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9am - 3:30pm Caramel I	MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024
9am - 9:15am	Welcome, Introductions, Opening Prayer
9:15am - 10:15am	Unit 1: Introduction to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country This unit will provide participants with a basic understanding of sex trafficking as it impacts Native people. We will provide an overview of the Curriculum – the history, how it came to be, and how it is useful to advocates.
10:15am - 10:30am	BREAK
10:30am - 11:30am	Unit 2: Identifying & Screening for Sex Trafficking This unit will provide tools and information that would enable proper and early identification of potential victims of sex trafficking to develop a victim-centered, culturally appropriate response. Emphasize the importance of understanding trafficker behaviors and the methods used to keep victims trapped.
11:30am - 12:30pm	LUNCH (on your own)
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Unit 3: Advocacy for Victims of Sex Trafficking This unit will provide participants with practical tips and guidance for effective advocacy on behalf of sex trafficking victims.
1:30pm - 2:00pm	BREAK
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Unit 4: Legal Advocacy – Foundational Information for Advocates This unit is designed to provide participants with practical tips and guidance for effective advocacy within civil and criminal legal systems on behalf of sex trafficking victims. This unit addresses several crucial issues including privacy, confidentiality and privilege related to victim information, basic civil and legal needs of victims and victim’s rights.
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Closing Remarks and Debrief

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Bonnie Clairmont serves from TLPI's Minnesota office. Prior to her employment with TLPI, she was the Outreach/Client Services Coordinator for Sexual Offense Services of Ramsey County, a rape crisis center. While employed there, Bonnie provided leadership in the development of Sexual Assault Response Teams and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs and offered guidance with multidisciplinary sexual assault protocol development. She has worked more than twenty-five years advocating for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. She has dedicated much of her work to providing and improving services for victim/survivors of sexual assault, battering, and child sexual abuse, particularly those from American Indian communities. For four years she coordinated the Strengthening the Circle of Trust Conference, a conference focusing on sexual assault and exploitation perpetrated by American Indian spiritual leaders/medicine men. Bonnie co-edited a recently published book "Sharing Our Stories of Survival" an anthology of writing by Native Women who've experienced violence. Bonnie provided technical assistance to research conducted by Amnesty International USA that led to the report, "Maze of Injustice: The failure to protect Indigenous Women from sexual violence in the USA." She and her partner Jim Clairmont have two children and five grandchildren.

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.

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9am - 3:30pm Nikko III	MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024
<p>9am - 9:30am</p>	<p>Welcome and Introductions Major Marcus Bruning, <i>(retired), St. Louis County, Minnesota, Sheriff's Office</i> Michael Rizzo, <i>Institute for Intergovernmental Research, Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Trauma-Informed Practices: Working Together to Support Victims Major Marcus Bruning Marline Mattox, <i>Training Coordinator, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Center for Victim Services</i> Brandy Treagesser, <i>BSN RN SANE-A, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health</i></p>
<p>10:30am - 10:45am</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>10:45am - 11:30am</p>	<p>Trauma-Informed, Offender-Focused Sexual Assault Investigations Major Marcus Bruning Lieutenant Chad Janis, <i>Yakima, Washington, Police Department</i></p>
<p>11:30am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>LUNCH (on your own)</p>
<p>1:00pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Identifying and Documenting Strangulation Major Marcus Bruning Brandy Treagesser</p>
<p>2:00pm - 2:15pm</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>2:15pm - 3:15pm</p>	<p>Sexual Assault Evidence-Based Prosecution Major Marcus Bruning Lieutenant Chad Janis Brandy Treagesser</p>
<p>3:15pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Wrap-Up and Closing Major Marcus Bruning</p>

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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.

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 (*cont.*)

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experience with domestic violence and sexual assault. Lieutenant Janis developed and currently manages a comprehensive and robust intimate partner violence initiative. Domestic violence is a pervasive problem within the community of Yakima. Since 2018, 35 percent of all arrests made by Yakima police officers have been related to domestic violence. 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. The model has increased offender accountability while improving victim and family safety.

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.

Brandy Treagesser, BSN RN SANE-A, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health, 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.

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Michael Rizzo is a senior research associate with the Center for Victim Services and Support for the Institute of Intergovernmental Research (IIR). In this role, she oversees the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC). Her responsibilities include intergovernmental and interorganizational partnership and relationship building and effective communication; leading the development and maintenance of the LETTAC Program; assembling and growing a cadre of subject-matter experts to deliver superior trauma-informed, victim-centered, and culturally relevant support to law enforcement and other professionals addressing gender-based violence and crimes against women; supporting the development and dissemination of tools and resources; and expanding the understanding and application of evidence-based strategies, resources, and approaches available to practitioners. Ms. Rizzo is skilled in the development and delivery of training and technical assistance; partnership engagement and collaborative solutions to national criminal justice priorities; project management including federal and private cooperative agreements and contracts; national-scale event planning, facilitation, and execution; and creating nationally and internationally presented tools and resources to strengthen criminal justice response to victims of crime. With over 20 years of experience in the criminal justice field, victim services, and community education, Ms. Rizzo most recently collaborated with national subject-matter experts to develop and deliver technical assistance to Victims of Crime Act state administering agencies to support the effective management of fiscal, programmatic, and administrative efforts for victim assistance funding. Prior to that work, she oversaw numerous DOJ awards focused on strengthening the response to and investigation of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and strangulation and developed and supported the implementation of trauma-informed policies and procedures. Ms. Rizzo led and managed the On-Call Advocacy Program for domestic violence victims in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC. She worked at the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues in Chicago, where she helped to create the Domestic Violence in the Workplace Policy for employees of the county. Ms. Rizzo is currently a member of the Alliance for HOPE International, the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention Advisory Committee, and the Dallas Conference on Crimes Against Women National Advisory Council.

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