



2019

# CALCASA STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

Reflect.  
Transform.  
**ACT.**

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) Statewide Conference is a gathering of individuals committed to asserting the dignity of all people to discuss and advance our efforts to end sexual assault, harassment, rape, and other forms of violence. Our conference offers workshops that: challenge the status quo, seek new ways of thinking, honor diverse perspectives, and bring the values of our movement and individual communities together.

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# WELCOME TO THE 2019 CALCASA STATEWIDE CONFERENCE



Dear Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA), I would like to welcome you to the 2019 Statewide Conference! We are excited about this year's workshops, networking opportunities, bold conversations, and the gathering together of programs, organizations, groups, and individuals committed

to asserting the dignity of all people. We are here to challenge the status quo, seek new ways of thinking, honor diverse perspectives, and bring the values of our movement and individual communities together. We are pleased to host a community that is ready to Reflect. Transform. ACT.

This year's theme: "Reflect. Transform. ACT." Provides us with the space to have fruitful thought-provoking conversations that we began decades ago, and have continued to carry throughout our work. Our movement is at a pivotal place, for reflection, intentional transformation, and strategic ACTION. We have continued to grow together and transform our movement to meet the needs of survivors, our diverse communities, and center voices that were once ignored. We have also moved forward to focus on prevention because we know it is possible. We already have the knowledge, community, and the leaders to create a world where everyone is respected and valued.

The next two days will serve as opportunities for us to challenge and inspire each other. We hope that the "Reflect. Transform. ACT." conference will empower us to do all three.

Sincerely,

Sandra Henriquez, MBA  
Chief Executive Officer

**CALCASA**  
CALIFORNIA COALITION  
AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT



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Thank you to all the volunteers from the community, local programs, and CALCASA's Sexual Assault Program Services Committee who have contributed to making the 2019 Statewide Conference a success.

# General Information

## HOTEL

Hyatt Regency Orange County  
11999 Harbor Blvd.  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
1-714-750-1234  
[hyattregencyorangecounty.com](http://hyattregencyorangecounty.com)

## LOCAL HOTLINES

Waymakers Rape Crisis Hotlines  
714 -957-2737  
949 -831-9110  
Human Trafficking Hotline  
Request support or report suspected human trafficking: 1-888-373-7888

## HOSPITALS

Anaheim Global Medical Center  
1025 South Anaheim Blvd  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
714-533-6220  
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UC Irvine Medical Center  
101 The City Drive South  
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A&C Urgent Care  
1000 S Anaheim Blvd #200  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
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## ONLINE MATERIALS

Most workshop handouts will be available for download online after the conference concludes. If you do not see a specific handout, it is because it was not provided by the presenter. To download visit:  
[CALACASA.org/statewide](http://CALACASA.org/statewide)

## ACCESSIBILITY

The 2019 CALCASA Statewide Conference is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to creating a safe place where everyone feels welcome, respected, and valued. We strive to make sure that every voice can be heard and that conversations can be enriched by participation from attendees whose language of origin is one other than English. CALCASA Statewide Conference is providing simultaneous interpretation for American Sign Language and Spanish-speaking participants based on needs identified during registration. We ask that you support equal access for all participants by making sure that only one person speaks at one time and that all attendees have equal opportunity to ask questions during workshop sessions. We are also pleased to offer multiple workshops which will be delivered in Spanish.

## ATTENDANCE/CERTIFICATES

Attendees will receive an email the week of providing a link to download a participation certificate. Please note that the email will be sent to the address provided during registration, and only those who checked in at the conference registration desk will be sent the email.

## FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Participants wearing red lanyards do not agree or wish to have their image or likeness used in photos, videos, and/or social media posts. Please be respectful of their desires when taking and/or posting photos or videos.

## RESTROOMS

The 2019 CALCASA Statewide Conference at the Orange County Hyatt offers All Gender, Female, and Male designated restrooms in the conference areas. The restrooms are also accessible to people of all levels of physical ability. Please use the restroom you feel most comfortable using.



# Code of Conduct

Everyone who attends, works or volunteers at the 2019 CALCASA Statewide Conference is required to abide with the following code of conduct.

We are committed to creating a safe place where everyone feels welcome, respected, and valued. We know that people have different boundaries, different levels of comfort, different senses of humor, etc. We also realize that there are many survivors of sexual abuse, harassment, etc. in every group. In an effort to ensure a safe environment for all participants, please pay special attention to your words and actions and follow these rules at all event venues and event-related social activities.

Participants are asked to avoid behaviors which threaten the actual or perceived safety of others.

## Unacceptable behaviors may or may not include:

- foul or obscene language or gestures, including slurs or jokes,
- derogatory written or electronic statements, pictures, or drawings, inappropriate use of nudity and/or sexual images in public spaces (including presentation slides),
- sustained disruption of sessions, talks or other events,
- unwanted leering or staring,
- violating personal space by impeding or blocking another person's movement or otherwise physically interfering with them,
- deliberate intimidation, stalking or following,
- harassing photography or recording,
- unwanted or inappropriate touching,
- unwanted sexual attention,
- physical and/or sexual assault,
- advocating for, or encouraging, any of the above behavior,
- prejudicial actions or comments related to gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, differing physical or mental abilities, physical appearance, socioeconomic status, body size, race, ethnicity, nationality, age or religion.

## If you witness or experience unacceptable behavior:

- If you witness potential harm to a conference participant, be proactive in helping to mitigate or avoid that harm.
- Remind peers of these guidelines, and take responsibility for interrupting potentially problematic situations, e.g. asking people if they are ok or need help. This is usually easier (and safer) if you don't act alone, e.g. "Let's say something to them so they stop."
- If you are subjected to unacceptable behavior, notice that someone else is being subjected to unacceptable behavior, or have any other concerns, please notify a conference staff person as soon as possible. You may request that your report remain completely confidential.

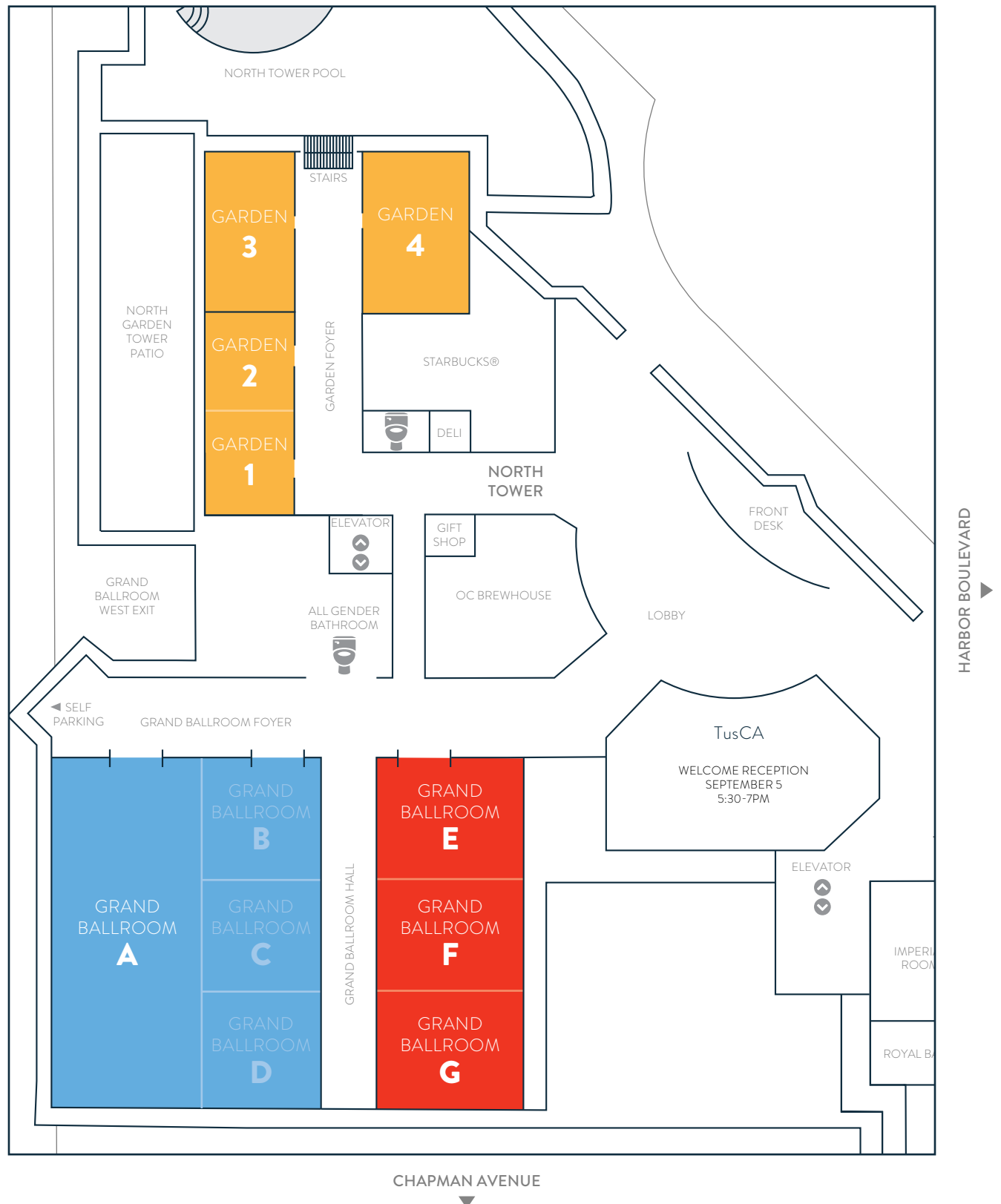
## Consequences of Code of Conduct Violation:

Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately.

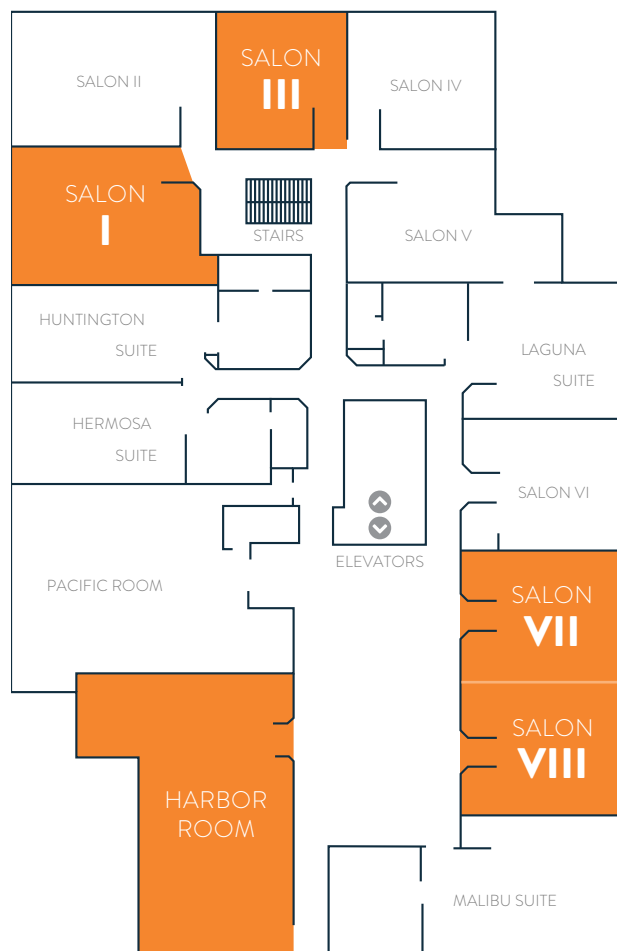
Remember:

- 'No' means no
- 'Stop' means stop
- 'Go away' means go away
- Silence does not mean consent
- If a participant engages in unacceptable behavior, event organizers retain the right to take any actions including warning the offender or expulsion from the conference with no refund.

# Map | First Floor



## Map | Second Floor (North Tower)



**Counseling/Safe Room Available**  
(Inquire at Conference Registration Desk)

**Nursing/Lactation Room Available**  
(Inquire at Conference Registration Desk)

# Tracks

## ADVOCACY/INTERVENTION

The anti-sexual assault field continues to address and eradicate violence that plagues our communities. In addition to updates to traditional approaches pioneered by rape crisis centers, this track will showcase intervention and advocacy in the labor workforce, correctional systems, and gender non-conforming communities.

## CAMPUS

As with so many social movements throughout the history of the United States, the fight to end sexual violence often feels strongest on our college and university campuses. It is in education where the opportunity to leverage institutions of power to protect survivors of sexual violence and engage young people in a movement to change the conditions that allow it to exist in the first place is greatest. Featuring the voices of End Rape on Campus, the Los Rios Community College District and CALCASA, this track will focus on the many ways campuses can be part of the solution to ending sexual violence, and will engage participants on the unique dynamics of sexual assault in the campus context.

## EMPOWERED WORKER

There is strength and resilience among different industries of work. Immigrant domestic, agricultural workers and those in the janitorial industry have been preyed upon and targeted for sexual harassment and abuse while at work. What's come from their experiences and efforts is nothing short of a movement to shift attitudes and create culture change within the workplace. This track will build awareness on the movement to end workplace harassment and assault, and describe the practices that will provide growth and build the capacity of both workers and employers.

## FAITH

The popularized #MeToo was originally intended to be supportive of young women who were survivors of sexual violence. This helped birth #FaithToo. The #FaithToo gives voice to survivors of sexual violence that happened within the church and faith communities. This track will demonstrate and identify how multi-faith organizations can help with understanding and also provide applications to better assist with prevention, intervention, and ultimately end sexual violence.

## LGBTQI+

Sexual violence is prevalent in the LGBTQI+ as high as 74% community due to stereotypes and bias of the community, especially for those who are homeless or in detention. Due to biases from family members and society, LGBTQI communities are more at risk for sexual assault and harassment. Hate crimes against the LGBTQI communities often takes the form of sexual assault. Trauma is heightened for these individuals because of a lack of understanding and sensitivity toward them. This track will explore the stigmatism associated with the LGBTQI+ community and provide a better understanding of the culture so that they can better navigate services. With this knowledge, advocates will be better able to respond to LGBTQI survivors from a trauma-informed, survivor centered approach.

## PREVENTION

To end sexual violence, all advocates and stakeholders need to build and support comprehensive prevention strategies. This track will highlight primary prevention strategies that align with California Department of Public Health's Rape Prevention Program. This track is supported by the California Department of Public Health, Safe and Active Communities Branch, Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program, through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (Cooperative Agreement 1NUF2CE002501) and the CDC Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (Cooperative Agreement 1NB01OT009226).

## SPORT

Sexual violence is a pervasive problem throughout the United States as a central component of American society, sport is an influential system that can contribute to the pervasiveness of sexual violence and can be a powerful part of the solution to ending sexual violence. Aligned with the work of RALIANCE's Sport + Prevention Center (of which CALCASA-PreventConnect is a partner) this track will highlight examples of sport being a platform and avenue to prevent sexual violence.

# Pre-Con | Wednesday, September 4

## PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS + ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

9AM - 2PM

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS MEETING** | Grand E-G ●

The Annual Executive Directors' Meeting is an opportunity for Executive Directors from California's rape crisis/CalOES funded programs addressing sexual assault to gather with their peers. The purpose of the meeting is to address key topics and emerging issues impacting the organizational capacity of these programs.

*This meeting is only open to Executive Directors of Cal OES funded rape crisis center programs.*

*Sandra Henriquez*

### **PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES**

Pre-Conference Institutes are learning opportunities on topics related to addressing and preventing sexual violence. *Pre-conference Institutes are open to Cal OES Funded rape crisis center programs and CALCASA Members and Affiliates.*

#### **INSTITUTE 1**

##### **A Subject Expert's Guide: Sexual Harassment Employer Requirements**

| Garden 1 & 2 ●

For decades, Rape Crisis Centers have been leading conversations and education on sexual violence and sexual harassment prevention. This workshop will equip centers with additional tools to address internal sexual harassment needs in the wake of California legislation SB 1343, and will prepare centers to uniquely position themselves as a valuable resource to their community.

*Diana Miranda*

#### **INSTITUTE 2**

##### **New Directions, New Tools: Introducing CALCASA'S Advocates**

##### **Manual and Training Facilitation Guide** | Garden 3 ●

Rape Crisis Center Programs, Cal OES, and CALCASA came together to establish new training certification standards for community based sexual assault programs in 2017. To accommodate the changes, CALCASA has developed two new tools to assist centers in training outcomes and compliance requirements the Training Facilitation Guide, and Counselor Advocates Manual. Each of these tools is developed for their respective audiences, while aligning with the state standards.

*Leah Aldridge*

3PM - 5PM

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** | Grand A-D ●

*This event is for CALCASA Members and Affiliates only and is not open to the general public.*

5:30PM - 7PM

### **WELCOME RECEPTION** | TusCA Restaurant

Please join us for an opportunity to meet with other individuals committed to changing the social norms for a future free of sexual violence. We'll offer light refreshments and no-host bar.

*Reception is OPEN TO ALL CALCASA Members, Affiliates and conference attendees.*

## Plenary Speakers



### Valencia Peterson

🐦 @ODAAPinc

With the need of intervention being so critical, prevention is our only hope. For the last five years, Valencia Peterson, known as Coach V, a Football Coach with Penn Wood High School in Delaware County, a Philadelphia suburb, has been training and working alongside college and high school coaches in the greater Northeast to promote sexual and dating violence prevention with young men.



### Triana Siltan

🐦 @seiu\_uhw

Triana Siltan joined the Justice for Janitors campaign of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 399 in 1994 as a Field Organizer. In 2000, she led 8,000 mostly low-wage, immigrant women on a 12-day strike for family healthcare, a decent raise, and the right to organize. After spending more than ten years having the privilege of working with janitors – developing leaders, organizing not-yet-union workers, fighting for immigration reform, and taking on employers to raise the standard of living for thousands of janitors, Triana joined SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West. As SEIU-UHW's Deputy Chief of Staff, Triana is part of a leadership team for the 97,000-member union's fight for healthcare justice –affordable, accessible, high-quality care for everyone provided by respected and valued caregivers everywhere.



### Najuma Smith-Pollard

🐦 @RevJuju

As program manager for the USC Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement, the Rev. Najuma Smith-Pollard combines her experience as a pastor and expertise as a community leader to run programs that train pastors to take on civic engagement work. Smith-Pollard also is a pastor, motivational speaker, author, life coach, radio personality and community activist. She accepted her call to ministry in 1996, while serving under the phenomenal tutelage of the Rev. Cecil L. “Chip” Murray, her father in ministry. Smith-Pollard was ordained as a Deacon in 1996 and as an Itinerant Elder in 2000. Since that time, she has served as Assistant Pastor and Pastor of Family Ministries at Christ Our Redeemer AME Church in Irvine, California, Pastor of A.K. Quinn AME Church in Moreno Valley, California, and Pastor of St. James AME Church in Los Angeles, California. In 2014, Smith-Pollard launched Word of Encouragement Community Church (WOECC.ORG) in Los Angeles. She is a frequent speaker at churches and church conferences. Smith-Pollard holds a B.S. in management from Pepperdine University, a Bachelor of Theology degree from the Southern California School of Ministry, an M.B.A. from Woodbury University and a Doctorate in Ministry from United Theological Seminary. She is an alumna of the “Passing The Mantle” Civic Engagement and Community Development Institute at USC, the precursor to the USC Cecil Murray Center’s Faith Leaders Institute.

# Day 1 | Thursday, September 5

## MAIN CONFERENCE

8AM-9AM

### REGISTRATION

9AM-10:30

### OPENING PLENARY

**Sandra Henriquez** | CEO

[CALCASA](#)

**Valencia Peterson** | Founder & CEO

[OPEN DOOR ABUSE AWARENESS PREVENTION](#)

**Triana Siltan** | Deputy Chief of Staff

[UNITED HEALTH WORKERS](#)

**Najuma Smith-Pollard** | Program Manager

[USC CECIL MURRAY CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT](#)

10:45AM-12:15PM

### SESSION 1

12:15-1:45PM

*LUNCH BREAK*

1:45-3:15PM

### SESSION 2

3:30-5:00PM

### SESSION 3



# Day 1 | Thursday, September 5

## SESSION 1 | 10:45AM-12:15PM

### ADVOCACY / INTERVENTION

#### **Serving Incarcerated Survivors with Disabilities** | Garden 3 ●

People with disabilities are drastically overrepresented and often overlooked in detention settings. People with disabilities make up a significant portion of the nation's incarcerated population and are among the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This workshop will provide attendees with an understanding of disabilities from a cultural perspective as well as the intersections between cultural experiences and how they impact survivorship. This workshop will feature Justice Detention International's Mental Health Program Director, who has provided counseling for many incarcerated survivors and is widely recognized as an advocate and ambassador for the disability community.

*Vanessa Sapien*

### CAMPUS

#### **Community Colleges: Opportunities for Sexual Violence Prevention** | Harbor Room ●

Community colleges have been called "one of America's best-kept secrets", yet when it comes to preventing campus sexual violence, community colleges are often left out of the conversation. These campuses face unique challenges when it comes to working to prevent sexual violence, but distinct opportunities are also present. This workshop will explore both the challenges and opportunities, ideas on how to link sexual violence prevention strategies to work already happening on campus, and will highlight Los Rios Community College District's Education and Prevention Program.

*Ashleigh Klein, Jaime Gerigk, Victoria C. Rosario*

### FAITH

#### **Reach Across the Aisle - How Two Feminists Worked with Christian Conservatives** | Garden 1 & 2 ●

The Sexual Assault movement is progressive, feminist-based and survivor-centered. In contrast, many Christian churches are conservative, patriarchal, and family-focused. So how do sexual assault advocates reach across the aisle to work with a group whose values and priorities are so disparate from our own? In this workshop, the Korean American Family Service will describe our partnership with Korean churches over 8 years to address gender-based violence, The opinions Christian conservatives had about our movement and advocates, and How that's evolved today through specific steps we took to build trust and understanding with them. We'll candidly share the compromises we made to work with them when their values often conflicted with our own around social justice, women's rights, etc. We'll prepare you for the impact this has had on our survivor-centered agency and progressive advocates. In breakouts, you will discuss: Is it worth it? What are the costs? What are you not willing to compromise on? How far are you willing to go to reach across the aisle?

*Connie Chung Joe, Sunhee Kim*



## LGBTQ+

**Shaping Inclusive Communities: Understanding The Needs of Transgender Survivors** | Garden 4 ●

Transgender communities can experience rates of sexual violence as high as 74%. Familial and societal bias create ideal conditions for the targeted violence experienced by transgender communities especially those that are homeless or in detention. The trauma of sexual violence is exacerbated when navigating services lacking cultural competencies specific to this population. This workshop will equip advocates with the tools to support and effectively respond to transgender survivors of sexual assault.

*Bamby Salcedo*

## PREVENTION

**Community Mobilization for Sexual Violence Prevention: Close to Home in California** | Grand E-G ●

Community mobilizing has a long history of change making, bringing more equitable policies, funding, and access to individuals and communities including those affecting sexual and relationship violence. Close to Home is promising strategy that engages community members to design solutions and lead social change for domestic violence, teen dating violence, and sexual violence prevention. Representatives from Strength United in Van Nuys and RISE in San Luis Obispo will present on local implementation of the Close to Home program.

*Alejandra Sandoval, Hollie West, Janae Sargent, Jessica Romo*

## PRESENTED IN SPANISH

**Community Organizing for Change** | Salon VII & VIII ●

The East Los Angeles Women's Center (ELAWC) was founded in 1976 by community volunteers who established the first bilingual hotline in the nation. Today the ELAWC is recognized as a leading voice for thousands of survivors. They provide culturally responsive services specifically for Latino Communities in the areas of sexual assault, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS and an array of services that inter-connect. This workshop will provide an overview of the East Los Angeles Women's Center history of organizing community members by integrating culture, arts, and leadership activities. Highlights of their work will include organizing intergenerational work with communities in East Los Angeles to prevent violence through leadership development and peer support. This workshop will include an overview of the ELAWC's Youth Empowerment Project, engaging men, and adults in community-based mobilization activities, the Las Mariposas Club, and most recently incorporating the Close to Home program for rape prevention and education.

*Rebeca M. Melendez, Osvaldo Cruz, Sr., Karla Ortiz, Claudia Villanueva*

# Day 1 | Thursday, September 5

## SESSION 2 | 1:45-3:15PM

### ADVOCACY / INTERVENTION

#### **Coordinating Care for Violence and Substance Abuse Clients** | Garden 3 ●

The relationship between substance abuse and violence has long been recognized, but the more subtle influences of these issues often go unacknowledged and untreated. Mental health professionals are often products of dysfunctional families where violence and substance abuse are everyday affairs. Education in these areas is often sorely lacking, even in graduate schools. Often the patterns that begin in childhood impact career choices and can result in “blind spots,” (“I can’t deal with domestic violence”, “I can’t deal with addictions”) rendering a clinician unable to identify treatment needs in their clientele. Attitudes towards alcohol and drug abuse which normalize the presence of substance abuse and minimize the presence of violence are present in many aspects of American culture (sports, celebrations, etc.) and the influence of attitudes imported from other cultures all play a part resulting in survivors of violence and drug abuse being underserved in our culture.

*Leah Schneider*

#### PRESENTED IN SPANISH

#### **How to Offer Legal Support to Spanish Speaking Immigrant Survivors** | Garden 1&2 ●

In this workshop we will give you the information to provide legal resources to Latinx immigrant survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in your community.

*Sandy Monroy, Imelda Talamantes*

### CAMPUS

#### **Beyond Title IX: Protecting Civil Rights for Survivors in California** | Harbor Room ●

For nearly five decades, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 has been the cornerstone of anti-gender discrimination law in the United States. For the last 10 years, it has also been the most fundamental tool for combating sexual assault in education and underscores the civil rights for survivors that must be protected in the event of sexual assault, sexual harassment, and other forms of discrimination. The current national landscape around Title IX and other sexual assault civil rights law has created a great degree of concern for survivor advocates and campus professionals, as the Trump administration led by the Department of Education has rolled back federal guidance protecting survivors. This workshop will discuss the current status of Title IX and other civil rights laws, with particular emphasis on the future of protecting the rights of survivors on college campuses in California.

*Michelle Carroll*

## EMPOWERED WORKER

**Ya Basta! Janitor Identified Strategies to Empowering Survivors in our Industry.** | Garden 4 ●

Janitorial workers will share strategies they have used to transform their industry. They will discuss their experiences on the night shift and how they refuse to remain victims and prey in the workplace. Learn about how activism, protest, campaigns, theater, and education have helped them to heal and have increased adoption and new allyship. Janitorial Workers have become empowered and deeply believe that the answers to transform their workplaces, families, and lives are contained within them. In this session, workers will focus on these advances because they will only be effective if they are at the center of all strategies and solutions.

*Maestras y Promotoras de la Industria de Limpieza*

## PREVENTION

**Leveraging the California Health Education Framework for Sexual Violence Prevention** | Grand E-G ●

The California Healthy Youth Act and the California Health Education Framework provide guidance and opportunities to include sexual and dating violence prevention in comprehensive sex education in California schools. This session, facilitated by representatives of the Orange County Department of Education and Waymakers Sexual Assault Victim Services, will provide an overview of both and examples of local partnerships and leveraging opportunities for sexual violence prevention at schools using resources from the Framework, which includes the California Healthy Youth Act mandate.

*Brittany Bray, Dareen Khatib, Sharon Maher*

## SPORT

**Leveraging Youth Sports to Prevent Sexual Violence** | Salon VII & VIII ●

This workshop will provide an overview of the work of leveraging youth sports as a tool for sexual assault prevention. Participants of this workshop will walk away with the essential knowledge, tools, and resources to begin implementing similar prevention measures in their own context.

*Valencia Peterson*

# Day 1 | Thursday, September 5

## SESSION 3 | 3:30-5:00PM

### ADVOCACY / INTERVENTION

#### **Mediating the Movement: Unveiling CALCASA's Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign** | Garden 3 ●

During this workshop, the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault will unveil a new statewide public awareness campaign to reframe the conversation about sexual assault. Attendees will assess opportunities to integrate the campaign into local community awareness strategies.

*Leah Aldridge*

#### **Defining Polyvictimization: A Family Justice Center Approach to Meeting the Unique Needs of Sexual Violence Survivors** | Garden 1&2 ●

But first, what is polyvictimization? This workshop will analyze polyvictimization - the experience of multiple victimizations, such as sexual abuse, physical abuse, bullying, and exposure to family violence —and equip professionals to better understand the complexities of working with polyvictims, as well as the importance of creating flexible, survivor-centered approaches to service delivery. Presenters will provide a variety of resources that allow for better screening and identification of those who are most vulnerable in our programs.

*Kelsey Price*

### EMPOWERED WORKER

#### PRESENTED IN SPANISH

#### **¡Si Se Puede! Addressing Sexual Harassment and Abuse with Farmworker Survivors** | Garden 4 ●

Facilitators will share best practices and involve participants in a conversation around addressing sexual harassment and abuse within farmwork settings. Participants will be asked to work in small groups to practice scenarios on how to create successful connections and build trusting environments with farmworkers and employers. Participants will uncover strategies for building trust and connections with immigrant communities and Latina farmworkers. Participants will gain tools in shaping a culture of empowerment and respect within their work settings and community to create trusted resources in their communities and eradicate sexual violence at work.

*Farmworker Activists*

## FAITH

**Community Engagement in Sexual and Reproductive Health** | Harbor Room ●

This workshop will focus on strategies and activities for engaging community members, particularly members of faith communities, in public health efforts focused on sexual and reproductive health (SRH). WeCanStopSTDsLA brings together a coalition to reduce the high number of cases of sexually transmitted infections (diseases) among youth and young adults in communities of Los Angeles County at elevated risk. Sexual and reproductive health intersects with many other health and wellbeing-related issues, including intimate partner violence (IPV). WeCanStopSTDsLA's work is at the intersection of IPV and sexual and reproductive health given the lived experiences of the young people of Los Angeles County. Recognizing that many people come to places of faith for answers and guidance, WeCanStopSTDsLA endeavors to educate, engage, equip and empower leadership and laity within faith communities so that they have the capacity to engage constituents in efforts to address IPV and stop STDs. Workshop participants will learn about different strategies for engaging stakeholders, with a focus on working with members of faith communities. Key strategies presented will include maximizing coalition members' shared vision for change by launching the WeCanStopSTDsLA movement, implementation of strategic communication strategies, outreach to faith communities and the process we are using in the development of an interfaith resource toolkit.

*Asha E. Moore, Kiana M. Dobson, Valerie Coachman-Moore*

## PREVENTION

**Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links Among Multiple Forms of Violence** | Grand E-G ●

Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links Among Multiple Forms of Violence, a joint report with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Institute, highlighted the linkages between different forms of violence. Attendees will explore shared risk and protective factors and identify leveraging opportunities for collective impact. This workshop will feature Essentials for Childhood, a program that demonstrates the alignment between preventing childhood abuse/neglect and preventing sexual violence.

*LaQuana Williams, Steve Wirtz*

## SPORT

**Sports for Change** | Salon VII & VIII ●

This session will offer insight into sport as an opportunity for violence prevention efforts among adolescent youth and will include examples from the US and global contexts. Insight on findings related to gender differences in sports participation, the role of sport as an incubator for prosocial behaviors and its potential to align with and support violence prevention efforts, will be shared.

*Anita Raj, David Lee*

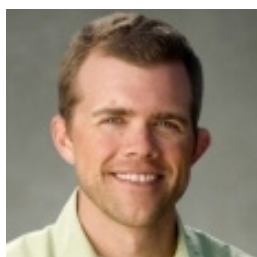
## Plenary Speakers



### Kenia Felix

🐦 @SureHelplineCC

Kenia Felix currently holds the position of PREA Coordinator at Sure Helpline Crisis Center in El Centro California. She graduated from the Peace Officers' Academy in December of 2014 and began her career at the Sure Helpline Crisis Center in August of 2016. She began her work in the movement against sexual violence as a certified sexual assault counselor and advocate and was designated as the PREA Coordinator as facilities' PREA Compliance needs expanded. She currently oversees the work conducted in two CDCR facilities, one Immigration Detention Facility, County Jail, Juvenile Hall, Federal Halfway House, and a Re-entry Center. Kenia currently supervises the development of the Sure Helpline Crisis Center's PREA program.



### Paul Bancroft

🐦 @TahoeSAFE

Paul was born in Truckee, CA and raised in North Lake Tahoe. He earned his bachelor's degree in Modern Languages and Literature with an emphasis in Spanish and Education from Montana State University. An avid learner, Paul also holds a master's degree in Latin American and Iberian Studies with an emphasis on Adult Literacy from UC Santa Barbara. Paul worked for Tahoe SAFE Alliance from 2008-2019, serving the past three years as Executive Director. On July 1st, Paul proudly became the Executive Director of Sierra Community House, a new organization that is a result of the merging of four social service nonprofits that included a Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence/Child abuse organization (Tahoe SAFE Alliance), a hunger relief organization and two Family Resource Centers. Sierra Community House serves the entire North Lake Tahoe/Truckee region, including communities in both California and Nevada. Paul also serves as a Board Trustee for Sierra College. Paul currently live in Kings Beach with his wife, two children, a dog and cat and all of the bears and coyotes that take up residence in his back yard.



### Monika Johnson Hostler

🐦 @NCCASA

Monika Johnson Hostler has the Executive Director of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA) since 2003. In addition to working on behalf of 90 rape crisis centers in North Carolina, Monika is a pivotal asset to the national sexual assault movement. Johnson Hostler serves as the president of the National Alliance Ending Sexual Violence (NAESV). She is a founding Managing Partner of RALIANCE. She received her master's degree in public administration from NC Central University. Her leadership in the anti-sexual violence movement and the public education field are examples of her commitment to social justice and equality.

# Day 2 | Friday, September 6

## MAIN CONFERENCE

8AM-9AM

### REGISTRATION

9-10:15AM

### OPENING PLENARY

**Sandra Henriquez** | CEO

[CALCASA](#)

**Kenia Felix** | PREA Coordinator

[SURE HELPLINE CRISIS CENTER](#)

**Paul Bancroft** | Client Services and Prevention Director

[SIERRA COMMUNITY HOUSE](#)

**Monika Johnson Hostler** | Executive Director

[NORTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

10:30AM-12:00PM

### SESSION 4

12:00-1:30PM

*LUNCH BREAK*

1:30-3:00PM

### SESSION 5



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### SESSION 4 | 10:30AM-12:00PM

#### ADVOCACY /INTERVENTION

##### PRESENTED IN SPANISH

#### **Victim Services for Survivors in Confinement** | Garden 1&2 ●

All people have a right to be safe from sexual abuse, including people who are detained. During this workshop, we will cover detention in the United States. Learn the basics of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and describe victim services for survivors in confinement. We will also share some of the work that CALCASA has been part of to ensure ALL survivors have access to emotional support.

*Diana Miranda*

#### CAMPUS

#### **Campus Sexual Assault in the Headlines: How Communities Can Pivot to Prevention** | Garden 3 ●

In 2015, a young woman was visiting her younger sister in college when she was raped outside of a fraternity party at Stanford University. The name of the student who raped her eventually became world-famous when he was given an extremely lenient sentence by a judge concerned about his “future potential”, and the young woman’s victim impact statement echoed across the country as emblematic of the pain survivors everywhere feel.

The Brock Turner rape case dominated the headlines and left in its wake a campus community of students, professors, alumni, and neighbors struggling to change the conditions of the culture that facilitated the attack in the first place. Similar stories happen across the country every day, and whether it’s parties, frats, or just dark areas of campus - everyone wants to find the smoking gun that is responsible for rape. This workshop will discuss how a campus community reacts when sexual assault thrusts them in the spotlight, and how to transform difficult conversations about rape into catalysts for community-wide prevention.

*John L. Finley, Michelle Carroll*

#### EMPOWERED WORKER

#### **We Will Not Be Invisible! Farmworkers, Janitors and Domestic Workers Standing Together Against Sexual Abuse.** | Garden 4 ●

Immigrant domestic, agricultural workers and those in the janitorial industry come together to unveil their unique and distinct strategies for creating change within these industries. These workers clean our homes, hotel rooms, and offices and work in the fields to harvest food for our tables. They have been preyed upon and targeted for sexual harassment and abuse while at work. They have been marginalized, made invisible and silenced for years. They now stand together to say Ya Basta (Enough is Enough). They will not wait for others and will instead rely on themselves. These women are resilient, powerful, and tenacious and believe Si Se Puede! (Yes We Can). They recognize that together they will transform their workspaces into healthy environments.

*Promotora, Lideres, Activist, Change Agents who are Janitorial, Domestic, and Farmworkers*



## FAITH

**Making A Faith Connection: Engaging Faith Communities Committed to Helping End Sexual Violence |**

Harbor Room ●

This workshop will focus on cross-cultural relationship building between the sexual assault and faith communities. Additionally, we will look at ways of building the internal capacities of faith organizations to better respond to and prevent sexual violence.

*Najuma Smith-Pollard*

## PREVENTION

**Beyond Stock Images: Using Graphic Design to Advance Prevention |** Grand E-G ●

Join the graphic designer from the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault to learn basic graphic design concepts and concrete tips to visually strengthen the ability for people to take action to prevent sexual violence. PreventConnect staff will also share their process of implementing graphic design in their messaging and communication.

*Ashleigh Klein, Celeste Espinoza, Tori Vandelinde*

## SPORT

**Coaching With Courage |** Salon VII & VIII (2nd Floor) ●

Coaches can play an important role in preventing sexual violence. By leveraging their authority and relationship with the athletes they work with, coaches can support the healthy development of young people. This workshop will introduce Coaching with Courage, a new curriculum that focuses on creating safe and healthy environments in athletics using social-emotional learning. It will provide insights on how creating trust, empathy, and learning between coaches and athletes can help build a positive sport culture and reduce gender-based violence.

*Yesenia Gorbea Zuffanelli*

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### SESSION 5 | 1:30-3:00PM

#### ADVOCACY/INTERVENTION

##### **Addressing ACES: Understanding Trauma and Abuse One Adversity at a Time** | Garden 3 ●

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), specifically sexual abuse, have a negative impact on individuals in school and adulthood. This workshop will examine the adversity of sexual abuse using the I-E-O (Input, Environment, Output) model as a framework to increase resiliency capacity (through empathy and compassion) for Rape Crisis Center staff, who support individuals being sexually abused in diverse communities.

*Dr. Jerrell B. Hill*

#### ADVOCACY/INTERVENTION

##### **From Survivor-Centered Services to Transformative Justice** | Garden 1&2 ●

Over the last 40 years, the sexual violence movement has lead the nation in ensuring services are survivor-centered to address trauma and ensure safety. In the last several years, the sexual violence field is evolving to embrace transformative justice due to critiques of criminalization of sexual violence, the transformative justice movement, and leaders from marginalized communities to embrace transformative justice. In this workshop, participants will learn about national policy efforts and North Carolina organizational lessons learned in this evolution to better serve the needs of survivors and their communities.

*Monika Johnson Hostler*

#### FAITH

##### **Roadblocks to Resiliency for Muslim Survivors of Sexual Violence: Understanding the Challenges & Opportunities for Survivor Healing in an Era of Islamophobia** | Harbor Room ●

This workshop will help service providers understand the unique challenges Muslim survivors face. The intersections of gender-based violence, Islamophobia and mental health will be discussed. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and share best practices for working collaboratively and more effectively with Muslim communities as a way to enhance service provision.

*Mahreen Alam, Amal Ali*

## LGBTQ+

**Serving and Supporting LGBTQI Survivors** | Garden 4 ●

LGBTQI survivors face a higher risk of sexual violence and harassment. This workshop will focus on the role that advocates play in building a culturally-competent, trauma-informed, and survivor-centered approach when responding to LGBTQI survivors.

*Mary Case*

## PREVENTION

**Prevention Integration: Statewide Collaboration to Organizational Implementation** | Grand E-G ●

Prevention is an essential component of comprehensive approaches to end sexual violence. This workshop will highlight state-level collaborative initiatives that center around prevention and ending sexual and relationship violence including advocacy, funding, and training and technical assistance activities. Integrating prevention at the local level and within organizations is essential to ending sexual violence. The session will provide examples of local prevention partnerships and strategies for integrating prevention more effectively within organizations.

*Alejandra Aguilar, David Lee, Jeannine Barbato, Jessie Town-Cardenas*

## SPORT

**Coaching for Culture Change: A Violence Prevention Game Plan for Community Colleges**

| Salon VII & VIII ●

This workshop will provide an overview of a recent partnership between Napa Valley College and NEWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services in developing sexual violence prevention programming in athletics. Former Athletic Director Dr. Nadine Wade-Gravett and prevention programmer Heather Baile of NEWS will present their experience in developing and implementing a gender-based violence prevention program within the athletic department of Napa Valley College. Presenters will highlight the successes and lessons learned and present tools and strategies organizations can use to implement prevention programming. Attendees will gain insights on how to build relationships, implement prevention policies and train coaches and student-athletes.

*Heather Baile, Dr. Nadine Wade-Gravett*

## Presenter Biographies



**Alejandra Aguilar** | Program Specialist

[CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE](#)

Alejandra Aguilar is Mexican-American, formerly undocumented, and Program Specialist at the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, leading the statewide prevention program, working to strengthen prevention efforts across California. She holds 15+ years of diverse experience working with survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) and sexual assault (SA). As a school counselor, advocate, and preventionist, Alejandra has engaged in direct advocacy and intervention services for teens & adults impacted by IPV/SA, developed culturally humble and trauma-informed prevention education programs and resources in English & Spanish. Throughout her work, Alejandra has used her voice to speak up about the relationship between abuse and oppression, the interconnectedness of all social justice efforts, and the need for service providers to acknowledge the diversity of lived experiences, recognizing that there is no “one size fits all” strategy for prevention or intervention. Alejandra values the importance of working together to promote collective strength and stand in solidarity with our communities.



**Alejandra Sandoval, MPH, CHES** | Prevention Education Specialist

[STRENGTH UNITED](#)

Alejandra Sandoval is a native of the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles. She believes that health education should be an empowerment tool for individuals to gain agency over their lives. At Strength United she has worked with high school leadership groups to build students' leaderships skills and help them mobilize their communities to help end interpersonal violence. As self-care she enjoys dancing, practices setting boundaries, and napping.



**Amal Ali** | Community Organizer

[HEART WOMEN AND GIRLS](#)

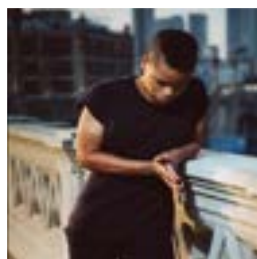
Amal Ali is a Palestinian Muslim community organizer and youth mentor from Riverside, CA. Her work with youth has focused primarily on identity formation and location of self within a communal and global context, as well as advocacy for cultural competency within K-12 schools, the end of American complicity in the occupation of Palestine, and improved access to sexual health resources for the Muslim community. She's worked in partnership with the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Muslim Student Association (MSA) West, American Muslims for Palestine, and HEART Women and Girls. She is an alumna of UC Riverside with a bachelors degree in ethnic studies, and aims to pursue a teaching credential for high school in the coming year.



**Anita Raj** | Director Professor Infectious Diseases & Global Public Health,  
School of Medicine

[UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO](#)

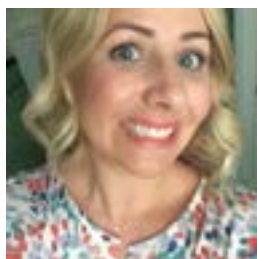
Anita Raj, PhD, is a Tata Chancellor Professor of Medicine and the Director of UC San Diego's Center on Gender Equity and Health in the Department of Medicine. She is also a Professor of Education Studies in the Division of Social Sciences. Trained as a developmental psychologist, Dr. Raj's research includes epidemiologic and qualitative assessment of gendered, social, and cultural vulnerabilities for reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health (RMNCH+A) concerns across national settings, assessment of the etiology and public health impact of gender inequities including early and child marriage, intimate partner violence and sexual assault, and son preference, development and evaluation of HIV, unintended pregnancy, and gender-based violence prevention interventions in low resource settings and with socially vulnerable populations including as minorities, people contending with problem substance use, and youth, and application of social and behavioral theories, including gender theories, for measurement development and evaluation research.



**Asha E. Moore, BA** | Project Analyst

[WE CAN STOP STDs LA](#)

Asha E. Moore is a Project Analyst with WeCanStopSTDsLA and supports the project administratively and programmatically. Over the past year she has worked with members of the Interfaith Working Group and is co-leading the development of a toolkit on sexually transmitted infections (STIs) designed to provide guidance and support for multifaith leaders on how to incorporate STD prevention for young people into their places of faith. Throughout her career, Asha has demonstrated a keen understanding of ways to incorporate empathy in her work with groups – whether with young children in afterschool programs, as a team member with the Federal Emergency Management Agency during the horrific 2017 hurricane and fire seasons, and as a congressional intern for Representative Adam Schiff after her freshman year in college. She is an avid musician dedicated to composing and singing to lift the human spirit. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Women and Gender Studies from Loyola Marymount University.



**Ashleigh Klein, MPA** | Project Manager

[CALIFORNIA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

Ashleigh Klein is a Project Manager with the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) and oversees CALCASA's national online prevention project, PreventConnect. She has previously worked in community-based prevention programs at the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles and the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency in Long Beach, California. She proudly attended no less than 6 community colleges during her journey to obtain a college degree.



### **Bamby Salcedo** | CEO

[TRANSLATIN@ COALITION](#)

Bamby Salcedo is a national and international transgender Latina Woman who received her Master's Degree in Latin@ Studies from California State California Los Angeles. Bamby is the President and CEO of the TransLatin@ Coalition, a national organization that focuses on addressing the issues of transgender Latin@s in the US. Bamby developed the Center for Violence Prevention & Transgender Wellness, a multipurpose, multiservice space for Trans people in Los Angeles. Bamby has been invited to participate in several panels at the White House including in 2016 The United State of Woman where she shared the stage with Vice President Biden. In 2015, she participated in the Transgender Women of Color and Violence and LGBTQ People of Color Summit. Bamby has also been invited to be the opening plenary speaker at several conferences, including the 2015 National HIV Prevention Conference, and The United States Conference on AIDS in 2009 and 2012. In the documentary made about her life entitled. TransVisable: Bamby Salcedo's Story, her words and experiences evoke both tears and laughter, sobriety and inspiration.



### **Brittany Bray, MSW** | Prevention & Education Manager

[WEAVE](#)

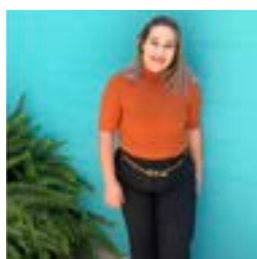
Brittany Bray is the Prevention & Education Manager at WEAVE in Sacramento, CA. Brittany was one of the primary writers for the revised California Health Education Framework and has a master's degree in social work. Brittany is also the project lead for WEAVE's implementation of the Framework's content, which includes providing training and supporting school districts throughout California. Brittany has been working in social services for over 10 years and has extensive knowledge and experience related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking. This includes providing direct services for survivors of sexual violence as an advocate and counselor, and developing and implementing training and education informed by that work.



### **Celeste Espinoza** | Online Media Coordinator

[CALIFORNIA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

Celeste Espinoza joined CALCASA in 2017 as their Online Media Coordinator. She had recently graduated from Sacramento State University with a Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design. Her commitment to social justice and women's empowerment drew her to the field of ending gender-based violence.



### **Claudia Villanueva** | Adult Organizing Specialist

[EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER](#)

Claudia Villanueva is the Adult Organizing Specialist at the East Los Angeles Women's Center. She is originally from Guadalajara, Mexico and currently resides in Boyle Heights. She attended La Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara where she studied nursing. Claudia began her work at ELAWC in 2011 as a Promotora de Violencia Domestica where she worked as lead promotora. She has worked closely with the Latino community by providing prevention-based workshops focusing on topics such HIV/AIDS, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Mental Health. The core of her work continues to be the same although now, she works with parents in the community to provide workshops, training's and support groups focusing on education and prevention within the family.





**Connie Chung Joe** | Executive Director  
KOREAN AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICE

Connie Chung Joe, JD, has been the Executive Director of the Korean American Family Services (KFAM) since 2009. Under Connie's leadership, KFAM has more than tripled its budget and staff, with services to over 7,000 clients per year. KFAM was founded in 1983 with the mission to support and strengthen Korean American families in the greater Los Angeles area through counseling, education and social services. KFAM specializes in culturally and linguistically responsive services to Korean immigrant families, particularly those struggling with mental health, domestic/family violence, and acculturation stresses. In 2014, KFAM launched its Asian Foster Family Initiative, to recruit, train and support Korean and other Asian Pacific Islander (API) foster parents to provide culturally appropriate homes for API foster children. KFAM is now the only foster family agency in the nation specializing in the needs of API foster children. Connie is active in advocating for and addressing the needs of API communities. She served as the co-chair for 2 years of the API Domestic Violence Task Force of LA County and co-founded the API Human Trafficking Task Force of LA County. She served for 6 years as the Vice-Chair of Planning of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), a consortium of 40+ API-serving organizations throughout LA County. Connie was also the co-chair of A3PCON's Mental Health Subcommittee. Connie has been honored for her work by the Asian Pacific Women's Center and Asian American Drug Abuse Program. In 2016, she was appointed by CA Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de Leon to the Domestic Violence Advisory Council. In 2017, Connie was named by LA County Board of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and CA Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas as a 40 Under 40 Emerging Civic Leader. Prior to joining KFAM, Connie was a public interest lawyer for seven years. She worked at the Housing Rights Center in Los Angeles representing clients in fair housing cases and the American Civil Liberties Union in Chicago working on immigrant's rights, reproductive rights, post-9/11 racial profiling, policy accountability and First Amendment. Connie received her BA in Spanish and International Relations from USC and her JD from Georgetown University Law Center.



**Dareen Khatib, MPH, MCHES** | Administrator of Health and Wellness  
ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

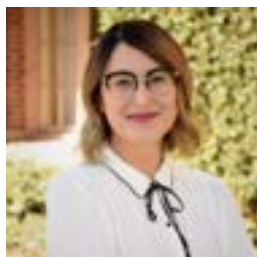
Dareen Khatib is Administrator of Health and Wellness at the Orange County Department of Education where she oversees programming for health education, including comprehensive sexual health, physical education, nutrition and obesity prevention, wellness policy supports, school safety and violence prevention, alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, health services, as well as family and community engagement. Dareen and her team support districts and schools in establishing safe and healthy school environments that help all students thrive. Dareen is a Master Certified Health Education Specialist and Registered Dietitian. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Health, Graduate Certificates in Humanitarian Assistance and Food and Nutrition, and Bachelor of Science degrees in Health Science and Exercise Science. With over 18 years of progressive experience in education, she is a passionate health advocate who firmly believes that healthy students are better learners with improved college, career, and life readiness.

## Presenter Biographies



**David Lee** | Director of Prevention  
[CALCASA/PREVENTCONNECT](#)

David Lee leads CALCASA's team that provides training and technical assistance to California's rape crisis centers on prevention activities. He manages PreventConnect, the nation's leading online community to advance primary prevention of sexual and domestic violence. He's been a part of the movement to end sexual assault and domestic violence since 1982.



**Diana Miranda** | Technical Assistance Coordinator  
[CALIFORNIA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

Diana Miranda is on a lifelong mission to make the world a better place. She has a knack for problem solving, activating equitable collaborative networks, and designing human-centered solutions. Diana holds a B.A. in English Literature from Cal State L.A. and an M.S. in Social Entrepreneurship from the University of Southern California (Fight On!). Prior to joining the CALCASA family, Diana worked for Peace Over Violence, and then at the University of Southern California, supporting survivors of gender-based harm and creating campaigns for sexual violence prevention. She also served as the Director of Marketing for the Master of Social Entrepreneurship Student Association at USC, and is currently working within the social entrepreneurship space to create violence prevention safety tech for female commuters who regularly use public transit.



**Heather Bailie** | SAVS Outreach and Education Program Manager  
[NEWS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES](#)

Coach Bailie is passionate about making the Napa Valley a healthier, safer place for all. As Outreach and Education Program Manager, Bailie's scope of work includes NEWS About Sports, an educational campaign to promote healthy relationships, gender equity, bystander awareness and positive character development in youth and young adults participating in Napa Valley athletic programs. As a former athlete, Bailie believes sport has a significant influence on culture and can be a powerful avenue for sexual violence education and shifting social norms, attitudes and beliefs in her community.



**Hollie West** | Education Program Coordinator  
[RISE](#)

Hollie West is a Prevention Educator at RISE in San Luis Obispo. She graduated from California Polytechnic State University with a major focus of Journalism and minor focus of Women and Gender Studies. She joined RISE in 2018 and leads the Close to Home Adult Community Action Team. Hollie is passionate about her involvement in the gender-based violence movement and in her free time she enjoys gardening, baking, and being outdoors.



**Imelda Talamantes** | Latinx Services Coordinator  
[CALIFORNIA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

Imelda Talamantes is the Latinx Services Coordinator at the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA). Imelda has worked in the movement to end sexual and domestic violence for more than 21 years. Imelda specializes in providing individual counseling, facilitating support groups, responding to emergencies, providing classes for parents, and educating the Latino community. Imelda has also provided translations from English into Spanish throughout her career. In 1978, Imelda was honored by Edward James Olmos and the Spanish-language newspaper



La Opinion for her help in reviewing and translating the book on relationship violence within teens, “This is not Love.” In 1980, Imelda received an award from the Mayor of Los Angeles City Council for the translation from English into Spanish in the book “Enamorados y En Peligro.”



**Jaime Gerigk, MSA** | Chief Program Officer of Counseling and Outreach  
WEAVE

Jaime Gerigk, MSW, is Chief Program Officer of Counseling and Outreach at WEAVE in Sacramento, CA. Jaime has worked in the fields of social work, domestic violence and sexual assault for 30 years. She has worked in domestic violence and sexual assault programs in both California and Michigan as an Advocate, Counselor, Educator, Director and currently Chief Program Officer. Her passion is providing domestic violence and sexual violence prevention education for all ages and ensuring survivor-centered, trauma-informed services for all survivors.



**Janae Sargent** | Education Program Coordinator  
RISE

Janae Sargent is a Prevention Educator at RISE in San Luis Obispo. After graduating with a Journalism and Social Justice degree from Pacific University, Oregon, she spent two years reporting on human trafficking, public policy and community issues in Oregon and California. In 2018, she joined RISE to lead the Close to Home Youth Community Action Team. When not working in the community, Janae is an avid lover of the outdoors and often spends her time backpacking, mountaineering and trail running.



**Jeannine Barbato, MPH** | Safe and Active Communities Branch Center for Healthy Communities

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Jeannine Barbato, MPH, has been in the public health field for over 20 years and currently works within the California Department of Public Health's Safe and Active Communities Branch. In her roles as a Health Education Consultant, she provides training and technical assistance to teen dating violence prevention programs, as well as rape crisis centers through the CDC-funded rape Prevention and Education Program. Her previous work was predominantly in the teen pregnancy prevention field through CDPH's Office of Family Planning.



**Dr. Jerell B. Hill** | Administrative Faculty  
PACIFIC OAKS COLLEGE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Jerell Hill is an Administrative Faculty in the School of Education at Pacific Oaks College, serving as a faculty advisor for Multiple Subject Credential candidates as well as a member of the Development and Evaluations Committee. His responsibilities include program development, supporting adjunct faculty, and student teaching. Dr. Hill's areas of research interest include Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs), student motivation, educational administration, special education, and urban schools. Dr. Hill's professional memberships include the California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (Co-Chair of the Diversity and Cultural Competence Committee), and The Council of Exceptional Children. Dr. Hill has been a Keynote Speaker and presenter at the International Congress of Educators in Lima, Peru.

## Presenter Biographies



**Jessica Romo, MPH, CHES** | Advocacy Program Manager

**STRENGTH UNITED**

Jessica Romo has worked toward ending abuse and violence for over 7 years with Strength United, a California State University, Northridge (CSUN) community agency that provides free counseling, case management, and prevention and intervention services to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child maltreatment. She currently runs the advocacy programming at Strength United, and manages prevention programming using the Close to Home community mobilization model. Jessica has always believed in the richness of community. One of her passions is creating and building accessibility to marginalized communities. With over 10 years of experience in the non-profit sector, she has worked closely with the Building Healthy communities' initiative and worked with at-risk youth, people experiencing homelessness, and families exposed to trauma. She earned her Masters of Public Health degree from California State University, Northridge and her Bachelor's degree from University of California, Merced.



**Jessie Towne-Cardenas, MA** | Partner

**ARBORETA GROUP**

Jessie Towne-Cardenas, MA, is Co-Founder, Partner, and Training and Curriculum Development Lead of Arboreta Group, LLC, a women and minority-owned firm focused on strengthening organizations and extending their capacity to do good work for the betterment of communities nationwide through a variety of tailored professional services. As part of her client portfolio Jessie provides statewide coordination of training and technical assistance for California Rape Prevention and Education programs. Her academic background includes a Bachelor's in Community Health Education from CSU, Chico and Master's in Nonprofit Leadership and Management from the University of San Diego. Jessie is a passionate believer in the power of ideas! As a trainer, facilitator, and curriculum developer, she strives to ensure that everything she does includes current best practices and practical steps to application. She has spent over 20 years in the nonprofit sector navigating the relationships between nonprofits, government agencies, and communities as they work together to achieve common goals through community and professional training, strategic planning, program development, grant writing, and evaluation. This work has led Jessie to develop skills in relationship building, group facilitation, and navigating difficult conversations in order to bring out the best in teams and organizations. And have a few laughs together along the way.



**John L. Finley** | Public Policy Associate

**CALIFORNIA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT**

John L. Finley graduated from Stanford University with a B.A. in Political Science. At CALCASA, John is responsible for identifying, monitoring, and executing the strategic advocacy and legislative agenda on emerging issues related to sexual violence, provides key analysis on statewide and national public policy and makes public speaking appearances on CALCASA's behalf. He has also traveled the country on behalf of Price Philanthropies Foundation assessing the impact of philanthropic gift-giving and civic engagement and has twice been to the White House to advocate on behalf of university students. John became involved in the movement to end sexual violence while serving as President of the Associated Students of Stanford University during his senior year and lent his voice to the national chorus calling for improved systems of education, prevention, and

adjudication in the aftermath of *People v. Brock Turner*. Originally from America's Finest City: San Diego, California, John is a proud Eagle Scout, and is committed to lifelong advocacy on behalf of survivors of sexual violence and marginalized people everywhere.



**Karla Ortiz** | Youth Engagement Coordinator  
EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER

Karla Ortiz has gained 5 years of experience in developing, implementing and supporting programs for young leaders. As a Youth Engagement Coordinator for the East Los Angeles Women's Center, Karla mentors' young leaders in high school, and supports a youth led club "Las Mariposas". The sole focus of the club is strengthening youth leadership and self-development through literature analysis, journaling, and critical thinking as a learning process to become youth mentors in their communities. Along with supporting youth leadership development, Karla is part of the President's Youth Council, a statewide, intergenerational body of youth and seasoned youth workers that provide a youth perspective and candid feedback on The California Endowment's campaign and strategies in the pursuit of Health and Justice across California. Karla is an undergraduate student at California State University, Los Angeles working to obtain a bachelor's degree in Sociology by Fall of 2020.



**Kelsey Price** | Project Coordinator - Polyvictimization Initiative  
FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER OF SONOMA COUNTY

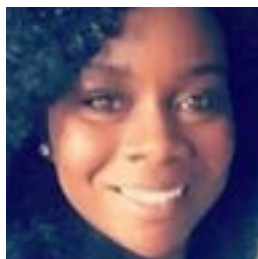
Kelsey Price is the Project Coordinator for the Polyvictimization Initiative at the Family Justice Center of Sonoma County. The Polyvictimization Initiative seeks to measure client victimizations and develop best practices for Family Justice Center professionals in supporting survivors of multiple types of trauma. Prior to her role as the Project Coordinator, Kelsey was a Navigator at the Family Justice Center of Sonoma County, providing direct advocacy and wrap-around services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and elder abuse. Kelsey has also served in various advocacy and administrative roles in domestic violence, human trafficking, refugee aid, and developmental disability organizations. Kelsey Price has a Bachelor's Degree in Family Relations and Human Development from Illinois State University.



**Kiana M. Dobson, MPH** | Program Coordinator  
WE CAN STOP STDs LA

Kiana Dobson serves as the Project Coordinator for WeCanStopSTDsLA, a multi- sector initiative to reduce sexually transmitted infections among youth and young adults in South Los Angeles. In addition to supporting and coordinating WeCanStopSTDsLA, she helps convene stakeholders, engages Los Angeles community residents, and presents at local and national public health conferences. She previously served as a sexual assault crisis counselor in Riverside County as well as a sex education presenter in Los Angeles Unified School District. In addition, she supported efforts to further incorporate family engagement training into the Missouri Children's Division and assisted in mapping the pathways used by survivors of domestic violence who engage with government agencies in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She received her Bachelor's in Psychology from Occidental College and her Master of Public Health degree from Boston University School of Public Health.

## Presenter Biographies



**La'Quana Williams, MPH** | Associate Program Manager

[PREVENTION INSTITUTE](#)

La'Quana Williams, MPH, Associate Program Manager, utilizes a health equity framework to work across numerous projects and focus areas, leading the development of a forthcoming resource, "Building Bridges: The Strategic Imperative for Advancing Health Equity and Racial Justice." Additionally, La'Quana supports Prevention Institute's capacity building efforts via the delivery of training and technical assistance in the area of health equity, violence prevention, and adverse community experiences and resiliency. La'Quana received her Masters of Public Health with an emphasis in Urban Health Disparities from Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science and her BA in Africana Studies from San Diego State University. Prior to joining Prevention Institute, La'Quana managed a Health Pathway at a CA community college, and immediately prior to that served as the Health Equity and Cultural Competency Coordinator for Monterey County Health Department.



**Leah Aldridge** | Project Manager

[CALIFORNIA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

Leah Aldridge's relationship with CALCASA began as a Women of Color Caucus member in the early 1990s while working at a local member rape crisis center program. A longtime supporter of the coalition, Leah would eventually serve as a board member and consultant before joining the staff as a Program Manager in 2016. She is an educator, facilitator and trainer on the multi-disciplinary issues of interpersonal violence for diverse populations. Media and policy advocacy are among Leah's additional skills having consulted on numerous media projects, videos, and campaigns. She co-authored Women of Color Leadership: A Look at the Experiences of Women of Color Executives in the Anti-Violence Against Women's Movement for the Women Of Color Network funded by the Ms. Foundation (2013), and, was the consultant and co-author of Reciprocal Advancement: Building Linkages Between Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for CALCASA funded by Blue Shield of California. Leah holds a PhD in Cinema and Media from the University of Southern California.



**Leah Schneider** | Executive Director and CEO

[CASA TREATMENT CENTER](#)

As the Executive Director and CEO of a Behavioral Health Care facility that focuses on treating women with substance use disorders, Leah Schneider leads a highly skilled team of professionals to develop comprehensive treatment programs to best meet the needs of the women seeking a life in recovery. Under her leadership, Casa Treatment Center has transitioned from a Social Model to an Integrated Continuum of Care Model, which considers biological, psychological, and social factors when diagnosing disease and creating programs. Utilizing this more nuanced model promotes self-discovery and empowers our clients to facilitate a positive and sustainable recovery. Originally from New Mexico, Leah Rodemich moved to Pasadena, CA seeking a life in recovery from addiction in 2004. She has since, been a resident of the Pasadena community, is a mother of a daughter, and is living in long-term recovery. She has her bachelor's degree in Human Development with a concentration in Social Justice from Pacific Oaks College and is currently completing her master's degree in Applied Psychology at USC.





### Lideres Campesinas

“Organización en California de Líderes Campesinas, Inc.” represents a culmination of decades of work by farm working women (Campesinas). Farmworker women have been the leaders of many grassroots and mobilizing efforts to improve the lives of farmworker communities. Líderes Campesinas provides these long-time leaders and activists with the opportunity to coordinate their work statewide and has built collectives so that campesinas may become agents of change and be a more effective unified voice.



### Mahreen Alam | Trainer HEART WOMEN AND GIRLS

Mahreen Alam was born and raised in Sacramento. She earned her bachelors in Political Science at UC Irvine. She currently serves as the Youth Organizer at CAIR (The Council on American-Islamic Relations) for the Greater Los Angeles regions. Through her role she empowers and molds civic leaders by implementing socially conscious programs. She has been actively involved with HEART Women and Girls since 2016. Her passion is providing culturally sensitive education to the Muslim community in regards to sexual health and violence prevention. Which is why she joined the HEART team as a trainer. One of her goals is to cultivate safe spaces for community healing.



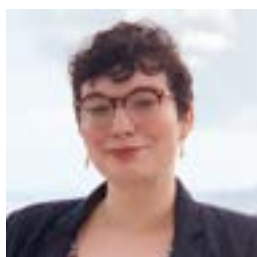
### Mary Case, CCDVC | Manager, Legal Advocacy Project for Survivors LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

As an Interim Manager, Mary Case developed an LGBTQ Specific Trauma Informed Domestic Violence Program and created the first multigender Stress and Power Management group model for non-court mandated domestic violence primary aggressors.



### MCTF | Maestras y Promotoras de la Industria de Limpieza

The Maintenance Cooperation Trust Fund (MCTF) is a nationally-recognized statewide watchdog that works to eliminate illegal and unfair business practices in the janitorial industry in California. Investigators, former janitors themselves, work with janitors to identify potential employment law violations and expose unlawful business practices.



### Michelle Carroll | Associate Director of External Programming END RAPE ON CAMPUS - EROC

Michelle Carroll graduated with Honors from Franklin and Marshall College with a B.A. in Government. It was during her freshman year that she began organizing her community in response to incidents of sexual violence. While completing her education, she led the Sexual Assault Violence Education (SAVE) Club, the Alice Drum Women’s Center, and planned the annual Take Back the Night. After graduating, Michelle joined Teach for America in Southwest Philadelphia. She carries the lessons from her fourth graders into all of her justice work. In 2016, Michelle joined the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA) as their Director of Campus Projects. While with NYSCASA, Michelle had the pleasure of collaborating with students, rape crisis center advocates, and college administrators on best practices to address collegiate violence. She also managed NYSCASA’s statewide consortium and delivered a social justice-oriented education and training program for its membership. In her anti-violence organizing and

programming, Michelle brings her queer, white-presenting boricua self with the goal of leveraging her many privileges and building an intersectional activist community. Michelle has presented workshops at several national conferences and is a trained facilitator in Restorative Justice (RJ). She is also a board member of the Campus Advocacy and Prevention Professionals Association (CAPPA) and a certified New York State rape crisis center advocate.



**Monika Johnson Hostler** | Executive Director  
[NORTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

Monika Johnson Hostler has the Executive Director of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA) since 2003. In addition to working on behalf of 90 rape crisis centers in North Carolina, Monika is a pivotal asset to the national sexual assault movement. Johnson Hostler serves as the president of the National Alliance Ending Sexual Violence (NAESV). She is a founding Managing Partner of RALIANCE. She received her master's degree in public administration from NC Central University. Her leadership in the anti-sexual violence movement and the public education field are examples of her commitment to social justice and equality.



**Dr. Nadine Wade-Gravett** | Professor and Faculty Coordinator  
[NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE](#)

Nadine Wade-Gravett has 36 years experience and is the former Dean and Athletic Director of Napa Valley College. Her current role on campus focuses on Health and Wellness education. A large component of the curriculum she promotes focuses on violence prevention.



**Najuma Smith-Pollard** | Program Manager  
[USC CECIL MURRAY CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT](#)

As program manager for the USC Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement, the Rev. Najuma Smith-Pollard combines her experience as a pastor and expertise as a community leader to run programs that train pastors to take on civic engagement work. Smith-Pollard also is a pastor, motivational speaker, author, life coach, radio personality and community activist. She accepted her call to ministry in 1996, while serving under the phenomenal tutelage of the Rev. Cecil L. "Chip" Murray, her father in ministry. Smith-Pollard was ordained as a Deacon in 1996 and as an Itinerant Elder in 2000. Since that time, she has served as Assistant Pastor and Pastor of Family Ministries at Christ Our Redeemer AME Church in Irvine, California, Pastor of A.K. Quinn AME Church in Moreno Valley, California, and Pastor of St. James AME Church in Los Angeles, California. In 2014, Smith-Pollard launched Word of Encouragement Community Church (WOECC.ORG) in Los Angeles. She is a frequent speaker at churches and church conferences. Smith-Pollard holds a B.S. in management from Pepperdine University, a Bachelor of Theology degree from the Southern California School of Ministry, an M.B.A. from Woodbury University and a Doctorate in Ministry from United Theological Seminary. She is an alumna of the "Passing The Mantle" Civic Engagement and Community Development Institute at USC, the precursor to the USC Cecil Murray Center's Faith Leaders Institute.



**Osvaldo Cruz, Sr.** | Engaging Men Project Coordinator  
EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER

For the past 20 years, Osvaldo “Ozzie” Cruz, Sr. has worked with Latino male youth and young adults in the greater Los Angeles area to address issues of male responsibility, Latino male rites of passage, teen-pregnancy prevention, fatherhood, reproductive health, community violence, and youth leadership development. Most recently, Mr. Cruz’s works with men to address the issues and impact of sexual assault and domestic violence as an advocate for survivors. Through these efforts and many more, Ozzie is privileged and honored to realize the work necessary to enhance the quality of life of young men, fathers and their families.



**Paul Bancroft** | Client Services and Prevention Director  
SIERRA COMMUNITY HOUSE (FORMERLY TAHOE SAFE ALLIANCE)

Paul was born in Truckee, CA and raised in North Lake Tahoe. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Modern Languages and Literature with an emphasis in Spanish and Education from Montana State University. An avid learner, Paul also holds a master’s degree in Latin American and Iberian Studies with an emphasis on Adult Literacy from UC Santa Barbara. Paul worked for Tahoe SAFE Alliance from 2008-2019, serving the past three years as Executive Director. On July 1st, Paul proudly became the Executive Director of Sierra Community House, a new organization that is a result of the merging of four social service nonprofits that included a Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence/Child abuse organization (Tahoe SAFE Alliance), a hunger relief organization and two Family Resource Centers. Sierra Community House serves the entire North Lake Tahoe/Truckee region, including communities in both California and Nevada. Paul also serves as a Board Trustee for Sierra College. Paul currently live in Kings Beach with his wife, two children, a dog and cat and all of the bears and coyotes that take up residence in his back yard.



**Rebeca M. Melendez** | Director of Wellness Programs  
EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER

Rebeca M. Melendez has acquired over 24 years of experience in creating, developing and implementing programs for non-profit community-based organizations, including 20 years of crisis intervention and advocacy work with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Currently Rebeca oversees crisis response, advocacy, intervention, empowerment, provider education programs as well as the Hope and Heart shelter and housing services offered by East Los Angeles Women’s Center at LAC + USC Medical Center and The Wellness Center located at the Historical General Hospital. Rebeca is a graduate of Mount St. Mary’s University and holds a Master’s degree in Humanities with a concentration in Cultural Studies.



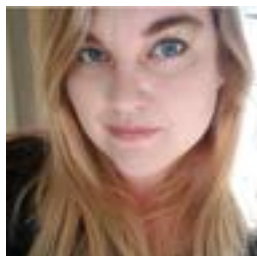
**Sandy Monroy** | Project Manager/Site Administrator  
[CALIFORNIA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

Sandy Monroy is the Project Manager and Site Administrator for California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) in Pasadena. Sandy has over 15 years of experience working in the movement to end sexual and domestic violence. Sandy has served as the Director of Programs at a local Los Angeles-based rape crisis and domestic violence center. She has extensive experience in working with individuals from the Latinx community, with an emphasis on access to civil legal remedies. Sandy holds a Board of Immigration Appeals accreditation with the Department of Homeland Security. She currently provides Training and Technical Assistance to rape crisis centers and agencies working to build capacity in the area of civil legal needs and immigration protections for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.



**SEIU USWW, Justice for Janitors**

Justice for Janitors! For more than two decades, the Justice for Janitors movement has helped low-wage workers achieve a better life and has earned broad-based support from the public as well as religious, political and community leaders. More than 225,000 janitors in cities across the country have united in SEIU, America's largest union of property services workers. From across California, more than 25,000 janitors united in USWW are leading the effort for good jobs including wages you can raise a family on, access to quality health care and respect on the job.



**Sharon Maher** | Teen Programs Supervisor/Coordinator  
[LAKE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER](#)

Sharon Maher started her career in Mortuary Science, which led to a study of grieving and loss. She completed her psychology degree with a research project that examined local support and services around bereavement, which lead her into Maternal Mental Health work. She worked for Mother-Wise, a local program that focuses on Postpartum Depression and Anxiety and then continued working to support her community by accepting a position at Lake Family Resource Center as the Teen Programs Supervisor/Coordinator. Sharon grew up in Lake County, briefly living in New York as an adult to obtain further education. Growing up in a rural area, gives a unique understanding of its barriers and struggles. It made sense for her to continue her work there. "Lake County is beautiful and I love living and working in an area where you can see the impact of what you do."



**Steve Wirtz, PhD.** | Injury Surveillance & Epidemiology Section  
[CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH -  
SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES BRANCH](#)

Steve Wirtz, Ph.D. is Chief of the Injury Surveillance and Epidemiology Section, Safe and Active Communities (SAC) Branch, California Department of Public Health. He is a licensed psychologist and research scientist. He manages the Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Initiative, Crash Medical Outcome Data Project, Essentials for Childhood Initiative, and California Violent Death Reporting System, among others. Dr. Wirtz has been Principal Investigator for several research projects and regularly publishes and provides trainings. He is also active in the Sacramento community as a Commissioner on the First Five Sacramento Commission and Chair of the Evaluation Committee.





**Tori VandeLinde** | Training & Technical Assistance Specialist  
[CALIFORNIA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

Tori VandeLinde is a Training & Technical Assistance Specialist for the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault and their national project PreventConnect. Tori received her master's degree in public health from Oregon State University, and her previous work focused on sexual violence prevention and sexual health promotion on college campuses.



**Triana Siltan** | Deputy Chief of Staff  
[UNITED HEALTH WORKERS](#)

Triana Siltan joined the Justice for Janitors campaign of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 399 in 1994 as a Field Organizer. In 2000, she led 8,000 mostly low-wage, immigrant women on a 12-day strike for family healthcare, a decent raise, and the right to organize. After spending more than ten years having the privilege of working with janitors - developing leaders, organizing not-yet-union workers, fighting for immigration reform, and taking on employers to raise the standard of living for thousands of janitors, Triana joined SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West. As SEIU-UHW's Deputy Chief of Staff, Triana is part of a leadership team for the 97,000-member union's fight for healthcare justice - affordable, accessible, high-quality care for everyone provided by respected and valued caregivers everywhere.



**Valencia Peterson** | Founder & CEO  
[OPEN DOOR ABUSE AWARENESS PREVENTION](#)

With the need of intervention being so critical, prevention is our only hope. For the last five years, Valencia Peterson, known as Coach V, a Football Coach with Penn Wood High School in Delaware County, a Philadelphia suburb, has been training and working alongside college and high school coaches in the greater Northeast to promote sexual and dating violence prevention with young men.



**Valerie Coachman-Moore, MPH** | Chief Executive Officer  
[COACHMAN MOORE & ASSOCIATES / WECANSTOPSTDsLA](#)

In her role as President and CEO of Coachman Moore & Associates, Inc. (CMA), Valerie Coachman-Moore is the lead convener for WeCanStopSTDsLA and its Community Advisory Coalition. CMA was established in 1987 and its work continues to catalyze policy and practice changes in health and human services in Southern California and nationally. The firm provides leadership development, technical assistance and hands-on management services to clients in a variety of areas including executive coaching, group facilitation, community and leadership development, capacity strengthening methods, strategic and program planning and community engagement. Clients are primarily municipal governments and institutions (local, county, or state), foundations, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, schools, and intermediaries such as associations and quasi-governmental organizations. Valerie has a BA in psychology from Pomona College and a Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Presenter Biographies



**Vanessa Sapien** | Mental Health Program Director  
[JUST DETENTION INTERNATIONAL \(JDI\)](#)

Vanessa Sapien, MA, is JDI's Mental Health Program Director. As a member of JDI's domestic programs team, she provides training and technical assistance for corrections staff, advocates, and service providers on how to keep prisoners safe from sexual violence. A mental health professional and trained domestic violence and rape crisis counselor, Vanessa has many years of experience helping survivors. She has received numerous awards for her clinical work, including a Presidential Service Award. Vanessa has also been recognized for her work in honoring diversity and social justice in mental health.



**Victoria C. Rosario, EdD.** | District Director of Human Resources  
and Support Programs  
[LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS](#)

With over 30 years of experience in community colleges in California, Dr. Rosario currently serves as District Director of Human Resources & Support Programs for the Los Rios Community College District. She has taught in the Educational Leadership Master's Degree programs at CSU, Sacramento and in the Doctorate program at Drexel University. She has served as Associate Vice Chancellor, and as a faculty member and administrator at 4 community colleges. Dr. Rosario also worked at the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, which provides leadership and technical assistance to the 114 community colleges in the state. She was one of the Sacramento Business Journal's 2015 Women Who Mean Business Recipients, an award which honors dynamic women for the contributions they've made to their companies, professions and communities.



**Yesenia Gorbea Zuffanelli** | Senior Program Specialist Public Education  
Campaigns & Programs  
[FUTURES WITHOUT VIOLENCE](#)

As the Senior Program Specialist of Public Education Campaigns and Programs at Futures Without Violence, Yesenia works on developing national violence prevention campaigns that engage a variety of audiences including youth, violence prevention advocates, and athletic coaches. Yesenia's expertise lies in creating programming that deepens public engagement, harnessing the power of campaign messaging and momentum into sustainable social norm change. Yesenia partners with variety of governmental agencies and stakeholders to provide training and technical assistance on violence prevention programming implementation, community engagement, building and sustaining public awareness campaigns, and program evaluation best practices. Yesenia is passionate about sports-based violence prevention including managing the implementation and national community of the CDC evaluated evidence-based program Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM). Prior to FUTURES, Yesenia worked at the New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP), where she provided crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy services to LGBTQH survivors. Yesenia holds a Master in Social Work from New York University ('10), and is a proud graduate of Simon's Rock College of Bard ('04).

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