

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING



HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

HILTON GARDEN INN LAFAYETTE/CAJUNDOME
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

AGENDA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- 7:30-8:00 REGISTRATION**
- 7:55-8:00 WELCOME AND COURSE OVERVIEW**
Katie LeLeux, Victim Services Attorney
Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Baton Rouge, LA
- 8:00-9:30 THE COMPLEX INTERSECTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE** **[1.50 CLE HOURS]**
The vast majority of human trafficking victims experience multiple forms of abuse, such as intimate partner violence and sexual assault. This session will allow stakeholders to understand the overlap between intimate partner violence and human trafficking and may offer suggestions for planning or enhancing a collaborative response.
Melanie S. Fields, Assistant District Attorney
19th Judicial District; Baton Rouge, LA
- 9:30-9:40 BREAK**
- 9:40-11:10 HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101** **[1.50 CLE HOURS]**
Follow along as detectives with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office discuss their involvement in the Alliance to Combat Human Trafficking in SWLA Task Force and some of the cases they have worked. This session will include case studies and highlight the investigative tools used to combat human trafficking.
Detective Kara Adams, Special Victims Unit
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office; Lake Charles, LA
Detective Alexander Vincent, Special Victims Unit
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office; Lake Charles, LA
- 11:10-12:20 LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN**
- 12:20-1:20 VICTIM'S DIVERSION PROGRAM** **[1.00 CLE HOUR]**
This session will highlight the victim's diversion program in Caddo Parish. Join us as we learn about the format of the program, who is eligible, the terms of the diversion, and how this program has progressed over the years.
Senae D. Hall, Assistant District Attorney
1st Judicial District; Shreveport, LA

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1:20-1:30 BREAK

1:30-3:00 NEUROBIOLOGY OF TRAUMA WITH A FOCUS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING [1.50 CLE HOURS]

In this session, we will discuss the underlying issues that cause victims to be loyal to their traffickers, and we will learn how to work with your victim to build a stronger case.

Monica Taylor, Director of Human Trafficking Prevention

Louisiana Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention; Baton Rouge, LA

3:00-4:30 GREATER NEW ORLEANS HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE IDENTIFICATION AND RESPONSE; CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS: THE WHO, WHAT, WHY, AND THE COLLABORATION [1.50 CLE HOURS]

In this session, we will provide an in depth look into human trafficking as we discuss the definitions of human trafficking, potential indicators, and reporting procedures. This session will also feature Children's Advocacy Centers, the Forensic Interview process, and coordinating human trafficking cases. We will identify key roles and responsibilities in the criminal investigation and prosecution process and how to effectively collaborate across organizations. This will lead into outlining the importance of working with the court system on how best to utilize services to support cases of child abuse, human trafficking, and child witnesses to violent crimes.

Sheri Lochridge Combs, Director of Community and Youth Engagement

Covenant House; New Orleans, LA

Jordan Webster, Director of Education

Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center; Shreveport, LA

Lacie Hadley, Director of Forensic Interviewing

Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center; Shreveport, LA

Rachael Higginbotham, Child and Youth Trafficking Care Coordinator

Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center; Shreveport, LA

4:30 ADJOURN

This event presumptively qualifies for a total of seven hours of continuing legal education credits.