

Kristi House's Project GOLD presents...

The 5th Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Education Symposium

Identifying and Serving Special Populations

WELCOME & OPENING: 9:30 – 9:45 am

SESSION 1: 9:45 – 11:15 am

Trans Youth in the Heart of the Storm: Providing Calm and Care.
Discussion of current climate for trans individuals with practical tips and skills to better serve trans youth, prevent exploitation, and stimulate healing and resilience.

MICHAEL MUNSON, Co-founder and Executive Director, FORGE



SESSION 2: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Breaking Cycles: A Trauma-Informed and Prevention-Based Approach to Addressing Toxic Masculinity, Violence, and Racial Inequities in Adolescent Males. This workshop explores reframing how we view and respond to violent behaviors in males, particularly sex trafficking and intimate partner violence, in an effort to promote pathways of resilience, healing, and equity.

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SESSION 3: 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Unaccompanied Minors, Migration, and Labor Trafficking: Navigating Vulnerabilities and Protection Gaps. This presentation explores labor trafficking exploitation of migrant youth and specialized services needed.

CRISTOBAL PEREZ, Director Law Student Support Services, St. Thomas University, Consultant, Co-chair of Florida's Statewide Coalition Combatting Labor Trafficking



Q&A, WRAP UP: 2:45 – 3:00 pm

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Trans Youth in the Heart of the Storm: Providing Calm and Care

Trans youth have historically faced challenges in finding acceptance, respect, kindness, competent services, and a life free from abuse, harm, and exploitation. Today's anti-trans cultural climate, filled with anti-trans legislation and overt violence, is both increasing the amount of violence trans youth are experiencing, as well as making it more difficult for trans youth survivors to receive low-barrier, affirming support. This session will review some of the risks and vulnerabilities trans youth face, including long-standing barriers and the impact of new waves of anti-trans initiatives and cultural bias. Content will also include a brief review of trans-specific ACEs, minority stress, microaggressions, polyvictimization, and the role of historical trauma. Participants will leave with practical tips and skills to better serve trans youth, prevent exploitation, and stimulate healing and resilience.

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Violent behaviors in males, including sex trafficking and intimate partner violence, are often rooted in childhood trauma. The intersection of race further complicates this issue, as young males of color face systemic inequities and racial stereotypes that amplify their criminalization while neglecting underlying trauma and societal pressures leading to an increased risk of substance misuse, depression, and suicidal ideation. These impacts extend beyond the individual, perpetuating cycles of harm that disrupt relationships and communities. This workshop empowers participants to address the root causes of harmful behaviors in adolescent males. By discussing the individual as someone needing services, professionals can proactively address the needs of males who are at risk of becoming involved in exploitation or related crimes. Through trauma-informed and prevention-based strategies, participants will explore ways to dismantle toxic masculinity, challenge systemic inequities, and foster healing, accountability, and resilience for long-term change. By reframing how we view and respond to these behaviors, participants will learn to promote pathways of resilience, healing, and equity.

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This insightful presentation will focus on the complex experiences faced by unaccompanied children from Central America in their home country, during migration to the United States and upon arrival, related to labor trafficking. The presenter will discuss vulnerabilities and risk factors facing this population, examine data points and trends that illustrate the phenomenon, identify and discuss current systems in place to assist the youth once in the United States, and explore actionable solutions to protect them.

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