

Human Trafficking: Hiding in Plain Sight Conference Workshop Descriptions

Morning Sessions 9:45-11:45

A. Commercial Sexual Exploitation and the Need for a Multi-Stakeholder Response **Presented by: Donna Gavin, Lieutenant Detective; Boston Police Department**

Sex Trafficking and Prostitution: How technology has fueled the online sex trade and the need for a multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder response. The Internet has changed prostitution from a local visible issue to an online, often hidden crime, of violence and exploitation. The internet has changed pornography since *Hustler* and *Playboy* debuted. Both pornography and prostitution through the internet are now affordable, accessible and anonymous. Law enforcement alone cannot stop trafficking. Together with service providers and community support, law enforcement can successfully prosecute cases and offer victims a way out while at the same time reducing the demand for the sex trade.

B. Labor Trafficking in the Immigrant Community **Presented by: Athena Buell Bercerra and Priscilla Ruilova, Friends of FarmWorkers, Inc.**

Understanding the prevalence and dynamics of labor trafficking in Pennsylvania, informed by the speaker's experience serving PA's Latino community at Friends of Farmworkers, Inc.

C. Prosecuting Traffickers: Issues Encountered on the Journey to Conviction **Presented by: Bethany Zampogna, Chief Deputy District Attorney of Lehigh County**

This workshop will address issues arising in the first prosecution under the current Pennsylvania Trafficking statute, as well as those issues common to most commercial sex trafficking cases. Attendees will hear a prosecution perspective on how to best overcome those barriers and proceed with criminal charges.

Afternoon 1:15- 3:15

D. In Her Shoes **Presented by: Bethany Smith, Founder of Not in My Backyard (NIMBY)**

This interactive workshop will help you to walk in the shoes of a sex trafficking victim, examine how your choices impact human trafficking and explore how you can make a difference.

E. Post-Conviction Advocacy for Survivors of Sex Trafficking **Presented by: Shea Rhodes, Esq. Sarah Robinson, Esq. and Jamie Maninrakiza, MSW, LSW**

This training will introduce attorneys to Pennsylvania's laws related to commercial sexual exploitation and Human Trafficking and explain the state's vacatur remedy for trafficking survivors. Participants will be equipped with the technical instruction and empirical knowledge necessary to pursue record-clearing relief on behalf of a victim or survivor. Participants will also learn how to engage in trauma-informed lawyering and other best practices for working with this population and gain exposure to local resources for both attorney and client.

F. Sex Work vs. Sex Trafficking: Finding Solutions from within the Industry
Presented by: Timaree Schmit, Ph.D. Sexuality, Educator, Columnist, and
Podcaster

When consensual sex work is conflated with trafficking, everyone loses. By including sex workers in the conversation on combatting trafficking, we can craft smarter legislation and provide better services to those who need them most. This workshop will examine the social implications of sex work, compare different policing models, and discuss sustainable future approaches to battling trafficking.

