Trish Danner serves as Regional Outreach Specialist for the United States Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) in Region III. In this capacity, she serves as an advisor to the HHS Regional Director and provides outreach to a variety of stakeholders on issues related to the Department. She also serves on the HHS Region III Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. In this capacity, Ms. Danner has assisted in identifying stakeholders throughout the Region to partner with to organize human trafficking education and awareness events. These stakeholders include Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, the faith-based community as well as the medical community. She also serves on the Delaware Human Trafficking Medical Committee and the Maryland Child Labor Trafficking Learning Collaborative.

Prior to joining HHS, Ms. Danner served as a Local Government Policy Specialist in the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), where she worked on local government legislation and policies. Additionally, she served as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Pennsylvania Department of Health. At the Pennsylvania law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, she was a paralegal and the Government Affairs and Administrative Coordinator.

Kimberly L.H. Murphy will be graduating in January 2021 with a Doctorate in Social Science (DSocSci) in Prevention Science from Wilmington University. Her doctoral research defines high-quality residential care and supportive services for children and youth who have been found to be, or are at-risk of becoming, sex trafficking victims. She also holds an M.S. in Organizational Leadership through Wilmington University and is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a B.S. in Family and Community Services.

Ms. Murphy joined the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau Region 3 Office in 2007 after working with children, youth, and their families at state and community levels in Delaware for nine years. In addition to her state assignment of monitoring child welfare services and funding for the Commonwealth of Virginia, she is the lead for human trafficking, tribes and the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) for youth aging out of foster care in the Children's Bureau Region 3.
Christine Woolslayer serves as a Public Health Advisor for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, in Region III, located in Philadelphia. Region III oversees the six Mid-Atlantic States which consists of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

In this capacity, she implements prevention related activities in the Region, including serving as the Regional Women's Health Analyst, Regional Minority Health Analyst and the co-chair for the Region 3 Anti-Trafficking Federal Interagency Task Force.

Alexis Polen serves as the Regional Liaison with the HHS Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) where she supports HHS Administration for Children and Families (ACF) regional anti-trafficking workgroups and interstate anti-trafficking initiatives.

Ms. Polen serves as a Project Officer providing oversight to Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Education (HTYPE) Demonstration Program grants and is the Contracting Officer Representative for the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC).
Erin Andrews is the Executive Director of FAIR Girls, Inc., a nationally recognized and award-winning anti-trafficking service provider located in Washington, DC whose mission is to end human trafficking one life at a time through survivor-centered, trauma-informed services, prevention and advocacy. Under her leadership, FAIR Girls was recently honored as a 2020 recipient of the U.S. Department of Justice National Crime Victim Service Award. She previously served as the Director of Policy at FAIR Girls.

As Executive Director, Ms. Andrews manages and oversees the day-to-day operations of FAIR Girls to enable it to continue to thrive as a successful anti-trafficking nonprofit. She is responsible for communications, publications, trainings, advocacy, and testimony regarding FAIR Girls’ policy positions. She is an active member of several local and state taskforces in the DMV region, and serves as the co-chair of the Policy Working Group of the D.C. Human Trafficking Task Force and the co-chair of the Montgomery County Human Trafficking Prevention Committee.

Previously, Ms. Andrews was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia where she investigated and prosecuted an array of crimes in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

Llamilet Gutierrez, Executive Director of the Amara Legal Center. As the daughter of formerly undocumented immigrants, Ms. Gutierrez became a lawyer to provide a voice for the marginalized. She was an advocate and supporter of Amara's work even before joining the staff. In her most recent role as a public defender at the Office of the Public Defender in Prince George's County, Maryland, she had the opportunity to represent many clients who had been involved in commercial sex, many of whom were survivors of sex trafficking. Now, she seeks to continue to provide excellent legal representation to victims of commercial sex, connect survivors with vital social services, and raise public awareness of the legal issues facing our clients.

Ms. Gutierrez holds a J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, OR, and a B.A. from Dickinson College, PA. She is licensed to practice law in Maryland where she is actively involved in several bar associations. Ms. Gutierrez is Treasurer for the Prince George’s County Bar Association, Board Member of the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association, and Chair of the Bench-Bar Section Council for the Maryland State Bar Association.

Sidney McCoy joined the Amara Legal Center team as a Staff Attorney in June of 2019. Ms. McCoy holds her J.D. from Penn State Law School and is licensed to practice law in Virginia.

Prior to joining Amara, she was a VOCA Staff Attorney with Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia where she provided representation in family law matters to low-income survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault.
Christina Crooks Bryan joined the Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) as Director, Communications and Policy in 2018. In this role, Ms. Bryan advocates on behalf of DHA's membership of hospitals and health care delivery systems before the Delaware General Assembly and State Agencies. She serves as staff for DHA's Human Trafficking Medical Committee, Hospital Finance Committee and Strategic Communications Advisory Committee.


Previously, Ms. Bryan served as Senior Manager of Government Affairs for Financial Executives International from 2010-2013, where she advocated on behalf of the association's membership of senior-level business executives on issues including the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. She began her career in Washington, D.C. working as Legislative Assistant for former U.S. Congressman Michael N. Castle (R-DE).

Diana Suchodolski serves as Project Coordinator for Delaware's Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council (HTICC). Working with organizations across regions, she supports state and non-profit agencies in developing and broadening Delaware's response to human trafficking through victim support services, collection and evaluation of data, training, and public awareness efforts.

As an active advocate serving survivors of trafficking, Ms. Suchodolski engages in trauma informed practices supporting survivors working towards life-changing goals. She has a Bachelor of Science in Public Policy & Public Service with a concentration in Leadership, is certified in the SERVE model to provide trauma responsive advocacy, and has completed Pennsylvania's Domestic Violence Prevention Project training for providing support in residential programs. Ms. Suchodolski is also a certified vinyasa and aerial yoga teacher for youth and adults.
Jessica Dickerson is the Victim Services Coordinator for the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). She has approximately 25 years of experience providing services to delinquent youth, their families and victims of juvenile crime. Mrs. Dickerson works directly with the agencies Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking initiative and is currently a co-chair of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force Victim Services committee.

In addition, she serves as the representative for DJS as a member of the Maryland State Board of Victim Services, the Governor’s Family Violence Council, the Maryland Coalition of Sexual Assault’s Maryland Women of Color Network and is affiliated with other organizations devoted to assisting victims of crime. Mrs. Dickerson graduated from the Roper Victim Assistance Academy of Maryland in 2004.

Neil Mallon, LCSW-C is a Senior Training Specialist with the Prevention of Adolescent Risks Initiative at the Institute for Innovation & Implementation at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work.

In his role, Mr. Mallon is responsible for implementing and overseeing several grant funded activities geared toward improving outcomes for child and young adult victims of sex and labor trafficking in Maryland. He is also an Advisor to the University of Maryland Support, Advocacy, Freedom, & Empowerment (SAFE) Center; a multidisciplinary service center for survivors of human trafficking. Mr. Mallon is the Chair of the Maryland Child Labor Trafficking Learning Collaborative and Co-Chair of the Washington County Human Trafficking Task Force.
Shamere McKenzie is a consultant, activist, subject matter expert on human trafficking and a sought-after award winning internationally recognized speaker and trainer. Turning her past adversities into an opportunity to liberate and protect others, Shamere has brought about social and political change in America and around the world.

Ms. McKenzie has a strong passion for education and policy and is the Chief Executive Officer for Sun Gate Foundation, an anti-trafficking organization that provides educational opportunities for survivors of human trafficking. Additionally, she serves as the Training Manager for the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Ms. McKenzie is also the co-chair for the victim's services committee of the Maryland State Human Trafficking Task Force. As a former Program Director, she authored an anti-trafficking program from the ground up and oversaw an emergency residential program for adult survivors of human trafficking.

In 2018, Ms. McKenzie responded to a call from the Ministry of Justice in her birthplace, Jamaica, and currently serves as the first appointed Anti-Human Trafficking Ambassador for Jamaica.

Ms. McKenzie works tirelessly to raise awareness on human trafficking by speaking at universities, conferences, community events, and consulting with government officials around the world. She has trained a variety of professionals on how to identify and respond to victims of human trafficking, including the FBI, Homeland Security, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, churches, hotels and airline staff to name a few.

Her lived experiences with sex trafficking have been featured in several books including a college textbook focused on social justice. In addition, her story has been featured widely, on television, radio, documentaries, and in blogs. Her most recent documentary was released on the island of Aruba on September 25, 2018 entitled False Promises. The documentary serves as a tool to educate youth in the Caribbean about sex trafficking.

In 2015, she graduated from Loyola University Chicago with her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Additionally, she serves on several boards, advisory boards and speaker’s bureaus and have received numerous awards in recognition for her work.

Her strong determination, passion for success and her faith in Jesus Christ helps her to keep her eyes on the prize. Ms. McKenzie does not consider herself a victim because she is no longer enslaved; she is not a survivor because she is more than surviving; but, she considers herself a liberator - one who has broken free from the chains of her past, determined to pave the way for others who have been enslaved.
Heather LaRocca, LCSW is the Assistant Director of Anti-Trafficking for The Salvation Army and oversees aspects of the New Day to Stop Trafficking Program (NDSTP). NDSTP delivers trauma informed services survivors of trafficking including transitional housing, 24-hour hotline, intensive clinical case management, a drop in center, court advocacy, and a Police Assisted diversion program. Ms. LaRocca hold her Masters Degree in Social Work from Widener University. Ms. LaRocca has been working with victims of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking since 2006. She was employed by Women Against Abuse (WAA), the lead domestic violence agency in Philadelphia for over a decade. There she supervised and coordinated the Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline as well as intake to two 100 bed shelters. Ms. LaRocca has advocated with the City of Philadelphia and has advocated for Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence victims within the Housing system.

Karen Galbraith is the Training Projects Coordinator at the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR). A licensed social worker, Ms. Galbraith has over 20 years of experience in the field of sexual violence, volunteering and working at both the local and state levels. She has provided direct services to survivors and their families, and has facilitated trainings to a variety of audiences, including victim advocates, criminal justice professionals and the courts, college campuses, and the military. In her role at PCAR, Ms. Galbraith has developed numerous resources and training curricula, with topics ranging from human trafficking to trauma-informed practices. She has participated in numerous local, regional, and statewide taskforces, including the Office of the Attorney General’s working group on campus sexual assault, the Pennsylvania Alliance Against Trafficking in Humans and the Statewide Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking. In addition to her work at PCAR, Ms. Galbraith is an adjunct professor in the Social Work Department at Shippensburg University and a Social Work Supervisor at Penn State Dickinson School of Law’s Children’s Advocacy Clinic.
Pat Mowen is the Prevention Specialist for the Crime Victims’ Center of Fayette County. During her 20 years of working in victim services, Ms. Mowen has conducted hundreds, if not thousands, of education programs and professional trainings within Fayette County and regionally. She has extensive experience working with all ages of individuals, starting as young as three years of age to adults. She has developed curricula that focuses on the education and awareness of issues and behaviors that can lead to victimization with the emphasis on prevention practices and behavior modification. Ms. Mowen is a certified sexual assault counselor and a certified trainer on the topic of mandated reporting of suspected child abuse.

Ms. Mowen has served on a state committee that developed a curriculum on Elder Sexual Abuse Awareness as a joint project with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. She serves as the co-chair of the Fayette County Human Trafficking Task Force. Ms. Mowen was a panelist for the Pennsylvania Rural Health Human Trafficking Summit discussing community collaboration and partnerships in addressing labor and sex trafficking in rural communities. She is also a member of the Fayette County Suicide Prevention Task Force and serves on the Advisory Council for the Connellsville Area School District. She has served as a member of the Policy Council for Head Start of Fayette County, the board of Healthy Start of Fayette and the Youth Advisory Council for the Private Industry Council of Fayette County. Ms. Mowen is a member and past president of Soroptimist International.

Dr. Glenn Sterner is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at The Pennsylvania State University, Abington Campus. He serves as the coordinator of the Criminal Justice Research Center’s Greater Philadelphia Office for the University. As an expert on the opioid epidemic, he sits on the Opioid Overdose Task Force for the State of Pennsylvania. He is also a founding member of the Penn State Consortium to Combat Substance Abuse advisory board. Dr. Sterner serves as a faculty fellow of the Penn State University Administrative Data Accelerator. He is the founder of the Share Your Opioid Story initiative, found at www.shareyouropioidstory.com.

Dr. Sterner’s main research agenda is focused on the application of social network analysis in understanding illicit, illegal, and covert networks, and he is experienced with both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. Dr. Sterner has been awarded over $6.7 Million in local, state, and federal grants to study and address the opioid epidemic, including funding from the National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). His work includes the examination of opioid abuse networks, illegal opiate distribution, networks of legitimate opioid distributors and overdose deaths, hot spots of opioid availability, intelligence-based interventions in rural areas, and stigma associated with opioid and other substance use disorders.

Dr. Sterner collaborates extensively with law enforcement agencies on the local, state, and federal level in his work to address the opioid crisis and other substance use issues. He has several active grants with the Pennsylvania State Police, and partners with local district attorneys, coroners, and police departments. Within the Pennsylvania State Police, he regularly works with individuals in the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC), the data fusion center at State Police Headquarters in Harrisburg.
Fay Chelmow BSN, RN, founded ImPACT Virginia in 2015. Also known as People Against Child Trafficking in American Schools, the organization is a 501c(3) all volunteer nonprofit dedicated to mitigating human trafficking through prevention education. ImPACT Virginia is currently partnered with the VCU School of Medicine to educate medical students and the healthcare community at large on how to recognize and respond to survivors using public health approaches that are grounded in prevention, harm reduction, and evidence-based practices.

Patrick J. McKenna, Esq., is one of the co-founders and facilitators of the (VCAHT), which is an alliance of service providers, attorneys, survivor-advocates, and community members on a mission to remove barriers preventing survivors from achieving a full and healthy life through public awareness campaigns, policy reform and enacting survivor-centered human trafficking legislation.

He is also a Co-Founder and former Executive Director of the Virginia Beach Justice Initiative (“VBJI”) a faith-based non-profit organization founded in 2011, dedicated to ending human trafficking and restoring those victimized by it throughout southeastern Virginia.

Julian Walker serves as Vice President of Communications for VHHA. In that role, he oversees all manner of internal and external communications including media engagement; strategic communication and messaging; production of daily, weekly monthly, semi-quarterly, and annual publications; advertising and public awareness campaigns; audio and video production work; market and public opinion research; and administration of VHHA’s online and social media platforms.

Mr. Walker also works with the advocacy team to coordinate communications strategies with other VHHA outreach efforts, and is the staff lead on VHHA’s Human Trafficking Task Force. Earlier in his career, Mr. Walker spent 16 years as a full-time journalist covering government and politics for newspapers in Virginia and Pennsylvania, winning several writing awards along the way. His knowledge of Virginia politics, policy, and governance resulted in frequent invitations to appear as a guest commentator on television networks such as CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, and C-SPAN.
Amie Ashcraft, PhD, MPH is a Social Psychologist who conducts research in topics related to women's sexual decisions and health, including contraception, preventative health screening, and sexual exploitation and trafficking.

She is a Research Assistant Professor and Director of Research in the Department of Family Medicine at West Virginia University.

Corporal F.H. Edwards has been a member of the West Virginia State Police for approximately 17 years. He has been assigned to the Crimes Against Unit for the last ten years. In this capacity, Corporal Edwards investigates cases of child sexual/physical abuse and on-line sexual exploitation of minors.

Corporal Edwards is a member of the Berkeley County Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team, which is facilitated by the Virginia State Police's Prosecutors Office.

Since being assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit (2018), he has become Federally Deputized as a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigations Violent Crimes against Children's Task Force (VCAC).

Jessica Griffith is an Intelligence Research Specialist with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations assigned to West Virginia. Ms. Griffith is a member of the West Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force and has trained law enforcement officers, first responders, medical providers, state investigators, school personnel, private sector, and the public in the field of human trafficking.

Ms. Griffith formerly served as the Director, Supervisory Analyst, and Fusion Liaison Officer (FLO) Coordinator for the West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center. In 2017, the WV FLO program was recognized for their training program by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She has also worked with various states to either revamp their state FLO programs or to provide guidance in the development of such programs. In 2016, Ms. Griffith was recognized for her outreach efforts and dedication to working with private sector partners by being awarded the Partnership Award from the West Virginia International Association of Special Investigation Units.
Lia M. Palmer is currently Chief Investigator, for the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General with the Consumer Protection and Public Integrity, Safety, and Compliance Divisions. Ms. Palmer began her work with the West Virginia Attorney General’s Office in June 2011. Since her time with the Attorney General's Office, she has worked as a Law Enforcement Liaison, and Investigator working in conjunction with various local, state, and federal law enforcement and governmental agencies. Ms. Palmer is a member of the West Virginia Fusion Center’s Fusion Liaison Program (FLO), the West Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force, and is an adjunct professor with West Virginia State University, teaching Criminology, Criminal Procedure, and Criminal Law. She earned her Bachelors of Arts in Sociology from West Virginia State University in December 2001, and was a member of the Alpha Kappa Delta, International Honor Society. She earned her Masters of Science in Criminal Justice from Marshall University Graduate School in May 2009, and is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma International Honor Society.

Camichelle Spencer currently serves as the FLO Coordinator/ Intelligence Analyst at the West Virginia Fusion Center, the analytical component of the West Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force.