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Since 1952, PARCA has provided services and support for clients with developmental disabilities and their families. PARCA's family support services include child care, respite care, and educational advocacy for parents. For clients with developmental disabilities, PARCA provides housing, counseling, and skills development, all while celebrating what makes them remarkable.

Speakers and Moderators

Mistress of Ceremonies

Katie Koyfman

Next Generation Chair, National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco

Director of Operations of Partners and Advocates for Remarkable Children and Adults

Katie Koyfman is dedicated to supporting mission-driven organizations with civic engagement, advocacy, partnerships, development, and storytelling. Katie joined the National Council of Jewish Women - SF Board in 2015 after interning with NCJW and the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking. She currently serves as the Director of Operations at PARCA, a nonprofit helping people with developmental disabilities thrive. Katie also provides public affairs support to social impact nonprofits and startups. She earned her B.A. in Political Science from Dominican University of California. Katie's passion lies at the intersection of tech and social good; it drives her to do good and do well.



MORNING PLENARY

Welcome by SFCaHT Co-Chairs

The Honorable Susan Breall

California Superior Court Judge, City & County of San Francisco

Susan M. Breall currently presides over dependency matters in the Unified Family Court. She has been a Superior Court Judge for 19 years. Prior to her assignment to the dependency court, Judge Breall presided over a juvenile delinquency court for three years. She also previously ran San Francisco's domestic violence court. As part of her juvenile delinquency assignment, she created the first Girls Court in San Francisco. This court handles all delinquency cases involving girls who are at risk of sexual exploitation and trafficking. In 2006, Judge Breall was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald George to the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery Task Force. In 2011, she was invited by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to participate and speak at the International Human Trafficking Summit, which Justice O'Connor hosted at Arizona State University. Since 2017, Judge Breall has been the Co-Chair of SFCaHT, a coalition of over 50 government and law enforcement agencies, non-profit organizations and faith-based groups committed to ending modern-day slavery. She has been faculty on several national judicial trainings on human trafficking that were sponsored by the National Center for Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Rights 4 Girls, and the US Department of Justice. Judge Breall's previous assignments have included presiding over both adult and juvenile drug court, felony settlement court, long cause preliminary hearings, and serious adult criminal jury trials. Prior to her appointment to the bench in 2001, she was Chief of the Criminal Division of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office for all crimes of violence against women, children, elderly and intimate partners. Judge Breall has done numerous trainings for police and prosecutors throughout the US. In 1997 she was invited to the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina where she conducted domestic violence trainings for the Federation of Bosnian Judges on police investigations, interview techniques and evidence gathering for domestic violence cases. In 1998, she conducted trainings for all the police officers in the US Virgin Islands on legal issues affecting battered immigrant women.



Benita Hopkins

Former Director of Education, Generations United, Inc. and Founder, 1st Fruits Arts Project

Benita Dean Hopkins, an "Agent of Change" has worked in the non-profit sector for the last 13 years. Benita most recently was the Director of Education for Generations United who serves the immigrant population of Redwood City. Before GU, she was Director of Community Education and Engagement for Love Never Fails, committed to the trafficked population. She is the current Northern and Central California Liaison for the DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative and oversees her 1st Fruits Arts Project to offer underserved students of all ages the opportunity to express themselves and find healing through the arts. She has traveled to various countries to bring hope to those who suffer from shame and abandonment. Restoring to wholeness is a very important attribute and goal in life to Ms. Hopkins. Benita has traveled to Ghana, West Africa to serve with CORM Ghana at their Faith Roots International Academy and 7Continents their workforce development and prevention education programs. One of Benita's favorite quotations by Dr. King is: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Human trafficking and other injustices are critical to her work. Benita is a recent graduate of Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids with a degree in Ministry Leadership. She was awarded "2015 Abolitionist of the Year" for Education by SFCaHT and the "Working Women's Award" by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Santa Clara Valley in 2011. She is on the Boards of Generations United, S.H.A.D.E. (Survivors Healing and Dedicated to Empowerment), the National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco, and is Co-Chair of SFCaHT. In her spare time, she is the Principal Violist in the Mission College Symphony.



Keynote



The Honorable Robert Lung

District Court Judge, 18th Judicial District - Colorado

Judge Robert Lung currently presides over a Domestic Relations docket in the 18th Judicial District of Colorado. He has served as a judicial officer in the 18th Judicial District for over 17 years in almost every docket type with a specialty in human services cases. Judge Lung also provides presentations nationally and internationally on issues such as human trafficking, childhood trauma and resiliency. In 2016, then Chief Justice Nancy Rice of the Colorado Supreme Court appointed Judge Lung as the Judicial Representative to the Colorado Human Trafficking Council on which he now serves as the Vice-Chair. Judge Lung received Presidential appointment to the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States under the Obama Administration and Presidential appointment in 2018 to the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking on which he served as Chair until July 2020. Judge Lung also provides consultation to the Department of Justice, the Administration for Children and Families, the State Department and NCMEC. In his "free time," Judge Lung endeavors to keep up with his two adopted sons in hiking, dirt biking and downhill mountain biking.

Opening Remarks



The Honorable Fiona Ma

California State Treasurer

Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She was elected on November 6, 2018 with more votes (7,825,587) than any other candidate for treasurer in the state's history. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. The State Treasurer's Office was created in the California Constitution in 1849. It provides financing for schools, roads, housing, recycling and waste management, hospitals, public facilities, and other crucial infrastructure projects that better the lives of residents. California is the world's fifth-largest economy and Treasurer Ma is the state's primary banker. Her office processes more than \$2 trillion in payments within a typical year. She provides transparency and oversight for the government's investment portfolio and accounts, as well as for the state's surplus funds. Treasurer Ma oversees an investment portfolio of more than \$102 billion, approximately \$20 billion of which are local government funds. She serves as agent for sale for all State bonds, and is trustee on over \$100 billion of outstanding debt.

Restoration by Immigration Safeguards and Benefits

The Honorable Susan Breall

California Superior Court Judge, City & County of San Francisco (bio included on page 2)



Francisco Garcia

Victim Assistance Specialist, Homeland Security Investigations

Francisco Garcia is employed with Homeland Security Investigations in San Francisco as a Victim Assistance Specialist, and he is assigned to the Human Trafficking and Human Smuggling Unit. His primary responsibilities include providing direct and indirect victim services for various federal crimes, supporting case agents, and participants in outreach efforts while maintaining partnerships. Previously he worked with the City of Phoenix as a Criminal Justice Victim Advocate, beginning in their Family Advocacy Center then transitioning to their Prosecutor's Office, Victim Services Unit. He has over ten-years' experience in victim assistance combining local to federal case work. In addition, Francisco was recognized by the National Advocate Credentialing Program through the National Organization for Victim Assistance. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Services from Ottawa University, a Master of Science in Leadership and Master of Public Administration with emphasis in government & public policy both from Grand Canyon University.



Antonio Flores

Sergeant & Inspector, Special Victims Unit, Human Trafficking, San Francisco Police Department

Sergeant/Inspector Antonio Flores became a member of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) in 1982, accruing over 37 years of experience as a sworn law enforcement professional. After serving with the Narcotics Division for 13 years, he was promoted to Sergeant in 1998 and assigned to the Tenderloin District, where he was responsible for supervising officers and overseeing the Field Training Program. His assignment included: community problem solving for issues such as homelessness, mental health, narcotics, and quality of life problems. In 2001, Sergeant Flores was promoted to Inspector and assigned to the Domestic Violence Response Unit, where he oversaw and investigated 1,000+ cases. He testified in superior courts across the Bay Area as a leading expert in cases involving domestic violence, stalking, elder abuse, and T/U-Visas. In 2012, Sergeant/Inspector Flores was assigned to Special Victims Unit - Human Trafficking. To date, he has investigated 500+ cases involving sex and labor human trafficking. Over the past eight years with the Human Trafficking unit, his assignments included:

- Served on the San Francisco Mayor's Task Force on Human Trafficking and the Massage Parlor Subcommittee.
- Serving on the advisory boards for Super Bowl 50. The event provided an incredible opportunity to increase Human Trafficking awareness throughout the Bay Area and beyond. The boards included representatives from NGOs and the private sector.
- In 2015, he became a Task Force Officer for Homeland Security Investigations, conducting investigations into transnational human trafficking cases.
- As a leading expert, Sgt./Insp. Flores is the main presenter on human trafficking topics to members of the SFPD, the medical community, and various community advocate groups. He presents on "Victim Interviews" and "Ethics & Investigator Wellness" of human trafficking for the ICI-Human Trafficking POST course.
- He is the sole certifying official for U-Visa and T-visa applications at SFPD.



Rose Mukhar

Executive Director and Principle Attorney, Justice At Last

Rose Mukhar is a social justice attorney and in 2015 she founded Justice At Last, a non-profit law firm that provides free legal services and representation to survivors of human trafficking so that they can seek justice on their own terms. Justice At Last is the only independent nonprofit law firm in the San Francisco Bay Area exclusively serving survivors of trafficking and specializing in asserting crime victims' rights, vacatur and expungement of criminal records, family law and parental rights, immigration relief and identity theft recovery. Rose earned an LL.M. degree in International Legal Studies, her J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law, an M.A. in International Relations from the United States International University, and a B.A. in Political Science from Wellesley College. Rose was awarded the 2019 Modern Day Abolitionist Award by the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking and was appointed as "Abogado Consultor" to the Consulate General of Mexico in San Francisco in August 2019 and the National Crime Victim Law Institute Legal Advocacy Award in May 2018 for crime victims' rights representation of trafficked persons. Most recently, Rose graduated this summer from the Center for Excellence in Nonprofits Leaders Institute and currently is a Fellow in the OneJustice Executive Program.



Sarah Lakhani

Skadden Fellow, Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Sarah is a Skadden Fellow at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) in San Francisco. She focuses on the intersection of immigration status and public benefits, family-based immigration, and relief options for immigrant survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other crimes. This includes writing and updating practice advisories, manuals, and other resources for legal practitioners, other immigration advocates and immigrant services providers, and immigrant community members. Sarah also conducts in-person and webinar trainings and contributes to the ILRC's Attorney of the Day legal technical assistance program. Prior to the ILRC, Sarah completed a Ph.D. and M.A. in Sociology with an emphasis on immigration and the sociology of law. She was a Law and Social Science Doctoral Fellow at the American Bar Foundation in Chicago, Illinois and a Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Study of Law & Society at Berkeley Law. As a law student, Sarah worked at the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, the East Bay Community Law Center, the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, the ILRC, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. She also externed at the San Francisco Immigration Court and was a Human Rights Center Fellow and editor of the *California Law Review*. Sarah earned her J.D. from Berkeley Law, her Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, San Diego. She speaks Spanish and Italian and is a member of the California bar.

Self-Care Activity



Kiyomi Ameriks, DO

Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Medical Director, Autism Spectrum Disorder Evaluation Center, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, San Francisco

Prior to becoming a child and adolescent psychiatrist, Kiyomi was a high school and middle school teacher. Kiyomi earned an M.Ed. at Xavier University focusing on gender equality in the classroom. Throughout her teaching career, she advocated for gender equity and single sex education and helped to establish an all-girls middle school. After 10 years in education, Kiyomi switched careers to become a physician. She completed her medical education at Touro University-College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she learned to holistically treat her patients. During medical school, Kiyomi saw a presentation on human trafficking and began raising awareness, advocating for justice, and supporting survivors of trafficking and trauma. She carried her commitment through her adult psychiatry residency and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at the University of Southern California. Kiyomi worked with patients who had been trafficked and focused on learning medication management and psychotherapies to support treating adult and children who experienced trauma. She volunteered at CAST-LA by providing training on PTSD. She researched ways to raise awareness around identifying and treating survivors of trafficking at the Los Angeles County Medical Center. After completing training, Kiyomi moved back to the Bay Area. Currently, she is the Medical Director of the San Francisco Autism Evaluation Center at Kaiser Permanente. She is a member of the Kaiser Permanente Child Abuse Services and Prevention Committee and continues her advocacy work through her involvement as a community member in SCAHT and raising awareness throughout Kaiser Permanente, Northern California.

Vicarious Trauma and Self-Care



Roxanne Alejandre, Esq.

Senior Manager of Human Trafficking, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women

Roxanne Alejandre is a lifelong advocate for the advancement women and girl's rights. She is currently a Senior Manager of Human Trafficking at the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women. Her primary focus is to manage the San Francisco Safety, Opportunity, and Lifelong Relationships Collaborative, a project funded by \$9.3 million from the California Department of Social Services to create new continuum of care for youth experiencing commercial sexual exploitation. Prior to joining the Department, Roxanne was a senior staff attorney at Bay Area Legal Aid. She started at Bay Area Legal Aid in 2002 as an Equal Justice Works Fellow to provide legal services to teen domestic violence survivors. Later as a legal aid staff attorney, she represented low income individuals on a variety of civil legal matters with a focus on domestic violence, immigration, and youth justice law. Roxanne received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, and J.D. from U.C. Berkeley. During law school, Roxanne authored a law review article that was published in the *U.C. Berkeley Women's Law Journal*, addressing domestic violence cases under the Hague Convention, which has been cited by the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh and Eleventh Circuits.



Dr. Gena Castro Rodriguez

Chief of Victim Services, San Francisco District Attorney's Office

Gena Castro Rodriguez, Psy.D, LMFT is the Chief of Victim Services and Parallel Justice Programs for the Office San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin. Dr. Castro Rodriguez holds a master's degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of San Francisco and a doctorate in Clinical Psychology for the California Institute for Integral Studies. She is a strategic public health leader with experience serving diverse, marginalized and vulnerable communities, working across public health, criminal justice, social welfare, public policy and clinical practice. She has worked with youth involved in the dependency and criminal justice system for thirty years including ten years as the founding Executive Director of the Youth Justice Institute, a non-profit organization providing mental health services, mentoring and advocacy for youth and young adults at risk for and involved in the juvenile and criminal justice system throughout California. Dr. Castro Rodriguez has also been an Adjunct Professor at the University of San Francisco graduate school of Counseling Psychology for eight years and has a clinical private practice in San Francisco serving those who have experienced trauma utilizing a relational framework. She has published in the areas of victimology, trauma, juvenile justice and gender responsibility including her dissertation on the relationship between sexual trauma and delinquency for girls of color. She presents locally, nationally and internationally on trauma and victims of crime including work with the U.S. State Department, the San Francisco Psychotherapy Research Group and the International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology.



Dr. Tonya Chaffee, MD, MPH

Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University of California, San Francisco

Dr. Chaffee is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, at the University of California, San Francisco. She is Medical Director of the Child and Adolescent Support, Advocacy and Resource Center (CASARC) the referral center for children and adolescent who are alleged victims of sexual assault for the city and county of San Francisco. She also is the Director of Teen and Young Adult Health Center at San Francisco General Hospital where she provides primary care to teens and young adults including those who are victims of trafficking. Dr Chaffee completed her Pediatric Residency, Chief Residency, and fellowship training Adolescent Medicine at University of California, San Francisco. She subsequently completed an Academic Fellowship in Violence Prevention, at San Francisco General Hospital with a focus on youth violence. She subsequently earned a Masters in Public Health at UC Berkeley and has continued to conduct research and policy work the area of violence prevention. She has served on numerous local and national organizations focusing on youth violence, and most recently she served on the Institute of Medicine Committee's report on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States. She has been involved with several Bay Area initiatives and organizations working to address human trafficking.



Toni Eby, MSW

Executive Director, San Francisco SafeHouse

Toni serves as the Executive Director of San Francisco SafeHouse, where she works further the SafeHouse mission to empower and support womxn who are experiencing housing instability and sexual exploitation or trafficking by creating survivor-centered spaces, services, advocacy, and community education. As a survivor herself, she has a deep commitment to ensuring that survivors voices are being heard and those seeking services are receiving trauma informed care and obtaining the support needed to heal. She holds a Master's in Social Work and Bachelor's in Women and Gender Studies from San Francisco State University.

AFTERNOON PLENARY

Keynote



Cyntoia Brown-Long

Author, Speaker and Advocate for Criminal Justice Reform and Victims of Trafficking

Cyntoia Brown-Long is an author, speaker, and advocate for criminal justice reform and victims of trafficking. Cyntoia had a difficult start in life. She was born to an alcoholic, teenage mother who was a victim of sex trafficking. Cyntoia experienced a sense of isolation, low self-esteem, and alienation that drove her straight into the hands of a predator. Cyntoia was trafficked during her early teenage years and, at the age of 16, was arrested for killing a man who solicited her for sex. She was tried as an adult and was sentenced to life in prison without the chance of parole for 51 years. Her trafficker was never arrested. In prison, Cyntoia's life took a dramatic turn when the prison education principal took her under her wing and introduced her to a spiritual path. She encouraged her to build a positive life in prison and to resist the negative influences that lead to despair. Cyntoia's journey was a roller coaster ride that included a documentary about her life, a profound encounter with God, an unlikely romance, and, eventually, a commuted sentence by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam. She received unprecedented national and international support from social media advocates, pastors, and celebrities and was released from prison in Nashville, TN, on August 7, 2019. Her memoir, *Free Cyntoia: My Search for Redemption in the American Prison System* (Atria Books), written while in prison, documents her early years and the 15 years she was incarcerated and takes readers on a coming-of-age spiritual journey. Set against the shocking backdrop of a life behind bars and the injustice of sentencing sex-trafficked juveniles as adults, Cyntoia struggled to overcome a legacy of birth-family addiction and a lifetime of being ostracized and abandoned by society. Of her time in prison, Cyntoia says, "I was just a teenager when I was sent to live behind a razor-wire fence. My entire coming of age was within the walls of the Tennessee Prison for Women." She is a 2020 Nominee for the NCAAP Literary Image Award and has been featured as a guest columnist for the Washington Post. Cyntoia hopes her story will not only inspire others but also shine a light on the injustice that people still face on a daily basis, especially the injustice to women and children in American prisons. She, with her husband, Jaime, is the founder of the Foundation for Justice, Freedom, and Mercy. In January of 2020 the Vera Institute of Justice recognized Cyntoia as one of the Best of Justice Reform honorees. As a thought leader for legislative and societal reform, Cyntoia is available to speak to a wide variety of organizations.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Colonization, Trafficking and Perseverance of Native Americans



Meghan Johnke

American Bar Association Fellow, San Francisco Superior Court

I recently started my second year at Brooklyn Law School where I am a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society and the Social Media Chair of If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice! Before working as an extern with Judge Breall, I was an intern at the National Resources Defense Council where I helped create DEI initiatives within recruitment. Currently, I am a legal intern at Brooklyn's Disability and Civil Rights Clinic where I am working to combat discrimination at the intersection of gender and disability!



Eva Smolen

Summer Intern, San Francisco Superior Court

Eva is a current high school junior in San Mateo, California. She and Meera participated in an internship with Judge Breall at the San Francisco Superior Court this past summer. Through this experience, she was introduced to the issue and prevalence of human trafficking both globally and locally. This year, she and Meera co-founded a club against human trafficking hoping to provide a space for education and discussion and provide resources and spread awareness in the larger school community.



Meera Williams

Summer Intern, San Francisco Superior Court

Meera is a high school junior in San Mateo, California. Over the summer she worked as an intern for Judge Breall in the San Francisco Superior Court where she developed a deeper understanding of human trafficking. At her school, she and Eva co-founded a club against human trafficking that aims to educate and bring awareness to the issue in her school community.



Cari Herthel

Survivor Leader and Cultural Officer, Esselen Tribe of Monterey County

Cari is a Survivor leader, Speaker consultant, Resource Specialist and engaged Coalition partner based in Monterey County, California. Following her own recovery from sexual exploitation, Cari has worked for 28 years as a Recovery Resource Specialist in the areas of trauma, drugs and alcohol. Her trainings go beyond trauma into complex intergenerational and traditional trauma. Due to her personal experience and as a child of the California welfare system, she focuses on issues concerning the welfare of children. California agencies seek her advice and consultancy to create Native American policies and procedures for children around education and prevention of sex trafficking. As a Survivor leader, Cari brings her special expertise, insights and wisdom on the issue of commercial sexual exploitation/sex trafficking to everything she touches. She is a trained volunteer for Shared Hope International since 2012 and has assisted on multiple prevention awareness events around the San Francisco Bay, offering her invaluable input. Cari Herthel is a respected Cultural Officer of the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County, a California native and lifelong resident of Monterey County.



Lisa Heth

Executive Director, Pathfinder Center

Ms. Lisa Heth has worked in the field of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse for over 27 years. Ms. Heth has been a strong advocate for women and children on the Crow Creek and Lower Brule reservations in South Dakota and is the executive director for Wiconi Wawokiya, Inc. (Helping Families) which operates a domestic violence shelter in Fort Thompson on the Crow Creek reservation and is the founder of Pathfinder Center, a place of refuge for victims of human trafficking. Ms. Heth received the prestigious 2015 OVC National Crime Victims' Service Award, Tribal Law and Policy Institute, Bonnie Heavy Runner Victim Advocacy Award in 2012 and in 2010 received the Carol Maicki Advocacy Award from the SD Coalition Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence and in 1998 received the SD US Attorney's Victims' Rights Appreciation Award. Ms. Heth was appointed in 2002 to 2012 by the Governor of SD to the SD CASA and served as the co-chair of the South Dakota Coalition Ending Domestic & Sexual Violence from 1999 to 2001, 2010-2011 & 2013. Ms. Heth served as the Chair for the Native Women's Society of The Great Plains from 2011 to 2013, which is a tribal coalition and serves over 20 tribes. In September 2018 Ms. Heth was appointed to the SD Victim Compensation Board. Ms. Heth is a member of the Lower Brule Lakota Tribe. Ms Heth is married and has three children and seven grandchildren.

Creative Ways of Healing: Arts and Science



Teddi Silverman

Vice President, National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco

Teddi Silverman received a Bachelor of Arts from University of California, Berkeley and a Masters in Social Work from San Francisco State University. She has worked as a professional, board member and volunteer with a variety of nonprofit organizations. Her professional career has included being an Executive Director, writing grants, strategic planning, board development, fundraising, budgets and program expansion. Her work has focused on women and youth in the areas of homelessness, disabilities, education, music, art, domestic violence and pediatric cancer. She currently works as a consultant with Circle of Friends – the Path to Inclusion and at the National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco Section where she is the Board Vice President, Co-Chair of the Development Committee, Chair of the Center for Women and Girls Committee and Co-Chair of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking Development Committee.

Benita Hopkins

SFCAHT Co-Chair and Founder of 1st Fruits Arts Project (bio included on page 2)



Nancy Goldberg

Co-Founder, SFCAHT

Nancy Goldberg has been a long time advocate on issues from domestic violence to human trafficking. Eleven years ago, Nancy helped form the Jewish Coalition Against Human Trafficking with four other organizations: Jewish Family and Children's Services, New Israel Fund, NCJW and Jewish Community Relations Council. A short while after that, they held a first conference on Anti Human Trafficking. Immediately following that conference, a group of city nonprofits and San Francisco government agencies formed a public/private partnership, with Katherine Dodd from Mayor Gavin Newsom's office and Nancy Goldberg as co-chairs of SFCAHT; a position Goldberg held for five years. Nancy has been president of Jewish Family and Children's Services, California State Chair of the Jewish Public Affairs Committee, and on the board of the Prison University Project at San Quentin Prison, and different arts organizations. She currently serves as president of the Rhoda Goldman Plaza, an assisted living facility, in San Francisco.



Liliana Hernandez, MFT

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic, Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco

Liliana considers it a great honor to be able to serve kids, children, teens and adults. She has extensive experience (15 years) in providing comprehensive counseling services to children and teens, families, adults and groups from diverse cultural backgrounds in different settings. This includes all levels of education from preschool to high school, hospital settings, non-profits, outpatient programs and victims of crime. She has specialized in trauma work. She holds the following certifications: EMDR, EFT, Trauma CBT, PTSD evidence based CBT, Heartmath and Parent Child Interaction Therapy. In addition to the above, Liliana maintains Triple P accreditation, Parent project, kimoichis usage in the clinical setting, Mindfulness self compassion. Liliana has also been offering trainings, classes, conferences and workshops for the past 15 years. She holds a Masters in Counseling psychology. Liliana believes in the potential of people to connect with their inner resources and strengths and to overcome obstacles. She has seen the power of relationships to support each other. She grew up in Mexico City and moved to California 17 years ago. Her family is originally from Spain. Having a bicultural appreciation has been key to her success in working with a diverse population.



Ayris Temidara

Movement Specialist, ARM of Care

Ayris is a certified Yoga Teacher through Breathe for Change and is passionate about using movement and body awareness for self-awareness and self-growth. She loves learning about the connection between Somatics and Social Justice. Ayris is currently working on her Master of Science in Special Education through Biola University. She also loves being a wife and mother to two young children ages 4 and 6.

Building Resilience



Carissa Phelps, JD/MBA, Esq.

Founder and CEO, Runaway Girl, Inc.

Carissa Phelps is founder and CEO of Runaway Girl, Inc. (RG). A first-of-its-kind California social purpose corporation, RG assists communities in their responses to human trafficking and inspires individuals who have survived human trafficking to embrace freedom and pursue their dreams. Carissa has been a leader in the anti-human trafficking movement for over a decade. Her combined education and experience as a survivor, thriver and social entrepreneur make Carissa a sought-after speaker and connector to resources. She has helped to bring global and local attention to the issue of human trafficking, and has been part of significant changes in legislation, policies, and protocols to improve responses to human trafficking. She is a strong advocate for the support and decriminalization of victims, and for the provision of impactful services that help with understanding, processing, and moving into a life that is safe, rewarding and life-giving. Carissa works directly with survivors, providing support, mentorship, and encouragement in their personal and professional lives. Carissa is the author of Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets One Helping Hand at a Time (Viking 2012), her award-winning memoir. In 2008, she also co-produced, CARISSA, an award-winning, short documentary film about her life. Both works are used across the country as teaching tools on child welfare, human trafficking, and criminal justice. She holds a Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law, a Masters of Business Administration from UCLA Anderson, and a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics, summa cum laude, from Fresno State University. Carissa is a licensed attorney in the state of California.



Ashley Chesney

Program Coordinator, Set Free Monterey Bay

Ashley Chesney is the Program Coordinator for the non-profit organization Set Free Monterey Bay. She is currently pursuing a degree in non-profit management where she one day hopes to run a restoration home on the Monterey Peninsula. Ashley is a survivor, advocate, and through her own journey has found healing that she wants to share with others.



EleSondra DeRomano

Founder, S.T.A.R.S.

Perseverant. Honest. Resourceful. These are just a few of the traits that make up the woman behind Wake Up Youth Inc. – EleSondra DeRomano. EleSondra has been working untiringly with at-risk women/girls, regardless of what they are at risk of, be it exploitation, domestic violence, rape, or in some cases drug abuse. She couples her brutally honest style and extraordinary background to create an atmosphere of hope for women and children who are forgotten or abandoned by society. A self-described ex-crack addict and ex-prostitute that has lived an extraordinary life, filled with many obstacles, EleSondra’s exposure to exploitation began at an early age. Her father exploited her mother. She was placed in the foster care system and introduced to the world of abuse and sexual molestation at the age of four. “I would like to thank the foster care system for one thing teaching me how to take a beating and how to tolerate sexual molestation,” she says simply. By the age of 11, EleSondra had graduated to a world of drugs, prison life, and prostitution, exploiting herself to attain money, doing what she had to do to survive. EleSondra recalls the many names she has been called over the years Hustler #34257, Disposable, and Crack Ho just to name a few. Today she is called Momma, Strong Woman, S.T.A.R.S., and Conqueror. What’s her secret? Here are a few highlights: EleSondra has a message and she will do what it takes to get this message out. She travels extensively and conveys a brutally honest message via the local media, prison systems, children’s programs, press conferences, and, most important, the streets. She has implemented a grassroots foot soldier outreach system. Unlike other privately funded non-profit organizations with similar objectives, EleSondra takes it to the streets. “You need somebody like me to find the women and children and get them off the streets and away from lives of drug abuse and sexual exploitation. Call me, to all the young women who need help,” she said, “I speak from experience.” EleSondra’s insurmountable perseverance and dedication is an essential part of S.T.A.R.S.. “If there is a girl out there who has contacted me and I can’t reach her, it bothers me, I take it personal. S.T.A.R.S. is a part of me; this is my passion and dream.” EleSondra has created one of a kind programs such as the Girls Crisis Prevention/Intervention Program and Outreach Program for Survivors of Prostitution. These programs foster love and trust to a sector of our society that is lost and forgotten.



Savannah Sanders

Author, Trainer, and Consultant

Savannah Sanders has experienced and conquered trauma in ways many call “unimaginable” not only because of what she has overcome, but because of her outgoing demeanor and ability to make people laugh and while choosing love everyday. Using her own experiences, hilarious commentary and personal breakthroughs, she is now helping people around the world break their own cycles, as a dynamic and inspiring motivational speaker, author and healing coach. Savannah’s presentations and one-on-one influence brings hope, healing and the power to create change through authentic relationships and real life solutions.



Jessica Kim, MSW

Social Worker, Advocate, Author, and Public Speaker

Jessica Kim has over 10 years of experience in prevention, education, research, and public speaking in the anti-human trafficking field. After she escaped years of sexual exploitation under the control of her step-father, she found freedom through her faith and through education. Passionate about learning and books, Jessica now uses her knowledge and life experience to educate and inspire a wide range of audiences. Through her work with Point Loma Nazarene University, she continues to find solutions to empower the public and survivors of trafficking to exit the life of exploitation and find freedom. She is currently in the development stage of Onramps, a multidisciplinary, collaborative effort to build financial and educational opportunities for survivors of trafficking. She is vice president of the Survivor Leader Network of San Diego and on the Advisory Board as the Survivor Voice for The San Diego Regional Human Trafficking & the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Advisory Council.



Keelin Washington

Lead Program Facilitator, kNOw MORE

Keelin Washington is currently completing her Social Working and Psychology dual-degree program. She is a lived experience expert who has dedicated her life to making a difference. She is currently a Lead Program Facilitator of the kNOw MORE program, an anti-human trafficking awareness curriculum for middle school and high school age youth. She has taught at schools all over San Diego County, talked with thousands of students, and partners with other lived experience experts to continue the work. Keelin is the Lead Resident Guide at Generate Hope Transition Program. She enjoys walking alongside the ladies into the transition back into the community. She has spoken at the Hope Rising Conference, was a guest for The Washington Times podcast, and has done training videos for companies who work with survivors. God has given her a plan and a purpose, and she has dedicated her life to bringing awareness and recovery to the community and survivors she serves.

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Kiyomi Ameriks, DO

Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist (bio included on page 5)

The Role of Technology in Countering Trafficking in Persons

Antonia Lavine

Coordinator, SFOAHT and Executive Director, NCJW San Francisco

Antonia Lavine is a lawyer with over 20-year experience in criminal prosecution, litigation and oversight. She holds Master of Laws degrees in International Legal Studies and United States Legal Studies from the San Francisco Golden Gate University School of Law. As a public prosecutor and criminal law expert in Europe, she specialized in law enforcement, justice reform and legislative action in the areas of human rights protection and combating complex crime, including money laundering, corruption, human trafficking and other forms of organized crime. With law degrees in both the civil and common law legal systems, Antonia is consulted regularly for her comparative and international law expertise and has served on numerous government, UN, and NGO-sponsored projects and panels. She has directly contributed to drafting various pieces of domestic and international legislation, including the European Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings, and served for several years as an appointed expert on the European Union's Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the local victim service agency Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE), Inc. In her current positions as Coordinator of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking and Executive Director of the National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco, Antonia utilizes her legal expertise and project management skills in social justice reform and advocacy action. For her work in fighting discrimination, violence and exploitation, Antonia has received the 2019 CEDAW Women's Human Rights Award and Award of Recognition for Outstanding Achievements in Cross-System Collaboration from the California Department of Social Services.



John Hancock

CEO, Hubstream Inc.

John Hancock is the CEO of Hubstream Inc, which builds software that helps investigators use data to solve crimes faster. He has a background leading teams to build cutting-edge data analytics products in Product Management leadership roles at Microsoft and at startups. John has also spend more than 15 years in various capacities helping to develop and donate tools in the area of Child Exploitation policing, including as a Technical Advisor to Project VIC.





Peter Hauge

Visual Studio and .Net Engineering, Microsoft

Peter is part of the Visual Studio and .Net engineering teams at Microsoft focused Visual Studio and Azure customers. He has been at Microsoft for 19 years, working on developer technologies throughout that time. In the past 5 years he's been volunteering at various non-profits working toward applying technology to combat human trafficking



Kirk Arthur

Sr. Director, Worldwide Government Industry, Public Safety and Justice, Microsoft

Kirk Arthur is the leader of Worldwide Public Safety and Justice for Microsoft, with responsibility over experts that serve the public safety & justice communities. He has over 18 years of experience as a federal and municipal law enforcement official in the United States. In this role, Kirk is responsible for all aspects of the business, including the development and adoption of Microsoft technology solutions in public safety and justice that enable positive and productive outcomes of mission requirements. He is passionate about the safety and security of citizens in the global community, as well as working with customers around the world to achieve their mission goals using Microsoft's technology. Prior to coming to Microsoft, he was a Supervisory Special Agent for the U.S. Secret Service managing the San Francisco Electronic Crimes Task Force and Asset Forfeiture Squads. In this capacity, he was responsible for overseeing global investigations involving network intrusions, data breaches, theft of intellectual property, and other digital and financial threats against the United States' critical infrastructure. He was also responsible for conducting community outreach initiatives on behalf of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, of which the U.S. Secret Service reports under, to the private and public sector communities regarding current and emerging cyber security threats and responses to these threats. Kirk's career with the U.S. Secret Service spanned over fifteen (15) years where he held positions as a criminal investigator in the field, within headquarters, and on the Presidential Protective Division during the Bush and Obama Administrations. Kirk can be reached at karthur@microsoft.com.

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Sally Lieber

Former Speaker Pro Tempore, California State Assembly

Sally Lieber has been a leader in government advocating justice from her first elected position as a member of the Mountain View City Council and later as Mayor. Next she served as a State Assemblywoman representing Silicon Valley and as the State Assembly's Speaker Pro Tempore, only the 3rd woman in California history to receive that honor. Sally's public service is characterized by her courageous and independent work for economic and social justice, education, protection of the environment and human rights. In the State Assembly, she authored the California Trafficking Victim's Protection Act, the first state law of its kind. She authored legislation to restrict 'bride' trafficking and to ban the use of debt bondage in California. She has worked with numerous human rights organizations fighting modern day slavery, including the Polaris Project, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, and the Jewish Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Sally has also worked on legislation to protect the rights and promote the rehabilitation of women in our state prisons, to protect the civil rights of people with disabilities, to empower women and families experiencing homelessness, and to advocate for children and youth in foster care and the criminal justice system.



Melissa Ryan

CEO, CARD Strategies

Melissa helps people, policymakers, and institutions combat online toxicity and extremism. (AKA trolls, the so-called alt-right, disinformation, and fake news.) She writes Ctrl Alt-Right Delete, a weekly newsletter, that reaches more than 16,000 readers. She has also written commentary for outlets like BuzzFeed News, Refinery29, and NowThis. Previously Melissa was a digital strategist for Democratic campaigns and progressive causes. She worked with influencers and online communities to raise money, mobilize activists, drive online conversations and shape media narratives. Her familiarity with this space gives her a unique insight into how trolls and extremists organize.



Lori Cohen

Executive Director, ECPAT-USA

Lori Cohen is the Executive Director of ECPAT-USA, the nation's leading organization to address child sex trafficking and exploitation, and part of the network of ECPAT-affiliated organizations working to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children in over 100 countries. Prior to leading ECPAT-USA, Ms. Cohen founded an anti-trafficking legal services program that garnered international recognition for providing comprehensive services to immigrant and domestic victims of human trafficking. Ms. Cohen has drawn upon her experience to advocate for anti-trafficking policy on federal, state and local levels. She has conducted workshops in the US and abroad for diverse communities ranging from incarcerated women to Russian LGBTQ student activists to the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. She has taught on the faculty of Yale University and the University of Michigan Law School. A lifetime member of NCJW-NY, Ms. Cohen is a former board member of NCJW Inc., where she chaired the Trafficking Action Network. Ms. Cohen has been quoted widely in the media, most recently regarding QAnon's depiction of child trafficking in the NY Times, [QAnon SaveOurChildren](#).



Rachel Goldwasser

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Rachel Goldwasser is an expert on anti-government extremism at the Southern Poverty Law Center where she tracks right wing, anti-government militias, sovereign citizens and conspiracy propogandists and follows news and trends related to those topics. She previously worked for Knowledge and Intelligence Program Professionals, a southern California firm which furnishes government agencies with a wide range of courses and events utilizing experts in the fields of terrorism, intelligence and Homeland Security. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics from the University of California Santa Cruz and a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from California State University Long Beach where her research was focused on terrorism and organized crime.



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