

SWCAT 2018™

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING

Agenda and
Event Schedule

January 11-13, 2018

Ontario Airport Hotel and Conference Center - Ontario, CA



Gloria Loring | Actress, Survivor and Singer • Rachel Dissell | 2018 Journalism Impact Award Honoree
Michael Ramos | San Bernardino County DA / Keynote Speaker

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8th Annual

Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Walk

Sponsored by San Bernardino County's Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE)





SWCAT 2018 General Information

Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center

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& Conference Center

Hotel Information: The hotel is located at 700 North Haven Avenue, Ontario, CA 91764. Hotel guests can enjoy a complimentary fitness center, onsite business center and outdoor heated pool and spa.

Parking: Parking is complimentary for conference attendees.

Airport Shuttle: Complimentary airport shuttle operates 4:30am to 11:30pm and runs every ½ hour.

Dress: Suggested dress for the conference is business casual, semi formal / cocktail chic on Friday evening and comfortable walking/running attire for the anti-trafficking walk Saturday morning.

Wear BLUE on Thursday, January 11th for Human Trafficking Awareness Day!

Meals: Breakfast will be served in the mornings beginning at 7:30a.m. The conference registration includes: continental breakfast and lunch on both Thursday and Friday and those who purchased the dinner package, dinner on Friday. *Thursday dinner is on your own.*

The hotel offers onsite dining at Blu Bar and Grill which is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is an onsite lounge with daily happy hour. The onsite Cyber Café serves Starbucks with food to go and is open daily.

Things to do: For hotel guests, there is a complimentary hotel shuttle service to local area within a 5 mile radius between 4:30am – 11:30pm (based on availability). This can include Ontario Mills Fashion District and many other shopping and entertainment activities.

NWCAVE will accept cash and credit cards for opportunity drawing of awesome items including Alaska Airline tickets. Vendors may also be selling items, so please plan to shop for a cause!

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*We have a dream...
a world without violence!*



About Us

The National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAVE) is a national volunteer operated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We continue working to inform, educate and prevent violence and exploitation against women and children nationally and internationally.

NWCAVE has a DREAM...a world without violence and exploitation. One division of our organization is our conferences; the Southwest Conference Against Trafficking (SWCAT) will be held January 11-13, 2018 at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center in Ontario, CA (San Bernardino County).

Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. As defined under the U. S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, modern slavery may include: sex trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor, forced child labor, involuntary domestic servitude, debt bondage among migrant laborers, child soldiers and child sex trafficking.

NWCAVE's conferences are held during Dr. King's birthday weekend in January to reflect Dr. King's DREAM of living in a world without slavery; today, modern-day slavery is a worldwide epidemic and if you have the DREAM too, we ask you to join us in January and together we can end violence and exploitation in the world!

Conference Partners





SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING

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Gloria Loring, Actress, Singer and Song Writer



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Dawn Marie Lemonds, *Soroptimist International of the Americas*

Alice Wells, *Soroptimist International of Kachinas*

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About the Conference

The Southwest Conference Against Trafficking will be held January 11-13, 2018 at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center in Ontario, CA. The conference, since 2009, brings together hundreds of people wanting to end modern-day slavery in our society.

Law enforcement agencies, healthcare professionals, attorneys, social workers, nonprofit organizations, survivors, families of missing children, journalists, politicians, clergy, educators and anyone in the public wanting to learn more continue to gather in January to be educated, inspired and moved to take action against human trafficking and violence in our society.

Before anyone is trafficked, other issues may be a factor and the conference explores these issues. So, although the conference title reflects “trafficking” the conference weekend encompasses the past, present and future of Human Trafficking and what everyone can do to help prevent it and what we can do to fix it.

In order to accomplish this, over 25 speakers/presentations, networking receptions, film screening, media award presentation, survivor stories, CASE’s Walk Against Trafficking and people wanting to make a difference on this epidemic plaguing our society will come together in January in Southern California.

About our Partners

Crittenton Services for Children and Families of Southern California (CSCF) is a non-profit social services agency whose mission is to heal the wounds of abuse and neglect; strengthen families; and help troubled adolescents reach their full potential. Established and incorporated in 1966 Crittenton has a highly trained workforce operating 24 hours a day / 7 days a week providing comprehensive counseling, medical, and other support services to the clients in our care. We provide a full array of residential, in-home, community based, wraparound, mental health, foster care, and transitional age youth services with a service planning area throughout Southern California that covers Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego Counties.



The San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (C.A.S.E.) is a partnership of public and private entities who have joined together to develop resources in the county to educate, prevent, intervene and treat victims of sexual exploitation.



Thursday, January 11, 2018

SWCAT opens at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center

6am Volunteers Arrive / Set-Up
 7:00-11am Attendee Check-in / Networking / Exhibits
 8:00-10:15am Breakfast / Conference Welcoming – **Michelle A. Bart**, NWCAVE President
 Emcees: **Dawn Marie Lemonds** and **Alice Wells**, Soroptimist International
 Partner Welcome: **Joyce Capelle**, Crittenton Services for Children and Families
 Keynote Speaker: San Bernardino County District Attorney **Mike Ramos**

Break

10:30-12:00pm

Workshops / Trainings #1 – Choose One

Room

- CARSON All in a Day’s Work: Understanding the Impact of Working with Victims of Abuse and Trafficking – *Amy Russell, Arthur D. Curtis Children’s Justice Center*
- WHITNEY Treating Adolescent Victims of Human Trafficking: The Haven Program *Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center in Colorado*
- REDWOOD Ready. Set. Go! Prevention Programming for Your Community *Tina Bigdeli, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)*
- YOSEMITE Trafficking: The Health Care Provider’s Role in the TEAM Approach *Diana Faugno, Forensic R.N. at Eisenhower Medical Center, Palm Desert*



Lunch and General Session
**The FRONTLINE: Yazidi Girls, Refugee Boys,
 Computer Screens and Your Favorite Mall**

12:30-2p.m.

Dr. Sandie Morgan

Vanguard University 's Global Center for Women and Justice

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Thursday, January 11, 2018 continues

2:30-4pm

Workshops / Trainings #2 – Choose One

- CARSON Media Matters When a Child Goes Missing
Michelle Bart, President NWCAVE
Eric Anderson, Missing Children’s Division Director at NWCAVE
Kay Vail, Chair of Human Trafficking Task Force of Clark County, WA
- WHITNEY San Bernardino County Human Trafficking Task Force / Ontario Police
Jose Guzman, Senior Investigator San Bernardino County DA’s Office
Corporal Nick Lefler, Ontario Police Department
- REDWOOD La Fuerta: A Latin Perspective - *Dr. Gloria T. Arroyo-Grubbs and Carmen McKibben, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)*
- YOSEMITE Trafficking: The Health Care Provider’s Role in the TEAM Approach
Diana Faugno, Forensic R.N. at Eisenhower Medical Center, Palm Desert

Dinner on your own

6:30-9:30pm

Film Screening and Q & A “I AM EVIDENCE”
Panel: **Rachel Dissell** and **Melissa Schwartz**



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Friday, January 12, 2018

SWCAT continues at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center

6am Volunteers Arrive / Set-Up
 7:00-11am Registration Opens
 8:30- 10:15am Breakfast & Morning Welcoming: Dawn Marie Lemonds & Alice Wells
 Keynote Speaker: **Darryl Evey**, Family Assistance Program – The Open Door

10:30-noon **Workshops / Trainings #3 – Choose One**

- CARSON All in a Day’s Work: Understanding the Impact of Working with Victims of Abuse and Trafficking–*Amy Russell, Arthur D. Curtis Children’s Justice Center*
- WHITNEY Treating Adolescent Victims of Human Trafficking: The Haven Program
Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center in Colorado
- REDWOOD La Fuerta: A Latin Perspective - *Dr. Gloria T. Arroyo-Grubbs and Carmen McKibben, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)*
- YOSEMITE Toolkit for Responding to Trafficking Victims and Survivors
Kay Vail, Clark County Juvenile Probation Counselor
Eric R. Anderson, WA State Missing from Care Locator and Social Worker

Last Chance to Visit Exhibitors!

Friday Lunch and Closing Session
Inside and Out: Portrait of an abusive relationship!!

12:30-2pm

*A remarkable piece of theatre inspired by the life and work of **Dr. Kathie Mathis** and **Dr. James Beard**, experts in the field of abuse and trauma.*



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Dinner & Dreams Gala

Friday, January 12, 2018

a Celebration Benefitting NWCAVE!



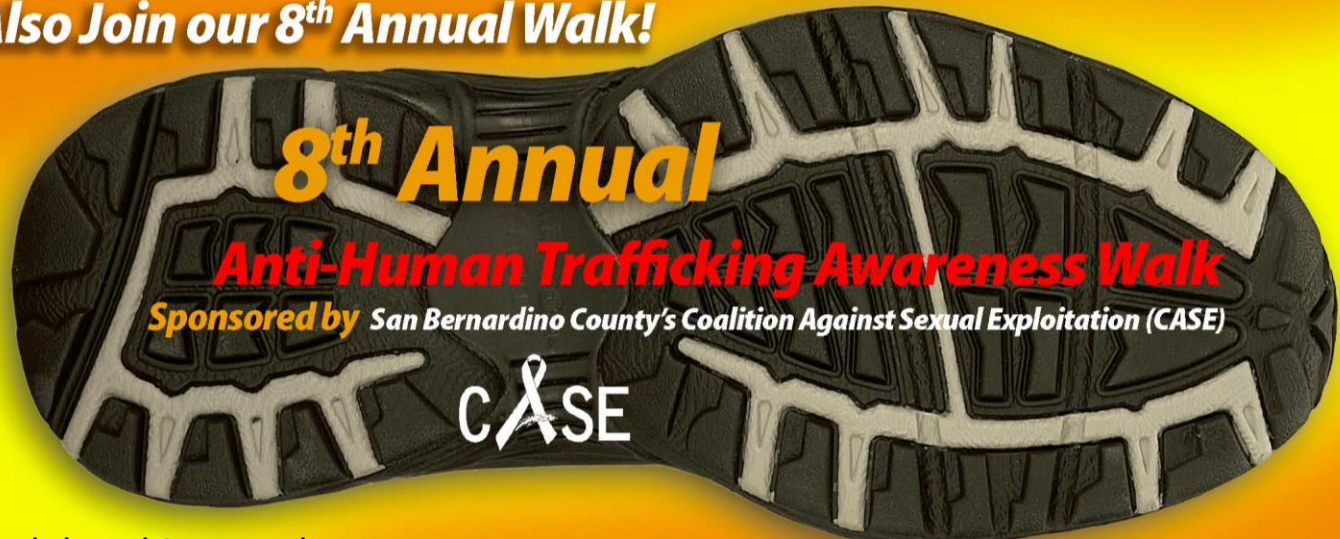
6:00-7:00
7:00-10:00

No-Host Cocktail Networking Reception at Blu Bar Lounge
Welcoming: Michelle A. Bart, NWCAVE
Evening Emcee: **Gloria Loring**
2018 National Journalism Impact Award Honoree
> **Melissa Schwartz** introduces honoree **Rachel Dissell**
> **Michelle Bart and Katie Yates** Presents Award to Rachel
Performances by **Stereo Chickens** and **Gloria Loring**
Golden Toast for our Presidents 50th Birthday



See you tomorrow morning at...

Also Join our 8th Annual Walk!



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Honorary Chair Biography



Gloria Loring is a singer, songwriter, actress, author and keynote speaker; the recording artist of the #1 hit song ***Friends and Lovers***; co-composer of television theme songs ***Diff'rent Strokes*** and ***Facts Of Life***; an audience favorite as “Liz Chandler” on ***Days Of Our Lives***; has sung on the ***Emmy Awards***, the ***American Music Awards***, the ***Golden Globes***, and is one of the few artists to sing two nominated songs on the ***Academy Awards***.

She is also known for being R&B superstar Robin Thicke’s mom.

Gloria is the author of six books benefitting people with diabetes and writes a monthly column, ***How to Drop the Drama***, for Soap Opera Digest. Her newest book, ***Coincidence is God's Way of Remaining Anonymous***, details a series of extraordinary coincidences that transformed her life and offers prescriptive insight into how each of us can use coincidence for our own good and the good of those we love.

Gloria is a certified yoga instructor and an articulate champion of bio-medical research. After her son Brennan was diagnosed with diabetes at age four, she created and self-published two volumes of the ***Days Of Our Lives Celebrity Cookbook*** that raised more than \$1 million for diabetes research.

She has shared the stage with Billy Crystal, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Mel Tormé, Bob Hope, and the Pointer Sisters. She has hosted events for His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Siddha Yoga, Michael Beckwith’s Agape International Spiritual Center, and appeared in conferences with spiritual teachers Dannion Brinkley, Dr. David Hawkins, Mary Manin Morrissey, and Eric Pearl.

Gloria is listed in ***Who’s Who in America*** and ***Who’s Who of American Women***. She was given the ***Woman of Achievement Award*** from the Miss America Organization, an honor she shares with past recipients Barbara Bush, Roslyn Carter, and Hillary Clinton.

Chairperson Biography

Michelle Bart, CCA, CHTA was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and lived in Los Angeles, CA over fifteen years until moving to the Pacific Northwest in 2008. Known to many in Southern California as the founder of the Foothill Arthritis Connection, Michelle is an award-winning media consultant and publicist with over 25 years' experience in non-profit management, media communications, and human & civil rights advocacy. Michelle holds a communication's degree and has applied her education and expertise to helping businesses and organizations obtain visibility through the media, community relations, and the Internet.

Michelle is President, Co-Founder of National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAGE). Michelle serves, as communications chair for the Human Trafficking Task Force of Clark County, WA, is a Washington State CSEC Trainer and is a Certified Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Washington State and she is a graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy in Portland, Oregon.

Under the direction of Michelle, the NWCAGE's Missing Children's Division helps families of missing children keep their child's face and case visible through national media outlets including "America's Most Wanted" with John Walsh, HLN's Nancy Grace Show, "Issues" with Jane Velez-Mitchell on HLN, Fox News, CNN's Larry King Live, and People Magazine to name a few.

Michelle is producer of a full-length documentary "Your American Teen" (*which won the Columbia Gorge International Film Festival 'Best Feature Documentary'*) she is a member of Society of Professional Journalists, Human Rights Campaign, GLAAD and Alliance for Women in Media.

Michelle was diagnosed at seventeen with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis and throughout the years has been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, Osteoarthritis and Cancer, which resulted in many surgeries; she turned lemons into lemonade by speaking out and advocating for the causes and people closest to her heart and ultimately helping herself in the process.

Michelle has been a presenter and keynote speaker throughout the country on topics related to rheumatic diseases, human trafficking, Internet Safety, media matters, child safety and LGBTQ issues. Michelle is a regular child advocate contributor for television, cable and radio including XRAY 99.9FM, Z100 –Portland, CNN, HLN, NBC, ABC and CBS networks.

In her spare time, Michelle is host of "Voices for Justice" on Blog Talk Radio, enjoys spending time with her two beautiful nieces and volunteering for causes near and dear to her, especially www.NWCAGE.org.

Emcee Biographies



Dawn Marie Lemonds of Tustin, Calif., USA, is the current president of Soroptimist International. As president, Lemonds oversees strategic planning and program development for the organization. She will also lead Soroptimist's efforts to increase its collective impact in helping women and girls around the world to lead better lives. Dawn is currently a member of Soroptimist International of Newport Harbor Area, one of 1,300 SIA clubs. A member since 1982, she has held several leadership positions at all levels of the organization including Soroptimist International programme director; SIA board director; region governor; and club president and treasurer.

She holds a master of science degree from Cal State University, Fullerton, and a bachelor's degree in social ecology from the University of California. In addition to her Soroptimist activities, Lemonds also serves as a board member of the Global Center for Women and Justice, and Peppermint Ridge. Dawn has been involved with NWCAVE for many years serving on the SWCAT committee and will serve this year as emcee.



Alice Wells is charter member of S.I. of the Kachinas, Inc., Alice has been actively involved with Soroptimist International since 1980. Throughout this time, Alice has had significant leadership experience with Soroptimist at local, region, federation and international levels, serving in a variety of leadership positions.

Alice is a past president of Soroptimist International of the Americas, a federation of 21 countries and territories, and is the Past President of Soroptimist International (in 133 countries and territories). Soroptimist International inspires action and creates opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls through a global network of members and international partnerships.

Alice recently retired as the Executive Director of AZ ASCD, a non-profit organization for educators that provides expert and innovative solutions in professional development, capacity building, and educational leadership. Alice has a professional background in education and staff development training. She holds an Ed.S. degree in Educational Administration and a Masters Degree in Elementary Education.

Speakers Biographies



As top prosecutor of the largest county in the United States, **District Attorney Michael Ramos** has fought corruption and made victims' rights, public safety, and anti-gang programs the cornerstone of his office. Ramos is currently serving his fourth term.

Among other positions, Ramos is the former President of the National District Attorneys Association (2016-17) and California District Attorneys Association (2010-11), and he is one of three members appointed by the Governor to the California Victim Compensation Board.

In 2005, DA Ramos formed the Hardcore Gang Prosecution Unit to wage a hard-fought battle against gangs across the county. Since that time, there have been 6,800-plus state prison commitments secured for a total of 51,190 years plus 303 life terms in state prison.

In 2009, Ramos responded to this problem of human trafficking in San Bernardino County and created the county's Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE). Most recently, DA Ramos formed a countywide Human Trafficking Joint Investigative Task Force to address the commercial sexual exploitation of minors. To date, Task Force members have made 400-plus arrests and 38 predators have been sent to state prison for a total of 200-plus years and two life terms



“ Since the inception of our Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit our office has convicted 75 traffickers who were sentenced to state prison for a total of 689 years and 5 life sentences.

MIKE RAMOS
District Attorney
San Bernardino County



PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

San Bernardino County
District Attorney

San Bernardino County
Sheriff's Department

FBI

Department of Homeland
Security

Ontario Police Department
San Bernardino Police Department

San Bernardino City Unified
School District Police

529

NUMBER OF ARRESTS
SINCE INCEPTION

197

NUMBER OF VICTIMS
SERVED/RECOVERED

156

NUMBER OF NAMES
AND PHOTOGRAPHS
POSTED AS PART OF
THE "STOP THE JOHN"
PROJECT



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Speakers Biographies



Ms. Joyce Capelle has been the CEO of Crittenton Services for Children and Families since 1997. Shortly afterward in her first year of tenure, at Crittenton, she was confronted with the ugly realization that many of the girls she was advocating for were oftentimes labeled as “bad girls” or “delinquent”.

As Ms. Capelle continued her advocacy work throughout the local community she also came to realize that most people she interacted with didn’t understand that a large percentage of system-involved girls experience multiple and complex childhood traumas. This sad fact made it difficult to convince many community members that the last thing system-involved girls need is simply punishment, shaming or condemnation – but rather, what is needed is a comprehensive trauma responsive treatment approach towards their empowerment and recovery.

With now 20 years of service advocating for the most vulnerable, Ms. Capelle, continues to make it a life’s mission to consciously apply her public policy and law experience towards relentlessly advocating for the health and well-being of the system-involved girls she serves. Specifically, she encourages and empowers Crittenton’s team of mental health professionals to continue to partner with local, state and national organizations to advocate for girls and young women who have been sexually abused or trafficked and who deserve unwavering support through their recovery process.

In addition to her role as Crittenton’s CEO, Ms. Capelle, has also served on a number of organizations that advocate for healthier communities, juvenile justice, and child welfare issues. This has included a position as one of the Board of Directors for the California Alliance for Child and Family Services, and was Past Chair of the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce.





Believe | Achieve | Empower



Since 1966, Crittenton, has honored our national legacy of sharing our expertise and resources in order to help our community’s most vulnerable children, and their families cope with the aftermath of childhood trauma. Our mission is to continue to plant seeds of resiliency and to **empower** all those that walk through our door end the cycles of violence, abuse and neglect. Crittenton programs and services are nationally accredited and licensed which include:

- Residential Treatment
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- Wraparound Family Services
- Trauma-Informed Educational Services
- Outpatient Mental Health Services
- Family Preservation Program
- Foster Care & Adoption Program
- Teen Mom & Baby Program
- Transitional Age Youth Program
- Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Treatment Program

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National Journalism Impact Award Honoree



National Women's Coalition Against Violence and Exploitation (NWCAGE) has named **Rachel Dissell** as this year's honoree for the National Journalism Impact Award. NWCAGE will present the award to Dissell at the Southwest Conference Against Trafficking (SWCAT) in California.

Since 2002, Dissell has worked as an investigative reporter at The Plain Dealer in Cleveland, Ohio, winning numerous awards for her work, including a Media Excellence Award from End Violence Against Women International. A decade ago, her eight-part series Johanna: Facing Forward, shared the story of a Cleveland teen who was sexually assaulted then shot in the face by an ex-boyfriend, helped lead to a change in two Ohio laws.

Dissell was also one of two Journalists who first uncovered and wrote about neglected rape kits at the Cleveland Police Department in 2010. She has devoted her career to covering violence against women and children involving sexual assault, domestic violence and teen dating violence as well as trauma.

"Instead of looking at only one facet of this work, Rachel has created a reputation for the caring manner in which she engages survivors and the sensitivity with which she covers these issues. As importantly, she uses her position as an investigative reporter to address issues too often swept aside," said **Melissa Schwartz**, of the Joyful Heart Foundation, in her nomination of Rachel.

In 2010, NWCAGE began honoring journalists with the National Journalism Impact Award. The award recognizes excellence of a journalist who uses the power of media and his/her position to highlight the ongoing violence through coverage of news with local, national and international significance. This includes domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, kidnapping, hate crimes or other crimes and violence. Last Year, John Canzano, of The Oregonian and KGW, won the award for his four-part series on the brutal gang rape of Brenda Tracy. **Rachel will be honored for on Friday evening at the conference!**



Speakers Biographies



Melissa Schwartz is the Chief Operating Officer at The Bromwich Group. As a consultant to the Joyful Heart Foundation, she has led advocacy-focused media strategy and public relations since 2012.

Melissa has two decades of strategic and crisis communications experience in government, the private sector, and at nonprofit organizations.

Melissa was tapped by the Obama administration to manage crisis communications for the federal agency responsible for the regulation and oversight of offshore drilling in U.S. federal waters following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Also among her career highlights is: her work managing Joyful Heart's multi-year Executive and Legislative Branch-focused advocacy campaign to federally fund efforts to clear the nationwide rape kit backlog; serving as a communications strategist for the national "NO MORE" PSA series on domestic violence and sexual assault; and working as a senior spokesperson at the U.S. Departments of Justice and the Interior, and for U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski

Melissa is an Adjunct Professor who currently teaches for the University of Washington's Communication Leadership graduate program, and has previously provided instruction at Johns Hopkins University's Master of Arts in Communication program and the University of California, Washington Center. She has published chapters in PR News Guidebooks focused on PR Measurement, Crisis Management, Media Training, and Corporate Social Responsibility, and is a contributor to the Huffington Post. She earned her M.A. in Political Communications from Johns Hopkins University and graduated summa cum laude from the University of California, Berkeley with a B.A. in American Studies and a minor in Dramatic Arts.



Speakers Biographies



Melissa Steinbach MA, CACI, LPC studied mental health and school counseling at Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado. Melissa is a licensed professional counselor and certified additions counselor in the state of Colorado.

Melissa has been employed by Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center in Canon City, Colorado since 2010 and has worked in several different therapeutic capacities. She currently holds the position of Utilization Manager. Melissa assesses clients for victimization of sexual exploitation and determines placement in the Haven Program.



Samantha Coleman MA, LPC, NCC studied Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Adams State University in Alamosa, CO. Samantha is a licensed professional counselor in the state of Colorado.

Samantha has been employed by Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center in Canon City, Colorado since 2014. She is the primary therapist for the Haven Program that specifically works with youth that have been sexually exploited or trafficked.

Since her involvement with this population she has attended and participated in many specialized trainings and lectures concerning trafficked and exploited youth.



Speakers Biographies



Tina Bigdeli is an Outreach Manager with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). She is responsible for developing partnerships and implementing a regional outreach strategy to increase awareness and use of NCMEC's services, resources, and programs.

Prior to joining NCMEC, Tina served as the Director of Prevention Education at FAIR Girls, where she was responsible for the strategic planning, evaluation and implementation of FAIR Girls' human trafficking prevention curriculum and services in Washington, DC and Maryland.

She is an experienced trainer and community educator, with over 10 years of experience working to end sexual and intimate partner violence. Tina earned her Bachelor of Science from the University of Mary Washington and a Master of Social Work from Howard University.



Diana Faugno graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing-University of North Dakota and a Master of Science in Nursing-University of Phoenix.

Ms. Faugno is a Board Director for End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) She is a member of the Board of Directors for the California American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.

She is a retired-fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Science and a Distinguished Fellow in the International Association of Forensic Nurses. She currently is the nurse examiner at the Barbara Sinatra Childrens Center and a nurse examiner for Eisenhower Medical Center's SART team.

Speakers Biographies

Kay Vail has worked for Clark County Juvenile for 20 years. She is a Probation Counselor. Kay has worked with victim/survivors of trafficking who are on probation in a victim focused manner. Joan Renner and Kay Vail began the Clark County Human Trafficking Task Force in 2012. Since that time the task for has grown and includes, Law Enforcement, Prosecuting Attorneys, NGOs, Planned Parenthood, Clark County Jail, DCFS, Victim Advocates, YWCA and others.

She is part of the Washington State Trainers for CSEC and is committed to fighting CSEC and helping survivors. She feels that creating long term relationships is the key to helping survivors and education the community on the harm of trafficking.



Eric Anderson is Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has more than 20 years of experience working with children, adolescents, adults and families. He has served as a social worker in a variety of settings including outpatient mental health, inpatient, residential treatment, daycare facilities and teen boy group homes, and state child welfare. For the past 19 years, he also has private counseling practice in Vancouver, WA.

Eric has had the privilege of living and working in the Pacific Northwest for over 20 years. He was born and raised in the PNW but also spent 10 years in the Southern California area completing his college education and beginning his career as a social worker.



He has been working for the Division of Children and Family Services, Children's Administration for the past 17 years serving as the Missing from Care Locator for the past 5 years. His role as the MFC is on the recovery, stabilization and prevention of missing and endangered WA State foster care dependent youth.

He works in collaboration with local, state and national partners. Some of these organizations include: schools, law enforcement, juvenile justice system, JRA, FBI, victim advocacy, YWCA, media (NWCAVE), the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Shared Hope International, and other direct service partners in the effort to combat sex trafficking.

Speakers Biographies



Amy Russell is the executive director of the Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center in Clark County, Washington. Ms. Russell is a licensed attorney and a nationally certified counselor. Ms. Russell provides training on state, federal and international levels on the investigation, interviews and prosecution of child abuse and serves as an expert witness in multiple jurisdictions.

She has served as a pro bono attorney for children in dependency court, a forensic interview specialist with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and as an adjunct faculty member in the Child Advocacy Studies Program at Winona State University. She obtained her B.A. from Hope College in sociology, her M.S.Ed. in counseling from Western Illinois University and graduated magna cum laude from SUNY Buffalo Law School with her J.D.

Ms. Russell has worked with victims of violence and trauma in several capacities, including extensive counseling and support work with child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation; director of victim services and counselor for survivors of homicide victims; and consultant for multiple children's advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams. In addition, she has interviewed over a thousand children and has authored several articles on forensic interviewing, child maltreatment and vicarious trauma. Ms. Russell is a member of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Clark County, WA and serves on the MDT oversight committee.



Speakers Biographies



Dr. Gloria Arroyo-Grubbs, DC, BA, BS has over 20 years' experience in the health care industry and is passionate about her community; working to ensure a better health future for all cultures in the Pacific Northwest.

From running large corporate wellness projects across the U.S. to specialized chiropractic care for individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities and scoliosis reduction center, Dr. Grubbs' healthcare experience comes with a diverse toolbox.

She is the only Spanish speaking Chiropractic Physician in SW WA, she is the Inaugural and current Washington State Deputy director for Women as well as the current Health Care Chair for SW WA LULAC chapter, is an active supporter of Autism Empowerment and serves on over ten boards for local and national non profit agencies.

Recently, she has been awarded the Start-up to watch with Vancouver Business Journal, 2017 Healthy Companies of SW WA, Best in Business 2016 by the Vancouver Business Journal and nominated for the Impactful Woman NW of the Year Award. She has dual undergraduate degrees from East Carolina University, received her Master's in health administration from Central Michigan University and graduated top her class at the prestigious Palmer College of Chiropractic where she received her Doctorate of Chiropractic Medicine



Sandie Morgan is recognized globally for her expertise on combatting human trafficking and working to end violence against women. She began her anti-trafficking work in Athens, Greece where she served on the Board of the Athens International Nurses Association. She has also served as the Administrator of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) before returning full-time to Vanguard in order to extend global impact and build capacity for research, education and advocacy directly related to the exploitation of women and children. .

She partners with the Ministry of Higher Education in Baghdad, Iraq to build capacity for women in Higher Education Leadership. She also continues to provide resources for community and law enforcement training on human trafficking and violence against women in northern Iraq. For five years she has produced the bimonthly "Ending Human Trafficking" podcast which was recognized by The National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth, Dept. of Health and Human Services as a great way to "get up to speed on human trafficking."

As Director of Vanguard University's Global Center for Women and Justice (GCWJ), she oversees the Women's Studies Minor as well as teaching Family Violence and Human Trafficking. She launched a 12 unit Anti Human Trafficking online Certificate program in 2016 to prepare professionals who are already on the frontline and prepare students with best practice principles and knowledge. She also serves on Foreign Affairs Chair Congressman Ed Royce's Anti Human Trafficking Advisory Committee.

Speakers Biographies



Carmen McKibben, MBA was born in raised in Phoenix AZ & transferred four years ago to Vancouver WA. Carmen's past professional experience in corporate business & entrepreneurship provided the opportunity to transition into her current passion in health prevention education. Carmen has partnered with Washington State University to roll out first Spanish speaking class in Vancouver WA that focuses on healthy living lifestyle including diabetes prevention. Carmen is a member of the Development & Nominating Committee under Free Clinic of Southwest Washington & founding board member of the Fourth Forward Plain Business Association, a local international business district that promotes economic growth & healthy communities to diverse businesses & residents.

Carmen is the Deputy State Director for Washington State League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) & serves this year as President of the SW WA Council Chapter of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). The LULAC organization recently partnered with Polaris in their "Join the Solution" campaign that brings awareness to human & sex trafficking impacting Latinos in Mexico, Latin American, & United States. When Carmen is not working in her advocacy & passion work, she enjoys her free time connecting with nature via outdoor activities such as hiking, explore new places with her husband Tobias, & spending time with her furkids, 2 labs & 2 cats.



Ken McMeans is the founding member of Americana group Stereo Chickens, who are currently at work on their debut album. Ken is known throughout the country music industry as an agent and/or manager to many major artists, having represented acts like Jo Dee Messina, Bryan White, Lila McCann Meghan Linsey, Dean Sams of Lonestar and Juice Newton. As an artist and writer, his songs have been heard on TV shows like ABC's 'General Hospital'.

As a songwriter, he has been nominated for numerous industry awards and had his songs picked up by artists such as Linda Ronstadt, Kim Carnes, Joe Cocker, and John Waite. More importantly, Ken has raised five daughters, one of his own and four stepdaughters. www.kenmcmeanspresents.com

Ken and his wife were introduced to NWCAVE's Missing Children's Division when one of their daughters went missing. Ken will share his family's story and how the family is doing today in addition to his own story of abuse and survival.

Speakers Biographies

Dr. Kathie Mathis is a Doctor of Psychology, a Nationally Certified Psychologist, a Diplomate of the Psychotherapy Association and international trainer and speaker. She is certified in drug/alcohol abuse, domestic violence abuse, batterers facilitation, anger management, Sociopathic -type relationships, emotional addiction, parenting, high conflict relationships, court visitation monitoring, laughter therapy, and so much more that she states she can wall paper a house with all the certificates.



During her career, Kathie has developed and introduced national models in mentoring, abuse prevention, and school-based stop bullying programs. She also authored books, written monthly columns for magazines and newspapers. She is recognized as a leader in anger management and is a trainer and supervisor in anger management for the National Association of Anger Management Association and California Association of Anger Management Providers; domestic violence prevention and intervention certification trainer for therapists, psychologists, social workers, law enforcement, parole and probation departments/individuals and counselors as well as clergy and corporations and anyone desiring. She also helped co-create a popular training entitled “The SociopathicStyle Relationship Facilitator Training,” that is being presented nationally.

Dr. Mathis has also created a program on laughter and happiness therapy for medical environments/staff dealing with illness, for military, seniors, and others having difficulty with life’s hardships, PTSD and depression and other negative emotions. It is called “The Hilarious Healing Project” (www.hilarioushealping.com).

She is asked to be a keynote speaker at conventions and conferences. She also is a specialist in the sociopathic-type relationship and child abuse. Dr. Mathis actively participates in helping find missing and human traffic victims and has worked on high profile cases. Dr. Mathis is the National Training Director for National Women’s Coalition Against Violence and Exploitation (NWCAGE). Kathie also works on and testifies in, high profile and severely abusive family court cases where children are being sexually molested and victimized by a parent. She is an emotional addiction specialist and also helped set the standards for California’s Drug and Alcohol programs.

Dr. Mathis has received the following awards: Woman of the Year 2005; Woman of Distinction Award; Woman of the Year - Zonta International; Who’s Who; SCV Newsmaker Award; Professional Woman’s Who’s Who; Omni Award; Making a Difference for Women; Congressional Order of Merit, along with recognition awards from Los Angeles County Supervisors, Domestic Violence Council, President Bush, Congress and Senate acknowledgments. Kathie was just chosen “Woman of the Year 2009/2010” by the National Professional Women’s Association.

Speakers Biographies



Dr. James Beard is an internationally sought after speaker specializing in healing relationships among men and women. James is a leading expert in Anger Management and Domestic Violence Prevention for Correctional Education programs in county jails and state prisons. James has worked with over 20,000 Domestic Violence Offenders and thousands of men with other violent crimes.

He is certified by the LA. County Probation Department as a Domestic Violence Prevention Facilitator.

James is an Addiction Specialist, Credentialed Alcohol & Drug Counselor and has a Ph.D. in Holistic Life Coaching. He is Lead Instructor for the LA County Sheriff's Department and Hacienda La Puente Correctional Education's M.E.R.I.T. Program. (Maximizing Education, Reaching Individual Transformation.) This is largest provider of correctional education services for jail facilities in the United States.

The M.E.R.I.T. program is also the most successful in custody Domestic Violence Prevention and Drug Education program of its kind in the nation. James also developed an Alumni Program that meets weekly for the men who have been released from the M.E.R.I.T Program and for their families. M.E.R.I.T has been featured on TV's MSNBC "Lock Up" for the past 9 years as a successful model for correctional education programs.

James has presented his insights and methods at the prestigious IVAC Conference, UCLA's Children Institute Fatherhood Project and many other organizations.

James has the #1 selling Anger Management video in the country, "Anger Creating New Choices." This video is used in 52-week court appointed Anger Management/Domestic Violence Prevention Programs, Rehabilitation Centers, and is the first choice among Correctional Facilities throughout the country.

James is also the founder of Peacemakers Community, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families realize peaceful ways of communicating and breaking the cycle of Spiritual, Mental, Emotional and Physical Violence. James has developed a set of proven processes that continue to guide men and women to deeper levels of authentic communication.

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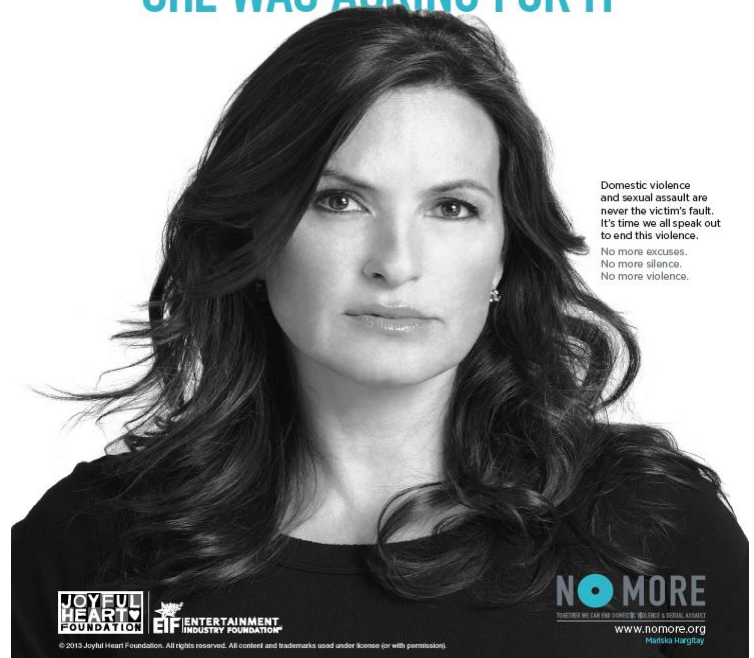
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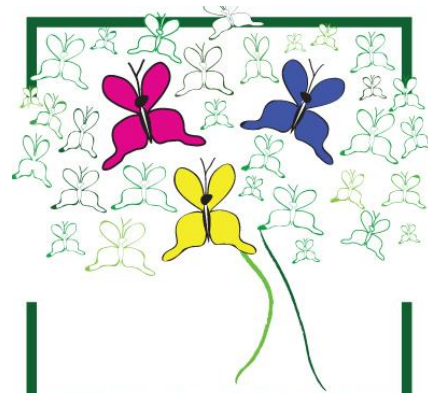
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