In 2018, 490 cases of human trafficking in Kentucky were reported. 23 involved minors.
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Conference History
The inauguration of the Human Trafficking Awareness Conference began in 2010 to raise awareness of human trafficking, to educate students and the community about the complex issue of human trafficking, and to encourage taking action to prevent it spearheaded by former Women 4 Women Student President Gabrielle Maxedon. This conference has brought in speakers at the local, statewide, national and international levels including stories from survivors.

Notable speakers include:

- New research on human trafficking including: Dr. Theresa Hayden & Dr. Jennifer Middleton, University of Louisville Human Trafficking Initiative
- Anthony Talbott, co-founder of Abolition Ohio and a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Trafficking in Persons Study Commission
- Theresa Flores, a child sex trafficking survivor
- Remarks by Carl Ralston, president and founder of Remember Nhu, an international non-profit focusing on fighting the child sex trade
- Performance by Kentucky Opera Studio artists Jill Phillips and Cory Battey of “Love is a Knife” from the opera “A Woman in Morocco” which was inspired by the conference

Each year, the conference serves as the place where many students and the community come together to work towards a world where individuals human rights are no longer violated through sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Survivors that attend the conference have reported a sense of gratitude to the people who would take the time to listen and learn about such an important issue. We are thankful for the years that experts have come to the conference to share their expertise. We hope that our conference is a place where you feel inspired to dig deep and closely examine the issues that are holding back forward progress in our state and across the country.

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Conference Venue Map

Swain Student Activities Center 2nd Floor

- Lactation room - downstairs on 1st floor
- Foodcourt/Restaurants - 1st floor
- More restrooms - 1st & 2nd floors

Main Conference Room

Registration

Breakout Sessions

Resource Fair & Food

Safe Space

Exhibitors/Safe Space

Restrooms

Elevators

1. Human Trafficking in Kentucky: A Collaborative Effort (Panel)
2. Recasting the Process: Recruitment to Sellos
3. S.A.F.E.T.Y.: Reducing the Vulnerability of Youth through Peer Lead Initiatives
4. What’s Wrong with This Picture?: The Impact of Viewing Pornography
5. Human Trafficking for LGBT Community: Identifying needs and addressing challenges in service provision
SCHEDULE

Registration & Resource Fair
5:00 - 5:30pm, Student Activities Center Ballroom

Welcome & Introductions
5:30 - 5:40pm, Student Activities Center Ballroom

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Cole
5:40 - 6:15pm, Student Activities Center Ballroom

Break
6:15 - 6:20pm

Breakout Session 1
6:20 - 7:05pm, Multipurpose Rooms (MPR)
- Healthcare’s Response to Human Trafficking (MPR A)
- Human Trafficking 101 (MPR C)
- Human Trafficking in Kentucky: A Collaborative Effort (MPR D)

Break
7:05 - 7:10pm

Breakout Session 2
7:10 - 7:55pm, Multipurpose Rooms (MPR)
- Project STAAR’s (Survivors of Trafficking Creating Art, Advocacy, and Resilience) Photovoice Digital Art Display (MPR A)
- “What’s Wrong with This Picture?: The Impact of Viewing Pornography” (MPR B)
- Trafficking in the LGBTQ+ Community: Identifying Needs and Addressing Challenges in Service Provision (MPR C)
- Social Media & Sex Trafficking Process: From Connection and Recruitment, to Sales (MPR D)

Break
7:55 - 8:05pm

Call to Action with A Survivor
8:05 - 8:25pm, Student Activities Center Ballroom

Closing Remarks
8:25 - 8:30pm, Student Activities Center Ballroom
“Sex Trafficking of Minors and Safe Harbor in Kentucky”

Student Activities Center Ballroom

There has been a growing push to pass state safe harbor laws to align governmental and community responses to the reframing of the issue of sex trafficking of minors (STM) that was ushered in with the passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA). Kentucky enacted a safe harbor law, the Human Trafficking Victims Rights Act (HTVRA), in 2013. What has been the impact of HTVRA in Kentucky? In this presentation Dr. Cole will discuss changes in key agency personnel’s awareness, knowledge, and practices for responding to STM based on a research project completed in 2018. In addition, characteristics of the juveniles and types of trafficking situations in which they were exploited will be presented to increase awareness of the multiple ways trafficking of juveniles occurs in communities across Kentucky. Positive impacts and challenging obstacles in Kentucky’s responses to sex trafficking of minors will be discussed.

DR. JENNIFER COLE
Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Science and the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research, Faculty Associate, Center on Trauma and Children, University of Kentucky

Dr. Jennifer Cole is currently appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Behavioral Science and the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research at the University of Kentucky. She is also a faculty associate of the Center on Trauma and Children in the University of Kentucky. Her overarching research career goal is to investigate the intersection of interpersonal victimization and substance use or misuse along with system responses to individuals with victimization experiences and substance use disorders. Dr. Cole was the Principal Investigator of an NIJ-funded study examining the impact of legislative reform and judicial decision-making related to sex trafficking of minors that was completed in 2018.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2013, Dr. Jennifer Cole released Sex Trafficking of Minors in Kentucky, a survey of Kentucky professionals’ awareness, knowledge, and experiences working with youth victims of sex trafficking.
Healthcare’s Response to Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a complex issue that requires a multi-disciplinary approach to combat. Because of the vast array of injuries and illnesses associated with trafficking, health care workers are likely to encounter victims in their practice. It is imperative that physicians and nurses are aware of the pervasive nature of trafficking and are able to communicate with their patients in a victim-centered, trauma-informed manner in order to intervene on their behalf. Researchers and practitioners at the UL School of Medicine are working to ensure that future physicians and health care workers are being educated to recognize the signs of human trafficking and to communicate with victims effectively, with the ultimate goal of referring them to safety.

**SPEAKERS**

**CARLIE A. BOHNERT, MPA, CHSE**

**DIRECTOR, STANDARDIZED PATIENT PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

Carrie A. Bohnert, MPA, CHSE, has a twenty-year history of managing education programs in Louisville. She currently serves as Director of the Standardized Patient Program at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, where she instructs health care students in fostering the doctor-patient relationship. Ms. Bohnert is a past vice president of the Association of Standardized Patient Educators and co-author of the Association’s standards of best practice. She has given over thirty peer-reviewed presentations and published several articles on her work in this field. With her research partner, Dr. Olivia Mittel, she has published, presented, and received grant funding for her work teaching medical and nursing students to recognize human trafficking in patients.

Prior to her work at U of L, Ms. Bohnert administered programs at the Kentucky Science Center, Louisville Public Media, and the Kentucky Center Governor’s School for the Arts. She is also the proud leader of a Girl Scout troop for both typical and special needs girls.

**DR. OLIVIA MITTLE, MD, MS**

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DIVISION OF PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL MEDICINE, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS, & ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

Dr. Olivia Mittel, MD, MS is Associate Professor, Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Louisville School of Medicine and Associate Dean for Student Affairs, University of Louisville School of Medicine. She graduated from Hanover College with a BA in Chemistry and went on to earn an MS and an MD at the University of Louisville. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago. She then joined the faculty at UL School of Medicine in 2011, where she currently serves as an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and the Associate Dean for Medical Student Affairs. Dr. Mittel also works as an academic hospitalist on the general pediatric wards in Norton’s Children’s Hospital and has completed an intensive certification program in therapeutic acupuncture, allowing her to practice pediatric acupuncture for the treatment of acute and chronic pediatric pain syndromes. Innovative medical education projects include evaluation of medical student awareness and recognition of human trafficking in acute care settings as well as integration of wellness in medical education.

**EMILY NEAL, BSN, RN, SANE**

**KOSAIR CHARITIES DIVISION OF PEDIATRIC FORENSIC MEDICINE**

Emily Neal, BSN, RN, SANE has been a dedicated champion of the pediatric community of Louisville, Kentucky since 2002. Emily’s nursing career began in the emergency department at Norton Children’s Hospital where she assisted in the development of policies for unit safety standards and identification of sepsis in infants. In 2012, Emily joined the Kosair Charities Division of Pediatric Forensic Medicine, where she currently works with the medical team to evaluate children who are alleged victims of abuse and neglect. In addition to her responsibilities at Pediatric Forensic Medicine, she has been instrumental in developing new protocols relating to human trafficking (HT) and educating community members on the issue of HT. Emily serves as a member of the Louisville Metro and Norton Children’s Hospital Human Trafficking Task Forces. Emily received the Florence Nightingale Award in Nursing from UofL SON in 2016.
The S.A.F.E.T.Y. program is a 12-week (session) course incorporating curriculum and skill-building activities to enable youth to develop self-confidence toward becoming advocates in their school and communities. The program focuses on weekly topics that are significant for education and outreach efforts. Moreover, students will focus on social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat, etc., in order to increase exposure and awareness of human trafficking and exploitation through a proactive peer-related perspective. Ultimately, the S.A.F.E.T.Y. program is designed to produce youth-oriented community efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking and exploitation.

Morgan Rumple is the Statewide SART Coordinator for Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault, Inc. Previously, she served as the Regional Coalition Coordinator in Southeast Indiana with the Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program. She is the co-chair of the Southern Indiana Human Trafficking Coalition. In addition, she is a trainer for the Interdiction for the Protection of Children in Indiana, which was developed by the Texas Department of Public Safety and is designed to make patrol officers aware of the variety of resources available to assist them in establishing the status of a child who may be missing, exploited, or at risk of exploitation and what courses of action are immediately available. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in International Studies with a minor in Gender Studies from Hanover College and is completing her Masters in Social Work at the University of Louisville. Previously, Morgan worked as an AmeriCorps member in New Orleans, working with those impacted by HIV/AIDS. She then served as a crisis counselor and family advocate for the Center for Women and Families in Southern Indiana and Kentucky. Before taking her current position, Morgan worked as a family case manager for the Department of Child Services in Floyd County, Indiana.

Morgan’s passion for working with those who experience human trafficking and exploitation comes from her experiences in South Africa and Turkey where she focused on issues facing women, politically and economically. She also found a passion in this work having come from experiences that intersect with the issue of human trafficking, and finding this to be a critical topic to reach if we are to address multiple layers or oppression and exploitation. Morgan has a deep passion to not only address an issue, but also address the contributing factors that systems play in maintaining an issue such as human trafficking. She continues to learn about the complex issue of human trafficking, and is continually looking for ways that we can come together to assist in changing laws, minds, and lives.

Sheila Bobay-Singh is a graduate of Indiana University Southeast with a BA in Psychology. She has dedicated the previous 12 years to youth and their families through Case Management, Independent Living, Shelter Management, Direct Care, Substance Abuse Prevention and Outreach/Prevention efforts with National Safe Place.

She began to focus ardently on Human Trafficking 2+ years ago through an outreach grant which focused on presentations/educating communities, schools and organizations. It is through these endeavors and recognizing the increasing prevalence of trafficking and exploitation within youth populations that she co-founded S.A.F.E.T.Y. ©, a youth advocacy program which piloted summer 2018. A program which was proudly created with Human Trafficking Survivor input and support.

Sheila is currently serving as the Region 12 Coalition Coordinator for ITVAP (Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program) covering 9 counties in Southern Indiana.
Amy Leenerts is the founder and director of Free2Hope Inc., a non-profit fighting to end human trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children throughout Kentucky. She was herself victimized by multiple sex crimes beginning at the young age of 7, including a violent rape at 19 years old. It was decades later before she was able to make the choice to live as a survivor and not a victim anymore. She now devotes her life to finding new approaches to prevent sex crimes, and helping others to begin their process to restoring whole health to victims of sexual abuse, exploitation and human trafficking. On the way to that dream, she has garnered a number of awards, including:


Human Trafficking in Kentucky: A Collaborative Effort

It is impossible for any single agency or organization to respond to all of the elements of human trafficking. Traffickers range from opportunistic individuals to sophisticated criminal organizations with multi-jurisdictional scope. The resulting victimization is extreme and involves diverse populations with a host of needs. Responses to human trafficking are most effective, coordinated, and efficient when they are multidisciplinary and collaborative in their problem solving. Weaving together perspectives from many sectors including law enforcement, the courts, and non-profits, we will hear from a panel of experts on the collaborative efforts in Kentucky in combating human trafficking and providing help to those who are victimized.

Amy Nace-DeGonda has her undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Louisville. Amy has been working in social services since 2002. Amy works with the Bakhita Empowerment Initiative at Catholic Charities of Louisville as the Assistant Program Director, where she provides educational workshops and trainings on human trafficking, assists in development of a statewide anti-trafficking coalition, and works directly with identified victims of human trafficking throughout Kentucky. She works closely with social service providers, health care workers, law enforcement, and others to ensure that human trafficking is being identified in our communities and that the survivors are provided with the resources they need to rebuild their lives. Amy has provided training on human trafficking to churches, social service agencies, government agencies and volunteers. Amy has worked on the HOPE Campaign where she created materials for training professionals as well as volunteers. Amy is the co-chair of the Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force as well as the Nelson County Task Force. Amy is a member of the Southeastern Region Human Trafficking Advisory Board, that was started by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which consists of representatives of 7 states in the southeastern region. As part of her work with the Southeastern Region Advisory Board Amy assisted in authoring the Guiding Principles which as been published by HHS.

Kristi Gray is an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney in Jefferson County and serves in the Special Victims Unit. She received her license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1994, and joined the Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney in June of 2004. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Ohio State University in 1991, and her Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School in 1994. From 1994 until 2004, she served as a Staff Attorney and Directing Attorney for the Department of Public Advocacy in Pikeville and Paintsville. Ms. Gray currently serves as the Sexual Assault Liaison and the Human Trafficking point of contact for the office. In addition, she is a member of the Louisville Human Trafficking Task Force and the Louisville Sexual Assault Response Team.
Tim Stokes is a Louisville Metro Police Department Detective Sergeant currently assigned to the Major Crimes Division—Sex Crimes Unit. This unit handles human trafficking investigations, sexual assaults investigations, the cold case rape kit backlog investigation project, and non-compliant sex offender investigations.

He received his undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Sociology from Indiana University and The University of Louisville. He was sworn into service with the Louisville Division of Police in 2000. During his career, he has served in multiple patrol divisions, been promoted, and become a Kentucky Law Enforcement Counsel Certified Law Enforcement Instructor. He has devoted countless hours in patrol and in investigations assisting people in crisis. With this real world experience and education, Sergeant Stokes has been sharing information and training courses throughout Kentucky. In addition to teaching at the Louisville Metro Police Academy, Sergeant Stokes has taught officers in each of the 120 Kentucky counties. Sergeant Stokes is a former player and avid baseball fan. Sergeant Stokes is also a long-distance backpacker and has completed nearly 300 miles of the Appalachian Trail over the past two years. On retirement, he plans to complete this journey and have hiked from Georgia to Maine. He is married, has four adult children, and a grandchild.

John Moberly became a trooper with the Kentucky State Police in 1991 and worked through the investigative ranks before becoming an investigative supervisor in 1997. Promoting again in 1999 he became a branch commander and eventually retired as a lieutenant in 2015. In his twenty-four year career with the Kentucky State Police, he worked within the Strategic Planning Branch, was the Commander of the Records and Identification Branch, and the Commander of the Executive Security Branch. He became a certified Kentucky Law Enforcement Counsel Instructor, and served on several state and national boards including the National SEARCH Committee and National Governor’s Security Association Board.

John Moberly has been the Commissioner of the Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI) at the Office of Attorney General since January of 2016. The DCI is an investigative and law enforcement branch of the Office of the Attorney General, and is comprised of sworn detectives who are specialized and cross-trained in several investigative fields including corruption by government officials, human trafficking, illegal Rx sales by doctors and pharmacies, child predators, and the creation or distribution of child pornography. Commissioner Moberly is on the KY Law Enforcement Council and is on the Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force where he chaired the law enforcement sub-committee.

The Kentucky Statewide Human Trafficking Taskforce was created by human trafficking advocates in 2013 to assist with the implementation of the Human Trafficking Victims’ Rights Act (HTVRA), passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in the same year. Regional tasks forces include: Lexington, Franklin County, Shelbyville, Louisville Metro, Nelson County, Bullitt County, Southeast Kentucky, Northern Kentucky, & EDKY. In Indiana, there is the Southern Indiana Human Trafficking Task Force.
Dr. Jennifer Middleton is an Associate Professor in the Kent School of Social Work at the UofL and Director of the UofL Human Trafficking Research Initiative. She leads multiple federally-funded, interdisciplinary research projects examining the impact of trauma-informed organizational change interventions within systems of care that serve sex trafficked populations and address community violence within refugee, Tribal, urban, and rural community contexts. She recently completed a five-year $3.9M federal grant project that created a trauma-informed system of care for children directly impacted by the opioid epidemic. Dr. Middleton is currently the Director of Implementation for a new five-year $5M SAMHSA grant aimed at addressing community violence, trauma, and inequities in west and south Louisville. She is an active member of numerous local, state, national, and international human trafficking initiatives and is fully trained in the Sanctuary Model®. During her forensic social work career, Dr. Middleton interviewed and provided services to over 4,000 sexually exploited and trafficked children and youth.

Rus Ervin Funk, MSW, CSE is a consultant specializing in working with organizations and communities to promote healthy masculinities; equity, diversity and justice; and violence prevention. Rus is a long-time activist and community organizer focusing on anti-racism, and gender justice. Among his organizing efforts, he is co-founder of DC Men Against Rape (now Men Can Stop Rape, Inc.), Men for Gender Justice, the Baltimore Alliance to End Child Sexual Abuse, MensWork: eliminating violence against women, the Own It Initiative (a project of the Center for Women and Families), the Ohio Men’s Action Network, White Folks Against Racism, the North America MenEngage Network, among others.

Rus currently serves on several national and transnational boards. He is the secretary of the Board of the National Center on Sexual and Domestic Violence, serves as the Co-Chair of Male Engagement for World Without Exploitation (WorldWE, an international coalition to combat human trafficking and exploitation), is on the Steering committee of the North American Men Engage Network (NAMEN – a US and Canada network of efforts to engage and organize men to promote gender equality), and serves on the Global MenEngage Alliance Board. Rus has travelled extensively throughout the US and internationally, and is a sought-after trainer and speaker. He was part of the coalition that crafted and worked to pass the original Violence Against Women Act (focusing on the Safe Campuses and Civil Rights sections of that law).

Rus has also written extensively. In 1993, he wrote the first book in the US, by a man, for men about stopping rape Stopping Rape: A Challenge for Men.

Rus lives in Louisville, KY with his partner, and their 8-year old child. He enjoys writing, baking,
**K.D. Roche**  
*SPEAKER, AUTHOR, SURVIVOR*

K.D. Roche is a field expert on the subject of human trafficking and has been providing recommendations and input to inform research, policies, and programs that work to combat trafficking and provide services to survivors since 2014. They have trained law enforcement, health care professionals, social workers and government organizations. They are a training and technical assistance consultant for the Office for Victims of Crime, a fellow of the Human Trafficking Leadership Academy, and a member of the National Survivor Network.

K.D. has dedicated their work in helping service providers through the creation of trainings, online courses, and publications. K.D. authored their story in the anthology, *Made in the U.S.A.* and their new publication, *Fragments: A Post-Traumatic Paradigm* will be released in 2019.

**Social Media & Sex Trafficking Process: From Connection and Recruitment, to Sales**

This presentation will explore the University of Toledo's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institutes' study on Social Media and Sex Trafficking that was commissioned by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. This qualitative study was conducted to gain a better understanding of how social media is used to contact, recruit, and sell youth for sex. By attending this presentation, you will gain knowledge about the online grooming process, understand how vulnerabilities present and are exploited online, learn about current online activity in the context of FOSTA/SESTA legislation, and review tools that could be useful for prevention.

**Ryan Kunz, MSW**  
*RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO*

Ryan Kunz obtained his Master's Degree in Social Work from University of Michigan with a concentration in Community Organization. Ryan previously interned at the Institute during his graduate program. During his internship, he focused on technology's role in human trafficking, as well as chaired the LGBTQ+ Subcommittee for the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition. He has previously worked with transgender youth, LGBTQ+ students in higher education, and survivors of sexual assault. As a Research Associate, Ryan will be evaluating the Getting Healthy Zone pilot program, which aims to improve Toledo's infant mortality rate.

**Meredith Baughman**  
*MSW STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK*

Meredith Baughman is an MSW student at the University of Michigan School of Social Work. Her concentration is Community Organizing with a focus on social systems and a minor in Social Policy and Evaluation. During her MSW internship last year at University of Toledo's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute, Meredith conducted research on the use of social media to contact, recruit, and traffic teens. She also led healthcare-related, anti-trafficking efforts as the chair of the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition's Healthcare Subcommittee. Now in her last semester of study, Meredith is focused on transformative social justice within the University of Michigan School of Social Work.
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