Human Trafficking Summit

September 24, 2012 • 1:00-6:00 p.m.
Turnbull Conference Center • Tallahassee, FL
Dear Summit Participant,

Thank you for joining us! On behalf of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet and Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, we are thrilled to host our first joint Human Trafficking Summit at the beautiful Turnbull Conference Center in Tallahassee and throughout Florida via the World Wide Web. Today’s line up of speakers is exceptional, and we encourage you to use this opportunity to develop a dialogue with our expert panelists.

Whether you are in the conference room, classroom, or living room, you can ask questions on Facebook at http://on.fb.me/QaWuyJ and on Twitter by including #trafficking2012 in your tweet. Summit staff will monitor your questions and pose them to panelists at the end of each breakout session.

It is our sincere hope that this summit starts an ongoing conversation and provides you with valuable information about the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Florida. Remember, if you suspect that a child is a victim of trafficking or abuse, contact the Florida Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-962-2873, 1-800-914-0004 (fax) or dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/report/. Together, we can prevent exploitation!

Sincerely,

David Wilkins
Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Chair

Wansley Walters
Florida Children and Youth Cabinet
Human Trafficking Workgroup Chair

Terry Coonan
Executive Director
Florida State University
Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

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“Very Young Girls will change the way law enforcement, the media, and society as a whole look at the commercial sexual exploitation, street prostitution, and human trafficking that is happening right in our own backyard.” – Girls Education & Mentoring Services (gems-girls.org)
Pam Bondi, Attorney General, State of Florida

Pam Bondi is Florida’s 37th Attorney General. A graduate of the University of Florida and Stetson Law School, General Bondi has served as a prosecutor for more than 18 years. As an assistant state attorney for the 13th judicial district, her investigative and courtroom experience includes the successful prosecution of numerous first-degree murder cases and two capital cases.

Since taking office, Attorney General Bondi has focused on protecting Floridians and upholding Florida’s laws and the Constitution. Some of her top priorities include strengthening penalties to stop pill mills, aggressively investigating mortgage and Medicaid fraud, and ensuring Florida is compensated for Deepwater Horizon oil spill losses. In 2011, General Bondi added human trafficking to her list of priorities when she advocated for strengthened state laws that send a concise message: Florida has zero tolerance for human trafficking.

David Wilkins, Chair, Florida Children & Youth Cabinet

David Wilkins is Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families and Florida’s Chief Operating Officer of Government Operations. He brings decades of experience in business and charitable leadership to Florida. Prior to his appointment, Secretary Wilkins spent 29-years at Accenture, a global management, consulting, technology and business operations company. There, he was named partner at the age of 32, served in numerous management roles in a business that had more than 200,000 employees and a market cap of more than $34 billion, and was ultimately in charge of the global sales organization of Accenture Health.

His vision for the Department of Children & Families is focused on empowering front-line staff, engaging communities, improving programs, and helping families become accountable and self-sufficient. In 2011, in his capacity as Chair of the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet (CYC), he recognized the emerging impact of human trafficking in Florida and proactively created the CYC’s first Human Trafficking Workgroup.

Wansley Walters, Chair, Florida Children & Youth Cabinet Human Trafficking Workgroup

Wansley Walters serves as Secretary for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, the largest statewide juvenile justice agency in the country. She was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to head the agency in January 2011. Under Secretary Walters’ leadership, Florida is comprehensively reforming juvenile justice by shifting more resources to the front end of the system. During her tenure, delinquency has declined 21 percent, commitment to residential facilities 39 percent, and secure detention placements 12 percent.

Before her appointment as secretary, Walters was the director of the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department. She developed and headed a National Demonstration Project with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The program resulted in a ten-year reform effort that reduced juvenile arrests by more than 50 percent, juvenile re-arrest by 80 percent, and secure detention placements by 66 percent.

Since 2011, Secretary Walters has served as chair of the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet Human Trafficking Workgroup. In that role, she spearheaded Human Trafficking Awareness Month activities, led a workgroup responsible for this Summit and launched a Child Sex Trafficking Victim Identification Pilot Project in three Florida juvenile assessment centers.
The mission of the nonprofit Florida's Foundation is to strengthen Florida by making positive changes in the lives of Florida's families through initiatives developed under the leadership of the State of Florida and its citizens.

Special thanks to Florida’s Foundation
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2012 Human Trafficking Awards!

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Erik Fresen, State Representative, Sponsor of H.B. 99, the Florida Safe Harbor Act**

Erik Fresen, State Representative Erik Fresen (R) was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2008 and was re-elected in 2010. He currently chairs the K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee, and sits on the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee, Education Committee, Federal Affairs Subcommittee, and Redistricting Committee. A native of Miami, Erik moved to Tallahassee in 1994 to attend Florida State University and began working closely with government and politics, serving as a legislative aide in both the Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate. After receiving a B.S. in Finance and International Affairs and completing graduate work at Florida State University, he returned to Miami to start his own government relations firm.

For the past three consecutive legislative sessions, Representative Fresen worked tirelessly to pass the Florida Safe Harbor Act. He is being honored today with an Human Trafficking Award for his leadership and perseverance. The Florida Safe Harbor Act was passed unanimously by the Florida House of Representatives on February 23, 2012, and was signed into law by Governor Rick Scott on Friday, April 13, 2012. The law takes effect on January 1, 2013.

**Katherine Fernandez Rundle, Prosecutor of the Year**

Katherine Fernandez Rundle is the State Attorney for Miami Dade County and the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet 2012 Human Trafficking Prosecutor of the Year. Since her appointment to office in 1993, Ms. Fernandez Rundle has been re-elected State Attorney five times. Before attaining her law degree from the prestigious Cambridge University in England, she attended Miami Palmetto High School and the University of Miami. As State Attorney, Katherine Fernandez Rundle has dedicated her career to fighting crime and championing the creation of innovative teen truancy, domestic violence, child support, victim's rights, and human trafficking programs.

In her quest to tackle human trafficking in her community, Ms. Fernandez Rundle has taken a comprehensive approach. She has brought countless community leaders together for awareness activities, worked collaboratively with law enforcement to institute harsher penalties for johns and formed a specialized seven person human trafficking unit within her office. In addition, she has arranged for donations of clothing and toiletries to be made immediately available to victims interacting with her office and has worked closely with DCF to obtain important prosecutorial information from young victims in a sensitive manner. In short, her proactive and widespread efforts have contributed to the successful prosecution of several criminals choosing to exploit children in Florida.

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In Florida, Sandy has played an instrumental role in helping develop policy and protocols as a member of such groups as the Florida Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force and the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet’s Human Trafficking Workgroup. As a member of the Florida Department of Children and Families Protocol Working Group for Child Trafficking, she helped create a statewide response protocol for the child welfare system, the first of its kind in the United States. Most recently, she helped secure passage of the Florida Safe Harbor Act and is presently working on opening Kristi House's first safe house for victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
Trudy Novicki, Advocate of the Year

Trudy Novicki is the Executive Director of Kristi House and a Florida Children and Youth Cabinet 2012 Human Trafficking Advocate of the Year. Mrs. Novicki holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland and a Juris Doctor degree from Vanderbilt University. She began her career in public service as a prosecutor in Miami-Dade County under State Attorney Janet Reno. She spent 25 years in the State Attorney’s Office, finishing as Chief Assistant for Special Prosecutions and as a Special Assistant United States Attorney.

Nearly ten years ago, Trudy began her second career as Executive Director of Kristi House, Miami-Dade County’s Child Advocacy Center. In this capacity, she oversees the care and healing of child sexual abuse victims. Prior to joining Kristi House as Executive Director, Trudy had worked with the center as an advisor. As a former prosecutor, Trudy possesses a unique understanding of the challenges of working with vulnerable, young victims overcoming the trauma of sexual abuse.

In 2009, Trudy helped author the first piece of legislation known as the Florida Safe Harbor Act. Since that time, Trudy has advocated for the Act, which provides a framework for the creation of safe houses dedicated to serving sexually exploited children statewide. This past session, the Florida Safe Harbor Act was passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law.

*Tonja Marshall, Law Enforcement Official of the Year

Tonja Marshall is a Supervisory Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security in Miami, FL and the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet 2012 Law Enforcement Official of the Year. Agent Marshall began her career in 1983 as an intern with the former United States Custom Service. Since then, she has served as a Customs Special Agent in Dallas, Texas; in the Customs Smuggling Investigations Division in Washington, D.C.; in the Black Market Peso Exchange investigative group in Miami, FL; and more. In 2008, Agent Marshall was selected to supervise the South Florida Human Trafficking Task Force, a collaborative effort between law enforcement, prosecutors, non-governmental organizations, faith based communities and concerned citizens.

Special Agent Marshall is being honored today both for her local efforts in spearheading investigations regarding the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) found in Florida and for educating others about CSEC. Under Agent Marshall’s leadership, a number of youth have been rescued; their perpetrators have been prosecuted and sent to prison; the South Florida Human Trafficking Task Force’s membership has grown from a group of approximately ten individuals to a committed group of more than 250; and policies have been developed within the Department of Homeland Security to address this unique population.

*Senator Anitere Flores, Sponsor of S.B. 202, Florida Safe Harbor Act & S.B. 1880, Human Trafficking

Senator Anitere Flores represents Senate District 38, which includes Kendall, Westchester, Fontainebleau, and portions of Southwest Miami-Dade County. Senator Flores earned a a BA in Political Science and International Relations from Florida International University and a J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. After law school, Senator Flores was hired by the Florida House of Representatives to work on the Education Council, and later worked for Governor Jeb Bush as his Education Policy Chief.

During her career in the Florida House, Senator Flores served as Deputy Majority Leader, Chair of the Prek-12 Appropriations Committee, and Chair of the Prek-12 Policy Committee. She is the first Republican Hispanic woman to serve in the Florida Senate since 1989. As a member of the Florida Senate, Senator Flores is the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and sits on the Budget Committee, Budget Subcommittee on Education, PreK-12 Appropriations, Commerce and Tourism Committee, Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities Committee, Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee, Reapportionment Committee, and Rules Committee. She also serves as President of Doral College, a recently established accelerated college program. Senator Flores is being recognized today for her commitment to ending human trafficking in Florida.

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**Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto, Sponsor of S.B. 1816, Protection of Vulnerable Persons**

First elected to the Florida Senate in 2010, Lizbeth Benacquisto represents District 27. Senator Benacquisto is the Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations and is Vice Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on General Government Appropriations.

Senator Benacquisto served as the Deputy Majority Leader of the Florida Senate, a notable leadership position for a freshman legislator. Senator Benacquisto was also recently named Vice Chair of Florida’s Government Efficiency Taskforce, a joint legislative and executive taskforce that focuses on reducing governmental waste and overregulation. In this position, she is focused on finding efficient ways to save taxpayer dollars.

She also sits on a number of other significant committees in the Florida Senate, including Pre K-12 Education, Budget, Transportation, Communications and Energy as well as Reapportionment. Since her election to the Legislature, Senator Benacquisto has maintained a focus on good public policy, sponsoring legislation like the Andrew Widman Act to protect law enforcement officers and keep our streets safe, the Silver Alert Program to protect our seniors, the Qualified Targeted Industries bill to help incentivize global trade and logistical businesses in the state and the Protection of Vulnerable Persons Bill to prevent human trafficking.

**Representative Chris Dorworth, Sponsor of H.B. 1355, Protection of Vulnerable Persons**

Representative Chris Dorworth was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in November 2007 and was re-elected in August 2008 and November 2010. Representative Dorworth currently serves as Chair of the Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee, Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, on the Redistricting Committee, as Co-Chair of the House Redistricting Subcommittee and on the Rules and Calendar Committee.

Prior to his election to the Florida House, he served as Chairman of the Seminole County Soil and Water Conservation District and as Vice-Chairman of the Seminole County Planning & Zoning Commission. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Seminole State College of Florida.

Representative Dorworth is a former student body president and graduate of the University of Florida, and has an M.B.A. from Duke University. At the University of Florida, he was named the Outstanding Male Leader graduate of his class and was a member of the University Hall of Fame and Florida Blue Key. He is being honored today for his leadership as a sponsor of House Bill 1355 relating to human trafficking and the protection of vulnerable persons.

**Representative William Snyder, Sponsor of H.B. 7049, Human Trafficking**

Representative William Snyder represents parts of Martin, St. Lucie, and Palm Beach Counties and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and Florida Gulf Coast University.

His background is in law enforcement. Prior to being elected to office, he served as a Major and Director for the Martin County Sheriff’s Office and spent 20 years with the Metro Dade Police Department. In 2006, he began his first term in the Florida House of Representatives.

In the Florida House of Representatives, Representative Snyder serves as the Chair of the Judiciary Committee and is also a member of the House Appropriations Committee. He is being honored today for his sponsorship of House Bill 7049, related to Human Trafficking.
MODERATOR: Tyson Elliott, Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator, DCF

Tyson Elliott is the Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator for the Florida Department of Children and Families. He previously worked as a detective for the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office in Gainesville, FL and the Osceola County Sheriff's Office in Kissimmee, FL. In 2007, Tyson founded and co-chaired the Alachua County Human Trafficking Task Force in Gainesville. An award winning human trafficking investigator, Mr. Elliott was invited by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to assist in the revision of the curriculum for the 40-hour Advanced Human Trafficking Techniques class. He speaks regularly at conferences throughout the U.S. about human trafficking.

Today he will moderate a panel discussion on how and why the habitual runaway population is targeted by traffickers and pimps. The panel will also address recruitment tactics, techniques used by traffickers to control victims, and the effects of psychological manipulation and trauma bonding. The panel will further delve into the challenges faced by law enforcement officers during human trafficking investigations, the laws and policies governing human trafficking, and what it is like to prosecute a trafficking case.

Nick Cox, Statewide Prosecutor, Florida Attorney General's Office

Nick Cox is Florida’s Statewide Prosecutor. Prior to his appointment by Attorney General Pam Bondi, Prosecutor Cox worked for nine years as an Assistant State Attorney in Hillsborough County and six years as an attorney in the Florida Attorney General’s Office. During that time, he tried approximately 150 criminal jury cases, including numerous homicides and capital cases, and served as a chief of both the felony and economic crimes units. Cox has also served as the regional director of Department of Children and Families for west central Florida. In that role, Cox has supervised over 1,700 employees and managed operations with a budget of over $450 million.

Under Florida law, the Office of Statewide Prosecution has jurisdiction over multi-circuit crimes. Effective July 1, 2012, H.B. 7049 gave the Office of the Statewide Prosecution additional jurisdiction over cases of human trafficking.

Mac Heavener, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Middle District of Florida

Mac Heavener graduated summa cum laude with a B.S.B.A. from The Citadel in 1988 and cum laude with a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1991. Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1991, Mr. Heavener began his practice with the firm of Holland & Knight. In 2000, Mr. Heavener, a native of Jacksonville, returned home and became an Assistant State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. While there, Mr. Heavener prosecuted a wide range of crimes and served as the State Attorney’s Office contact for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. In December 2007, Mr. Heavener joined the Jacksonville Division of the United States Attorney's Office. In 2008, he was named Deputy Chief. As Deputy Chief, he prosecutes a wide range of crimes, with an emphasis on civil rights and human trafficking cases. Notable human trafficking cases prosecuted by Mr. Heavener include: United States v. Marvin Madkins (defendant sentenced to 50 years after jury trial involving child sex trafficking of two minors) and United States v. Ian Sean Gordon (defendant sentenced to life imprisonment after sex trafficking minor female). In addition, Mr. Heavener was instrumental in the creation of a civil rights task force in Jacksonville involving the FBI and Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office. Since 2008, that task force has secured the indictment of 19 individuals involved in human trafficking investigations.
James McBride, Detective, Tampa/Clearwater Human Trafficking Task Force

Detective James McBride has served as the lead investigator on the Clearwater/Tampa Bay Area Human Trafficking Task Force since August, 2006. As lead investigator, Detective McBride is responsible for building relationships with diverse communities, non-governmental agencies, faith-based organizations and law enforcement agencies throughout Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco Counties. He is responsible for conducting a wide array of human trafficking investigations related to sex trafficking, labor trafficking, domestic servitude, human smuggling, and fraudulent immigration documentation.

Currently, Detective James McBride and the Clearwater Area Human Trafficking Task Force actively assist both the Regional Community Policing Institute and the Department of Justice with the Immersion Learning Program. This program was designed to assist other Human Trafficking Task Forces with investigative techniques and task force management. In addition, Detective McBride serves as the President of the International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators.

Jerry Bevan, Sergeant, Marion County Sheriff’s Office

Master Sergeant Jerry Bevan is the Commander of the Special Victims Unit in Major Crimes at the Marion County Sheriff's Office. He has worked for the Marion County Sheriff's Office for more than 23 years. He worked as a Patrol Officer for 15 years, as a Patrol Sergeant for three years, and as an SVU Sergeant for four and a half years. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Colorado Technical University and is working towards a Master's in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University. As the SVU Commander, Sergeant Bevan investigates sex crimes, child abuse cases, and kidnappings. He also works on robbery, homicide, and human trafficking investigations. In 2010, he made the first-ever Marion County arrest related to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. This past June, the suspect in that case plead guilty and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Currently, Marion County has five active human trafficking investigations involving sexual exploitation.

Patrick Guckian, Sergeant, Orlando Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation

Sergeant Patrick Guckian has worked for the Orlando Police Department since 1997. He was assigned to the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation in April, 2011. During his tenure with the Orlando Police Department, Sergeant Guckian has supervised multiple sex trafficking investigations and acted as a human trafficking trainer for hundreds of law enforcement officers, nongovernmental organizations, church groups, and victim service providers.
SERVICE PROVIDER PANEL

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Kristin Stablein, Director of Residential Services, Chrysalis Health

Kristin Stablein is the Director of Residential Services for Chrysalis Health, a community mental health agency which operates group homes for foster care youth. Chrysalis specializes in group care for kids who are deemed difficult to place due to behavioral issues. Most youth placed with Chrysalis are from the “crossover” population, meaning they have been involved in both the dependency and delinquency systems. In addition to serving “crossover” youth, Chrysalis provides services to and facilitates multidisciplinary staffings for victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST). Through Kristin’s leadership and dedication to providing Strength-Based Gender Responsive Programming, the pain-based behaviors exhibited by these adolescents are acknowledged as the youths’ coping mechanisms and responses to the traumas they have endured throughout their lives.

In addition to her regular work responsibilities, Kristin is actively involved in the Broward County Human Trafficking Coalition. Most recently, she was elected to their Executive Board and she remains active in the Coalition’s STARS sub-committee, which focuses on DMST.

Giselle Rodriguez, Outreach Coordinator, Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Giselle Rodriguez is the Statewide Outreach Coordinator for the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking. In this role, Giselle provides human trafficking training to law enforcement officers, faith based organizations, health care providers, social service providers, judges, and prosecutors. She also visits schools, shelters, and churches to educate youth about human trafficking. Ms. Rodriguez’s anti-trafficking work has been commended by both U.S. Senator Marco Rubio and FBI Special Agent Gregory Christopher.

Locally, Giselle is the founder of the Tampa Bay Rescue and Restore Coalition and co-founder of the Orlando Rescue and Restore Coalition. These groups aim to improve and expand services for trafficking victims. In addition to her coalition work, Giselle has coordinated several street outreach events in the Tampa Bay area, including during the Superbowl and Florida Classic. This field work enabled Ms. Rodriguez to rescue victims and provide leads to law enforcement. Giselle is also active in affiliation with the Organization of American States Anti-Trafficking in Persons Unit.
The mission of the Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation is to solicit and steward private gifts to promote education and public safety through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and positively change the lives of troubled youth.

Special thanks to the Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation for sponsoring the Human Trafficking Summit refreshments!

Lowell Senitz, Co-Founder, Wings of Shelter

Lowell J. Senitz is the co-founder and President of Wings of Shelter Int’l, Inc. (Wings of Shelter), a Florida Department of Children & Families licensed long-term rehabilitative safe house in southwest Florida. Wings of Shelter serves females under the age of 18 who have been sexually exploited for commercial purposes.

A former computer program analyst consultant, Lowell holds his MS in Education from CCNY-New York. As a licensed teacher and educator in New York, he worked with at-risk-children in lower income districts. Ten years ago, Lowell and his wife Sally developed a safe house program with the capacity to serve 48 youth in Romania. He also provided services in Nairobi, Kenya; Sudan; and Haiti. In 2009, Lowell established the Wings of Shelter Int’l, Inc. safe house & long-term rehabilitation program here in Florida. As a safe house operator, Lowell has trained others interested in operating safe houses on his “non-punitive model.” Wings of Shelter further provides educational training regarding child sex trafficking to law enforcement, the judiciary, victims services personnel and mental health providers.

Sally Senitz, Co-Founder, Wings of Shelter

Sally C. Senitz is the Vice President and Program Director of Wings of Shelter Int’l, Inc. (Wings of Shelter). She holds a degree in Counseling Psychology with a minor in Organizational Development from Antioch College in California.

Sally has assisted in the founding of the Family Resource Center for sexually exploited children in Monterey, California; developed a residential youth program in Romania that has the capacity to serve 48 commercially sexually exploited youth; and, run a male youth residential program in Germany, also with the capacity to serve 48 children. With more than 30 years of experience in the prevention of child abuse, Sally remains dedicated to intervening in the lives of abused children. In 2009, she co-founded Wings of Shelter Int’l, Inc., a Florida Department of Children & Families licensed long-term rehabilitation program & safe house with her husband Lowell. Wings of Shelter serves females under the age of 18 who have been sexually exploited for commercial purposes; trains safe house operators on a non-punitive model; and, provides educational training regarding child sex trafficking to law enforcement, the judiciary, victims services personnel and mental health providers. Previously, Sally ran her own successful marketing business in California.
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Kristi House Project GOLD Survivors
Survivors from Kristi House Project GOLD will be joining us to share their experiences. They are appearing anonymously and have been provided pseudonyms for this event.
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**Brad Dennis, National Search Director, KLAAS Kids Foundation**

Brad Dennis is the National Search Director for the KlaasKIDS Foundation and founder of Polly’s Center. He also serves as the Pastor of Eden Fellowship Church located in Pensacola, Florida. He has over twenty-five years of experience in search and rescue and crisis management, and has managed search efforts for over 200 missing/abducted children around the country. He managed the community-assisted search effort following the abduction of Polly Klaas which has become the model for child abduction search strategies.

Mr. Dennis travels extensively throughout the United States providing instruction concerning search and rescue operations, advocacy to families of missing children, child abduction search management and sex trafficking of minors and serves as “Master Lead Evaluator” for the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR). His effort to locate missing and abducted children has led to the discovery of traffickers abducting and recruiting our children into the unsavory world of prostitution. Brad has been instrumental in the rescue of numerous children from sex trafficking, and the intelligence he has gathered has assisted in taking down several child prostitution rings. His rescue efforts have been chronicled on CNN, The Early Show, The Today Show, Dateline, MSNBC, and 48 Hours. Brad’s efforts have earned him numerous awards including the Commissioner’s Award from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

**Sarah Gillespie Cummings, Juvenile Assessment Manager, Broward Sheriff’s Office**

Sarah Gillespie Cummings is the Treatment Manager for the Juvenile Assessment Team at the Broward County Juvenile Assessment Center. Prior to joining the Broward Sheriff’s Office, Ms. Cummings worked for several years as a therapist and later as a Clinical Supervisor & Administrator within the therapeutic foster care system. Later in her career, Ms. Cummings transitioned to clinical work with youth and young adults with primary substance abuse/dependence diagnosis. Ms. Cummings received her undergraduate degree in Psychology at Florida State University, and her Master’s degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at the University of Miami. She has been a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist since 1996 and a Qualified Supervisor since 2002.

In addition to her work responsibilities, Ms. Cummings is actively involved in the Broward County Human Trafficking Coalition and helped develop a methodology to identify victims of child sex trafficking that is the basis for a Florida Department of Juvenile Justice pilot project.
Kristin Stablein, Director of Residential Services, Chrysalis Health

Kristin Stablein is the Director of Residential Services for Chrysalis Health, a community mental health agency which operates group homes for foster care youth. Chrysalis specializes in group care for kids who are deemed difficult to place due to behavioral issues. Most youth placed with Chrysalis are from the “crossover” population, meaning they have been involved in both the dependency and delinquency systems. In addition to serving “crossover” kids, Chrysalis provides services to and facilitates multidisciplinary staffings for victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST). Through Kristin’s leadership and dedication to providing Strength-Based Gender Responsive Programming, the pain-based behaviors exhibited by these adolescents are acknowledged as the youths’ coping mechanisms and responses to the traumas they have endured throughout their lives.

In addition to her regular work responsibilities, Kristin is actively involved in the Broward County Human Trafficking Coalition. Most recently, she was elected to their Executive Board and she remains active in the Coalition’s STARS sub-committee, which focuses on DMST.
Continue the Conversation

The Florida Children & Youth Cabinet and Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights 2012 Human Trafficking Summit was intended to start a statewide conversation among community members, students, advocates and professionals about the status of human trafficking in our state. However, for real change to occur, it is imperative to continue this conversation. For those of you looking to get actively involved in your communities, contacts for various human trafficking coalitions, task forces and working groups in communities throughout the state is provided below.

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The Florida Department of Children and Families Child Abuse Hotline
Phone: 1-800-962-2873 • Fax: 1-800-914-0004 • Online: www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/report

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