



## 37<sup>th</sup> Trauma-Informed Community Conference

Presented by the Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women, Inc.

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**GCOSW 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 37<sup>th</sup> Trauma-Informed Community 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.

**Conference Purpose:** The program provides a forum to discuss current trends in the fields of interpersonal violence prevention and response, including best-practice models, such as understanding the challenges to the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases, as well as to highlight emerging areas of focus for the field, including digital evidence collection strategies. 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 or are studying in the fields of law enforcement, child advocacy, mental health, victim services, domestic violence shelters, education, medical settings, religion, and the judicial system as well as for survivors or other members of the public who are concerned with these issues.

### Educational Objectives:

- Identify types of technology used against survivors of domestic violence
- Increase knowledge of youth warning signs both online and in person, and how to connect individuals in crisis with care
- Investigate how human traffickers and sexual predators exploit technology
- Describe how working with survivors of domestic violence differs from normal clinical practice
- Identify the conflict inherent in an adult's right to share and a child's right to privacy
- Reconsider how the economy supports the exploitation of women and children
- Learn from a survivor of child sex trafficking the key vulnerabilities that traffickers use to target their victims

**Conference Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

Location: Trinity United Methodist Church

Cost: Student - \$30, Group - \$60, Individual - \$70,

On-Site Registration: Student - \$40, Individual - \$80

Continuing Education Units: \$35

Fee Includes: Conference attendance, breakfast, and lunch

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## *Preliminary Program*

<b>8:00 - 9:00</b>	Registration and Breakfast
<b>9:00 - 9:15</b>	Welcome & Introduction
<b>9:15 - 10:15</b>	Morning Keynote
<b>10:15 - 10:30</b>	Break
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	Morning Workshops

### **Morning Keynote**

#### ***What Does a “Buyer” Really Look Like?***

Detective Zackary Hughes is a Deputy Sheriff at the Marion County Sheriff's Office and is assigned to the Special Investigations Bureau as a Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigations. A six-year veteran of the 3rd Brigade 82nd Airborne Division as an infantryman, Detective Hughes has found that his passion lies with the Marion County Human Trafficking Task Force. He holds a position has been introduced as a, “social justice advocate-that just happens to be a cop.” This one-hour presentation is intended for the audience to reconsider what a “buyer” looks like in the economics of Human Trafficking. The presentation utilizes information from historical case references, and national narrative, to challenge the current thoughts on what a “buyer” looks like. The presentation will touch on the use of technology in Human Trafficking situations and its impact on the national image of a “buyer.”

### **Morning Workshops**

#### ***Session 1 Human Trafficking for Providers***

This 90-minute presentation is designed to provide service providers of all types and backgrounds on Human Trafficking/Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (HT/CSEC) in the care setting. This includes a historical background of the issue, best practices, and an understanding of HIPPA exceptions related to HT/CSEC reporting. This presentation is created with a combination of real world experience and academic research.

**Presenter:** Det. Zackary Hughes, Marion County Sheriff's Office & the Federal Bureau of Investigations

**Moderator:** Cassandra Moore, Community Education Project Coordinator, Alachua County Community Support Services, Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center

#### ***Session 2 Working with Youth in Crisis: The Role of Evolving Technology***

This workshop will focus on the impact of social media and technology on youth mental health. As online connectivity takes a central role and suicide rates continue to rise, it becomes vital to consider how social media affects the emotional well-being and mental health of young people. This workshop will include information about suicide risk factors, an overview of the current research on the impact of social media on youth, and the role of parents, guardians and community in suicide prevention. Additionally, the presenters will discuss the benefits of online and texting platforms, how social media companies handle suicidal content, and the Alachua County Crisis Center's efforts to launch its own Online Emotional Support service.

**Presenters:** Alexandra Martinez, Ed.S, LMFT and Melissa Justis, Ed.S, Alachua County Crisis Center

**Moderator:** Sarah Kate Wilder, M.Ed/Ed.S, LMFT

#### ***Session 3 Implicit Bias and Domestic Violence Services by Panel***

How do our unconsciously held ideas affect our clinical practice? Does working with survivors of violence trigger your countertransference? Join a panel of trauma informed counselors for this informative workshop on implicit bias and best practices working with domestic violence survivors. An additional focus on the way technology impacts survivor services will be discussed. A survivor will share their experiences with therapy in the aftermath of abuse. Leave empowered and informed to better serve survivors.

**Presenter:** Jessica Goldberg, LCSW, Kristen Stone, LCSW, Laurie Reisman, LCSW, and Jessica Williams, MSW, Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network

**Moderator:** Theresa Beachy, Ph.D., Executive Director of Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network

**12:00 - 1:30** Lunch  
Presentation of Martha V. Varnes Award

**1:30 - 2:30** Afternoon Keynote

**2:30 - 2:45** Break

**2:45 - 4:15** Afternoon Workshops

### Afternoon Keynote

#### ***Human Trafficking and the Internet: A Hunting Ground for Predators***

Jerome Elam is the President and CEO of Trafficking in America Task Force. Raised in a broken home by an alcoholic parent, he is a survivor of child abuse/domestic violence, child sex trafficking, and child pornography. After his completion of eight years in the United States Marine Corps, Jerome attended the University of Florida, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Motivated by the painful memories of his past, Jerome found his inner strength and began to speak out about his abuse. Today, Mr. Elam is a fierce Advocate for all children deprived of their voice. This presentation addresses how the internet and smart phone apps have become a part of our daily lives making information, goods, and services readily available. Unfortunately, human traffickers and sexual predators have learned to use this new technology as a tool to groom and victimize our children. Jerome will discuss how we can work together to become a firewall against this rising tide of depravity by empowering ourselves with education and awareness of tactics used by human traffickers and sexual predators.

### Afternoon Workshops

#### ***Session 4 The Diary of a Sex Trafficking Survivor: How Victims are Targeted through Technology and Beyond***

Common misperceptions persist regarding the idea of who can be a victim of human trafficking. Human traffickers have taken their brand of psychological manipulation and blackmail digital. We will discuss what makes a victim vulnerable and how traffickers are using technology to exploit them. Attendees will learn from a survivor of child sex trafficking the key vulnerabilities that traffickers use to target their victims, along with learning valuable

tools to aid the prevention and recovery of victims of human trafficking.

**Presenter:** Jerome Elam, President and CEO of Trafficking in America Task Force

**Moderator:** Sarah Kate Wilder, M.Ed/Ed.S, LMFT

#### ***Session 5 Children's Privacy on Social Media***

How will the digital footprints left in childhood's wake affect them as they get older? How parents and child advocates both share on social media and also protect the privacy of the children in their care? This presentation provides an overview of the legal, safety, and moral issues surrounding sharing about children online. It suggests that educating families is the best way to balance a caregiver's right to share with a child's interest in interest in controlling his or her own digital footprint.

**Presenter:** Stacey Steinberg, J.D., University of Florida's Levin College of Law

**Moderator:** Corinne Edwards, Ed.S, LMHC, Village Counseling

#### ***Session 6 (2:45 - 4:45) The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Technology***

As victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement investigators and service providers, we know that batterers use whatever means available to abuse, harass, stalk, and monitor victims. Today technology has provided batterers with tools to accomplish these tasks without even having to leave their computer chairs. In this interactive workshop, Steven Bradley will explore the risks and benefits of technology for victims. Attendees will learn safety planning and evidence collection strategies for phone technology, location apps and social networking sites. Non-technical language will be used to describe the privacy levels of each area and how to safely navigate the world of technology.

**Presenter:** Steven Bradley, MBA. Technology, Stalking, Intimate Partner Violence Specialist, Bradley Training & Consultation

**Moderator:** Hailey Brown, M.A.

**4:15 - 5:00** Networking/Evaluations/Certificates

### *Conference Coordinators*

Jocelyn Atchinson • Kaylee Mills-Brenneman • Brandi Corbin  
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