Manager/Lead Case Manager</i> Cindy Charley, <i>Case Manager EAST Program, First Nations Community Healthsource</i> This workshop will share life stories of Human and Sex Trafficking survivors. Presenters will share what a day in the life of a survivor often looks like, sharing information learned as Case Managers, starting at intakes and ongoing throughout the relationship. From the beginnings of their victimization, how they lived and survived during their victimization, to the turning point to seek help and what they see and want for themselves now, the stories of survivors will be shared.</p>

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<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Advocating for Advocates: Strengthening our Programs Through Indigenous Values</i></p> <p>Monterey I</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews, <i>Executive Director, MIWSAC</i> Jolene Engelking, <i>National Tribal Sexual Assault Resource Center Coordinator, MIWSAC</i></p> <p>Advocates are essential to supporting survivors of violence, yet often are under appreciated, and under respected both by systems professionals and within their own organizations. This leads to high turnover, high burnout, and advocacy being seen by some as a stepping-stone or entry level position. This interactive session will focus on strategies that individuals and programs can take to shift that dynamic. Grounded in Indigenous values and a love of advocacy, attention will be given to increasing organizational capacity and sustainability, strengthening relationships with partners, and restoring the unique role advocates play in the anti-violence movement. Participants will leave with practical tips and ideas for implementing within their programs as well as a renewed excitement about advocate identity.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Critical Partnerships in a Coordinated Community Response</i></p> <p>Monterey II</p>	<p>Major Marcus Bruning, <i>(retired) Supervising Deputy Sheriff, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) Tribal Law Enforcement SME</i></p> <p>Brandy Treagesser, BSN RN SANE-A, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health</p> <p>An effective coordinated community response requires partnerships that embrace and engage the community toward a common goal, yet consider capacity, resources, and partner roles and responsibilities. Victim safety and offender accountability are the overarching common themes, but partnerships must be built on a common mission, purpose, and function and embrace trauma-informed approaches and practices. This multidisciplinary educational panel session will explore promising practices for engaging in collaborative work, accountability and trust, and sharing resources to better support victims and create a path to healing.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>A Course of Exploitation: The Intersection of Stalking and Sex Trafficking</i></p> <p>Carmel I</p>	<p>Jane Anderson, <i>Senior Attorney Advisor, AEquitas</i> Jennifer Landhuis, <i>SPARC Director, AEquitas</i></p> <p>When offenders engage in a course of conduct that includes sexual exploitation, they perpetrate dangerous and often misidentified and misunderstood crimes, including stalking and sex trafficking. Both crimes are highly contextual in nature and require a nuanced analysis of the relationship between the offender and the victim, as well as the various tactics utilized by abusers to control, intimidate, and traumatize victims with impunity. Stalking behaviors are used to force or coerce individuals to engage in commercial sexual activities or to intimidate and prevent them from engaging with <i>(cont.)</i></p>




<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b>  <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>A Course of Exploitation:                  Stalking and Human                  Trafficking</i></p> <p>Carmel I</p>	<p>the criminal justice system. Anderson will explore the dynamics of stalking and sex trafficking. They will focus on the importance of understanding the context in which both crimes occur, and the common tactics used by perpetrators. This presentation will provide strategies to improve the identification of these “course of conduct” crimes, increase offender accountability through successful investigations and prosecutions, and minimize further harm to victims and survivors by ensuring they are connected with meaningful services and tools to plan for their safety.</p>
<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b>  <i>(Advanced)</i></p> <p><i>Supporting Survivors Who Are                  Systems-Involved</i></p> <p>Caramel II</p>	<p>Sarah Florman, <i>Public Policy Manager, MNCASA</i>                  Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie, <i>Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, Someplace Safe</i>                  Due to well-documented issues of historical trauma and systemic oppression, Indigenous survivors of violence are more likely to interact with various systems, including child and adult protection, law enforcement, probation and parole. In this workshop, the presenters will share ways for advocates to help clients navigate these oppressive systems while engaging in systems-level advocacy, and provide context for systems professionals to better understand and engage with clients who have experienced exploitation and trafficking. The presenters will also cover ways to help clients better understand their rights within these systems, and resources available to them in their journey towards healing.</p>
<p><b>3:15pm - 3:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>3:30pm - 4:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>DAY ONE BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b></p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b>  <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Telling your Story with Data:                  Collaborating with                  Communities to Transform                  Programming and Practice</i></p> <p>Nikko I &amp; II                  General Session Room</p>	<p>Dr. Diane Gout, <i>Principal and Owner, Gray O.A.K., LLC</i>                  Morgan Hawes, <i>National Technical Assistance &amp; Training Sex Trafficking Program Coordinator, MIWSAC</i>                  This presentation will provide an overview of how agencies can use data in collaboration with communities to support project and program assessment. Incorporating storytelling in assessment can help transform policies and practices to better support advocates and communities-based partners in their work to increase victim/survivor safety and accountability of those who cause harm. This session will: provide participants with an understanding of the value of assessment in telling the transformational stories of their work; help participants develop an understanding of assessment, it’s value and its impact on enhancing services and increasing shared knowledge; and help participants learn how to use assessment as a critical communication tool to facilitate change at the community level through collaboration with external partners.</p>

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<p><b>RESTORATION &amp; CULTURE</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Language's Impact on Identity</i></p> <p>Nikko III</p>	<p>Autumn Smith, <i>Owner, Amy Consulting and Alaska Relative and Kinship Providers</i></p> <p>Participants will witness a Survivor written monologue regarding boarding school, child welfare, lateral violence, historical trauma, Missing and Murdered Indigenous, and the duality of language and race to become more culturally responsive to the unique needs of Indigenous participants.</p>
<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Sex Trafficking 101</i></p> <p>Monterey I</p>	<p>Becki Jordan, <i>Communications Specialist, MIWSAC</i> Deborah Bush, <i>TSASP National TA Coordinator, MIWSAC</i></p> <p>Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, or other community programs are often the only services providers assisting survivors of sex trafficking in Tribal communities; therefore, it is critical that they are knowledgeable and prepared. This workshop will identify key advocacy skills, including safety planning and crisis intervention; as well as ideas for community and systems collaboration to create trauma-informed services for survivors of sex trafficking. This workshop will provide 101 foundational knowledge for advocates and service providers whose work intersects with sex trafficking survivors.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Creating Protocols for Casino Staff to Respond to Human Trafficking</i></p> <p>Monterey II</p>	<p>Ashley Pina, <i>OVC-T-VSTTA Project Specialist, Tribal Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance (T-VSTTA)</i> LeeAnn Hatton, <i>Community and Social Service Administrator, Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me Wuk Indians</i> Alexis Polen, <i>Program Specialist, Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) Tribal Division of U.S. DOJ</i></p> <p>A proven strategy to raise awareness of human trafficking is to encourage Tribal gaming operators and officials to take proactive measures. This workshop will showcase promising practices for building awareness and responding to human trafficking. Participants will learn strategies for creating and overseeing response protocols, ensuring protocols are victim-centered and trauma-informed, and partnering with survivor leaders in developing response protocols. Join presenters from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Tribal Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance (T-VSTTA) program and walk away with resources to share with your community.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITIES &amp; IDENTITIES</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Silenced Steps: Human Trafficking Prevention</i></p> <p>Carmel I</p>	<p>Rochelle Redbone Arebalo, <i>MMIW Indian Capital Chairperson</i></p> <p>This presentation will bring awareness to the importance of the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women's (MMIW) movement and the crisis across Indian country. The presenter will provide history of the grassroots organization MMIW INDIAN CAPITAL, and the services it provides to victims and families of our loved ones in the process from the beginning our families reach out for help to find their loved ones to the steps and awareness.</p>



<p><b>RESTORATION &amp; CULTURE</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Working with Tribal Members in an Urban Settings (name will change)</i></p> <p>Carmel II</p>	<p>Frances Andrews, <i>Anvik Tribal Council, Indian Child Protection, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault and Counseling/Advocacy</i></p> <p>Kristie M. Traver, <i>Program Specialist, Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center (AKNWRC)</i></p> <p>The Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center (AKNWRC) will discuss its unique partnership with non-traditional service providers and their expanded focus from rural Alaska to Alaska Natives victims/survivors residing in urban areas of the state. Participants will learn about the purpose and design this program at AKNWRC; the partnership selection and ongoing training/support process; and concrete examples of partner collaborations incorporating cultural healing and other services.</p>
<p><b>4:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>END OF DAY ONE</b></p>
<p>Session Evaluations</p> 	<p><i>Please complete your session evaluations, as your feedback helps us to make improvements in real time and for future events. Limited paper copies are available throughout sessions, or you may complete online at <a href="https://miwsac.co/2024traffickingevaluation">miwsac.co/2024traffickingevaluation</a> or by scanning the QR code on the left.</i></p>

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<b>DAY TWO</b>	<b>Wednesday, APRIL 10, 2024</b>
8am - 9am	Conference Check-in & Registration <i>Vendor &amp; Resource Tables Open 8am-5pm</i>
<b>9:00am - 10:30am</b>	<b>KEYNOTE SESSION</b> <i>Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign: Raising Awareness on Human Trafficking</i>
Nikko I & II General Session Room	Erica Reid, Senior Engagement Manager, Blue Campaign LaTonia Whitsett, Management & Program Analyst, Blue Campaign The Blue campaign is a national public awareness campaign within the Department of Homeland Security's Center for Countering Human Trafficking. Its mission is to educate the public on how to recognize and report/respond to possible cases of human trafficking. Speakers will provide a brief overview of human trafficking, the Blue Campaign and how they raise awareness throughout the country and within Indigenous communities, and what you can do in your community to raise awareness.
<b>10:30am -10:45am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:45am - 12:00pm</b>	<b>DAY TWO BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>
LAW, POLICY, & PRACTICE <i>(Beginner)</i>  <i>Forensic Autopsy Examinations in Indian Country and Alaska Homicide Investigations</i>  Nikko I & II	Hallie Bongar White, <i>Attorney and Executive Director of the Southwest Center of Law and Policy (SWCLAP) and Dean of the National Tribal Trial College</i> Jamie E. Kallan MD, <i>Forensic/Autopsy Pathologist and Assistant Professor at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health</i> The presentation will provide an overview of why forensic autopsies are conducted, who performs them, where they are performed, and who can be present during the examination. Participants will learn how autopsies assist in homicide investigations, what happens to the deceased after the autopsy, and how information on cultural practices can be helpful to Medical Examiners, Coroners, and law enforcement in investigating the cause of death. Alternatives to autopsies and criteria for establishing a Tribal Coroner's office or tribal liaison will also be discussed.



<p><b>RESTORATION &amp; CULTURE</b>  <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Colonization, Trauma, and Learning the Risks that Lead to Sex Trafficking and Sex Assault</i></p> <p>Nikko III</p>	<p><i>Cindy Famerio, Vice Chairperson, State Chapter of Oklahoma’s MMIP</i>  <i>Darcie Parton-Scoon, Legal, State Chapter of Oklahoma’s MMIP</i></p> <p>The State Chapter of Oklahoma Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) will share on history of MMIP, Self-Care during the movement, dealings with families and vicarious trauma and then hold a Ribbon Ceremony, an inclusive ceremony where ribbon is tied together from person to person after personal insight is shared, symbolizing we are all related and can share life’s burdens together.</p>
<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b>  <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Human Trafficking in Indian Country- Part 1</i></p> <p>Monterey I</p>	<p><i>Jane Anderson, Senior Attorney Advisor, Aequitas</i>  <i>Jeri Moomaw, Specialist on Human Trafficking, Innovations HTC</i></p> <p>Human traffickers use force, fraud, and coercion to exploit vulnerable populations. In Indian Country, traffickers prey upon individuals who have already been victimized by sexual abuse and intimate partner violence in their homes and communities. These offenders then further exploit these victims, exerting violence and utilizing coercive techniques that compound their existing physical, psychological, and spiritual trauma. Part One of this presentation is designed to challenge participants to reevaluate their approach to responding to human trafficking in Indian Country. The presenters will explore the unique dynamics of sex and labor trafficking, including the historical and cultural context within which trafficking and related crimes of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking occur. Participants will learn the foundations of implementing victim-centered, culturally-specific responses that prioritize victim safety and access to appropriate services and support.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b>  <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Prevention and Intervention: How the Trucking, Bus, and Energy Industries Can Help Combat Sex Trafficking</i></p> <p>Monterey II</p>	<p><i>Annie Sovcik, Director of Busing on the Lookout, Truckers Against Trafficking</i></p> <p>This session will focus upon sex trafficking in the United States and the ways in which the trucking, truck stop, bus/transit and energy industries may be coming into contact with potential victims and/or perpetrators. Participants will gain insights into the points of intersection between these industries and sex trafficking, particularly as it relates to indigenous lands and communities, and learn about free niche-specific resources that Truckers Against Trafficking has developed for these industries that participants can take back to their communities to help ensure that transportation and related stakeholders operating on or near tribal and indigenous lands are implementing anti-trafficking training and policies into their operations.</p>

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## LAW, POLICY, & PRACTICE (Intermediate)

### *Multidisciplinary Approach to Human Trafficking from an Indigenous Lens*

Carmel I

Sarah Florman, *Public Policy Manager, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA)*

Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie, *Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, Someplace Safe*  
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 the communities 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. Learning objectives may include: examine the core elements of successful collaboration; contrast traditional multidisciplinary models with community-led models; and discuss strategies for developing Indigenous-centered responses to sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

## COMMUNITIES & IDENTITIES (Beginner)

### *How Ableism Aids Traffickers*

Carmel II

Sandra Harrell, *Director of Field and Capacity Building, Activating Change*  
Persistent narratives about people with disabilities, often informed by ableist notions, may be facilitating traffickers in our communities. Activating Change conducted a needs assessment in 2022 to better understand the specific risk factors for trafficking in the lives of people with disabilities. One of the clear findings was that communities tend to perceive those who help people with disabilities — by caring for them, employing them or housing them — as beyond reproach. For instance, if a community member opens their home to people with disabilities this is often perceived as charitable/helpful behavior versus potentially predatory behavior. Yet, research shows that people with disabilities are very likely to be harmed by people who are in a helper role to them. This workshop will explore how ableist narratives about people with disabilities can create barriers to identifying trafficking and how practitioners can deconstruct their own internal biases to be able to identify potential risks for exploitation.

**12:00pm - 2:00pm**

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2:00pm - 3:15pm	DAY TWO BREAKOUT SESSIONS
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking: CCHT</i></p> <p>Nikko I &amp; II General Session Room</p>	<p>Erica Reid, <i>Senior Engagement Manager, Blue Campaign</i> LaTonia Whitsett, <i>Management &amp; Program Analyst, Blue Campaign</i></p> <p>The Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT) is a Department of Homeland Security-wide effort comprised of 16 supporting offices and components, led by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). It is the first unified, inter-component coordination center for countering human trafficking and the importation of goods produced with forced labor. This session will discuss the mission of the CCHT, how the Center tackles human trafficking using a victim-centered approach and the 4 Ps: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Partnership. In response to legislation such as Savanna’s Act, Not Invisible Act and VAWA, the DHS CCHT has established whole-of-government and whole-of-community directives and priority initiatives to address crucial matters related to Indigenous people and communities.</p>
<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Grooming Strategies Regarding Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Youth</i></p> <p>Nikko III General Session Room</p>	<p>Jane Straub, <i>Training Director, CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center</i></p> <p>The act of recruiting someone into trafficking is intentional, planned and criminal. Learn tactics and techniques used by traffickers including targeting, recruiting and the grooming process. Understanding the emotional/trauma bond between the offender and victim is imperative to breaking this connection and intervening when a minor is targeted. This session will discuss research regarding childhood trauma, victim risk factors, juvenile justice, homeless, and missing youth, while drawing attention to disparities for Native youth related to CPS involvement, risk for suicide and many types of victimization need to be addressed and responded to in a culturally sensitive manner.</p>
<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Human Trafficking in Indian Country - Part 2</i></p> <p>Monterey I</p>	<p>Jane Anderson, <i>Senior Attorney Advisor, Aequitas</i> Jeri Moomaw, <i>Specialist on Human Trafficking, Innovations HTC</i></p> <p>Human traffickers use force, fraud, and coercion to exploit vulnerable populations. In Indian Country, traffickers prey upon individuals who have already been victimized by sexual abuse and intimate partner violence in their homes and communities. These offenders then further exploit these victims, exerting violence and utilizing coercive techniques that compound their existing physical, psychological, and spiritual trauma. Part Two of this presentation will focus on enhancing the identification, investigation, and prosecution of traffickers who prey upon indigenous victims and victims in Indian Country. Presenters will provide case studies and specific strategies to hold offenders accountable for the unique harm they cause, while centering the experience of victims and survivors.</p>

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<p><b>RESTORATION &amp; CULTURE</b> (Beginner)</p> <p><i>We Are All Connected: Engaging Men to Create Healing Communities for Relatives Harmed by Exploitation</i></p> <p>Monterey II</p>	<p>Sean Hayes, <i>Program Coordinator, Men as Peacekeepers</i> Felix Martinez-Paz, <i>Engaging Men &amp; Boys Program Specialist, Esperanza United Prevention &amp; Social Change</i></p> <p>Men play an important role in creating safe, healing communities for relatives who have been harmed by trafficking and exploitation. But before we can engage men and masculine folks as good relatives, we must first address the ways in which men are disconnected from community and from their values – sometimes resulting in men’s participation in harm and violence. In this session, participants will explore how connecting to values can bring men back into connected community with women and people of all genders. Participants will also learn about the Don’t Buy It Project, a program aimed at helping men to live their values, grow their strengths and gifts, and contribute to healing when trafficking and other forms of violence have occurred – as well as help prevent this harm from happening in the first place.</p>
<p><b>RESTORATION &amp; CULTURE</b> (Beginner)</p> <p><i>Understanding the Connections Between Sexual Violence and Housing in Indigenous Communities</i></p> <p>Carmel I</p>	<p>Caroline LaPorte, <i>Director STTARS Indigenous Safe Housing Center</i> Clarice Charlie-Hubbard, <i>Housing &amp; Shelter Specialist, STTARS</i></p> <p>Sexual assault is both a precursor to and a consequence of homelessness. Experiencing sexual violence can jeopardize a person’s housing, and experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity can increase the risk someone will experience violence. The relationship between sexual violence and housing is multi-layered and complex. This presentation by STTARS, the new Indigenous Safe Housing Center, will guide participants in understanding the connections between sexual violence and housing for Indigenous survivors, as well as recognizing the challenges and barriers survivors face and incorporating strategies and best practices based on VAWA and rooted in traditional and trauma-informed approaches to respond.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b> (Beginner)</p> <p><i>Finding Justice And Healing For Our Relatives</i></p> <p>Carmel II</p>	<p>Lori Jump, <i>Chief Executive Officer, StrongHearts Native Helpline</i></p> <p>Native Americans and Alaska Natives comprise about 2 percent of the nation's population and make up about 40 percent of those victimized by sex traffickers. Native women face the highest rates of rape and in some counties homicide is 10x higher than other the national average. We know that domestic and sexual violence are connected to the Missing and Murdered Crisis and we know it’s hard for Native people to trust non-Native service providers. Established in March 2017, StrongHearts Native Helpline is culturally appropriate for Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic and sexual violence. StrongHearts advocate training is steeped in Native American culture and tradition, a key element to providing support and advocacy. Advocates provide personalized safety planning, referrals to Native-centered service providers, assistance finding health options and crisis centers trained in sexual assault, general information about jurisdiction and legal referrals. We find a path toward healing in our search for justice.</p>



<p><b>3:15pm - 3:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>3:30pm - 4:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE PANEL SESSION</b> <i>Emerging Issues and Collaborative Responses to Sex Trafficking</i></p>
<p>Nikko I &amp; II General Session Room</p>	<p><i>Facilitated by Nicole Matthews, MIWSAC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colleen Phillips, Senior Policy Counsel, Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, U.S. Department of Justice</li> <li>• Dr. Diane Gout, <i>Principal and Owner, Gray O.A.K., LLC</i></li> <li>• Major Marcus Brunning, <i>Tribal Law Enforcement Subject Matter Expert (SME), LETTAC</i></li> <li>• Shayla Beaumont, EU Coordinator, <i>MIWSAC</i></li> </ul> <p>This Multidisciplinary panel will discuss emerging issues related to sex trafficking. Panel members will share their experiences and provide attendees with tools for understanding comprehensive, collaborative responses to sex trafficking from multiple lens.</p>
<p><b>4:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>END OF DAY TWO</b></p>
<p>Session Evaluations</p> 	<p><i>Please complete your session evaluations, as your feedback helps us to make improvements in real time and for future events. Limited paper copies are available throughout sessions, or you may complete online at <a href="https://miwsac.co/2024traffickingevaluation">miwsac.co/2024traffickingevaluation</a> or by scanning the QR code on the left.</i></p>

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<b>DAY THREE</b>	<b>Thursday, APRIL 11, 2024</b>
8am - 9am	Conference Check-in & Registration <i>Vendor &amp; Resource Tables Open 8am-5pm</i>
<b>9:00am - 10:30am</b>	<b>KEYNOTE SESSION</b> <b><i>Survivor Voices: The Intersection of Child Welfare and Human Trafficking Community Based Advocacy</i></b>
Nikko I & II General Session Room	Autumn Smith, <i>Owner, Amy Consulting and Alaska Relative and Kinship Providers</i> This keynote will discuss real-time community-based strategies in prevention of human trafficking at the child welfare level. Participants will hear an overview of challenges specific to Alaska Indian Country that connects child welfare with exploitation risk, and learn how holistic advocacy and Indigenous ways of knowing and sharing can impact communities in trafficking prevention.
<b>10:30am -10:45am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:45am - 12:00pm</b>	<b>DAY THREE BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>
COMMUNITIES & IDENTITIES <i>(Intermediate)</i>  <i>Minnesota Youth Sex Trading Project: A Community-Based Exploration of Sex Trading Amongst Native+ Youth</i>  Nikko I & II General Session Room	Anne LaFrinier Ritchie, <i>Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, Someplace Safe</i> Sexual exploitation of youth contributes to myriad harms. Research reveals stark disparities in the prevalence of sex trading and exploitation for BIPOC youth, systems-involved youth, LGBTQ+ youth and those experiencing homelessness/poverty ( <i>Martin et al, 2021; Rider et al, 2022; Johnston-Goodstar et al, 2022</i> ). This presentation introduces the Minnesota Youth Sex Trading (MYST) project and in particular, the work of the MYST community advisory board and MYST Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) team. In addition to establishing contextually-informed prevalence rates for Native+ youth, the MYST project has developed two unique variables, identified historical and ecological roots of vulnerability and youth-led strategies to disrupt sexual exploitation. These findings inform state and tribal policy, therapeutic interventions and service provision, and provide important nuance for the placement of services and innovation for community building, decolonization, anti-racism and civic engagement as interventions for sexual exploitation.



<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Policy, Best and Emerging Practices</i></p> <p>Nikko III</p>	<p>Tawny Smith-Savage, <i>Violence Prevention Coordinator, Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives – Minnesota Department of Public Safety</i></p> <p>Juliet Rudie, <i>Director, Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Office</i></p> <p>Ana Negrete, <i>Community Planner, Department of Public Safety’s MMIR Office</i></p> <p>In 2022, the Minnesota MMIR Office partnered with Wilder Research to develop model protocols and best practice guidance for new and unsolved cases of missing and murdered Indigenous relatives. In this session, we will discuss the updated report from Wilder Research, <i>Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Policy, Best and Emerging Practices</i>, and provide policy context based off of research and examples in Minnesota and strategy from the MMIWR office to improve responses.</p>
<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Conceptualizing the Health Care Response to Sex Trafficking in Indigenous Communities</i></p> <p>Monterey I</p>	<p>Angelita Olowu, <i>Forensic Nursing Director, International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN)</i></p> <p>Chenel Vanden Berk, <i>Forensic Nursing Specialist, International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN)</i></p> <p>This presentation will focus on the importance of incorporating health care into the response to sex trafficking. A comprehensive approach to those who have experienced sex trafficking is important for a trauma-informed response, and health care is an important piece of the puzzle. Knowing how to get those survivors to access to the medical forensic exam can be achieved with stakeholder and community involvement.</p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Honoring Our Murdered Relatives: Respectful Collaboration With Coroners And Medical Examiners</i></p> <p>Monterey II</p>	<p>Hallie Bongar White, <i>Attorney and Executive Director of SWCLAP and Dean of the National Tribal Trial College</i></p> <p>Brenna Hanley, <i>Senior Prosecutor for Navajo Nation, Faculty for National Tribal Trial College at the University of Wisconsin Law School</i></p> <p>Madison Esposito, <i>Director of Research, Redbud Resource Group and Medical Student, University of Minnesota</i></p> <p>Autopsies of American Indian and Alaska Native victims who are "recovered deceased" are performed by state and local coroners and medical examiners regardless of whether the victim was murdered on tribal, state, or federal land. Medical examiners and coroners often have little to no cultural competency or relationships with neighboring Tribes. This session will explore what happens to our relatives after they are "recovered deceased"; qualifications (or lack thereof) of medical examiners and coroners tasked with performing autopsies; building collaborative, respectful relationships; and how to develop tribal coroner alternatives.</p>

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<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Maximizing OVW Funding Opportunities to Support Safety and Justice in Your Tribal Community</i></p> <p>Carmel I</p>	<p>Rebekah Jones, <i>Assistant Director of the Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) – U.S. Department of Justice</i></p> <p>Samantha Dziatkiewicz, <i>Grants Management Specialist, Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) – U.S. Department of Justice</i></p> <p>OVW grant programs support tribal communities nationwide to provide victims with protection and services, and improve capacity to hold offenders accountable through direct grant funding and training and technical assistance. This session will provide 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>COMMUNITIES &amp; IDENTITIES</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>The Role of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Addiction</i></p> <p>Carmel II</p>	<p>Jane Straub, <i>Training Director, CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center</i></p> <p>According to ACEs research two-thirds of the population have experienced at least adverse childhood experience which can double or quadruple the likelihood of using drugs or alcohol. Having an ACE score of 4 or more increases the odds of becoming an alcoholic by 700%. People with an ACE score of 5 or more are 7 to 10 times more likely to using illicit drugs and become addicted. This training will provide insight into the original ACE Study as well as how trauma increases the risk of grooming and trafficking.</p>
<p><b>12:00pm - 2:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b></p>
<p><b>2:00pm - 3:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>DAY THREE BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b></p>
<p><b>LAW, POLICY, &amp; PRACTICE</b> <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><i>Enhancing Federal Collaborations to Address Sex Trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska: The Federal Approach</i></p> <p>Nikko I &amp; II General Session Room</p>	<p>Colleen Phillips, <i>Senior Policy Counsel, Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, U.S. Department of Justice</i></p> <p>Lindsey N. Roberson, <i>Trial Attorney, Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, U.S. Department of Justice</i></p> <p>Traffickers prey on the most vulnerable members of society, including individuals from Indigenous communities. Successfully identifying, investigating, and prosecuting these cases requires collaboration between federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. This session will provide an overview of the work the Department of Justice is doing to enhancing federal coordination between the Departments of Justice, Homeland Security, and Interior; encourage stronger collaborations between federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and service providers through Human Trafficking Task Forces; and a case study of how an effective collaboration successfully disrupts trafficking and ensures that survivors obtain the supports and services they need to rebuild their lives.</p>



<p><b>COMMUNITIES &amp; IDENTITIES</b>  <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><b><i>Supporting Urban Indian Survivors of Sex Trafficking: Lessons from Project Beacon</i></b></p> <p><b>Nikko III</b></p>	<p><b>Panda Whiteman, <i>Project Beacon Coordinator, MIWSAC</i></b>  <b>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>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b>  <i>(Intermediate)</i></p> <p><b><i>Honoring Healing: Responding to Human Trafficking from a Community Framework</i></b></p> <p><b>Monterey I</b></p>	<p><b>Samantha Samuel-Nakka, <i>OVC Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center</i></b>  <b>Elsie Boudreau, <i>Alaska Project Specialist, Tribal Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance Program (T-VSTTA)</i></b></p> <p>Building on the inherent resilience, strengths, and healing power of community is essential to responding to human trafficking. In this workshop, representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Tribal Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance program will explore strength-based community approaches to human trafficking prevention, response, and healing. Speakers will: explore human trafficking through a multidisciplinary and intersectional lens including overlaps to crimes such as IPV and MMIP; identify the comprehensive service needs of diverse human trafficking survivors from direct crisis intervention through long-term healing; and draw on community mapping as a community-based framework to support human trafficking survivors from all walks of life.</p>
<p><b>RESTORATION &amp; CULTURE</b>  <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><b><i>Fostering Cultural Healing for Indigenous Survivors of Violence</i></b></p> <p><b>Monterey II</b></p>	<p><b>Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie, <i>Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, Someplace Safe</i></b></p> <p>The presenter will share current rates of victimization among Indigenous people, who experience higher rates of violence across genders and sexual identities. The presenter will share tips and tools on how to foster opportunities and space for culturally relevant healing practices for Indigenous survivors of violence, regardless of location. This training will also focus on how to foster inclusivity in workspaces, and how to support and maintain open and diverse culturally relevant options for Indigenous survivors.</p>

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<p><b>ADVOCACY &amp; SERVICES</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>De-escalation of Situations and MMIW Awareness</i></p> <p>Carmel I</p>	<p>Rochelle Redbone Arebalo, <i>MMIW Indian Capital Chairperson</i></p>
<p><b>COMMUNITIES &amp; IDENTITIES</b> <i>(Beginner)</i></p> <p><i>Embracing Culture within a Community Response to Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women/People in Indian Country</i></p> <p>Carmel II</p>	<p>Valerie Bribiescas, Project Coordinator, <i>Amber Alert in Indian Country - National Criminal Justice Training Center at Fox Valley Technical College</i>  Greg O'Rourke, <i>Chief of Police, Yurok Tribal Police Department</i>  Brie Bennett, Yurok Deputy Prosecutor</p> <p>Look through the cultural lens of responding to crimes against women in tribal communities! This workshop will discuss issues related to navigating complex jurisdictions of tribal, state, and federal responses, investigations, and prosecution of MMIP-related crimes. The presenters will review a case study Ashlynnne Mike, who was abducted in Navajo Nation in 2016. The presenters will also share the Yurok Tribe's creative solutions to address MMIP in a Public Law-280 state.</p>
<p><b>3:15pm - 4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>CONFERENCE CLOSING</b></p>
<p>Nikko I &amp; II General Session Room</p>	<p><b>Closing Reflection</b>  Nicole Matthews, <i>MIWSAC</i>  Sherriann Moore, <i>Deputy Director, US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, Tribal Affairs Division</i></p> <p><b>Closing Prayer</b>  Dauwila Harrison, <i>Friendship House</i></p> <p><b>The Flag Song &amp; Retiring the Colors</b>  <i>Local Color Guard Procession</i>  <i>Local Tribal Drum Group Closing Song</i>  <i>Jingle Dress Dancers</i>  <i>Closing Round Dance</i></p>



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**Jane Anderson** brings her expertise in prosecuting domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking to her role as a Senior Attorney Advisor with AEquitas. Prior to joining AEquitas, Jane served as an Assistant State Attorney with Florida's Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Miami-Dade County. As a prosecutor, she tried many of the state's first human trafficking cases, including related sexual assault, child abuse, and money laundering crimes. In her role as a founding member of the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Human Trafficking Unit and Task Force, Jane developed policies and procedures to better identify and provide necessary services to trafficking victims, while ensuring offender accountability through the use of digital evidence and creative charging decisions. Before focusing on human trafficking, Jane served as the Chief of Litigation for the Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Unit, where she trained new attorneys and oversaw the prosecution of domestic violence, stalking, and violations of civil protection orders. Throughout her career, Jane has prosecuted felony level crimes of all types, including homicide, kidnapping, sexual assault, and other violent crimes. Jane's experience in the courtroom and in developing policies and procedures enables her to assist prosecutors and allied professionals in developing a victim-centered, offender-focused approach to cases of domestic violence, stalking, sexual violence, human trafficking, and elder abuse. She provides trainings and technical assistance related to investigations, case analysis, and trial strategy and develops resources, publications, and training curricula. Jane graduated cum laude with a Juris Doctor from American University, Washington College of Law. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Washington in Seattle. Prior to her legal career, she lived and taught English in Bangkok, Thailand. Jane is based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Whitney Anderson** was called out of a successful career in the corporate world, to working full time providing direct care to human trafficking victim/survivors and anti-human trafficking advocacy since 2012. Whitney has witnessed firsthand the need for increased services for human trafficking victims outside of the residential setting. Additionally, as an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation, she saw a gap in human trafficking services reaching Native Americans and other under served populations. She felt led to co-found The Dragonfly Home and establish the Human Trafficking Relief and Restoration Center to full time providing direct care to human trafficking victim/survivors and anti-human trafficking advocacy since 2012. Whitney has witnessed firsthand the need for increased services for human trafficking victims outside of the residential setting. Additionally, as an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation, she saw a gap in human trafficking services reaching Native Americans and other under served populations. She felt led to co-found The Dragonfly Home and establish the Human Trafficking Relief and Restoration Center to fill these gaps. Whitney also believes strongly in the effectiveness of home-like residential setting for victims of human trafficking to recover. Prior to co-founding The Dragonfly Home, she spent four years as Assistant Executive Director at an anti-human trafficking NGO in Oklahoma City. There, she helped found OKC's first state-certified residential program for adult women victims of sex trafficking. She also operated the organization's non-residential program for male and female victims of both sex and (*cont.*)

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**Frances Andrews** serves the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC) as a Senior Program Specialist with a focus on Grants Administration and Management. She is Tlingit – Daaklaweidi (Eagle Killerwhale) from Angoon, Alaska and has spent most of her life in Southeast Alaska. Her Tlingit name is Khin-du-ane. Prior to joining AKNWRC, she spent five years with the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska where she worked as the Court Administrator and later as the Tribe's Grant Manager. Frances' background is in Administration and Grant Management. Among her many roles at AKNWRC, she is the project manager for the AKNWRC Support for Urban Alaska Native Survivors program.

**Shayla Beaumont** (she/her) is the Elevate|Uplift Coordinator for the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition and active Board Member for the YWCA of Missoula, MT. Shayla is an enrolled member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe and affiliated with Gros Ventre, Assiniboine and Crow Tribes. Shayla received her Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice to help expand and strengthen survivor resources and services for Indigenous Communities on and off Tribal Reservations. Shayla has served as a domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking advocate both in urban and Tribal settings. Providing trauma informed care and direct services to local shelters for domestic violence survivors, at risk young mothers and children. Shayla is excited to be a part of the MIWSAC team and mission, to connect with communities and strengthen services for all forms of violence. Connecting with the communities and individuals we serve to learn their histories and practices of healing to serve the needs of the community.

**Brie Bennett** is the Deputy Prosecutor with the Yurok Tribe. She has over a decade of legal experience, working both as a Deputy District Attorney and Deputy Public Defender. As an experienced trial attorney, Ms. Bennett has tried numerous criminal cases such as DUIs, theft, gun possession, drug sales, domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, and homicide. She joined the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor in 2022, and now works on a variety of assignments, including filing Tribal Code violations in Tribal Court, working with local police departments and district attorney offices for State violations, liaising with federal agencies, working to implement criminal jurisdiction under the Violence Against Women Act of 2022, and supporting the Tribe's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons work. She also supervises the states only decided MMIP Investigator.

**Hallie Bongar White** is the founder and Dean of the National Tribal Trial College at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The National Tribal Trial College, now in its 10th year, provides tuition-free, skills-based, tribal court litigation training to victim advocates from across Indian Country and Alaska. Funded by the Office on Violence Against Women, United States Department of Justice, the National Tribal Trial College offers two professional Certificate courses: the 240-hour foundational (6 months) and 102-hour advanced (3 months) Certificates in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy. Both professional Certificates are delivered (*cont.*)



hybrid online/onsite enabling students to largely remain in their own communities while mastering the tribal court litigation skills necessary to advance safety, healing and justice. These two "law school alternative Certificates" empower advocates to provide basic civil legal services to victims (protection orders, divorce, child custody, support, and visitation) in over 100 tribal courts across the United States. Hallie is the author of numerous articles and publications addressing violent crime victimization in Indian Country and Alaska. Along with Arlene O'Brien [Tohono O'odham Nation] and Cordelia Clapp [Pawnee Nation], she co-authored SAFESTAR [Sexual Assault Forensic Examination, Support, Training, Access & Resources], 40-hour program training laypersons to provide emergency sexual assault advocacy, triage of injuries, First Aid, evidence collection, expert witness testimony, and links to services and resources on tribal lands. She is the recipient of the 2019 Ronald Wilson Reagan Public Policy Award from the Office for Victims of Crime, United States Department of Justice and is an in-law, mother, aunt, and grandmother to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Hallie resides in beautiful Tucson, Arizona on the traditional lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

**Elsie Boudreau** (Yup'ik name: Apugen) is a Master Social Worker (MSW) and a proud Yup'ik Eskimo from the village of St. Mary's, Alaska. She serves as an Alaska Project Specialist for the Tribal Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance (T-VSTTA) program, providing training and technical assistance to OVC grantees. Prior to that, she was a trainer with the Child Welfare Academy. She currently serves on the Alaska Children's Justice Act Task Force. She has served on the Alaska Children's Trust board and a workgroup member within the Capacity Building for Tribes. She helped establish an Alaska Native Unit within Alaska CARES, a Child Advocacy Center. She provided advocacy services and therapy for families whose child(ren) have been severely physically or sexually abused and conducted forensic interviews. As a prior Children's Justice Act Project Coordinator for the Tribal Law & Policy Institute (cont.) she helped develop an educational video highlighting child sexual abuse in Alaska, grasping the wisdom of Elders, and identifying ways for healing to apply to traumatic experiences. She has also worked with law firms Manly & Stewart and Cooke Roosa Law Group as a Victims Advocate providing support to approximately 300 victims of clergy child sexual abuse in Alaska, South Dakota, Oregon, and Montana. Her advocacy work was featured on many platforms including FRONTLINE (PBS) and The Huffington Post. Elsie is a 2018 recipient of the Bonnie Heavy Runner Advocate award. Elsie has a bachelor's degree in social work from Carroll College in Helena, Montana, and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She is married, has 3 children and 2 grandchildren. She enjoys working with and for her people and strongly believes that all children have the right to grow up in a safe and loving environment. "Children are to be SEEN, HEARD and BELIEVED."

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**Valerie Bribiescas** is a retired Detective with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Arizona where she specialized in crimes of violence, child abuse, and family violence investigations. She has over 25 years' experience as a peace officer, with the majority of her policing career with tribal law enforcement. Her assignments included field operations, professional standards, administration, records, and criminal investigations. Valerie is a nationally recognized expert on the cultural complexities of law enforcement operations on tribal lands and advanced forensic interviewing. She teaches law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and child protection officials culturally based approaches to conducting forensic interviews involving Native American children and adults. She has taught extensively for the Arizona Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, the Advanced Forensic Interview Training sponsored through Prevent Child Abuse AZ, as well as various tribal, state, local, and federal agencies. Valerie is currently working as a Project Coordinator with the AMBER Alert in Indian Country Program, she holds a Masters Degree of Education through Northern Arizona University, and is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, residing in Chandler, Arizona.

**Major Marcus Bruning** (retired), St. Louis County, Minnesota, Sheriff's Office. Major Marcus Bruning retired from active law enforcement as supervising deputy sheriff in 2013 after nearly 30 years in public safety. He served the last 20 of those years with the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office in Duluth, Minnesota. He is a certified federal law enforcement training center training specialist and provides instruction worldwide in domestic crisis intervention and intelligence-led policing. Major Bruning specializes in providing insight into the surprising similarities between victims and police officers to help individuals connect with victims' complex thought patterns related to short- and long-term survival. He is internationally recognized as an expert on law enforcement response to intimate partner abuse, sexual assault, and stalking. He also provides training services as a contract instructor for Praxis International; Minnesota Program Development, Inc.; the Gender Violence Institute; the National Sheriff's Association; and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. His skills and knowledge keep him in high demand by law enforcement professionals and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, with whom he assisted in developing a model policy for rural law enforcement response to domestic violence.

**Debra Bush** is the TTA TSASP Specialist at Minnesota Indian Women Sexual Assault Coalition. Enrolled member of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe in Upstate New York, Quebec and Ontario. She serves on the board of the Seven Dancers Coalition, SAJE Committee with the Shinnecock Tribe: Intertribal Restorative Justice Coalition, National Indigenous Women Resource Center: STTAR Indigenous Safe Housing Center, Urban Indian Health Institute: Protecting the Sacred Addressing Sexual Violence and Gender-based Violence Against Natives during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe: Akwesasne Reintegration Working Group. She has more than 20 years' experience as a Human Services Professional working in Tribal (*cont.*)



Communities which focus on addiction, sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, dating violence, stalking, sex trafficking, reintegration, every child matters, International Day of Peace, and MMIW. She has implemented and developed the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Prevention Program, along with the Akwesasne Home Detox Center.

**Cindy Charley** is an enrolled Tribal member with Navajo Nation. For the past 4 years, she has been a Case Manager with the EAST Program at First Nations Community Healthsource. Cindy graduated with bachelor's in liberal arts from Eastern New Mexico University. Prior to working with victims and survivors of Human Trafficking. Cindy worked in inpatient and outpatient Behavioral Health for 10 years. On her free time, she loves spending time with her little family.

**Clarice Charlie-Hubbard** is the STTARS Safe Housing and Shelter Specialist at the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center. She is Western Shoshone and a proud member of the Te-moak Tribe. Clarice hails from Bishop, California, and currently resides in Sparks, Nevada. Her journey in advocating for survivors of domestic violence began with volunteer work in her local community. She later moved to Reno, Nevada, where she joined the Domestic Violence Resource Center before finding her true calling in supporting Native communities. Clarice's unwavering dedication to her Native people led her to the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada's Family Violence Prevention Program (ITCN-FVPP). During her remarkable 17-year tenure as Program Director, she spearheaded efforts to provide essential emergency services, secure vital federal funding, foster collaborative partnerships, and expand the program's reach statewide. Her tireless work significantly improved safety resources for Native American survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and other forms of violence. A testament to her leadership, Clarice served as a board member for the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence and received the esteemed National Visionary Voice award from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center in 2019. Clarice earned her Bachelor of Science in Social Work from the University of Nevada, Reno. Her own experience as a survivor of childhood domestic violence has fueled her passion and unwavering commitment to ending violence against women and children in Indian country.

**Genevieve Chavez** is from the Pueblo of Santa Ana, in New Mexico. She is the Program Manager/Lead Case Manager for the Education and Advocacy against Sex Trafficking (EAST) Program at First Nations Community HealthSource in Albuquerque, NM. Genevieve came to First Nations EAST Program in October of 2021, with approximately 19 years of direct client care services. She has many years of experience in various capacities of direct client care for all diversities. She worked with the Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center as a Victim Advocate, All Faiths Receiving Home as a Client Intake Coordinator/Business Manager, and with Haven House Domestic Violence Shelter as a Lead Case Manager, in total, 19 years assisting victims and survivors of all ages. Genevieve is a member of the NM Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Task Force, NM Human Trafficking Task Force and the Sex Trafficking Allied Response Team.

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**Dr. Carma Corcoran** (Chippewa-Cree) directs the Indian Law Program at Lewis and Clark Law School. She is an Adjunct Professor in the Indigenous Nations Studies Program at Portland State University. Dr. Corcoran also teaches at Coffee Creel Correctional Facility in Oregon. Community: Dr. Corcoran is very involved in the Native American Community in Portland, Oregon. In addition, she presents across Indian Country on a variety of Social Issues that are important for Native American people. Scholar: Dr. Corcoran is a member of the 2019-2022 Class of the Whisenton Public Scholars. Fellowship: Dr. Corcoran is one of the 2021-2023 Native Hope Fellows. Author: Dr. Corcoran's book, "The Incarceration of Native American Women: Creating Pathways to Wellness and Recovery Through Gentle Action Theory" was published by the University of Nebraska Press in the Spring of 2023.

**Samantha Dziatkiewicz** is a Grants Management Specialist with the Tribal Governments Program where she is responsible for managing grants and technical assistance awards. With over 22 years of experience living in Alaska, Samantha brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities faced by tribal governments in the region. Before joining OVW, Samantha served as the Director of Victims'; Services for the Valdez Native Tribe, overseeing the community's implementation and delivery of services. Her experience in this role has provided her with a deep understanding of the needs and dynamics of tribal communities, further enhancing her ability to support grantees effectively. Samantha holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from the University of Anchorage Alaska. She is currently completing her MPH from Eastern Washington University, further expanding her expertise in the field. Beyond her professional pursuits, Samantha enjoys spending her spare time gardening, finds joy in fishing, and loves exploring the wonders of her surroundings. With her dedication to supporting grantees and commitment to fostering productive and collaborative relationships, Samantha is focused on providing a positive and efficient grant management experience. She is passionate about making a difference in tribal communities and is excited to contribute her expertise to the success of the Tribal Governments Program.

**Jolene Engelking** (White Earth Descendant) is an advocate and skilled trainer/facilitator who has worked with MIWSAC since 2020. Jolene's current focus is on launching and leading MIWSAC's new National Tribal Sexual Assault Resource Center, while supporting MIWSAC's other national training and technical assistance projects. Jolene received Dual Masters in Divinity and Social Work from Loyola University Chicago, and is a Licensed Independent Social Worker in Minnesota. She has been in the anti-sexual violence movement for over 15 years, in both community based-advocacy and national training and technical assistance. Her work has focused on supporting advocates, systems professionals, and sexual assault response teams to strengthen the response to sexual violence and sex trafficking and better support survivors. 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.



**Madison Esposito** is a citizen of the Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California. She is currently working to be the first Medical Doctor in her nation and is in her third year of medical school at the University of Minnesota. Before coming to Minnesota she completed an MPH at the Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health, where she co-founded the non-profit Redbud Resource Group which works to improve public health outcomes for Native American communities through education, research, and community partnerships. Between her second and third year of medical school she is participating in a fellowship in pathology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital where she has been learning about the many different subspecialties of pathology and how she can leverage a future as a pathologist to improve the lives and wellness of Native communities. Madison's ultimate career goal is to become a forensic pathologist and support tribal communities seeking justice in murdered and missing indigenous peoples cases.

**Sarah Florman** 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.

**Cindy Famer** currently works for Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma as Tribal Opioid Response Coordinator. She is the mother of seven children 4 boys and 3 girls. She is originally from Lawton, Ok but moved to the West Coast in her early 20's. She and her family moved back home in 2015 from the Bay Area, where she worked in the heart of the Mission at the Friendship House, Native American Healing Center as a Substance Use Disorder Counselor. Ms. Famer works in the community in several ways. She is the founder of Warrior Woman Society, a community-based organization that helps Indigenous women with all things that supportive services do not help with, founding member of Comanche Academy Indigenous Charter School, founding member of the Lawton Indigenous Peoples' Day, Vice Chair of State Chapter of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and former President of the Cameron University Native American Student Association. Ms. Famer was awarded Woman of The Year 2019 for Comanche County by the Mayor's Commission on The Status of Women and most recently Parent of the Year from Oklahoma Council on Indian Education.

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**Daniel Goombi** (Kiowa) is the Executive Director of the Midwest Native Coalition for Justice and Peace (MNCJP). MNCJP develops and implements culturally informed systems-based victim advocacy services by enhancing and strengthening current and future victim response programs within Kansas and across Indian country. Mr. Goombi's history in providing direct services includes community-based advocacy while serving as a Tribal victim services outreach coordinator and lead victims advocate, as well as systems-based advocacy while developing and implementing Tribal law enforcement special victims response services. His victim services work has been recognized for the implementation of a community-based response toward addressing sexual assault, SAFESTAR, as well as recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice with the National Crime Victim Service Award for professional innovation in victim services for the implementation of a Healing Through Art program. Mr. Goombi is a graduate of the National Tribal Trial College and represents AI/AN victims in civil matters before the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Court, and has worked closely with SWCLAP for the past 5 years and has been instrumental in coordinating tribal-state-federal collaboration on sexual assault responses in the state of Kansas.

**Diane Gout**, public speaker, researcher, evaluator, coach, mentor, and soon to be author, she has accumulated over 30 years of personal and professional experience in the field of violence against women with an emphasis on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Over the past 22 years, Diane has had the privilege to consult and partner with over 200 tribal non-profit programs as well as organizations serving people of color and (cont.) other minoritized populations providing training, technical assistance, and evaluation services. In 2014, Diane started Gray O.A.K., LLC, a Native and woman owned research and evaluation company. The overall mission of the company is to empower communities and develop internal capacity through the promotion of ownership, autonomy, and knowledge. Her work is built on a framework for assessment and evaluation that is interwoven with the art of storytelling.

**Brenna Hanley** is a Tribal Prosecutor with the Navajo Nation. Brenna's clans are Kinyaa'aanii (Towering House), Tó'ahéédlinii (Water Flows Together), Ashííh (Salt People), and Tachiinii (Red Running into the Water People). Brenna is a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association and is licensed to practice before the Navajo Nation Tribal Courts. Ms. Hanley has ten plus years of experience working in the administration and management for the United States Air Force, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department and currently with the Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor. Ms. Hanley obtained her Bachelor of Arts, Social and Criminal Justice degree from Ashford University; a Master of Arts in Psychology specializing in Criminology and (cont.)





Justice studies from the University of the Rockies; and aspires to attend Law school. Ms. Hanley is a distinguished graduate of the National Tribal Trial College (2017) and represents victims in civil and criminal matters before the Navajo Nation Tribal Courts. Ms. Hanley also instructs at the Navajo Nation Police Academy

**Sandra Harrell** is the Director of Field and Capacity Building at Activating Change and her work focuses on helping individuals, organizations and communities across the country address violence against adults and children with disabilities. She oversees a variety of projects, including a federally funded program that helps communities across the United States improve their response to women with disabilities and Deaf women who have experiences domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking. Sandra has worked closely with the 85 communities funded by the Office on Violence Against Women's Disability Grant Program, helping them to build multi-disciplinary collaborations to address the gaps within and between their systems to ensure that survivors with disabilities get the support they need.

**LeeAnn Hatton** is an experienced Community advocate working with Tribes and Tribal communities for over 20 years. She is recognized for her ability to bring people together to find innovative solutions for tough problems while working in Tribal communities for equity and a seat at the table. Currently LeeAnn is the Community and Social Services Administrator for Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me Wuk Indians of California where she is strengthening the Tribe's response to Sex Trafficking in and around their Tribal lands, homes, businesses, and sacred spaces. She is passionate about adventures with her family, entertaining with friends, and live music.

**Morgan Hawes** (she/her) serves as the National Training and Technical Assistance Sex Trafficking Program Coordinator at MIWSAC. She is an enrolled member of the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians in Oakhurst, California but currently resides in Southeastern, Massachusetts on the ancestral lands of the Wampanoag peoples. Prior to joining MIWSAC, Morgan worked in higher education, and was employed on two federally funded violence against women initiatives, including VAWA MEI, where she assisted with training, technical assistance and program support, as well as extensive data analysis. In addition, Morgan supports the work of Gray O.A.K., LLC, an evaluation consulting company serving Tribal communities throughout the U.S. and Alaska. Morgan has an educational and professional background in social work, research, policy, and evaluation that extends over 15 years. She is passionate about social justice, ending gender-based violence, reproductive justice, and developing shared spaces for healing and connection.

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**Sean Hayes** (he/him/his) currently leads the Don't Buy It Project at Men As Peacemakers (MAP), which is a program aimed at engaging men and others in addressing root causes and ending the demand for sex trafficking. He also co-coordinates the MN Men & Masculine Folks Network, a statewide network which focuses on fostering and creating a hub where men and masculine folks from diverse communities and organizations across Minnesota are connected and moving towards a collective goal of ending gender-based violence. Sean is also the co-founder of Trans Northland, a local non-profit in the Twin Ports area that seeks to provide support, advocacy, education, and connection to the transgender community (including people who are trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming, two spirit, genderqueer, gender diverse, and gender expansive. Sean earned his Bachelor of Liberal Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Superior and is an 8-year veteran of the Air National Guard.

**Lieutenant Chad Janis** has been a police officer for more than 23 years, serving the Wapato, Washington, Police Department and, currently, the Yakima, Washington, Police Department, where he has been since January 2003. During his career, he has worked as a lieutenant, sergeant, patrol officer, field training officer, school resource officer, and detective. Lieutenant Janis is the current watch commander for the Yakima Police Department Criminal Investigations Division. He oversees five investigative units specializing in special assault, major crimes, property crimes, gangs, and narcotics. Additionally, he oversees the Forensic Analysis Unit, Public Information Office, and Volunteers in Policing Unit. Previously, Lieutenant Janis commanded the Internal Affairs Unit, conducting administrative investigations of employees of the Yakima Police Department. In addition, he managed the Force Investigations Detective, Recruiting Office, and the Public Information Office, which were all attached to the Internal Affairs Office. Lieutenant Janis has been a contract instructor with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission-Advanced Training Unit. He has co-instructed the Child Abuse Interviewing and Assessment Training since 2015 and has been tasked with assisting in the development of the statewide law enforcement response to Adult Sexual Assault Investigations for the Sexual Assault Investigation-Resiliency Tactics training, which began in July 2018. Before being promoted to lieutenant, he was the sergeant of the Yakima Police Department Gang Enforcement Team for nearly two years and a sergeant in the patrol division supervising field operations. Lieutenant Janis has received formal training in a variety of police disciplines, specifically leadership courses, investigative techniques, and tactical operations. Lieutenant Janis is trained and certified in child forensic interviewing. He also is an FBI-LEEDA Trilogy member. Lieutenant Janis has been qualified and testified as an expert witness in the municipal and superior courts of Yakima regarding his knowledge and experience with domestic violence and sexual assault. Lieutenant Janis developed and currently manages a comprehensive and robust intimate partner violence initiative. Lieutenant Janis designed an intervention model based on focus deterrence practices, which brought together criminal justice practitioners, mental health providers, social services, crime victim advocates, and local schools on a daily basis to address the harms associated with domestic violence in a holistic and impactful manner.



**Katie Johnston-Goodstar, MSW, PHD**, is an Associate Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work. Her research focuses on Indigenous youth development and well-being. She utilizes participatory action research (PAR) strategies to engage Indigenous youth in social justice issues and to revitalize Indigenous land and lifeways for community well-being. For this particular project, Katie served as the YPAR facilitator for a group of 8 Native youth research assistants.

**Becki Jordan** (she/her) is the Communications and Design Specialist at the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, helping to build the organization's capacity through storytelling while supporting its programmatic work. Becki's experience and expertise centers around sexual and domestic violence advocacy and anti-trafficking work, youth-centered/informed services, coordinated community team development and technical support, and law enforcement training and education. Her personal and professional interests include organizational capacity building, grant writing and oversight, policy development, and promoting holistic, person-centered support for survivors. A mother of two, Becki's family is enrolled in the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate in northeastern South Dakota.

**Rebekah Jones** works from Mayetta, Kansas, and is a citizen of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Her unit is responsible for the OVW Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (Tribal Governments Program), the OVW Tribal SAUSA Program, the National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault, multiple training and technical assistance projects, and special initiatives within OVW's Tribal Affairs Division. Rebekah joined the Tribal Affairs Division in 2015. Prior to joining OVW, she was the Program Manager for a tribal victim services program. While there she and her team initiated and implemented a broad range of comprehensive victim services for American Indians living on and near the reservation communities of northeast Kansas including: general victim advocacy and services; community outreach, awareness, and education; criminal justice system based victim advocacy; batterer's intervention programming; safe visit/safe exchange; SAFESTAR sexual assault response; and lay legal advocacy for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in tribal courts. She received her Associate of Arts degree from Haskell Indian Nations University, and her Bachelor and Masters of Social Work from Washburn University.

**Lorrie Jump** is a Citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Tribal Appellate Court Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Chippewa Court. She is the former Executive Director and Current Board Member of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, DV/SA tribal coalition in Michigan. Served on the Federal Task Force researching Violence Against American Indians and Alaska Native Women 26+ years of tribal advocacy experience in her community. Tribal programs developed from the ground up include: victim services and advocacy; tribal court and law enforcement programs; victims advocacy and women's shelter.

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**Jamie E Kallan** is a Wisconsin native who attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison for both college and medical school. She completed her residency training in anatomic and clinical pathology in Denver, Colorado before finishing her forensic pathology fellowship in Miami, Florida. After working at the Utah Office of the Medical Examiner in Salt Lake City, she is back home working as a board-certified forensic pathologist at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

**Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie**, Anishinaabe, works as a Safe Harbor Regional Navigator for Someplace Safe in West Central Minnesota. She is a 2020 graduate of National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center's (NHTTAC) Human Trafficking Leadership Academy Class 5, which developed recommendations on how culture can be used as a protective factor against human trafficking among Indigenous youth. Anne has been working in the anti-trafficking field in direct services and training and technical assistance since 2016. Anne has consulted with NHTTAC on several projects, including creating an Indigenous trafficking curriculum. Anne is an active member of the YWCA Cass Clay Racial Justice Committee and serves on the boards for the Indigenous Association of Fargo-Moorhead, YWCA Cass Clay, and Mending the Sacred Hoop. Anne also provides training and technical assistance on the state and federal levels on providing culturally responsive services to Indigenous youth and families. Lauren Martin, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota. Trained in Anthropology, Lauren's work focuses on meaning making through participatory and action research to explore sex trading, trafficking, sexual violence and community health. She has worked with community partners since 2005 to shape anti-oppressive practices, programs and policy.

**Jennifer Landhuis** (M.S.) is the Director of the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC), an AEquitas initiative. As Director of SPARC, she oversees the development of resources and publications as well as training and technical assistance on stalking. Prior to joining AEquitas, Jennifer was the Director of Social Change at the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence. In this capacity, she managed a variety of projects, including the Idaho Coordinated Response to Sexual & Domestic Violence and the Idaho Victims Assistance Academy. She also designed and facilitated state and national trainings on stalking, domestic violence, and sexual assault to build the capacity of criminal justice systems. Earlier in her career, Jennifer spent eleven years as an advocate and educator for local domestic violence/sexual assault community-based crisis centers. She provided crisis intervention—including support, safety planning, information, shelter placement, and referrals—for victims of stalking, domestic violence, and sexual assault. She also provided 24-hour enhanced on-scene advocacy for hospitals and law enforcement agencies, and implemented a screening program to assist health care professionals in recognizing and intervening with patients who have been victimized. Jennifer graduated from Midland University with a Bachelors of Arts in Youth and Family Ministry, and the University of Cincinnati with a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She is an adjunct professor at Boise State University. Jennifer is based in Boise, Idaho.



**Caroline LaPorte** (immediate descendant of the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians) returns to NIWRC as the Director of the STTARS Indigenous Safe Housing Center after previously serving as NIWRC's Senior Native Affairs Policy Advisor. She graduated from the University of Miami School of Law, where she was named a Henry Bandier Fellow, and received the Natasha Pettigrew Memorial Award for her time as a fellow in the Children and Youth Law Clinic. She is an attorney/Judicial Advisor to the Tribal Court of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and is an Associate Judge for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Caroline's work focuses primarily on housing, human rights, children, firearms, and criminal justice focused within the gender-based violence framework. She serves on the American Bar Associations Victim's Rights Task Force, co-chairs the Victim's Committee for the Criminal Justice Section of the ABA, is a member of the Lenape Center's MMIW Task Force, on the Board of Directors for StrongHearts Native Helpline, worked with Gwen Packard on helping to start the National Working Group on Safe Housing for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and is an adjunct instructor at the University of Miami teaching Native and Indigenous studies.

**Felix Martinez-Paz** joined the Esperanza United (EU) Prevention & Social Change team in 2017. As the Engaging Men & Boys Program Specialist, his job is to help, support, and create stronger connections with organizations and individuals doing direct work in our communities. Felix creates and facilitates safe positive spaces for men and boys, where they can learn and discuss topics from healthy masculinity and gender-based violence to resources and tools to become allies and first responders of gender-based violence and sexual assault. Felix has also been an active member of the Men and Masculine Folks Network, participated in EU's engaging men campaign "Te invito" and has also played a key role in EU collaborations with the A Call to Men Conference in MN. Felix works with Latino students in high schools and middle schools in the Independent School District 196, facilitating conversations on healthy masculinity, teen dating violence, mental health, LGBTQ+ and collaborating with other organizations like the Department of Natural Resources, NAMI, Outfront MN, and Boys Scouts of America. Felix is also a recipient of the 2022 YIPA Friends of Youth Leadership Award, where national youth workers are recognized for their job and dedication supporting youth and allies. Felix was born in Puerto Rico and lived in the Dominican Republic for many years.

**Nicole Matthews** 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. (*cont.*)

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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.

**Marline Mattox**, Training Coordinator, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Center for Victim Services, has served as a social worker in the state of Oklahoma for more than 25 years. In October 2022, she was selected to become the first training coordinator for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Center for Victim Services. Ms. Mattox has extensive experience working in child welfare services, developmental disabilities, adult/elder protective services, and the department of corrections. Ms. Mattox has worked directly with victims of all ages and life stages and has collaborated with other professional agencies to promote person-centered services through advocacy and creative ideations to provide professional services in rural communities. Ms. Mattox has made continuing education/training a part of her career to ensure that new strategies are implemented for continued personal and professional growth. Ms. Mattox was responsible for facilitating and managing a trauma/addiction program for incarcerated women. She ensured that every inmate on her caseload who was discharged from prison had safe and stable housing, employment opportunities, medical and mental health care referrals, and client-specific needs. Her experience and commitment to advocacy, community resources, trauma-informed care, and direct social work with victims of all ages have provided her with the tools to assist new advocates with a realistic, theory-based perspective that provides a holistic training approach.

**Jeri Moomaw** is a Shoshone/Cree and a specialist on human trafficking in Indian Country. Over the past 20 years, Jeri has worked with youth and adult high-risk individuals, providing direct client services, developing and overseeing programs, and creating curricula and training content to combat commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, and violence against youth and women. Jeri founded the Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative in 2016 to eradicate sex and labor trafficking throughout the Nation. It is a survivor and indigenous led human rights nonprofit organization located in Olympia, Washington (Nisqually territory) and serves communities throughout Turtle Island.

**Ana Negrete** is the Community Planner for Department of Public Safety's Missing Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Office. She has more than 25 years of experience working within the juvenile justice system where she was a probation officer before moving on to reform work addressing racial disparities. She hopes to continue to advocate for change as the MMIR Office tackles 20 mandates developed by the MMIW Task Force. Negrete works to build (*cont.*)



relationships with multidisciplinary partners in effort to support a more collaborative response to addressing both the root cause and risk factors for MMIR. The MMIR Office recognizes the need for a holistic approach, which requires strong partnerships statewide. Negrete also serves as a Family Support Liaison (FSL), which provides direct services for families of missing or murdered Indigenous relatives. The FSL provides system advocacy, including increased communication with law enforcement agencies, awareness campaigns, referrals for victim services, and additional family needs. Negrete hopes that, in the journey of resolving MMIR cases, families may feel supported and move towards healing.

**Angelita Olowu** serves as the Forensic Nursing Director with the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) with 15 years nursing experience. In addition to Forensic Nursing, she has an Emergency and Trauma Nursing background. In her current role, Angelita provides education and technical assistance on topics related to caring for patients experiencing personal violence, including the recommendations within both of the National Adolescent/ Adult and Pediatric SAFE Protocols, the National Training Standards for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiners, and recommendations within the National Protocol for Medical Forensic Intimate Partner Medical Forensic Exams. Angelita teaches IAFN Adolescent/ Adult and Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner didactic, clinical courses, and provides education statewide and nationally. Additionally, Angelita works with IAFN's Forensic Nursing Specialists to coordinate all OVW funded grant projects held by IAFN.

**Greg O'Rourke** is the Chief of Police for the Yurok Tribal Police Department and he is an enrolled member of the Yurok Tribe. Chief O'Rourke has over 22 years of law enforcement experience. He started his law enforcement career with the Yurok Tribal Police as its first police officer recruit. Since then, Chief O'Rourke has worked with both the Hoopa Tribal Police Department and the Humboldt County Sherriff's Office, before returning home to the Yurok Tribal Police to serve as Chief. During his law enforcement career, Chief O'Rourke has served as a defensive tactics instructor, field training officer, school resource officer, court liaison officer, gang task force, domestic violence investigator, and also instructs at the local police academy. In his current capacity, Chief O'Rourke advocates for tribal police more broadly as an entity, works to ensure professional parity with other law enforcement in the state, and embraces the use of trauma informed police practices that best serve Native communities.

**Darcie Parton-Scoon** is the owner/operator of Darcie Parton-Scoon Investigations and is a member of the International Association of Interviewers through which she received her Forensic Interviewer Certification. Darcie specializes in a variety of investigations in human trafficking, domestic violence, and other sex crimes. Darcie worked in law enforcement in the United States Marine Corps before attending college where she received her a Master's Degree Master's Degree in Educational Psychology, specializing in Disabilities and Trauma. Darcie began volunteer work with missing juveniles which led to a career of advocacy (*cont.*)

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for her clients. Darcie has continued her work with the missing, MMIW, human trafficking, domestic violence and other sex crimes. Darcie is a member of the Marsey's Law Advisory board, and the State Chapter of Oklahoma Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Board. She frequently testifies as an expert on various topics regarding missing people, and holds training classes on a variety of these topics training in both the civilian and government section. Darcie has logged over 400 professional training hours between all her professional organizations and over 100 hours of instruction in the last two years. Darcie is a Citizen of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, and Veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

**Ada Pecos Melton** (Pueblo of Jemez), MPA, is the President/CEO of American Indian Development Associates, LLC. She has 33 years of experience designing and managing culturally relevant studies involving tribal justice systems and programs. Ada has administrator and practitioner experience working on violence and victimization issues occurring on Tribal lands from her work as a chief probation officer and administrator in her early career. The hands-on work enables her to develop and manage culturally relevant tribal studies. She has written numerous project reports, instructional and information materials, and articles. She is the project director and co-research associate for two national victimization studies (one involving Native women and another on Native American human trafficking). These studies are helping tribes understand the causes and correlates of crime, violence, and victimization occurring in tribal communities by and against Native people. Her knowledge and lived experience working with tribal, state, and federal agencies strengthens her capabilities to engage practitioners, administrators, and policymakers involving tribal governments and citizens.

**Colleen Phillips** serves as Senior Policy Counsel for the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She provides subject matter expertise and legal advice on policy issues related to the enforcement of federal criminal laws to combat human trafficking and other criminal civil rights laws, participates on over 15 intra- and inter-agency multidisciplinary working groups, develops and effectuates Department and government-wide initiatives and programs, and advises Department leadership on its anti-trafficking work. Colleen served as a Commissioner on the Not Invisible Act Commission and is a member of the Department of Justice's Missing and Murder Indigenous Persons Steering Committee. Prior to joining HTPU, Colleen spent seven years in the Educational Opportunities Section of the Civil Rights Division, where she enforced civil rights statutes that prohibit denial of educational opportunities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and disability. Colleen started her legal career as a sex crimes and child abuse prosecutor in New York City.





**Ashley Pina** is a Project Specialist (Contractor) with the OVC T-VSTTA program. Ashley is a former police detective with over ten years of law enforcement experience with tribal nations in Arizona. Most of her police career comprised work in criminal investigations, with more than five years as a detective working in sex crimes and crimes against children. Ashley has experience working with multi-disciplinary teams in tribal family advocacy centers in efforts to ensure the safety and protection of children. Having worked in law enforcement for over ten years as a detective in the Domestic Violence Unit and the Special Victims Unit with the Gila River Indian Community (Arizona), Ashley understands the importance of trauma-informed practices, innovative collaborations, and victim-centered investigations. She has seen first-hand the unique challenges faced by AI/AN communities and understands the importance of providing tailored services to support victims of crime. She is a strategic thinker with experience delivering training and technical assistance to child advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams on domestic violence, sexual assault, teen dating violence, and child abuse.

**Alexis Polen** is a Grants Management Specialist with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Tribal Division at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Alexis has worked as a federal employee for 9 years with previous employment experiences with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and the Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP). Alexis served in the Peace Corps in Azerbaijan prior to federal employment and currently resides in Minnesota.

**Rochelle Redbone Arebalo** is an enrolled member of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma and descendant of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation of Oklahoma and Caddo Nation of Oklahoma. A Class of 2000 graduate of Anadarko High School of Anadarko, OK. Raised and ran the big city of “Dodge” and very proud of my hometown. I am the mother of 9 children, 4 of my own and blessed with 5, a proud grandmother of 4 and one on the way. After graduating high school, I went to continue my education at the Caddo Kiowa Vocational School in Fort Cobb, OK and completed the Administrative Assistant program while earning college credits from Redlands Community College. After completion of the administration program, I went forward to Bacone College in Muskogee, OK and at this time I entered the Position of working for the Delaware Nation Housing Authority for several years. I then chose to focus on my family and look for the meaning of my purpose. I had settled with the field of customer service and helped with the infrastructure of many little tribal businesses and helped support with management and marketing. Though trials and tribulations of and many obstacles I was called to be the chairperson for the MMIW Indian Capital Chapter of Anadarko area. Upon accepting this opportunity, I just went with the natural ability of all manners that matter in one’s life: emotional, spiritual, physical and mental. As the mission statement was already set in stone for the MMIW IC chapter, I put those words into action, Prevention Awareness, Mindfulness and Support. In the period of being chairperson of the empowered (*cont.*)

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organization of MMIW Indian Capital, we have been able to provide MMIW Trainings, Human trafficking trainings, Supportive services, Memorials/Vigils, for our MMIW Families, attend many events and asked to speak in many different communities. We have area reps throughout the state of Oklahoma and several states across our nation.

**Erica Reid** is a Senior Engagement Manager at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center Countering Human Trafficking, Blue Campaign Office with over 18 years of government service. Specializing in public affairs and outreach, Erica uses her experience to raise awareness of human trafficking across the country. Within the Blue Campaign, her portfolio includes educating on the front-end to deter criminal activity and educate communities on how to recognize and report/respond possible cases of human trafficking. Her portfolio focuses on youth and student leaders, Adults working with youth, Native American/Tribal Nations, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Erica has presented to over 5000 persons on human trafficking since joining the Blue Campaign office in 2022. Within her work, she creates yearly educational strategies, partners with Youth and Tribal organizations to develop digital media campaigns, coordinate various events, provides awareness training to the public and initiate partnership with various organizations and agencies throughout the country. For January's 2023 human trafficking prevent month, she hosted 1100 attendees from across the country at the first Human Trafficking Prevention Youth Forum. Prior to her work at DHS, she worked under the U.S. Department of Justice for the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in the Office of Public and Governmental Affairs as one of the lead Event Coordinators for the agency. Also, during her time with ATF, she developed and led an agency-wide docent program along with being a certified training instructor educating various personnel on how to educate and promote the mission of the agency to the public. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Norfolk State University. Erica spends her spare time with her family, friends, and volunteering in her community. She is an avid traveler, crafter and is working on creating a space for youth outreach.

**Lindsey Roberson** is an experienced human trafficking prosecutor, litigator, and professor, and currently serves as a trial attorney with the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit (HTPU). Together with the United States Attorneys' Offices, Lindsey achieved the first forced labor convictions in South Carolina and Oregon's federal districts. Prior to joining the federal government, Lindsey served as a prosecutor for the state of North Carolina, and spent several years litigating in the private sector in New York and North Carolina. Lindsey drafted North Carolina's Safe Harbor Act for Victims of Sex Trafficking, and following its passage, prosecuted the first convictions under the new law. The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission presented her with the Prosecution Award for her work on legislation and prosecution of human trafficking cases. Lindsey began her legal career as a law clerk for the Honorable James C. Fox in the Eastern District of North Carolina following her graduation from the (*cont.*)



University of North Carolina School of Law. In addition to her legal experience, Lindsey is an experienced professor and lecturer, and has developed curriculum on global and national human trafficking courses for domestic and international academic institutions. As a certified law enforcement instructor, Lindsey frequently provides trainings on human trafficking to law enforcement, prosecutors, and service providers.

**Samantha Samuel-Nakka** brings over a decade of experience in addressing gender-based violence and human trafficking, in a variety of roles including community engagement, direct victim services and developing programs focused on long-term healing. She works through the lens of equity, intersectionality, and cultural humility.

**Autumn Smith-Amy** is a foster care alumni and a Survivor of human trafficking. Ms. Smith-Amy provides trafficking consultation worldwide but, specific to the intersectionality of child welfare and BIPOC communities. Ms. Smith-Amy's body of work includes HEAL, Blue Campaign, Winrock International, Polaris Project, Loyola School of Law, Thorn, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Estee Lauder Vital Voices, and multiple Sovereign Tribal Nations throughout the United States and Canada. She is owner of Amy consulting and Alaska Relative and Kinship Providers in Alaska providing grassroots support to BIPOC families. Ms. Smith-Amy currently resides in Alaska however; is moving to Gallup New Mexico in Summer 2024 to begin projects within Southwest Indigenous communities.

**Tawny Smith-Savage** is a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe from northern Nevada. Tawny has an interest in working with communities and families, which led her to work as the Violence Prevention Coordinator in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Office. Tawny is a strong believer in education and systems change. Her experience as a counselor and child welfare program coordinator has provided her with a strong foundation in social justice and advocacy, which has prepared her for her work in the MMIR Office. As the Violence Prevention Coordinator, Tawny helped establish and coordinate the Statewide MMIR Advisory Council to amplify the voices of impacted families, community members and tribal advocates. She provides outreach and awareness on MMIR and is developing a network of advocates to strengthen prevention education throughout the state. Tawny has 24 years of experience as a social worker, primarily within the area of the Fond du Lac Reservation in Minnesota. She holds a Master's degree in social work from the University of Minnesota and is a licensed clinical social worker, certified in alcohol and drug counseling.

**Annie Sovcik** is the senior director of Programs & Strategic Initiatives at Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) where she oversees the operations of TAT's Coalition Build, Busing on the Lookout, and Empower Freedom programs and their related initiatives. Annie came to TAT in 2018 with over 12 years of experience as a human rights lawyer, working on anti-human trafficking, anti-torture, and refugee protection policies at a national and international level.

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Prior to joining TAT, Annie was the director of the Washington D.C. office of the Center for Victims of Torture. She has also worked as a lawyer with Human Rights First and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and as a consultant to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She is a graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law and received her B.A. in International Studies from the University of Denver.

**Kelly Stoner** 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. She is a frequent lecturer for the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence and for the Office on Violence Against Women's national technical assistance providers on domestic violence issues in Indian Country. Ms. Stoner helped to launch Oklahoma's only tribal coalition against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking- the Native Alliance Against Violence.

**Jane Straub** serves as the Training Director for CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation and Training Center. She has worked in the violence prevention and intervention field for 25 years, working with youth and families for more than 30. In addition to providing advocacy and support, Jane is a national trainer on topics such as the impact of trauma (ACE Study), trauma-responsive care, child sexual abuse, domestic violence and sexual violence, stalking, trafficking, cyber/bullying, reproductive coercion, healthy relationships, consent and supporting disclosure. She was instrumental in creating the curriculum "From Trauma to Resilience: Fostering Hope through Trauma Informed Care". Her training audience ranges from pre-school to college-age students, victim/survivors to offenders, parents, teachers, community leaders and all professionals working with youth and adults. One of Jane's goals is to work collaboratively with fields such as law enforcement, all components of health, education, social services and business to collectively connect the dots of risk and prevention, to provide coordinated services to create hope and health for all of our children and families.



**Carmen Thompson-Harvie** is from the Choctaw and Hualapai. She is originally from Talihina, Oklahoma. She graduated from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma, received her Bachelor Degree of Science from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma and received a Master Degree in Human Resources at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. She is the President for State Chapter of Oklahoma Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. Carmen speaks at Conferences on the Awareness of MMIW issues and in numerous settings such as at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on May 5 every year, invited to speak at Colleges, Memorial walks for families, keeps a data base for Oklahoma Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, Partners with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and Missing and Murdered Unit, Partners with the Missing and Murdered Unit Bureau of Indian Affairs, Lobby for Kacey's Law to become Law. She is a certified Suicide prevention Instructor. Carmen is honored to be selected as a Commission Member on the Not Invisible Act Taskforce, with Deb Haaland Secretary of the Department of Interior. Carmen is employed as a Family Violence Advocate.

**Elizabeth Tibaduiza, MA**, is a researcher in RTI International's Violence Prevention and Harm Reduction Program. She has 15 years of experience evaluating programs providing supportive services to vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness, victims of crime, and people involved in the legal system. She is currently the Project Lead for the Administration for Children and Families' Formative Evaluation of the Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities (VHT-NC) Program and Co-Principal Investigator for the National Institute of Justice's Formative Evaluation of the Office for Victims of Crime's Law Enforcement-based Victim Services Program. Her substantive interests include equity in our health and legal systems, homelessness and housing, and community safety. She is committed to conducting research that is culturally responsive and incorporates community engagement.

**Kristie M. Traver** is a Program Specialist with the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC). In this role, she provides training and technical assistance (TTA) to Tribes and others in developing and enhancing culturally specific, trauma-informed, and victim-centered services for Alaska Native victims and survivors. Kristie has provided TTA in the field for 6 years having previously worked with other national TTA organizations. Prior to her TTA work, she spent more than 15 years in direct victim services in rural and isolated communities and more than 20 years in the not-for-profit human services field working in various roles such as community outreach and awareness, fund development and grants management, and program development and operations.

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**Brandy Treagesser**, BSN RN SANE-A, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health  
Ms. Brandy Treagesser, BSN RN SANE-A, is currently with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Ms. Treagesser has close to 30 years of professional medical experience, with much of her focus on public health, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Ms. Treagesser has experience working in emergency care facilities and as a home care case manager and currently serves as an adjunct professor for the College of Muscogee Nation. She has received training and education from the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, the International Association of Forensic Nurses, and Northeastern State University. She is a board member of the Okmulgee County Women's Shelter and sits on the Okmulgee, Okfuskee, McIntosh, and Muscogee Creek Nation's multidisciplinary team.

**Chenel Vanden Berk** is a Forensic Nursing Specialist for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Chenel has dedicated her career to Forensic Nursing as a Nationally Certified Adult, Adolescent, and Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) for over 13 years. As a forensic nurse, she combines her passion for caring for patients who have been victimized with a focus on healthcare, science, and justice. She recently participated in a victim number of multi-disciplinary teams, including the Illinois Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, and co-chairing an area-wide SART team. Her commitment to advocating for healthcare equity and inclusion for individuals who have been victimized led her to serve as a member of Congresswoman Lauren Underwood's Healthcare Advisory Council for the 117th Congress from 2020-2022. Before nursing, Chenel was an attorney who practiced public interest law in Chicago, focusing on families and domestic violence. She earned her Bachelor of Science from Georgetown University, DC and her Juris Doctor from Loyola University School of Law, Chicago.

**Panda Whiteman** currently the Project Beacon Coordinator at MIWSAC, worked 13 years as supervisor/coordinator of Tribal Victim Services program as sexual assault advocate for Bois Forte Band of Chippewa located in northern Minnesota. Panda worked throughout the years to improve the safety of women, children and families; applied for grants, participated/organized events, awareness panel discussions/presentations/training, participation on MMIW task force, additional work; revision of domestic violence codes to include VAWA and judicial strategic planning.

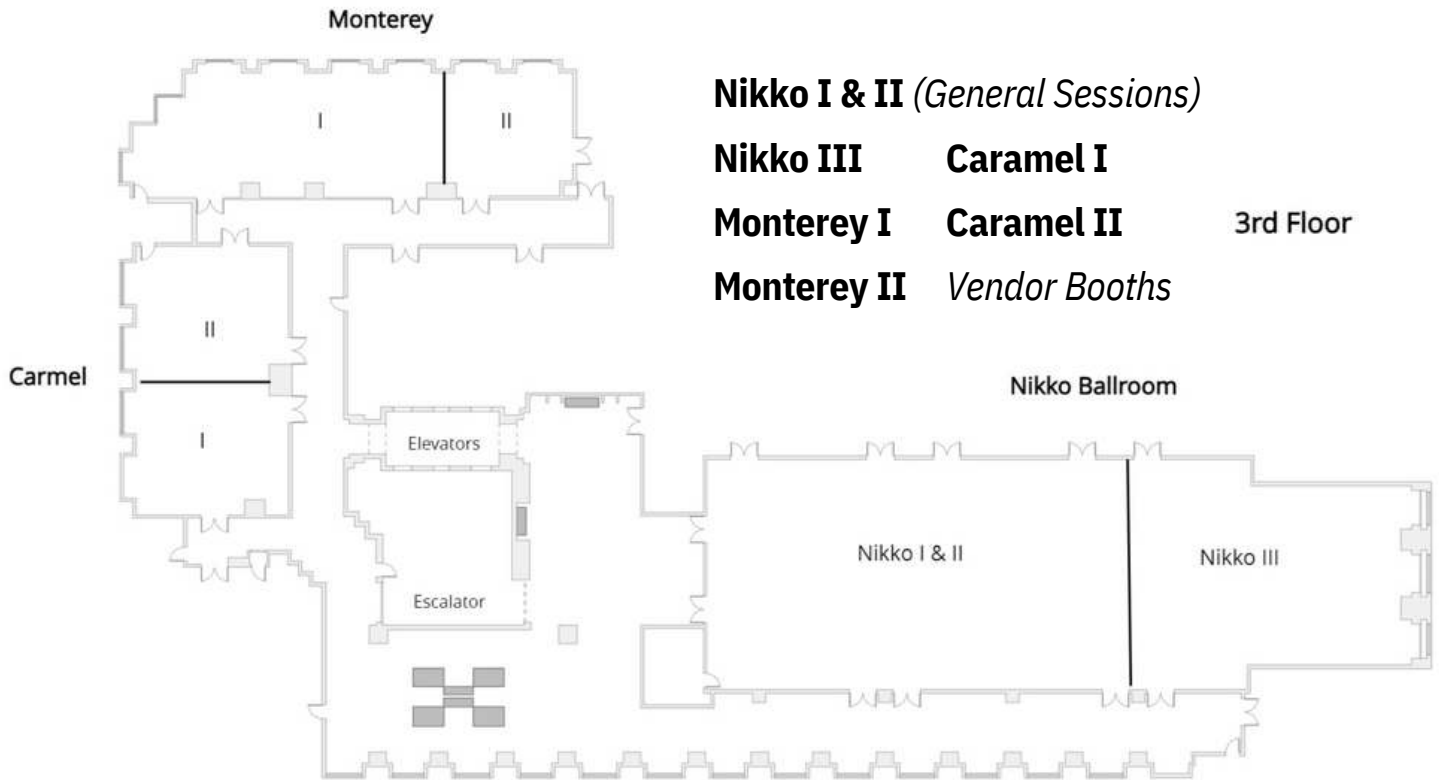
**LaTonia Whitsett** currently serves as a Senior Advisor with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT), led by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). The CCHT is a DHS-wide effort to advance counter human trafficking law enforcement operations, protect victims, and enhance prevention efforts by aligning DHS' capabilities and expertise. Ms. Whitsett specializes in strategic communications, training and outreach, and manages Tribal and diverse communities' partnership and engagement. Ms. Whitsett began her federal government career with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Prior to working at HSI, Ms. Whitsett served as a criminal and civil trial paralegal with the (*cont.*)



Department of Justice (DOJ) U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland. She has over 20 years of trial and asset recovery and forfeiture experience with the DOJ and HSI. Ms. Whitsett holds a Master of Science Degree in Negotiations and Conflict Management, as well as a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Writing from the University of Baltimore, Baltimore Maryland.

**Tyesha M. Wood** is the Program Manager for AMBER Alert in Indian Country. Tyesha is a former Police Detective with 17 years of law enforcement experience with tribal nations in Arizona. She has experience in working with a Multi-Disciplinary Team in Tribal Family Advocacy Centers to ensure safety and protection of children. Tyesha was assigned to investigate Domestic Violence and Sex Crimes of Adults. Tyesha received her undergraduate from the University of Arizona and her Graduate Degree in Leadership from Grand Canyon University. Tyesha is a member of the Navajo Nation and resides in Arizona.

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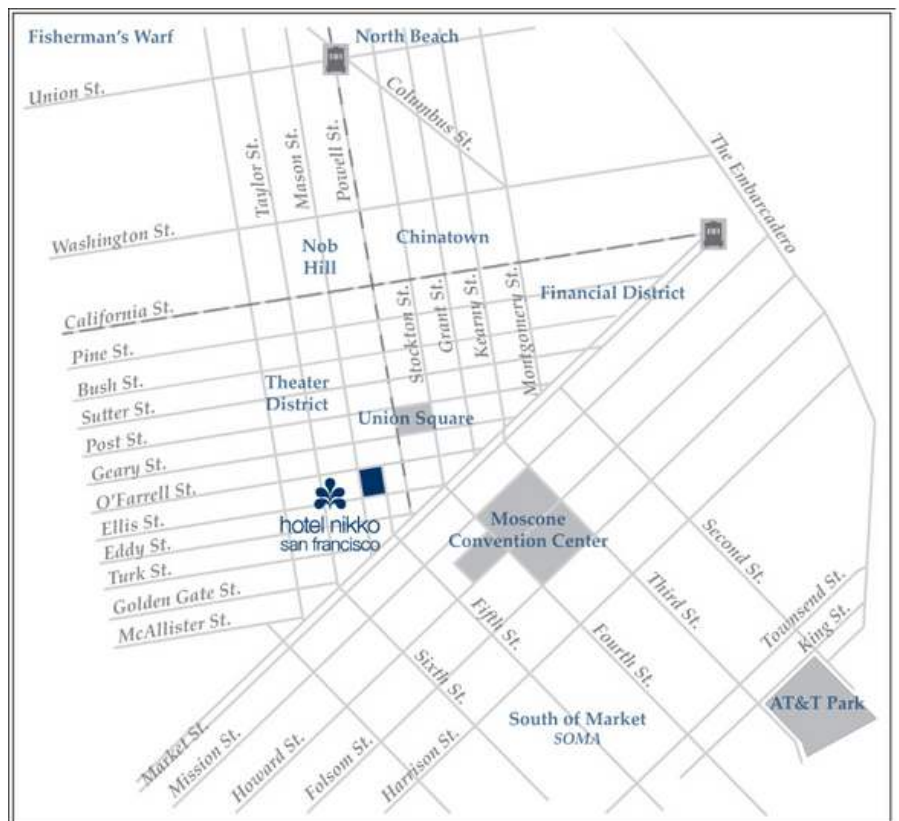
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