



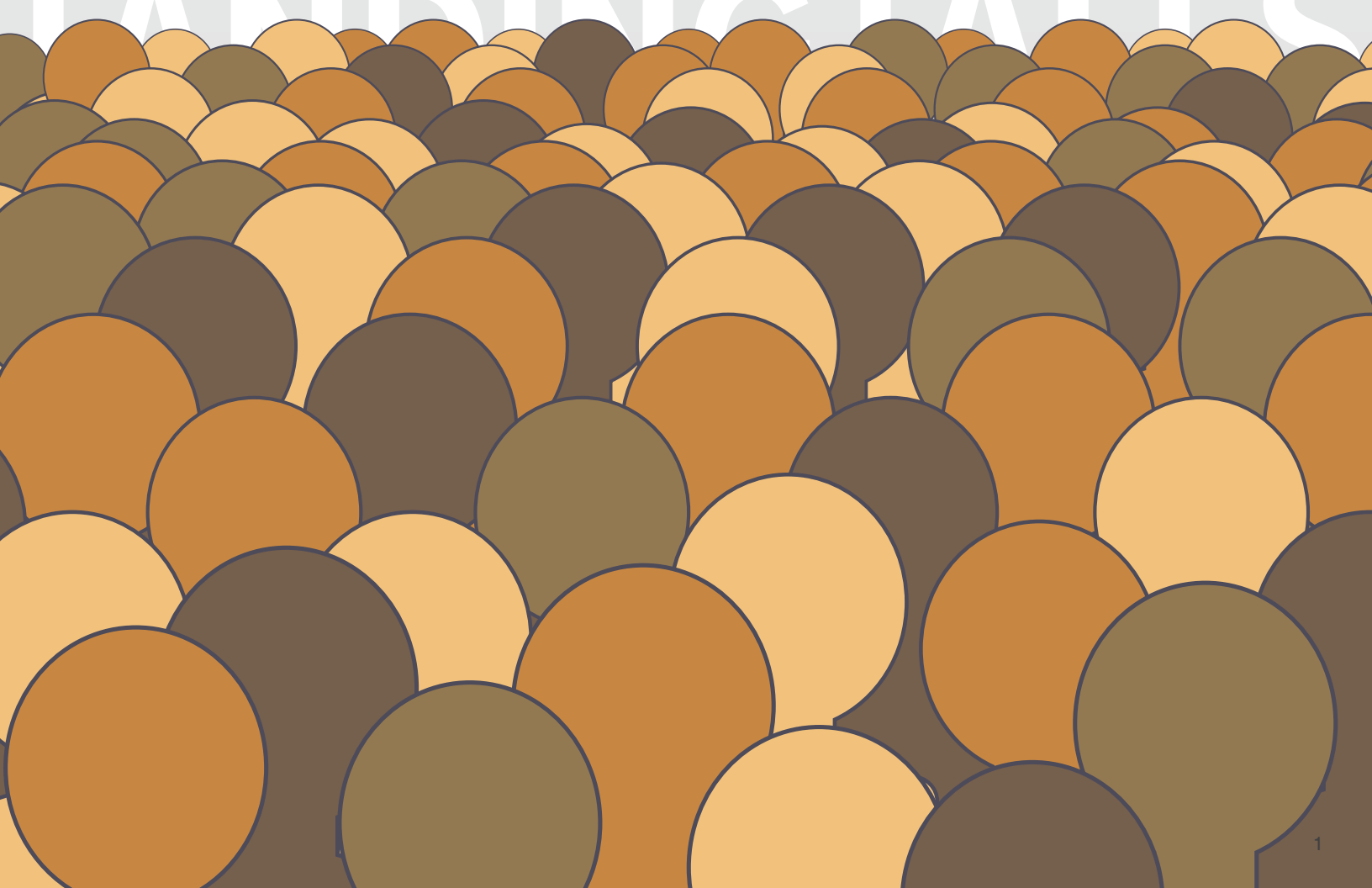
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STANDING TALL: A VISION OF FREEDOM IN TIMES OF CHANGE

2018 FREEDOM NETWORK USA CONFERENCE

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Welcome!

On behalf of the Freedom Network USA and our amazing Conference Chair Pat Medige, I am so pleased to welcome you to the 16th Annual Freedom Network USA Conference!

In 2001, our founders were blazing new trails in the shadow of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. They were providing services and support to survivors, developing new policies and programs, and educating the nation about this “new” crime. For 17 years, Freedom Network USA has been America’s largest network of individuals and organizations working to improve the response to human trafficking in the United States. Our work continues to be rooted in the human rights-based approach. This compels us to address the context of poverty, discrimination, weak labor protections, and criminalization of communities that creates the very vulnerabilities that allow human trafficking to thrive.

In 2017, communities of color, LGBTQIA communities, immigrants, and women were under attack. Federal policies and priorities have undermined access to medical care, education, housing, employment, and safety across the nation. Human trafficking survivors are fighting for their lives, but they are increasingly fearful of the very programs, services, and law enforcement agencies charged with protecting and serving them.

Freedom Network USA is addressing these challenges head on. We are advocating against indiscriminate immigration enforcement, against criminalization of communities of color and LGBTQIA people, against rollbacks in healthcare access, including access to abortion and birth control, and against rollbacks in worker protections. We are fighting for the reauthorization of the TVPA to ensure continued funding for services, consultation with the Advisory Council, and collaboration among federal agencies.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with survivors fighting sexual assault and harassment, wage theft, and deportation threats. We stand alongside you fighting for restitution, access to appropriate housing, immigration relief, access to healthcare, and vacatur. We are working together to build a bigger, stronger, more organized, and more effective movement.

I am so glad to spend the next two days in Denver with you. I hope that you learn something, challenge something, struggle with something, and laugh at something during the conference. I also hope that you meet new people with whom you can partner on a project, debate an idea, discuss a concept, or share a meal. Tell us all about it on Facebook or Twitter with #standingtall.

Thank you for joining us!

Jean Bruggeman
Executive Director
Freedom Network USA

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We have a video station set up for attendees to record short clips, with several questions and prompts to get those creative juices flowing. As a little incentive, everyone who participates will be entered into a drawing for a brand-new Kindle Fire. The winner will be announced Thursday during lunch, so visit the booth during breakfast, lunch, or the afternoon break on Day 1 for your chance to win.

GET AND GIVE FEEDBACK

There are two ways to provide feedback for each session and the overall conference. Facilitators will provide evaluations during each session. Place your completed evaluation in the box outside the session room. Hard copies of overall evaluations are available in your program materials and can be submitted at the registration table at any point. You can also provide feedback on the app.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

MARTHA MENDOZA

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 | 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM
Keynote | Colorado Ballroom



Martha Mendoza is an Associated Press journalist whose reports have prompted congressional hearings, Pentagon investigations, and White House responses. She was part of a team whose investigation into slavery in the Thai seafood sector led to the freedom of more than 2,000 men and won a 2016 Pulitzer Prize. She also won a 2000 Pulitzer Prize that revealed, with extensive documentation, the decades-old secret of how American soldiers early in the Korean War killed hundreds of civilians at the No Gun Ri Bridge. She's worked for AP from Silicon Valley, New York, New Mexico, and Mexico City. She was a Stanford University Knight Fellow and a Princeton University Ferris Professor. A credentialed teacher, she has lectured in the Science Communications graduate program at the University of California for more than a decade.

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM | BREAKOUTS

The View from the Top: Federal Anti-Trafficking Efforts

Coordinator: Jean Bruggeman [Freedom Network USA](#)

Presenters: Hilary Axam (HTPU), Darlene Hutchinson (OVC), John Freeman (DSS) Katherine Chon (OTIP), Carlos Ortiz (ICE), Lisa Coffman (HUD) & Laura Svat Rundlet (JTIP)

Location: Colorado

Agencies across the US government are engaged in anti-trafficking efforts including grant funding, investigation and prosecution, outreach and education, and supporting direct services. Representatives from key federal agencies are here to introduce you to their work, answer questions, and develop collaborations with the field.

Expecting a T Visa Approval, Preparing for an Appeal: Careful Preparations of T Visa Petitions

Coordinator: Erika Gonzalez [Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking \(CAST\)](#)

Presenters: Stacie Jonas, Carolyn Kim & Lynette Parker

Location: Aspen

Attorneys who are new to working with T visas and advanced T practitioners will learn tips for putting together successful T visa applications, best practices in responding to Requests for Further Evidence (RFEs) and appeals, and suggested strategies for preparing strong appeals.

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking: Intersectionality and Building Bridges

Coordinator: Darci Flynn [Heartland Human Care Services](#)

Presenters: Sulan Chang, Sara Dillefeld & Elyssa Schroeder

Location: Maroon Peak

The anti-trafficking movement has been propelled forward with the help of lessons learned and partnerships gained from the domestic violence movement. Power and control is the thread that ties domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking together. We know these victimizations co-occur and intersect in obvious, but also complex, ways. This presentation will explore these similarities, intersectionalities, and differences in the context of building bridges across movements to work collaboratively and effectively to serve the wide array of needs with which survivors present. Attendees will learn from experts and agencies that have successfully built bridges between domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking programming, resources, and services.

Ethical Partnership with Survivors

Coordinator: Sarah Bessell [Human Trafficking Legal Center](#)

Presenters: Evelyn Chumbow & Fainess Lipenga

Location: Mt. Columbia

From witness testimony to legislative advocacy, survivor voices are a crucial element of all anti-trafficking efforts. In recent years, survivors have joined the leadership of the anti-trafficking movement, powerfully advocating for policy change nationally and internationally. But survivor leaders are often not treated as professionals in the movement. Many have raised concerns that they are asked to tell their stories, raise funds, draft policy guidance, and provide advice to partner organizations without remuneration. Partnerships with survivors must be conducted in an ethical and responsible manner. In this session, survivor-advocates will discuss their personal experiences as survivor-leaders and present findings from a survey of survivors. The survivors will also present a proposed code of conduct for engagement with survivor-leaders in the United States.

Advocating for Potential Human Trafficking Survivors Experiencing Police Misconduct

Coordinator: Aisha McCoy-Lewis [Legal Aid Society NYC](#)

Presenters: Mary Caparas, Cate Carbonaro, Yvonne Chen, Marianna Kosharovskiy & KB White

Location: Mt. Sopris

Through open-source arrest data and direct client reports, the Exploitation Intervention Project (EIP) of The Legal Aid Society in New York City is able to observe patterns of policing and police misconduct. Two populations in particular report experiencing frequent misconduct: cisgender immigrant women and transgender women of color. More specifically, these groups report experiencing police misconduct during the course of being policed for commercial sex. This police misconduct subsequently impacts our clients' ability to disclose trafficking and other forms of exploitation to us and their defense attorneys, therefore affecting our capacity to engage in effective trauma-informed advocacy.

This session will illustrate how these abuses by police further drive both citizen and noncitizen cis and trans survivors into the shadows, how criminalizing commercial sex fails to create safe spaces for survivors to disclose trafficking, and how policing of commercial sex hampers the reporting of police misconduct. We will also discuss the terrifying day ICE came to NYC's Human Trafficking Intervention Court looking to detain our client, and how that experience informed criminal practice in these courts moving forward. The session will conclude with recommended practices around supporting citizen and noncitizen clients to report both police misconduct and human trafficking.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | LUNCH

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | BREAKOUTS

Understanding Immunity in Trafficking Investigations or Prosecutions

Coordinator: Lisa Palumbo [Legal Aid Foundation Chicago](#)

Presenters: Susan French, Leigh Latimer & Savannah Sanders

Location: Colorado

This panel will discuss how immunity issues arise for survivors involved in the investigation or prosecution of a case. From the earliest stages of a case, practitioners should understand what types of immunity exist, how to ask for immunity, and law enforcement's perspective on requests for immunity. The panel will integrate other elements of investigations and prosecutions, including investigative interviews, testimony before a grand jury, the use of sworn statement, forensic interviews, and other relevant issues in this area.

Junk Science = Junk Policy: The Challenges of Data Collection

Coordinator: Patricia Medige [Individual Member](#)

Presenters: Catherine G. Bowman, Professor Claude d'Estrée, Amanda Finger & alexandra lutnick

Location: Aspen

Funders, task forces, policy advocates, academics, and service providers are clamoring for data about human trafficking, but, in reality, "data" can be elusive or misleading. This hybrid presentation and discussion will explore challenges associated with data collection, including: motivations underlying data collection and the impact they have; how to systematically measure trafficking-related data, including establishing common definitions and strategies for data collection; political dynamics that can have an effect on research/data collection; challenges service providers face in collecting reliable data, particularly while also addressing client needs and complying with multiple reporting systems; and suggestions and ideas for collecting reliable data.

Sustaining Resilience: Transformative Self-Care Tools to Survive and Thrive in Times of Change

Coordinator: Liz Afton [Sex Workers Project](#)

Presenters: Kristy Cho

Location: Maroon Peak

Self-care is often discussed as a personal responsibility of individual workers to prevent burnout. This workshop aims to expand the discussion to consider collective behaviors that can support cultural shifts and enact a more grounded expression of trauma-informed practices. This session is especially relevant in the current political climate in order to cultivate accessible, sustainable practices to survive and thrive amidst challenging periods of change. The long arc of anti-trafficking advocacy requires mental, emotional, and physical health of both providers and those directly impacted. This workshop will equip participants with concrete skills and materials to apply to their personal and professional lives to support long-term well-being and effective advocacy.

Forming Survivor Leadership Groups: Empowering Steps That Bring Hope, Healing, and Transformation

Coordinator: Hao Ngyen [API Chaya](#)

Presenters: Jesusa Corpuz & Ima Matul

Location: Mt. Columbia

After escaping from trafficking, survivors often need a wide array of services to rebuild their lives. Besides access to immediate safe housing, counseling, medical care, legal advocacy, etc., survivors of human trafficking often express a great need for a sense of community; a place where survivors can come together to provide each other support, such as sharing coping strategies, validating each other's experiences, connecting each other to resources, and empowering each other on their journey to self-sufficiency, healing, and transformation. At this workshop, we will discuss how to form survivor groups, the successes and challenges we have encountered, and ways to work with language needs, cultural diversity, and transportation. We will discuss ways to hold a group with funded and grassroots efforts, using examples from API Chaya (Seattle) and Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (Los Angeles). We will highlight how to transform these groups into leadership groups where survivors gain the skills to become leaders and activists at both a local and national level.

Myth, Facts, Masculinity: Cultural Considerations When Working with Male Survivors of Human Trafficking

Coordinator: Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman [International Rescue Committee](#) [WARN](#)

Presenters: Ali Boak

Location: Mt. Sopris

During this session, a male survivor and licensed behavioral psychologist will discuss the facts and myths surrounding male survivors of trafficking and how shame and stigma often lead to their isolation. The presenters will also review conflicting concepts of masculinity and discuss the impact of double standards regarding the sexuality of all survivors, which furthers the shame and stigma experienced. Presenters will discuss the ways cultural ideology distorts and impairs the applied methodology of identifying victims of human trafficking, highlighting the need for a deliberate resetting of perceptions. Lastly, the presenters will offer practical ways law enforcement and service providers can break through common barriers to supports and engage male survivors in services.

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM | BREAKOUTS

Dollar a Day: Immigrant Detention and Labor Trafficking

Coordinator: Meredith Stewart [Southern Poverty Law Center](#)

Presenters: Nina Disalvo, Megan Hope & Dan Werner

Location: Colorado

This panel will discuss recent trafficking cases and trends regarding the use of immigrant detainee labor by private detention corporations that are under contract with Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE). The panel will primarily focus on legal claims and theories, but the discussion will also include strategies for on-the-ground advocates to investigate and document unlawful labor practices in their local immigrant detention centers.

Trafficked at Sea: Fishermen Slaves in the US

Coordinator: Carole Vigne [Legal Aid at Work](#)

Presenters: Abdul Fatah, Cindy Liou & Sorihin

Location: Aspen

In 2008, two fishermen from Indonesia were induced to pay high recruitment fees to work for a US-based fishing vessel, only to find themselves transferred in the middle of the Pacific Ocean against their will onto another fishing vessel, whose captain mistreated them, made them perform hazardous work nearly around the clock without adequate gear, denied them pay according to the terms of their employment contract, and withheld medical treatment, and the permission to return home before the end of their two-year term. A decade later, the men, having escaped and received community support, wrap-around social services, and a trafficking visa, have successfully settled the first civil lawsuit brought under the US Trafficking Victim's Protection Act by survivors in the US fishing industry. In this interactive workshop, hear from the survivors themselves, their legal representatives in the immigration and civil litigation matters, and the investigative journalist who continues to examine abusive labor conditions in the commercial fishing industry with a collective strategy on how to end this modern-day slavery at sea.

Are you LGBTQAPPHHDI Inclusive? Building Better Programs for LGBTQ+ Communities

Coordinator: Nat Paul [Individual Member](#)

Presenters: Kory Masen & Mitchyll Mora

Location: Maroon Peak

This session will include a brief overview of historical biases against the LGBTQ+ community and will frame the current context of LGBTQ+ policies on the Hill, showing the current systemic barriers. Discussion will center on advocating for the needs of LGBTQ+ trafficking victims and survivors under complex political situations, as well as informing what being a true ally looks like with current political and systemic issues. Being an ally is an action that requires intentional actions to overcome our own personal biases, as well as working toward the systemic biases that permeate the work and our political climate. Learn the tools of being inclusive and their beneficial implementations to change the treatments of the LGBTQ+ survivors and victims of human trafficking.

Creative Collaboration: New Tricks in Tricky Times

Coordinator: Amy Fleischauer [International Institute of Buffalo](#)

Presenters: Tara Hughes, Gavin Kasper & Carrie Rich

Location: Mt. Columbia

International Institute of Buffalo has been piloting a model of technical assistance that involves an on-site presence within systems that experience low identification of trafficking survivors. This session will highlight ongoing challenges and successes of this model within child protection, substance abuse/community health, and public assistance systems, while emphasizing the need for more strategic and creative collaboration at a time of shrinking resources.

Understanding Cultural Nuances While Working with Human Trafficking Survivors

Coordinator: Rebecca deSimone [My Sisters' Place](#)

Presenters: Regina Bernadin, Mary Caparas, Dr. Annie Isabel Fukushima & Dr. Anita Ravi

Location: Mt. Sopris

This panel will delve into discussions on the challenging work of understanding the cultural nuances for the very diverse populations impacted by human trafficking.

5:15 PM - 7:30 PM | SPECIAL EVENT

The Paul and Sheila Wellstone Award Ceremony and Reception

Location: Pinnacle Club, 38th Floor

In the conference center directly across from the main entrance of the hotel

The Paul and Sheila Wellstone Award seeks to recognize individuals and organizations that have made a unique contribution to the anti-trafficking field in the United States or demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication in working to combat human trafficking and slavery in the United States. This award is named in honor of US Senator Paul Wellstone and his wife, Sheila, both champions of human rights and justice. All attendees are welcome to join us for light hors d'oeuvres and an available cash bar.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | PLENARY

Human Rights Advocacy for Our Times

Coordinator: Jean Bruggeman [Freedom Network USA](#)

Presenters: Meagan Burrows, Kory Masen, Hanni Stoklosa & Dan Werner

Location: Colorado

Human rights are best protected when they are seen as an integrated web – protection of any of these rights requires protection of them all. Human trafficking is allowed to flourish when workers, immigrants, LGBTQIA+ community members, people of color, and poor people are not protected. When a society does not protect those with the least power, it allows abuse and exploitation. What can we do to create a more intersectional, collaborative, and effective anti-trafficking field that works to support the human rights of all? Human trafficking enjoys a unique role as one of the few human rights issues that has bipartisan interest; what should we be doing with that power?

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM | BREAKOUTS

Criminal Record Advocacy for Survivors: Strategy & Best Practices for Legislation, Outreach, & Pro Bono Collaboration

Coordinator: Kate Mogulescu [Individual Member](#)

Presenters: Jennifer Kroman, Crysta Price & Christina Thompson

Location: Colorado

This workshop will provide participants with the current view of a criminal record, or post-conviction, advocacy for trafficking survivors and tools to build efforts in their own jurisdiction and organization.

The session will highlight new and emerging state laws and a comprehensive update on efforts for federal criminal record relief for survivors. Workshop participants will learn how to better move legislation forward in their jurisdictions, identify survivors who might be eligible to clear their records, and build a collaborative pro bono legal response. The session will also look critically at the process of clearing criminal records from survivors' perspectives and offer best practices for meaningful individual work and broader reform. This session is appropriate for advocates in states with strong post-conviction relief laws or laws that need improvement, as well as those working in states that currently do not offer survivors criminal record relief.

Narrating Documented/Undocumented Migration:

Intersecting Movements of Immigration, Rights, and Human Trafficking

Coordinator: Dr. Annie Isabel Fukushima [Individual Member](#)

Presenters: Elena Dineen, Cindy C. Liou & Lenora Lee

Location: Aspen

A citizen is summarized as a person who has the right to have rights, and immigrants oftentimes do not fit into this right-holding status. In the 21st century, an ongoing, hot-topic issue in the United States is immigration. From recent discussions on immigration, misperceptions about immigrants circulate where they are misrepresented as "murderers and rapists." To Executive Orders, immigration is more than newsworthy – it has social and legal consequences on families' and individuals' lives. The ongoing immigration debates and responses by law enforcement agents have created legal challenges for survivors of human trafficking when they are deemed criminal, illegal, and/or deportable. Trafficked people who cross international borders are deeply impacted by the discourse, policy, and practices on immigration. This session offers an in-depth discussion on how legal and social service providers are working on immigration in the current climate. Questions grappled with will include: How do organizations bridge immigrant rights with their own work? And how do organizations address current narratives about immigration?

Shut Out of the Housing Market: Housing Services for Trafficked Youth

Coordinator: Karen Romero [Freedom Network USA](#)

Presenters: Daniella Cameron, TC Cassidy & Eric Masten

Location: Maroon Peak

Minors have unique needs and face unique barriers to accessing safe housing. Their legal rights and authorities are limited by their age, yet they may be avoiding system involvement by not revealing the full extent of the abuse and exploitation they face. Addressing these complexities in a victim-centered, trauma-informed way is critical, but not easy.

Triumphs and Challenges in Family Reunifications: Best Practices and Survivor Voices

Coordinator: Amy Shogan [Safe Horizon](#)

Presenters: Arabelle Alonto & Elizabeth Darlington

Location: Mt. Columbia

The process of family reunification can entail a host of ideals and aspirations for both the human trafficking survivor and family members abroad. At the same time, it often creates challenges – both potential and real – for all those involved in the process.

This session seeks to explore the nature and type of issues that shape the survivor experience during the process of family reunification. We will discuss the roles that service providers, including case managers, attorneys, and the International Organization for Migration, play in supporting survivors during each of these stages and some of the challenges they encounter. Where possible, we will also discuss insights regarding best practices from the perspective of the panelists.

Let's Work Together: Creating a Collective Response to Human Trafficking through Collaboration and Critical Dialogue

Coordinator: Carolyn Kim [Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking \(CAST\)](#)

Presenters: Erin Albright, Kate D'Adamo, Jessica Emerson & Erika Gonzalez

Location: Mt. Sopris

As advocates, practitioners, and professionals involved in the anti-trafficking movement, we are pressed for deadlines, have large caseloads, and are often jumping from one case to the next. This session will focus on creating an opportunity to take a step back, evaluate current issues in the anti-trafficking movement, and discuss the trajectory of the movement and promising practices that best serve survivors of trafficking. We will host a community dialogue session where three to four articles relating to the current trends in the anti-trafficking movement will be critically analyzed through impactful, small-group dialogue.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | LUNCH

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | BREAKOUTS

Q&A with Immigration Practitioners Working with Survivors

Coordinator: Carson Osberg [Americans for Immigrant Justice](#)

Presenters: Erika Gonzalez, Stacie Jonas, Carolyn Kim, Pat Medige & Lynette Parker

Location: Colorado

This panel is a continuation of the breakout session “Expecting a T Visa Approval, Preparing for an Appeal: Careful Preparations of T Visa Petitions,” where you can get all those burning questions answered by experienced immigration practitioners. We will discuss the updates to the latest T visa regulations before we allow time to collectively brainstorm how to tackle challenging fact patterns and “problem” cases. Please come prepared for a participatory and engaging session.

Utilizing Harm Reduction: Decreasing Stigma

Coordinator: Edith Klimoski [Give Way to Freedom](#)

Presenters: Courtney Albert, Susie Baldwin & Magalie Lerman

Location: Aspen

Funding cuts for housing and services for homeless and runaway youth, especially those who are LGBTQ-identified, increase vulnerability to trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Adverse events and trauma lead many to engage in higher-risk behaviors, including self-medication through substance use and participation in survival economies. Cuts to essential services, including sexual and reproductive health services, further increase vulnerability for poor outcomes among this population.

When accessing services, survivors often meet judgment or institutional barriers, turning a service provider into an adversary and an organization into another institution from which to escape. In contrast, harm-reduction approaches acknowledge that while certain personal behaviors may increase risk, services should advance secondary and tertiary prevention among vulnerable populations. This session will look at the importance of utilizing harm reduction, or strategies that reduce negative consequences without asking an individual to stop that behavior, to reach clients and develop trust needed for complex service provision. When clients feel judged or controlled, trust cannot be built and services are compromised. With harm reduction, clients are met where they are and lives are affirmed.

Focused on survival sex, sex trafficking, and substance use, the audience will learn what harm reduction is and its importance to trauma-informed service delivery. Strategies will include self-reflection around stigma, navigating institutional barriers, and emphasizing collaboration to provide information and support. Audience members will learn concrete harm reduction techniques to integrate into their current practice, which can advance health and well-being in the day-to-day lives of clients.

Civil Remedies for Trafficking Survivors

Coordinator: Martina Vandenberg [Human Trafficking Legal Center](#)

Presenters: Fainess Lipenga, David Lopez & Jenifer Rodriguez

Location: Maroon Peak

In 2016, the federal government prosecuted 241 human trafficking cases. Of those, just 13 prosecutions were for forced labor. In the current environment, it is highly unlikely that these statistics will improve, as civil litigation provides an option to hold traffickers accountable for their crimes. As of February 2018, trafficking survivors had brought 272 federal trafficking cases since these cases became possible in 2003. Of those, 93 percent were for forced labor. This panel will discuss trends in human trafficking civil litigation in the United States. Using data collected by the Human Trafficking Legal Center, panel participants will discuss the power of civil litigation, much of it done by pro bono attorneys. The panel will focus on three central themes: successes in civil litigation in trafficking cases, survivor interest in civil litigation, and the potential to sue third parties who “knowingly financially benefit” from human trafficking, particularly in sex trafficking cases. In addition, the panel will discuss alternative remedies, including EEOC litigation and Department of Labor complaints.

Survivor-Informed Practices – Are We There Yet?

Coordinator: L. “Rico” Ozaki [Opening Doors](#)

Presenters: Rafael Bautista, Katherine Chon, Melissa J. Gomez & Russell G. Wilson

Location: Mt. Columbia

In 2017, the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center and Coro Northern California developed a Human Trafficking Leadership Academy pilot program that was sponsored by the federal Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP). Participants (Fellows) in the pilot program learned leadership tools and applied those tools in developing a project that would help OTIP grantees enhance their programming and services to support survivors of trafficking and/or those at risk for human trafficking. Fellows included survivors and service providers in governmental and nongovernmental agencies. The project included a proposed definition for “survivor-informed practices” and recommendations on how to obtain meaningful input from survivors and support implementation of the proposed practices. The workshop will include discussion of the pilot program and the project, and implications for grantees whose funders adopt the definition and recommendations.

A Labor Trafficking Case: Service Providers & Enforcement Collaborating for Good Results

Coordinator: Bill Bernstein [Mosaic Family Services](#)

Presenters: Michelle Allen-McCoy, Yuriria Guerrero & Alison Maher

Location: Mt. Sopris

In January 2017, a jury convicted Olga Murra of two counts of forced labor and two counts of harboring an illegal alien for profit. Trial evidence indicated that Olga Murra coerced at least six survivors to work in her home and for her personal businesses for decades, and she enforced compliance through a pattern of isolation, control, and religious and physical abuse. Panelists include one of the survivors who reported the crimes to Mosaic Family Services nearly 11 years after her escape, an attorney from Mosaic Family Services, an agency that provided case management and legal services, and the lead prosecuting attorney. Panelists will discuss lessons learned about effective and ineffective collaboration during investigations and prosecutions of trafficking crimes.

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM | BREAKOUTS

Subsidized Housing for Human Trafficking Survivors:

A Look at the Chicago Housing Authority Collaboration

Coordinator: Megan Mahoney [Heartland Alliance](#)

Presenters: Summar Ghias, Angela Green & Mary Howard

Location: Colorado

In July 2016, the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Board of Commissioners approved 60 tenant-based Housing Choice Vouchers for survivors of human trafficking in Chicago—the first initiative of its kind in the country. In this sustained, collaborative effort, which stems directly from the Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services to Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States, the CHA partnered with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and six community service providers to design, implement, and administer a program that aims to set survivors up for success in housing and in life. Panelists will discuss program details like eligibility to the referral process; supportive services to the reporting structure, and reviews of program data, and share successes, limitations, challenges, and lessons learned to help session attendees determine how a similar housing intervention might work for survivors in their communities.

State Initiatives to Combat Labor Exploitation and Trafficking

Coordinator: Susan French [Individual Member](#)

Presenters: Lynette Gonzales, Kristen Leanderson Abrams & Jessica Melton

Location: Aspen

Panelists will discuss state efforts in California, New York, and Texas to train law enforcement and prosecutors to identify, investigate, and successfully prosecute labor trafficking cases. Two panelists will discuss prosecutions of a domestic servitude and agricultural labor trafficking case, specifically how the cases were identified, the challenges of the investigations and trials, and lessons learned. The Buffett-McCain Institute Initiative to Combat Modern Slavery (focus on agricultural labor trafficking) speaker will share its project’s vision and actions to bring justice to exploited and trafficked farmworkers, presently focused on Texas. The panel also will explore why states have not prosecuted more labor trafficking cases and how to change that landscape.

Reproductive Rights and Human Trafficking: Collaboration for Human Rights

Coordinator: Susie Baldwin [Individual Member](#)

Presenters: Meagan Burrows & Savannah Sanders

Location: Maroon Peak

Survivor-centered work consciously and intentionally centers the voice, decisions, choices, and wisdom of survivors. This requires providers to support survivors in making their own decisions and accessing the services and support that the survivor chooses. This must be inclusive of medical care, including abortion and contraceptive care.

A Time of Turmoil: Speed Dating for Case Managers

Coordinator: Amy Watson [IRC Sacramento](#)

Presenters: Amy Smith

Location: Mt. Columbia

With fear increasing within many vulnerable communities and resources simultaneously dwindling, case managers have had to be even more creative than usual in meeting the needs of survivors. This participatory session will facilitate time for you, the experts, to share your best practices and creative ideas. The session will involve a “speed dating” format where participants interact and share their own ideas and best practices in leveraging resources, expanding collaborations, and increasing organizational capacity. Please come prepared with at least one tip/intervention/creative idea you/your organization has implemented within the past year.

Confidential Informants and Forced Labor

Coordinator: Jeremy McLean, formerly of [Worker Justice Center of NY](#)

Presenters: Kate D’Adamo & Renan Salgado

Location: Mt. Sopris

A case study of the use of confidential informants in police investigations will be presented. Forced labor can take many forms and is exacted from victims by many different perpetrators. Confidential informants are often individuals who are vulnerable because of criminal history. When they are asked to participate in dangerous and otherwise illegal activity, with the goal of furthering a criminal investigation, does government action ever parallel that of a trafficker? What is the anti-trafficking community doing to protect this vulnerable population?

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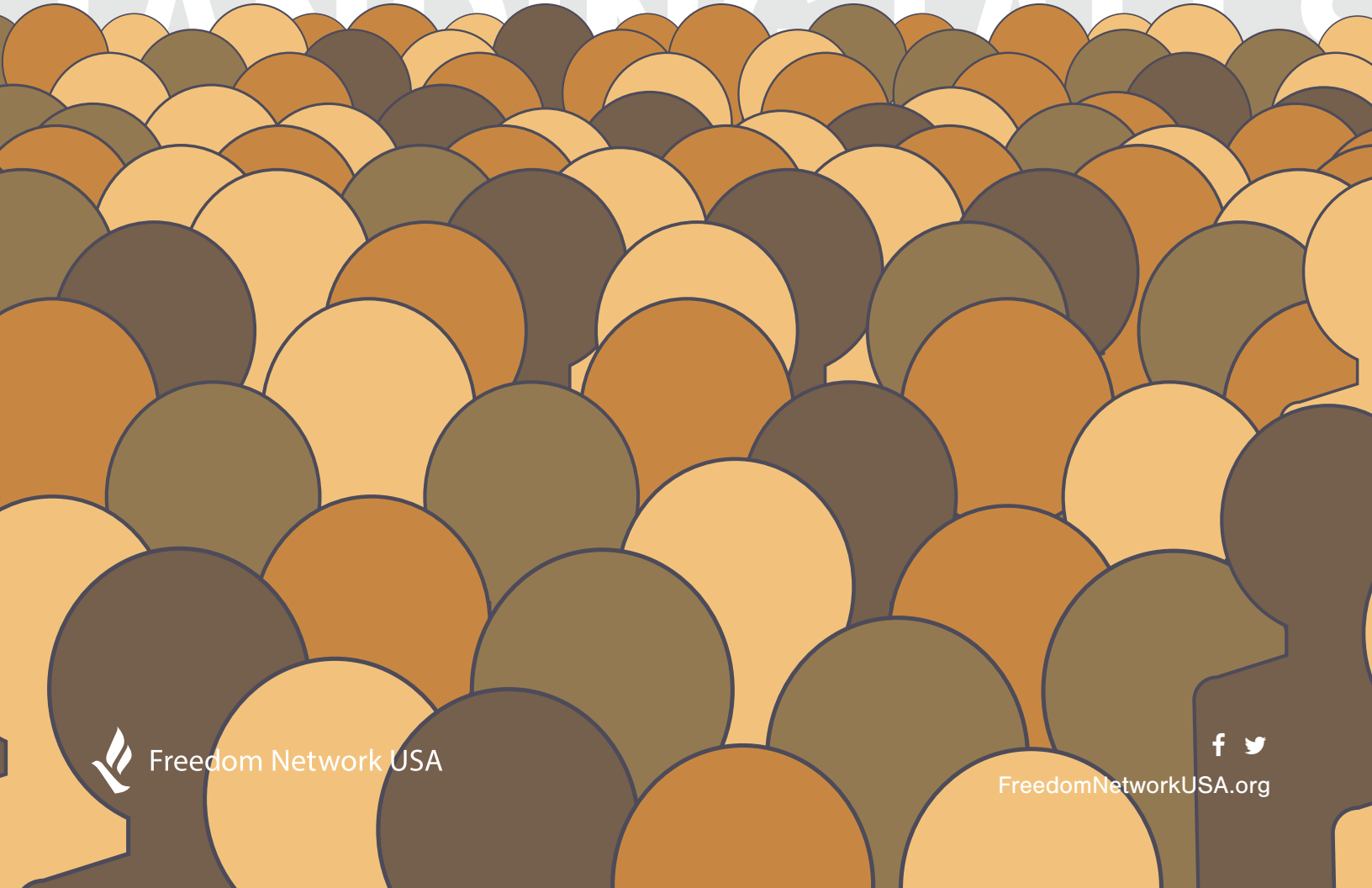
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