

# Kentucky's 2011 Victim Assistance Conference

Reshaping the Future — Honoring the Past  
Celebrating 25 Years of Victims' Rights in Kentucky

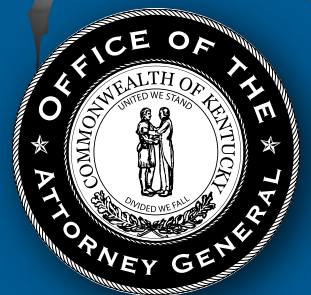
## April 13-14, 2011

Capital Plaza Hotel, Frankfort, Kentucky

Darkness to Light preconference — April 12, 2011



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# A message from Attorney General Conway

Dear Victim Service Providers:

The Office of the Attorney General is proud to host the 2011 annual Victim Assistance Conference. Despite budget constraints, my office remains committed to victim advocacy and to ensuring justice and healing for crime victims, both young and old, in Kentucky.



This year's Victim Assistance Conference will be a tribute to the history of victims' rights and services in Kentucky as we mark the 25th anniversary of the Crime Victims Bill of Rights and the Office of Victims Advocacy. We are very pleased to have Carol Jordan and Rep. Joni Jenkins kick-off the conference with keynote addresses focusing on significant victim rights' milestones in our state.

Michelle Cruz, State Victim Advocate for the Office of the Victim Advocate in Connecticut, will also provide attendees with insight into the future of victims' rights. Ms. Cruz has successfully lobbied for laws targeted at crime victims' rights improvements, authored several investigative reports that have been the impetus for improvements in the services to crime victims, and provided assistance to hundreds of crime victims in Connecticut.

As our conference will be held during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, my office will host Kentucky's Victims' Rights Day on April 13 at the Kentucky History Center. Nationally recognized victims' rights advocate Quincy Lucas will serve as our keynote speaker. Ms. Lucas, whose sister was murdered in 2003 by a former boyfriend, formed Witney's Lights, a non-profit organization to raise awareness about domestic violence.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for the tireless work you do every day to assist victims and their families. You give hope to those who have none and provide a powerful voice to Kentuckians who are often in their darkest hours.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference and victims' rights day event.

Sincerely,



Jack Conway  
Kentucky Attorney General

### **Rep. Joni Jenkins**

Joni Jenkins was elected as the State Representative for Kentucky's 44th District in 1995. She has served as Chair of the House Women's Caucus, Chair of the Jefferson County Delegation, and Chair of the House Licensing and Occupations Committee. She currently serves on the following committees: Health and Welfare, Labor and Industry, Licensing and Occupations, Judiciary. In addition to her legislative position, Rep. Jenkins directs the HealthCareers Pathways Program at the Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville, Kentucky. This program recruits "at-risk" students into Allied Health and Nursing Programs and provides intensive education case management to assist the students in overcoming barriers to graduation and job placement.



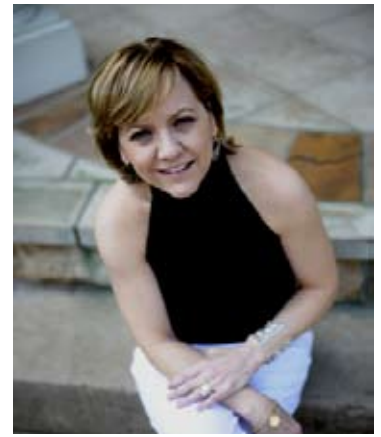
Much of Rep. Jenkins' background has been in the area of Violence Against Women prevention. She created and directed P.E.A.C.C. (Prevention, Education, and Advocacy on Campus and in the Community) at the University of Louisville. She managed the professional training and public education programs at the Center for Women and Families in Louisville, Kentucky; a domestic violence shelter and rape crisis program. In Louisville, Rep. Jenkins serves on the following boards: Metro United Way, Brooklawn Children Services, Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Healthcare Foundation Board, and Children Who Witness Domestic Violence Committee, Co-Chair.

Rep. Jenkins is a member of the 2008 Toll Leadership Class, Council of State Governments. She has been recognized for her legislative work in recent sessions by the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, the Kentucky Humane Society, the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, The River City chapter of Business and Professional Women, The Jefferson County Teachers Association, the Metro Louisville Disabilities Coalition and American Cancer Society. Rep. Jenkins volunteers weekly in the Every1Reads program and the Brooklawn tutoring program and was a co-chair for the 2008 Louisville Metro Drop-Out Summit. Rep. Jenkins is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, College of Communications, School of Journalism.

### **Carol Jordan**

Carol E. Jordan currently serves as Assistant Provost and Director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women at the University of Kentucky. She holds faculty appointments in the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry. Ms. Jordan has authored two books, five book chapters and over 30 peer reviewed articles on violence against women, particularly focusing on civil and criminal justice issues related to violence against women; the victimization of college women; and the state of research on violence against women. Ms. Jordan has almost 30 years of experience in public policy, legislative advocacy, and the development of programs addressing intimate partner violence, rape and stalking. Before coming to the University, Ms.

Jordan served for eight years as Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services. Ms. Jordan has been recognized nationally with the Paul H. Chapman Award from the National Foundation for the Improvement of Justice and by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. She has also received awards from the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, the Kentucky Psychological Association, and the Kentucky General Assembly for her work.



## **Sandra Harrell**

Sandra Harrell is the director of the Vera Institute of Justice's Accessing Safety Initiative, a federally funded program that helps communities across the United States improve their response to women with disabilities and Deaf women who have experienced domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking. She has been with the Vera Institute since 2006. Prior to Vera, Sandra served as the program manager for the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault's Project Access.



Sandra's professional life has focused almost exclusively on addressing violence against women. She began working in the anti-violence against women movement while still in high school, working on her local crisis line and volunteering at the shelter. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree, Sandra was hired to work for Turning Point Battered Women's Shelter in Alexandria, Louisiana where she served as an advocate for battered women and had the opportunity to learn from women and fellow advocates about the complex issues surrounding violence against women. She pursued her Master's degree in Women's Studies to more fully explore gender-based violence and attained her degree from Goddard College in 2001. Shortly thereafter, Sandra was hired as the Project Director for Vanderbilt University's Grant to Reduce Violence Crimes Against Women on Campuses and, through that work, established a permanent office for responding to violence against women on Vanderbilt's campus.

## **Michelle Cruz**

In the early 1990's, Michelle Cruz, Esq., State Victim Advocate, began working with domestic violence victims at various stages of their journey at local battered women's centers, while attending Community College in California. She relocated to Massachusetts, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Mount Holyoke College and then went on to the University of Connecticut, School of Law where she received her J.D. While in law school, Ms. Cruz was a Notes and Comments Editor on the Public Interest Law Journal and participated in the Criminal Defense Clinic. After graduating from law school, Ms.



Cruz worked as an Assistant District Attorney for over six years with both Hampshire and Hampden County in Massachusetts. Ms. Cruz specialized in prosecuting domestic violence,

child abuse and sexual assault cases during the last three years as a prosecutor. On November 5, 2007, Governor M. Jodi Rell appointed Ms. Cruz as the State Victim Advocate for the Office of the Victims Advocate, the state's victims' rights enforcement office located in Hartford, CT. Since her appointment Ms. Cruz has successfully lobbied for laws targeted at crime victims' rights improvements, created and presented at numerous trainings geared towards improving the services to crime victims and authored several investigative reports which has been the impetus of improvements in the services to crime victims throughout the state of Connecticut as well as provided assistance to hundreds of crime victims in Connecticut to ensure that their state Constitutional rights have been honored and respected throughout the criminal justice process. Ms. Cruz is licensed to practice law in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. "My experiences have taught me that true wisdom is knowledge combined with compassion. Without compassion, knowledge is little more than well-educated ignorance."

## ***Victims' Rights Day speaker***

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### **Quincy Lucas**

Quincy A. Lucas, Founder and President of Witney's Lights, Inc, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. She is a two time graduate of Delaware State University; where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Quincy is currently pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Organizational Leadership at Wilmington University.

Quincy has served as an educator and community liaison for nearly two decades. Her awards and honors are numerous ranging from the 2001 Jefferson Award for humanitarian service to being selected as a Links, Inc. Scott Hawkins Leadership Institute Fellow; an honor bestowed to only 47 young women worldwide who demonstrate exceptional leadership ability. In 2010, Quincy was honored with the Delaware State University Distinguished Alumni Award for her numerous contributions to local, regional and global communities.



While Quincy is proud of her accomplishments, it is the establishment of her 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, Witney's Lights, Inc, that she is most proud of. Witney's Lights was founded in honor of Quincy's sister, Dr. Witney Holland Rose, who, in 2003, at the age of 34 became a victim of Domestic Violence Homicide at the hands of her ex-boyfriend. Witney's Lights is a grassroots, non-profit organization committed to eradicating domestic violence through awareness, education, prevention, advocacy, and a commitment to advancing the initiatives laid out in the landmark, Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

Since her sister's murder, Quincy has spoken throughout the country on the topic of Domestic Violence and Victim Advocacy. As a result of her dedication and courage, Quincy was chosen by the Obama/Biden campaign to place into nomination then Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., author of the Violence Against Women Act, as the Vice President of the United States of

America. Quincy is both the first Delawarean and the first African American woman to play this pivotal role in the election process. Quincy later had the privilege of accompanying President Obama on his historic Whistle Stop Train Tour from Philadelphia, PA to Washington, D.C. On that journey, Quincy was given the distinguished honor of introducing President Obama to a crowd of over 50,000 people at the Baltimore rally stop.

Quincy continues to speak out against Domestic Violence. In 2009 she had the distinct honor of serving as the Keynote Speaker for the 25th anniversary of the Victims of Crime Act at the National Crime Victims Rights Week Observance sponsored by the United States Department of Justice under the leadership of United States Attorney General, Eric Holder. As a Domestic Violence Awareness Advocate, Quincy holds firmly to the belief that to whom much is given much is required; “my life-long commitment; until I have no breath left in me is to continue to speak to anyone willing to listen about the effects that violence has on its victims and that crime can strike anyone; all are vulnerable; yet the first step to change is awareness”.

Quincy currently resides in Dover, Delaware with her husband of 23 years, Kevin and their 3 children, Malcolm, Victoria, and Benjamin.

## Location

Kentucky's 2011 Victim Assistance Conference will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel at 405 Wilkinson Boulevard, Frankfort, KY. For directions, follow this link or use the QR code at right:

<http://goo.gl/o3YQJ>



## Dates

A preconference (see below for more details) will be held on April 12, 2011 with the main conference beginning on April 13th. Conference registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13th followed by workshops at 9:30 a.m. and the opening plenary at 11:45 a.m.

## Conference registration

There is **no** registration fee to attend this conference. However, **pre-registration is required**. You may register in either of three ways. Complete the registration form at the end of this packet and (1) fax to 502-573-8315 to the attention of the Office of Victims Advocacy, (2) email to [terri.jacobs@ag.ky.gov](mailto:terri.jacobs@ag.ky.gov) or (3) mail to Office of the Attorney General, Office of Victims Advocacy at 1024 Capital Center Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601. **Conference registration closes on Thursday, March 31, 2011**. You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your registration. If you do not receive an email, please contact us so that we can make sure your registration was received and that you are properly registered.

## Pre-conference information & registration

The Office of the Attorney General and Family & Children's Place are pleased to announce an important opportunity for adults interested in becoming **Authorized Facilitators** of Darkness to Light's *Stewards of Children* sexual abuse prevention workshops. With funding from Kentucky's Child Victims' Trust Fund, these workshops will be offered free of charge to qualified applicants. Participants who complete the eight hour workshop will be equipped with the tools and resources they need to provide trainings for adults in their Kentucky communities. Each Authorized Facilitator will also receive 25 training kits free of charge.

This pre-conference session to train trainers will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On-site check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. **Pre-registration is required** and may be initiated by checking the appropriate box on the Conference Registration Form. Once your registration is received by the Office of Victims Advocacy you will receive additional information from the training facilitator as to how to complete your registration. This pre-conference is provided by the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board.

## Hotel reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Capital Plaza Hotel at a rate of \$82 per night. **Rooms must be reserved directly with the hotel.** You can contact the hotel by calling (502)227-5300. Identify yourself as a conference participant to receive the conference/group rate. The conference/group rate will be available through Thursday, March 31, 2011. **There is no charge for parking.**

## Victims' Rights Day information

Kentucky's Annual Victims Rights' Day Rally, sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General, will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13th at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. The conference will conclude at 3:00 p.m. so that attendees may make their way to the History Center.

For those interested in walking, we will be meeting in the lobby of the hotel at 3:15 p.m. to walk together to the event. For those who do not wish to walk, an accessible Frankfort Trolley will be available in front of the hotel beginning at 3:10 p.m. and again at approximately 3:20 p.m. to transport you to the event. The trolley will also be available at the conclusion of the event to transport you back to the hotel. The cost to ride the trolley is 50¢ each way. If you choose to drive to the History Center, the parking lot is located on the corner of Broadway and Ann Street.

## EEO/ADA/Title VI

The OAG does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or in the provision of services and provides upon request, reasonable accommodation necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. Please notify OAG/EEO Coordinator, Suite 34, Capitol Building, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, (502) 696-5679, by March 31, 2011 if any accommodation is necessary for participation in this conference.

## Tuesday, April 12 — Pre-conference (pre-registration required)

- ▶ 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration
- ▶ 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Darkness to Light Facilitator Training (Kentucky 1 & 2)
- ▶ 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)
- ▶ 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Darkness to Light Facilitator Training (continued)
- ▶ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CSAEPB Meeting (Caucus Room)

## Wednesday, April 13 — Kentucky's 2011 Victim Assistance Conference

- ▶ 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- ▶ 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Opening workshop series
  - Caucus Room — *Effectively Communicating with Children* — Rashmi Adi-Brown
  - Ballroom 1 & 2 — *Crime Victim Compensation 101* — Lindsay Crawford
  - Ballroom 3 & 4 — *Federal Crime Victims: Rights, Services, and Cases* — Jenny Parker, Nichole Dathorn
- ▶ 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Break/Registration continues
  - Lunch provided in Terrace Restaurant with ticket
- ▶ 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks (Ballroom)
  - Jack Conway, Attorney General
  - Mitchel T. Denham, Assistant Deputy Attorney General
- ▶ 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Opening plenary
  - Honoring the Past – Three Decades of Legislative Reforms to Fight Crimes Against Women and Children* (Ballroom) — Carol Jordan, UK CRVAW
- ▶ 1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Break
- ▶ 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Plenary II
  - Survivors and Advocates Effecting Legislative Change* (Ballroom) — Rep. Joni Jenkins
- ▶ 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break
- ▶ 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Kentucky's 20th Annual Victims' Rights Day Rally
  - Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History — featured speaker: Quincy Lucas
- ▶ 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Meet and Greet (Band provided)
  - In the Lobby near the Cascades Lounge

# Thursday, April 14 — Kentucky's 2011 Victim Assistance Conference

- ▶ **7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast**
- ▶ **8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Workshop Series II**
  - Caucus Room — *Duty To Report Abuse* — Jim Grace
  - Ballroom 1 & 2 — *Access for Victims with Disabilities* — Sandra Harrell
  - Ballroom 3 & 4 — *The Real “Truth In Sentencing”* — Tammy Lou Johnson, Mesha Rogers
- ▶ **9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break**
- ▶ **10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Workshop Series III**
  - Caucus Room — *Bruises and Other Pattern Injuries* — Debbie Acker
  - Ballroom 1 & 2 — *Rights and Protections for Victims Under Federal Law: Unique Concerns for Immigrant and LEP Victims* — Gretchen Hunt
  - Ballroom 3 & 4 — *Victim Impact Statements: Helping Victim/Survivors Find Their Voice* — Robin Mohon
- ▶ **11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Break**
- ▶ **11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Workshop Series IV**
  - Caucus Room — *Darkness to Light Part I* — Jaime Thompson
  - Ballroom 1 & 2 — *Investigative Reports: A Tool for Accountability* — Michelle Cruz
  - Ballroom 3 & 4 — *Empowerment First: Providing Effective Advocacy While Avoiding the Practice of Law* — Marylee Underwood
- ▶ **12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Box lunch (provided)**
- ▶ **1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Workshop Series V**
  - Caucus Room — *Darkness to Light Part II* — Jaime Thompson
  - Ballroom 1 & 2 — *Unique Challenges Faced by Prosecutor Based Advocates* — Mary Houlihan
  - Ballroom 3 & 4 — *New Rights for Sexual Assault Victims: Implementing HB 500* — Marylee Underwood
- ▶ **3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break**
- ▶ **3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Closing plenary**
  - Reshaping the Future – Crime Victims Rights 25 Years Later – Where are we now? Where are we headed?* — Michelle Cruz
- ▶ **4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks**

## **OPENING WORKSHOP SERIES – Wednesday, April 13: 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

### **Effectively Communicating with Children – Caucus Room**

*Rashmi Adi-Brown, CHES Solutions Group*

A lack of understanding with the court process can create additional stress on the child victim/child witness. By preparing a child for court, the victim advocate may help reduce the stress level of the child witness and improve the ability to answer questions in court in the most accurate, complete and truthful manner. In order to appropriately prepare the child, the victim advocate should be aware of how to effectively communicate with the child and should understand the cognitive and linguistic development of the child. This workshop will provide victim advocates and allied professionals working with children the basic information they need to more effectively communicate with children. This workshop is provided by the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board and the Child Victims Trust Fund.

### **Crime Victim Compensation 101 – Ballroom 1 & 2**

*Lindsay Crawford, CVCB*

This workshop will provide a brief PowerPoint presentation with basic information regarding the Crime Victims Compensation program, including how the program works, who and what qualifies for reimbursement consideration, and new related statutory and policy developments.

### **Federal Crime Victims: Rights, Services, and Cases – Ballroom 3 & 4**

*Jenny Parker and Nichole Dathorne*

This workshop will provide an overview of the federal jurisdictions in Kentucky and the rights and services that are provided to victims of federal crimes under the Crime Victims Rights Act. Additionally, there will be discussion on the types of cases that are investigated by the FBI and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office and a discussion on how some crimes normally prosecuted in state court may be brought to federal court for prosecution.

## **WORKSHOP SERIES II – Thursday, April 14: 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

### **Duty to Report Abuse – Caucus Room**

*Jim Grace, CHFS*

Mandated reporting of child abuse, vulnerable adult abuse, and spouse abuse will be discussed and how it applies to victim advocates. How to make a report and to who will be addressed in addition to scenarios advocates may face where it is unclear whether a report is mandated by law. This workshop is provided by the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board and the Child Victims Trust Fund.

## **Access for Victims Who have a Disability – Ballroom 1 & 2**

*Sandra Harrell, VERA Institute of Justice*

How accessible is your office for crime victims? This workshop will cover the basics of physical access, how to make sure publications are written in plain language, website accessibility, and a brief overview of universal design.

## **The real “Truth in Sentencing”: How much time will an offender actually serve? – Ballroom 3 & 4**

*Tammy Lou Johnson, DOC/OVS; Meshia Rodgers, DOC/DPVS*

This session will provide vital information regarding parole eligibilities, offender sentence credits, and early release offenders. Presenters will explain how to obtain release dates on offenders and how to follow them through the incarceration process with an understanding of the offender’s housing. At the conclusion of this workshop victim service providers will have a clearer understanding of the actual time an offender will serve for their convictions, the new statutes regarding parole eligibility and why not all violent and sex offenders are not housed at the maximum security prison, Kentucky State Penitentiary.

## **WORKSHOP SERIES III – Thursday, April 14: 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

### **Bruises and Other Pattern Injuries – Caucus Room**

*Debbie Acker, CHFS*

This presentation provides a look into child abuse injuries at the hands of caregivers. It will provide the participant with an understanding of the differences in injuries suspicious for abusive trauma verses accidental mechanisms. Participants should be aware that this session contains graphic slides of abusive injuries.

### **Rights and Protections for Victims Under Federal Law: Unique Concerns of Immigrant and LEP Victims – Ballroom 1 & 2**

*Gretchen Hunt, KASAP*

Federal law has strong guarantees of protection for all victims, regardless of race, national origin and immigration status. Among these are the right to an interpreter under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, access to the courts, and access to services “necessary to life and safety.” Come and learn about these federal victims’ rights. We will also strategies for how to develop advocacy materials and train communities to ensure that all victims are receiving equal services.

### **Victim Impact Statements: Helping Victim/Survivors Find Their Voice – Ballroom 3 & 4**

*Robin Mohon, MADD*

Victim Impact Statements provide victim/survivors with the opportunity to inform the court about the impact of the crime and assist the court in determining an appropriate sentence. This workshop will discuss how to prepare an effective victim impact statement including what information to include, how the statement will be made and when a statement can be made. Sample statements will also be reviewed.

## **WORKSHOP SERIES IV – Thursday, April 14: 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

### **Darkness To Light, Part I – Caucus Room**

*Jamie Thompson, Family and Children's Place*

Darkness to Light is an evidence-based, adult-focused child sexual abuse prevention program designed to raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse. The presenter will demonstrate the program and provide participants with information on how to bring the program to their area and how to become a program trainer. This workshop is provided by the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board and the Child Victims Trust Fund.

### **Investigative Reports: A Tool for Accountability – Ballroom 1 & 2**

*Michelle Cruz, Esq., State Victim Advocate*

This workshop will discuss the investigative reports utilized by the Office of the Victim Advocate's, an independent state agency charged with enforcement of crime victims' rights in CT. The workshop will discuss the investigative reports involving the murder of Jennifer Gauthier Magnano and the Murder of Tiana Notice as well as the impact the reports have had on the state of Connecticut including changes in the training and response of law enforcement across the state, as well as improvements in academia, legal services, shelter programs, the Department of Social Services, the Office of Victim Services, public defenders, and in many ways, the most important aspect, the voice the reports have given the surviving family members.

### **Empowerment First: Providing Effective Advocacy And Avoiding the Unauthorized Practice of Law – Ballroom 3 & 4**

*Marylee Underwood, KASAP*

Because victims are not directly represented in the criminal process, they rely on advocates to provide critical information and support. This workshop will review the differences between the roles of the advocate and the attorney, with focus on how advocates may avoid the unauthorized practice of law.

## **WORKSHOP SERIES V – Thursday, April 14: 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### **Darkness To Light, Part II – Caucus Room**

*Jamie Thompson, Family and Children's Place*

Darkness to Light is an evidence-based, adult-focused child sexual abuse prevention program designed to raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse. The presenter will demonstrate the program and provide participants with information on how to bring the program to their area and how to become a program trainer. This workshop is provided by the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board and the Child Victims Trust Fund.

## **Unique Challenges Faced by Prosecutor Based Victim Advocates – Ballroom 1 & 2**

*Mary Houlihan, Director of Victim Services*

Prosecutor-based advocates often face unique challenges when working with crime victims. This workshop will explore topics such as how to handle conflicts between the victim's family and the prosecutor, combative and/or resistive victims, victims who have financial and/or safety concerns, what to do when the grand jury does not indict, response when jury acquits, how to approach family when they disagree with plea being offered, and what do you do when family wants personal property back and it is being held in evidence? The effective "tool-kit" for trial and how to safety-plan will also be addressed.

## **New Rights for Sexual Assault Victims: Implementation of HB 500 – Ballroom 3 & 4**

*Marylee Underwood, KASAP*

In 2010 the General Assembly passed HB 500 ensuring that Kentucky is in compliance with federal law that requires that sexual assault examinations be available to any individual seeking treatment as a victim of sexual assault regardless of whether or not the individual chooses to report the crime to law enforcement. This workshop will provide participants with the details of this new law and the accompanying regulations including information on storage of samples when a victim chooses not to report immediately; new model protocols available for medical professionals on conducting the examination and on HIV screening and prophylaxis; and new regulations for payment through the Sexual Assault Examination Program.

### **Debbie Acker**

Debbie has been a registered nurse for 40 years and has worked in many settings during that time. Ms. Acker has been in her current position as Nurse Service Administrator for the Division of Protection and Permanency since 2005. In that role she provides medical consultation for social service staff on cases of child maltreatment. This includes consultations on child fatalities and near fatalities as well as consultation during the investigative phase of cases within the social service system. During her time with the Cabinet Ms. Acker has developed various trainings on the medical elements of child maltreatment. These trainings are offered to social service staff and community partners across the state.

### **Rashmi Adi-Brown**

Rashmi currently serves as Director of Family and Youth Services for Ches Solutions in Lexington. She has worked in the field of child abuse and domestic violence for over 15 years. Ms. Adi-Brown has worked at both the local and state levels in various capacities.

### **Lindsay Crawford**

Lindsay Crawford is a policy advisor with the Crime Victims Compensation Board and the Board of Claims, where she has served since May 2009. Her almost 19-year tenor with state government also includes more than a year with Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions; nine years with the Attorney General's Office, Office of Victims Advocacy; and six years with the Governor's Office, Commission on Women. Ms. Crawford's career focus has been on assistance and policy regarding women and victims. She has extensive community service experience, including founding member and chair of the Woodford County Domestic Violence Council, and founding member and co-chair of the Woodford County Family Resource Center. She holds a BA in journalism, a Master's certificate in women's studies and a pending/ all but thesis Master's in political science with a concentration in public policy, all from the University of Kentucky.

### **Nichole M. Dathorne**

Nicole Dathorne serves as the Victim Specialist for the FBI-Louisville Division.

### **Mary Houlihan**

Mary Lynn Houlihan, MSW is the Director of Victim Services for the Fayette Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Ms. Houlihan made a career change in 2002 leaving her position as a Financial Advisor for UBS to return to school and obtain her Bachelor and Master Degrees in Social Work. Ms. Houlihan gained her front line social work experience with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services where she specialized in the investigation of child fatalities and criminal abuse cases. Since joining the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in 2009, Ms. Houlihan has worked with various agencies to improve the criminal justice response to victims of violent crime and to develop programs to address new directions in the field of victim advocacy.

## **Gretchen Hunt**

Gretchen Hunt is Training Coordinator at the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs. There, she works under a Violence Against Women Act Grant to provide training and technical assistance on legal issues of violence against women, with a special focus on immigrant and refugee victims. Ms. Hunt has also worked as an immigration attorney representing immigrant victims of rape, domestic violence and human trafficking and as an attorney with state government.

## **Jim Grace**

Jim Grace has made significant contributions toward the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect in Kentucky. He has worked for over twenty-five years for the State in Adult and Child Protective Services. Jim currently serves as Assistant Director of the Division of Protection and Permanency within the Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

## **Tammy Lou Johnson**

Tammy Lou is a Victim Advocate for the Office of Victim Services within the Kentucky Department of Corrections. She began her employment with DOC in January 2001. Since her time with the department she has worked with Probation and Parole, Adult Institutions, Classification, and Offender Re-Entry. She has worked in the DOC's Office of Victim Services (OVS) since April 2006 providing assistance to victims, assists with management of KY VINE Services, and provides training to various agencies across the commonwealth. Tammy Lou's experience in the various areas of the department is vital to providing victims with accurate information. She also serves on the board of Kentucky Council of Crime & Delinquency as President-Elect and committee person for the Southern States Correctional Association.

## **Robin Mohon**

Robin K. Mohon is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a BA in political science. She is currently a Victim Advocate with MADD KY. She directly supports victim/survivors of crime. She coordinates Victim Impact Panels for MADD KY and is a Death Notification Trainer. Prior to work with MADD KY she worked for Warren County Attorney Office, Cabinet for Health and Human Services as a Family Support Specialist, and Methodist Children's Home as a youth counselor for emotional and behavioral problem children and youth.

## **Jenny G. Parker**

Jenny Parker serves as the Victim-Witness Specialist for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

## **Mesha Rogers**

Mesha Rogers serves as Executive Staff Advisor in the Division of Parole and Victim Services within the Department of Corrections. Mesha began her employment with the Parole Board in 1998. She started working as a victim advocate for the Parole Board in 2000 and has overseen the Parole Board's victim notification program since 2002. Mesha currently serves as

an Executive Staff Advisor where she continues to oversee Parole Board victim notifications, administrative staff and revocation hearings.

## **Jamie Thompson**

Jaime Thompson has a Master of Science in Social Work and Bachelor of Science in Family Studies. She has been an employee at Family & Children's Place in Louisville Kentucky for 8½ years. In her role as Prevention Coordinator, she has provided sexual abuse prevention training and education for over 1,100 adults, and is now actively training other adults in the state of Kentucky to provide sexual abuse prevention trainings for members of their communities. She is an Authorized Facilitator and Authorized Instructor for Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children training workshop.

## **MaryLee Underwood**

MaryLee Underwood, JD, BSW, serves as Staff Attorney for the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs (KASAP), the coalition of Kentucky's 13 regional rape crisis centers. Ms. Underwood's work focuses on public policy and technical assistance, frequently addressing issues related to sex crimes law, victim's rights, investigations, multi-disciplinary collaboration, confidentiality and privileges. She attended the University of North Carolina School of Law and studied social work and women's studies at the University of Kentucky. Ms. Underwood lives with her husband and son in Lexington, Kentucky.

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