



# Keynote Speakers and Workshops

GCOSW Annual Conference

## Morning Keynote Speaker

**Dese'Rae Stage**, *Founder, Live Through This*

### Live Through This and You'll Never Look Back

Interpersonal violence in LGBTQ relationships; the struggles behind experiencing it and how it affects mental health.

## Morning Workshops

### I. Using Storytelling to Disclose Lived Experience

**Dese'Rae Stage**, *Founder, Live Through This*

Learn how disclosing experiences benefits both the public and the storyteller; employ multi-modal narrative techniques to your disclosures; Consider the ethical dilemmas for those who might be considering telling their story.

### II: How to Successfully Investigate a Human Trafficking Case

**Richard Tovar**, *President, Fight Inc.*, **Special Agent Jeff Vash, Frank Williams, J.D.**, **Sherry Kitchens, LMFT**, *Director, Child Advocacy Center*

Identify the key aspects and people involved in a human trafficking investigation and list the best practices for law enforcement and victim service providers to use when collecting evidence.

### III: Accessing Inner Peace: Creating Space for Healing through Mindfulness and Movement

**River Marino**, *LCSW, RYT*

Identify how trauma and stress affect the brain and practice three ways to soothe the nervous system. Learn about the natural anti-depressant properties of the brain.

### IV: Males Acquiring Leadership Experiences

**Matt Scruggs, M.Ed.**, **Mick Earley, M.Ed.**, **Cody Sumerix, M.Ed.**

Address stereotypical behaviors associated with men and learn about the resources used to educate college aged men on their masculinity; engage in discussion to develop a strategic way of approaching intervention.

## Afternoon Keynote Speaker

**Sergeant Brett Parson**

### The LGBT Community and Law Enforcement: Finding Common Ground

Define LGBT and similar communities; overview of existing relationship between law enforcement and LGBT communities. Discuss Law Enforcement's role in redefining the perceptions regarding law enforcement by LGBT communities.

## Afternoon Workshops

### V. Creating Practices to Bridge the Divide between Police and the LGBT Community

**Sergeant Brett Parson**

Define the LGBT and other similar communities; confront the existing relationship between law enforcement and LGBT communities. Discuss Law Enforcement's role in redefining the perceptions regarding law enforcement by LGBT communities.

### VI: How to Ensure a Victim-Centered Approach when Investigating a Human Trafficking Case

**Richard Tovar**, *President, Fight Inc.*, **Special Agent Jeff Vash, Frank Williams, J.D.**, **Sherry Kitchens, LMFT**, *Director, Child Advocacy Center*

Identify problems that may present themselves in a victim-centered approach investigation. Recommend strategies for law enforcement and victim service providers to ensure a victim-centered approach.

### VII: New Florida Laws to Protect Victims of Sexual Cyber Harassment and Stalking

**Jay Howell, Esq.**

Introduce the new laws and their implications and explain strategies for using these laws to better protect stalking and sexual cyber harassment victims.

### VIII: Trauma Informed, Trauma Responsive: Meeting Children and Families Where they Aren't

**Katie Fields, LMHC**, *Managing Director, River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding*

Understand trauma, including definitions, examples, and trauma's impact on child development and the brain. Discuss how to be trauma responsive to clients and learn how to communicate with children and families.

# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual GCOSW Conference

Awareness – Education – Advocacy

**Mission:** To seek for every woman and girl, dignity and opportunities equal to her potential, respecting diversity in ability, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, and age.

The Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women (GCOSW) was established in 1980 by the Gainesville City Commission. In 1994 the Commission reorganized as a non-profit organization and has since continued its mission to advocate on behalf of women and girls in the community.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual GCOSW Conference (formerly the Sexual Battery Conference) is just one of the projects supported by GCOSW. Through other programs and initiatives, GCOSW raises awareness and educates and funds innovative work surrounding women's issues in our local and global community.

If you are interested in participating in the work or supporting GCOSW as a whole, please consider joining GCOSW and contributing your time and talents to this important work. For more information, please contact [gcsw.info@gmail.com](mailto:gcsw.info@gmail.com).

**Purpose:** This program provides a forum to discuss current trends in the fields of interpersonal violence prevention and response, including evidence-based best-practices, such as utilizing culturally competent interventions as well as to highlight emerging areas of focus for the field, including exploring ways to effectively enlist men as partners in the fight to end violence against women. This program will explore ways to address these challenges for the purpose of providing victim-centered intervention and prevention services and promoting recovery from various forms of oppression including child abuse, domestic and intimate partner violence, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and sexual battery. This conference is relevant for those who work in law enforcement, child advocacy, mental health, victim services, domestic violence shelters, education, medical settings, the judicial system and for survivors and other members of the public who are concerned with these issues.

## Educational Objectives:

- To explain the struggles unique to those with lived experience of interpersonal violence in an LGBT relationship, and to identify on a broader scale how IPV affects mental health.
- To define LGBT and other communities that make up this under-served population, to give a brief historical perspective of the relationship between law enforcement and LGBT Communities and to discuss the need for law enforcement agencies to proactively work to overcome negative perceptions of law enforcement by the LGBT community.
- To identify the key aspects and people involved in a human trafficking investigation, and to list the best practices for law enforcement and victim service providers for collecting evidence, and ensuring a victim centered approach.

# Registration Form

Conference Date: Tuesday May 10, 2016

Early Registration: \$70 (online registration no later than May 9, 2016)

Fee includes: Conference attendance, breakfast, lunch and snack.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the space that best describes your affiliation:

Law Enforcement  Child Advocacy  Mental Health

Victim Services/Domestic Violence  Education

Social Service Agency  Medical  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee.....	Online.....	\$70: _____
	Regular (day of, on-site).....	\$80: _____
	Student.....	\$40: _____
	Group..... <input type="checkbox"/> x	\$60: _____
	<small>(number of attendees - must be a group of 5 or more)</small>	
	CE's (Psychologists, LMHC, LMFT, LCSW)	\$30: _____
	GCOSW Membership	\$30: _____
	Donation (optional)	\$ _____
	TOTAL	_____

Payment Method:

Check  Purchase Order  Credit Card

\*Make Checks payable to: Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women, Inc.  
Federal ID #59-3222-382

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**Please note: You will need your licence # to receive 5.5 hours of CE credit**

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For further information call: Brandi Corbin M-F 8-5 (352) 377-5690

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