



# 2018 Human Trafficking Conference

## PLENARY SESSIONS:

### **How to Empower Victims and Stop the Demand for Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

Speaker: Peter Qualliotine, Co-Founder and Director of Men's Accountability, Organization for Prostitution Survivors (OPS)

King County, Washington is home to a groundbreaking collaborative effort to end Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) by promoting men's accountability. Peter Qualliotine co-coordinates this project in partnership with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. He will describe his work with men who buy sex in an innovative 10 week sex buyer intervention program called *Stopping Sexual Exploitation: a Program for Men (SSE)*. He will also discuss how this program functions as a part of the holistic model developed in King County to engage multiple sectors of society in efforts to end the harmful practice of sex buying by shifting the social and cultural norms at the root of the problem.

#### **Objectives:**

1. Understand sex buying as a form of gender-based violence.
2. Identify promising practices that address the problem of the Demand for commercial sex.

Peter became involved in efforts to stop commercial sexual exploitation in the early 1990's as a volunteer for the Portland, Oregon based Council for Prostitution Alternatives. In 1994 he founded the Sexual Exploitation Education Project (SEEP), a non-profit organization with the mission of promoting men's accountability in stopping violence against women and children. As program coordinator of SEEP, Peter collaborated with the staff of the Portland Women's Crisis Line in developing a comprehensive prevention curriculum for middle and high school students on the issues of sexual harassment; sexual assault; intimate partner violence and



commercial sexual exploitation. In 1995, SEEP created one of the first intervention programs in the nation for buyers of commercial sex, an innovative 17-hour experiential education workshop which addressed the demand side of the prostitution problem through the lens of men's accountability. In 2015, Peter launched "Stopping Sexual Exploitation: a Program for Men" a 10 session prostitution buyers intervention program utilized by municipalities in King County, WA. Peter is co-author of the 2011 report "Comparing Sex Buyers with Men Who Don't Buy Sex" for the San Francisco based non-profit organization, Prostitution Research & Education (PRE).



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## The Federal Response to Human Trafficking

**Speakers:** Sean Tepfer, National Program Manager & William Nolan, Trial Attorney, Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice

This lecture will provide an overview of the trauma-informed, victim-centered federal response to human trafficking. After highlighting significant developments in trafficking prosecutions and enforcement initiatives nationwide, the presentation will define the elements of key criminal provisions of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) and will contrast the statutory definitions against myths and misconceptions that can complicate the prosecutorial analysis of potential trafficking crimes. The presentation will conclude by identifying recurring challenges that arise in federal trafficking prosecutions and introducing the strategic responses to those challenges.

### Objectives:

1. What is a trauma-informed, victim-centered response and why is it required in human trafficking cases.
2. Federal strategic initiatives to combat human trafficking.
3. Overcome recurring challenges in federal trafficking prosecutions

**Sean Tepfer** is the National Program Manager for the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit (HTPU) within the Criminal Section of the US Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division where he focuses on cases involving labor trafficking, international sex trafficking and sex trafficking of adults. He is the US representative to the INTERPOL Human Trafficking Expert Group. Sean previously served the Department of Justice as the HTPU Investigator and in the US Attorney's Offices in Western Washington and Western Virginia as their Law Enforcement Coordinator. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Sean had a successful local law enforcement career with the Norfolk VA, Scottsdale AZ and Farmington NM police departments where he served in several capacities within the patrol, training and investigation divisions. Sean is also a US Navy veteran where he served six years onboard a Los Angeles class fast attack submarine. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University and a Master of Arts in Public Administration from the University of New Mexico.



**William Nolan** is a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit. The Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit (or “HTPU”) prosecutes cases of adult-victim sex trafficking, forced labor, and other human trafficking-related crimes. The HTPU works with federal agents and U.S. Attorney’s Offices in every District of the United States. Mr. Nolan has conducted training on human trafficking to law enforcement, prosecutors, and government officials across the country and internationally. Since joining the Department of Justice in 2007, Mr. Nolan has prosecuted groundbreaking human trafficking cases, including U.S. v. Fields, in which the defendant compelled young women addicted to prescription painkillers into committing acts of commercial sex by controlling and withholding their drugs, thereby using the victims’ fear of withdrawal sickness as his weapon of coercion. In addition to human trafficking cases, Mr. Nolan has prosecuted hate crimes and official misconduct civil rights cases, and has represented the United States in civil matters advocating for the constitutional rights of prisoners and detainees. His work at the Department of Justice has earned numerous awards from the Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorneys’ Offices. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Nolan was an Assistant Public Defender in the Appellate Division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Mr. Nolan also served as General Counsel to the Public Defender in 2006. Mr. Nolan is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University (’94) and the College of William and Mary School of Law (’00). He was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Andrew L. Sonner of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, and is the co-author of the *Maryland Law of Confessions*, a Thomson-West publication.



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# Mental Health Concepts in Human Trafficking: Traumatic Response, Ambiguous Loss, Reunification

**Speakers:** Duane T. Bowers, LPC

This presentation will begin discussing the impact of the traumatic response to trafficking on the victim and those left behind. This will include the effect on brain, body and behavior. Building on this information the concept of Ambiguous Loss and appropriate models of support for those left behind will be discussed. Finally, an overview of the issues, which need to be addressed in reunification/reintegration of the victim and loved ones.

## Objectives:

1. Identify at least three behaviors associated with a traumatic response as well as how to intervene with a victim to mitigate them.
2. Discuss at least three key factors of Ambiguous Loss for those left behind by a trafficking victim, and why supporting those factors is important.
3. Understand the difference between reunification and reintegration, and issues encountered in each.

**Duane T. Bowers, LPC, CCHt** is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Educator, and a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist in private practice. He is the author of *Guiding Your Family Through Loss and Grief*, and *A Child is Missing: Providing Support for Families of Missing Children*, and also hosted the live, call-in internet radio show *LET'S TALK IT THROUGH*.

Currently, Duane is responsible for the clinical supervision and training of staff and volunteers for a variety of organizations that deal with trauma and loss in the US and Canada. He is a principle in Project SafeGuard which provides support for the staff of the Exploited Child Division of NCMEC, which is responsible for analyzing child pornography on the internet to assist law enforcement. Duane also provides staff support to the NCMEC Child Sex Trafficking Team. In addition, Duane provides wellness support to the Trust and Safety Division of Tumblr, the Maryland State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit, and the Alexandria City Police Investigators by creating and facilitating support and wellness programs for their staff members. In Saskatchewan province in Canada, Duane works through Caring Hearts providing education and assisting in creating programs focused on trauma informed care, first responder trauma, and supporting families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. He also serves as a consultant to the Canadian Centre for Child Protection in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada.



## Understanding the Process from Surviving to Thriving

Speakers: Russell Glenn Wilson, Anti-Trafficking Expert, Consultant, Researcher

Through first-hand research and personal experience, this presentation will provide an insightful look at how victims face their daily lives as well as the tumultuous journey from sex trafficking victim to fully self-actualized thriver. The presenter will use Maslow's hierarchy of needs as a skeletal foundation to explain the processes in which victims of sex trafficking deal with the trauma and stigma of life on the streets.

### Objectives:

1. Give service providers a model in which to base standard operating practices while remaining flexible when providing services for a highly unpredictable population.
2. Provide a clear vision and perspective for law enforcement to see the exploited victims of sex trafficking as victims, rather than anti-social street hustling criminals.
3. Humanize victims in an increasingly fractured and self-absorbed global world while acknowledging the stigmas that come from living in a hetero-normative patriarchal society.

**Russell G. Wilson** has recently graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in Anthropology and South & Southeast Asian Studies. As a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Russell completed his first research project in Cambodia looking at the factors of resiliency for male survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. While at Cal Russell received the UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies Undergraduate Merit Scholarship and the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship to continue his research in Indonesia for the summer of 2016. Russell recently worked with the National Human Trafficking Training and Assistance Center as a Human Trafficking Leadership Academy Fellow (HTLA). As an HTLA Fellow Russell worked with a team of anti-trafficking experts from across disciplines to formalize the federal definition of what it means to be "Survivor-Informed" for federally funded programs. Russell has spent extensive time living and traveling throughout South and Southeast Asia. The time he has spent in this region of the world has given him a deep understanding of these cultures as well as knowledge of the systemic mechanisms of human trafficking in these countries. It is through these experiences that Russell brings authenticity and passion to his research and his life. Ultimately, Russell would like to bridge the gap of communication and collaboration between large scale, top down, multi-national NGO's and the smaller, grass roots, bottom-up, and organizations by facilitating collaborative relationships.



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## Crime Victims Compensation Program

**Speakers:** Jeff Wagaman, Director Division of Crime Victim Compensation,  
Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt

To ensure crime victims are helped during their time of need, this presentation will provide awareness of the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation program to victim advocates, criminal justice professionals and service providers. The program's main goal is to provide just compensation to victims for economic loss arising from a violent crime. The presenter will describe how victims of trafficking can apply for economic assistance using the program.

### Objectives:

1. To describe victim eligibility standards.
2. To describe the available aid that can be awarded to trafficking victims on a normal or emergency basis.
3. To describe the screening process for victims and possible circumstances which may diminish a claim.
4. To explain timelines victims may expect before compensation can be awarded.

**Jeff Wagaman, Director, Division of Crime Victim Compensation** is the Executive Director of the Division of Crime Victims Compensation in the Office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt. Prior to being appointed to this position, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Attorney General Schmidt. During his 30 year government career he has worked as the Assistant State Treasurer of Kansas, Executive Director of the Kansas Corporation Commission, Deputy Secretary of the Kansas Department of Administration, Chief of Staff to Governor Bill Graves, Chief of Staff to the Kansas Senate President and the Kansas Senate Majority Leader, and he held several other positions in the Kansas Departments of Corrections and Social and Rehabilitation Services. Wagaman is also a Reserve Deputy in the Shawnee County Sheriff's office where he is assigned to the Operations Division. Wagaman has a B.A. from Washburn University and MPA from the University of Kansas.



## Kansas Victim Centered Laws

Speakers: Pat Colloton, Chair, Human Trafficking Advisory Board, Kansas  
Attorney General Derek Schmidt

This session will discuss laws and data pertaining to human trafficking in Kansas.

### Objectives:

1. Will provide an overview of Kansas data on human trafficking for both adults and juveniles.
2. Explain the Kansas laws that define the scope of human trafficking.
3. Explain the Kansas laws related to recovery and restitution for victims of human trafficking.

**Pat Colloton, Chair, Human Trafficking Advisory Board** was appointed Assistant Attorney General in 2013, charged with leading the newly created Anti-Human Trafficking Unit in the Kansas Attorney General's Office. She is Chair of the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Advisory Board, the official state board for human trafficking issues in Kansas. Pat's current focus is on law enforcement training and the development and implementation of anti-human trafficking legislation. Previously, she served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 2004 to 2012 and chaired the Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee. Pat currently serves the Johnson County Criminal Justice Advisory Council and the Board of Directors of the Council of State Governments Justice Center.





## **WORKSHOPS:**

### **NamUs Resources to Resolve Missing and Unidentified Person Cases**

**Speakers:** BJ Spamer, Director, NamUs, National Missing and Unidentified Persons System

This presentation will provide an overview of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs), to include case studies to illustrate the effective use of NamUs resources to resolve cases.

#### **Objectives:**

1. Gain an in-depth understanding of the NamUs program and the free resources provided by NamUs to resolve missing and unidentified person cases.
2. Learn how to utilize advanced search techniques within the NamUs application to locate potential matches to missing and unidentified person cases.
3. Learn best practices for the use of biometric data (dental, DNA and fingerprint) to resolve cases.

**BJ Spamer** has served as a Director with NamUs at the University of North Texas Health Science Center since 2011. She previously worked as an Intelligence Analyst with the Kansas City (Missouri) Police Department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and as a Forensic Case Manager for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Ms. Spamer is a graduate of the DEA's Federal Law Enforcement Analysts Training (FLEAT) Academy and holds a B.S. in Behavioral and Social Sciences from the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), a B.A. in English from UMUC, and a Master's Degree in Forensic Science from The George Washington University.



## Creating Success in Cases when Children are Trafficked

**Speakers:** Melissa Cooke, LMSW & Ericka Purcell, LMSW, Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County and Alice Osburn, Chief Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, 18th Judicial District

This presentation will discuss the Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.

### Objectives:

1. Understand the function of a Multi-Disciplinary Team and learn how they enhance the community.
2. Become familiar with how to discover child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
3. Learn some techniques to recognize and provide support to human trafficking victims.

**Melissa Cooke, LMSW** is the Child Family Advocate Coordinator for the Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County (CACSC). In her role as a child and family advocate, she provides advocacy services to children and families that have been victims of abuse and neglect. In her 6 years with the CACSC, Melissa has specialized her advocacy services to focus on juvenile victims/survivors of sex trafficking. She has worked with over 50 sex trafficking victims in the region to help facilitate growth and healing. Since graduating from Newman University with her Master's degree in Social Work in 2003, Melissa has spent most of her career working with teenagers. Beginning her career with the Department for Children and Families Exploited and Missing Child Unit, moving forward to an alternative high school and now with the CACSC, Melissa is passionate about her work with one of the most challenging populations.

**Ericka Purcell, LCMFT** is the Clinical Coordinator for the Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County. She has been with the CACSC since 2012, but has been working professionally with children and families since 2003. Ericka specializes in trauma therapy and works primarily with child victims of sexual abuse, including victims of human trafficking. She is nationally certified in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and is trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR). Ericka has a background in Music Therapy and enjoys exploring avenues of creative expression (i.e. music, art) with children and families in an effort to help them find resolution and healing. Ericka received her undergraduate degree from KU in Music Therapy and her Master's Degree from Friends University in Marriage and Family Therapy.



**Alice Osburn, Chief District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, 18th Judicial District, Sedgwick County** is assigned to supervise the unit within the District Attorney's Office that handles crimes involving Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse. This includes crimes associated with the offenses of Aggravated Human Trafficking, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child and the Promotion of the Sale of Sexual Relations. Prior to her position of Chief Attorney, Mrs. Osburn prosecuted cases within the office's Gang and Violent Crimes Unit and Juvenile Offender cases.



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## “Hey, We’ve Got One in Our Town” – Dealing with Trafficking Fronts

**Speaker:** Jason W. Hart, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Derrick W. Wilczek, Detective and FBI Task Force Officer

So, you’ve received calls about that massage business in the strip mall, and it looks suspiciously like a commercial sex operation... but how do you know? This session will take some pages from the narcotics playbook, and take you from rescuing little bags of dope to rescuing actual humans. We’ll discuss what to look for, where to start, what to avoid, and strategies to prevent it from happening again.

### Objectives:

1. Improve awareness of hallmarks of sex trafficking fronts.
2. Promote operational “effectiveness” in terms of victim identification/services and demand reduction, not merely arrests and convictions.
3. Motivate participants to pursue, with intention, a prevention model instead of reactive model

**Jason W. Hart, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office District of Kansas** - The majority of Jason’s cases relate to computer-facilitated child exploitation and sex trafficking. Jason served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Cyber Crimes Unit and as an Assistant District Attorney for Shawnee County prosecuting sex crimes and other violent offenses.

**Derrick W. Wilczek, Vice Detective-FBI Task Force Officer, Overland Park Police Department** is currently assigned to Kansas City Division’s Greater Kansas City Human Trafficking Task Force; charged with investigating crimes involving the commercial sexual exploitation of adults and children as well as labor trafficking violations. TFO Wilczek started his career in 2004 at the Overland Park Police Department. He is the coordinator of the Midwest Vice Summit. TFO Wilczek attended the University of Kansas and Fort Hays State University.



## Creating Success in Cases when Adults are Trafficked

**Speakers:** Becki Halloran, Director, Restore Hope, Topeka Rescue Mission and Sarah Coats, LMSW, YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment, Human Trafficking Project Coordinator

This workshop explores “lessons learned” by the presenters through their experiences in working with adult trafficking survivors. Adult survivors of sex and labor trafficking have unique needs that must be addressed. The presenters illustrate how doing so in a trauma-informed and victim-centered response requires more than skill: it requires artful creation, collaboration, competence, and humility.

### Objectives:

1. Explore the application of trauma-informed approaches to be used with adult HT survivors.
2. Become aware of community services that are currently being provided.
3. Understand some of the services needed for this population in Kansas communities.

**Rebekah (Becki) Halloran** has worked in the anti-trafficking field for four years with two years being the Director (current) and Developer of the Restore Hope division in the Topeka Rescue Mission. She has a Masters in Theology from Duke University and an undergraduate in the same from John Brown University. She previously worked as assistant pastor at Oakland Church of the Nazarene and Topeka First Church of the Nazarene. She also worked for 8 years as an Intake Counselor and Diversion Case Manager at Shawnee County Juvenile Intake. This work history provided much of the background understanding needed for this time of anti-trafficking work.

**Sarah Coats** is a Washburn University Graduate with a bachelor and master of social work. Sarah has worked at the YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment with survivors of sex and labor trafficking since Feb 2017.



## From Burning Out to Thriving: Self-Care for Professionals

Speakers: Rachel Pointer, Movement Liaison, Free The People Movement

'Burning out' can have a significant impact on our everyday lives as well as our professional lives. The work many of us do is difficult work, and the rate of burnout for professionals in the people-helping and justice field is high. Do you know what burnout looks like for you? Better yet, do you know how to keep yourself from getting there? This session will focus on helping individuals identify and learn coping skills to help them stay the course in the tough times in their fields, and to go beyond being 'okay' to learning to thriving.

### Objectives:

1. Attendees will understand the signs of burnout and the impact it has on their lives.
2. Attendees will explore the barriers to thriving in their chosen field, and identify their own responses to the stresses of their work.
3. Attendees will identify and practice skills to care for themselves.

**Rachel Pointer** has worked in social services and juvenile justice in the state of Nebraska for over 19 years. Rachel has provided direct care for youth and children in crisis, in-home services for children and families, provided parenting education, supportive services for youth and families, and training and continuing education for other social services professionals. Rachel is also a survivor of childhood sex trafficking, co-founder and leader of Free The People Movement, a Nebraska counter-trafficking organization. Rachel is also a member of the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force, which is a state-wide multidisciplinary task force dedicated to creating a statewide response to human trafficking.





## Using Technology in Human Trafficking

**Speakers:** Angie Jones, Senior Special Agent, Kansas Bureau of Investigations and Amber Cole, Analyst, Kansas Bureau of Investigations

The Preston Sanders case study will provide an example of an everyday traffic stop which turned into a Human Trafficking investigation. It will highlight the importance of technology in Human Trafficking investigations. This case study also gives a glimpse of how important it was to address changes in the law regarding victims of Human Trafficking.

### Objectives:

1. Identification of a Human Trafficking case in everyday work.
2. Addressing the needs of the victim and the victim's role in the case.
3. Using technology to bolster your human trafficking case and possibly identify additional victims.

**Angie Jones, Senior Special Agent** has been employed with the the Kansas Bureau of Investigation since 2001. She has been assigned a variety of investigations; however, since 2003, her primary focus has been crimes against children assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation Task Force. The CETF is tasked with investigating child pornography, child exploitation and human trafficking. SSA Jones served as a hostage negotiator for eight years and has been the program coordinator for the KBI Peer Support Team since 2007. SSA Jones attended Washburn University where she received a bachelor degree and a Master of Arts, Psychology Clinical, degree.

**Amber Cole, Senior Special Agent** has been with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation since 2010 and her primary duties revolve around digital evidence examinations. She is currently assigned to the KBI Forensic Science Center as a digital forensics examiner and is an Associate Examiner with the Federal Bureau of Investigation Heart of America Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory. SSA Cole holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, degrees in Management of Information Systems and General Management. She is certified as a FBI Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) Forensic Examiner and holds industry certifications to include the Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analysis (CASA) Examiner and the Global Information Assurance Consortium (GIAC) General Forensic Certified Examiner (GFCE).

