

# WEST VIRGINIA CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S JUSTICE

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## REGIONAL CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TRAINING

May 26, 2017

Grand Pointe Conference Center, Vienna, WV



This training is limited to 150 participants. There is no registration fee. CEUs will be requested.

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# WV Center for Children's Justice Regional Training



## ***About the WV Center for Children's Justice***

The WV Center for Children's Justice is a statewide trauma informed response to child maltreatment and children's exposure to violence. The Center is housed in the Crimes Against Children Unit of the WV State Police and is located at the Academy in Dunbar, WV. Programming is directed by the WV Children's Justice Task Force which seeks to identify barriers to the successful investigation, prosecution and resolution of child maltreatment cases. For more information go to: [www.handlewithcarewv.org](http://www.handlewithcarewv.org)

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***About the Training*** The WV Center for Children's Justice Regional Training will take place on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:30pm at the Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna, WV. This one day event providing pertinent information and training for professionals in West Virginia on the investigation, prosecution, and resolution of child maltreatment cases.

This training can accommodate 150 participants. There is no registration fee. You can sign up by going to <http://handlewithcarewv.org/events.php> However, if you sign up, you need to attend. There is always a waiting list. Contact [Lisa.W.Carmelia@wvsp.gov](mailto:Lisa.W.Carmelia@wvsp.gov) immediately if you need to cancel.

***Who should attend?*** Law Enforcement, Child Protection Workers, Prosecutors, Medical Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, Treatment Providers, Courts, Probation/Parole Corrections, Victim Advocates, Drug Court Personnel, Day Report, Teachers, CASAs, Youth Workers, Paramedics, EMTs, Social Workers, Foster Parents, and the Faith Community.

***Continuing Education:*** CEU's will be requested for Law Enforcement, Attorneys, Social Work, Counseling, Nursing Addiction/Treatment and domestic violence advocates

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# May 26, 2017 Training Agenda

8:00 am - 9:00 am

**The ACE Study**

*Kathy Szafran, Crittenton Services of WV*

9:00 am - 9:45 am

**Law Enforcement Response to Kids at the Scene**

*Lieutenant Greg Collins, Parkersburg Police Department*

*Chief Mike Pifer, Vienna Police Department*

10:00 am - 11:00 am

**Emerging Drug Trends**

*Chad Napier, Appalachian HIDTA*

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Reinvesting in Families**

*Errol Randle, Charleston Police Department &*

*Cheryl Chandler, Mt. Olive Correctional Complex*

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Human Trafficking in WV**

*Brian Morris, WV Homeland Security*

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Interviewing Human Trafficking Victims**

*Sgt. Talia Divita, WV State Police Crimes Against Children Unit*

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

**Survivor's Ink.**

*Jennifer Kempton, Survivor's Ink.*

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### SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

#### **The ACE Study**

***Kathy Szafran, Crittenton Services of WV***

The most influential study most people have never heard about. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study has profound effects for public health. The ACEs study is based on a large study done with over 17,000 beneficiaries at Kaiser Permanente. It demonstrates profound effects between the experience in early childhood and diseases throughout the lifetime. This overview will talk about the original ACEs study and data collected in WV and why that is important to all of us. Participants will better understand the impact of victimization and the lingering effects of trauma.

#### **Law Enforcement Response when Children are Involved**

***Lieutenant Greg Collins, Parkersburg Police Department***  
***Chief Mike Pifer, Vienna Police Department***

Responding to a crime scene is often complicated where children are involved. Maintaining safety to officers and the community, while lessening the trauma to children is a delicate balance. This session will offer suggestions on how law enforcement can maintain this balance.

#### **Emerging Drug Trends**

***Chad Napier, Appalachian HIDTA***

The primary focus of this presentation will be new and emerging drug trends across Appalachia. These drug trends present an increasing threat to children. This presentation will include information on the abuse of these substances by caregivers, which could result in more ignored, abused, and abandoned children. The education of professionals from a variety of disciplines about these ever-changing drug trends will increase the likelihood that the indicators of abuse of new substances can be identified earlier, thus diminishing the threat to children.

#### **Reinvesting in Families**

***Cheryl Chandler, WV Division of Corrections***  
***Cpl. Errol Randle, Charleston Police Department***

Ms. Chandler and Cpl. Randle will highlight programs at Mt. Olive Correctional Center and the Charleston Police Department. "The Olive Tree" and "Reinvest West" are programs that assist with offender's transitions back into the community and their families in a way that increases public safety, reducing recidivism, and makes better use of scarce resources in correctional centers and communities.



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### SESSION DESCRIPTIONS (cont.)

#### **Human Trafficking in WV**

***Brian Morris, WV Homeland Security***

Sex trafficking is a form of modern slavery that exists throughout the United States, globally and in West Virginia. Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to compel adults and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will. Under U.S. federal law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion. The situations that sex trafficking victims face vary dramatically. Many victims become romantically involved with someone who then forces or manipulates them into prostitution. Others are lured in with false promises of a job, such as modeling or dancing. Some are forced to sell sex by their parents or other family members. This session will provide an overview of human trafficking in West Virginia including statutes and reporting.

#### **Interviewing Human Trafficking Victims**

***Sgt. Talia Divita, WV State Police Crimes Against Children Unit***

Patience, building rapport, establishing trust is key to working with victims of human trafficking. This session will provide basic interviewing technics when encountering potential human trafficking victims and offer insight into offender characteristics.

#### **Survivor's Ink.**

***Jennifer Kempton, Survivor's Ink.***

Jennifer Kempton is a survivor of human trafficking who uses her experience to promote awareness and advocate for social change. During her horrific time on the streets she was branded and sold by her abusers. After obtaining her freedom, these marks became constant reminders of her abuse until she was given a gift of a tattoo cover-up. The liberation she experienced through covering her brands inspired her to found Survivor's Ink.



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#### **Cheryl Chandler**

Cheryl Chandler is the executive assistant to the Warden at Mt. Olive Correctional Complex in Fayette County WV, a position she has held since 1998. She started her career as a correctional officer at the penitentiary in Moundsville in 1994. When the penitentiary closed in 1996, she transferred to Mt. Olive and was promoted to internal investigator. Along with her many duties at the prison, she also works on reentry projects under the direction of Commissioner Rubenstein.

#### **Greg Collins**

Greg Collins is currently a lieutenant with the Parkersburg Police Department. Lt. Collins started with the WV Regional Jail system in 1997 and went to work with PPD in 1998. Lt. Collins has been a detective specializing in child abuse/sexual abuse crimes, supervisor in the detective bureau, training and public relations officer, and an agent and commander of the Parkersburg Narcotics Task Force. Lt. Collins is a former helicopter Pilot for the Wood County Sheriff's Office, veteran firearms Instructor, veteran SWAT officer and current supervisor of the SWAT team. Lt. Collins is a two-time officer of the year, former Scott Durig Award winner and former Fraternal Order of Police president.

#### **Sgt. Talia Divita**

Sgt. Talia Divita has been a member of the West Virginia State Police for over 13 years and is currently assigned to the West Virginia State Police's Crimes Against Children Unit as an investigator. During these 13 years, she has investigated several hundred criminal offenses. These offenses have included the trafficking of child pornography, use of minors in the production of child pornography, sexual solicitation of children via the Internet, child sexual exploitation, child sexual abuse, child sexual assault and criminal use of the Internet and computers. Sgt. Divita has completed the West Virginia State Police Cadet Training Program. She has attended specialized training courses and received education through colleges and universities including Fairmont State College (Bachelor in Criminal Justice) and Marshall University (Associate in Police Science). Sgt. Divita has been assigned to the WV ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force through the West Virginia State Police since 2009. This Task Force is responsible for investigating cases involving the sexual exploitation of children via the internet.

#### **Jennifer Kempton**

A true survivor of human trafficking, Jennifer Kempton uses her experience to promote awareness of the issue

and to advocate for social change. During her time on the streets, she was formally branded and sold by her abusers. After she gained her freedom, these brands became constant reminders of the abuse. Then, she received the gift of a cover-up tattoo. The feeling of liberation she experienced through that first de-branding inspired her to start Survivor's Ink. Survivor's Ink provides cover-up tattoos/removals to survivors of human trafficking, as well as ongoing assistance with connection to resources to support survivors to rebuild their lives. Through consistent street outreach to currently enslaved individuals, Survivor's Ink has provided placement assistance and other options to help them reclaim their lives. Additionally, Ms. Kempton personally conducts prevention and victim identification training to increase awareness and affect change.

#### **Brian Morris**

Brian Morris is a Special Agent with United States Department of Homeland Security Investigations assigned to Charleston, WV. He received both bachelor's and associate degrees from Marshall University which earned him a position with the West Virginia State Police. Agent Morris served nine years as a West Virginia State Trooper working various undercover assignments that lead to him receiving an



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award for Public Service by the United States Attorney's Office. After working long term narcotics investigations, Agent Morris wanted to change career paths and accepted a position with United States Secret Service. While working as a Secret Service Agent, Agent Morris worked numerous fraud investigations pertaining to Counterfeiting, Mortgage, Wire, and Credit Card fraud. After working five years as a Secret Service Agent, Agent Morris transferred from Secret Service to Homeland Security Investigations in Charleston, WV. Since joining Homeland Security Investigations, Agent Morris has rescued numerous victims of sexual assault and/or human trafficking, and served as the lead case Agent in a multitude of international money laundering investigations.

#### **Chad Napier**

Chad Napier is the Prevention Coordination for Appalachia HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) for West Virginia and Virginia. He started this position November 1, 2015. Prior to this, he spent twenty years in law enforcement and retired on October 30, 2015. He began his career in 1995 with the Boone County Sheriff's Department. He moved to the Charleston Police Department (CPD) in 1997 and from then until 2000, he was assigned to the CPD Street Crimes Unit with the primary duties of investigation, arrest

and prosecution of street level drug dealers. From November of 2000 to September of 2002, he was assigned as a detective with the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) with the primary duties of investigation and prosecution of state and federal drug violations. In 2002 he was assigned as a Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration in Charleston, WV and remained until 2005. From 2005 to January of 2006, he was assigned to MDENT as a supervisor. His primary duty with MDENT was the supervision of drug unit investigators and investigations. In January of 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the CPD Patrol Division as a shift commander. After graduating the FBI National Academy in September of 2007, he was transferred to the Housing Division as the commander. On March 2, 2009 he was appointed as the Commander of the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT). Mr. Napier has worked on hundreds of drug related arrests and drug violations. He has also been declared as an expert witness in illegal drug possession and distribution in many state and federal courts.

#### **Chief Mike Pifer**

Chief Mike Pifer is the Chief of Police for the city of Vienna, WV. He has

served as a law enforcement officer for 19 years. While at the City of Vienna Police Department, Chief Pifer has served as a Patrolman, D.A.R.E Officer, Patrol Supervisor, and a Detective. He was the former Coordinator of the Parkersburg Violent Crime and Narcotics Task Force. In 2015, Chief Pifer received the C.Scott Durig Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement presented by the Wood County Prosecutors Office.

#### **Kathy Szafran**

Kathy F. Szafran, M.A., L.P.C. is the President and CEO of Crittenton Services of West Virginia. She has over 30 years of experience in behavioral health, with roles encompassing senior level administration and therapeutic practice. Ms. Szafran has served West Virginia, participating in many state-wide initiatives and with a variety of appointments including the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Advisory Board and the "home team" for the National Governors Association Three Branch Institute on Child Social & Emotional Wellbeing. She has presented at Congressional briefings related to gender response and trauma focused care for marginalized girls. She is a national presenter and teacher. Under her leadership, Ms. Szafran has integrated cutting edge trauma treatment practice into residential and community-based health service at



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Crittenton. She is the past president of the WV Child Care Association, a reviewer for the Council on Accreditation, and an active advocate with the National Crittenton Foundation. She has received the Commissioner's Award from the US Department of Health & Human Services, Committee on Sexual Abuse. Ms. Szafran earned her master's at WVU. She recently completed the Multi-System Integration Program from the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University.

#### Errol Randall

Cpl. Errol Randle is a twenty-two year veteran of the Charleston Police Department. He is presently assigned as the Strategic Planning Officer where he handles special projects for the Chief's Office. Cpl. Randle comes from a family of police officers including his father, brother and brother in law. After graduating from High School in Marion, Indiana, Cpl. Randle joined the United States Air Force where he was honorably discharged in 1993. He moved to Charleston and enrolled in the Charleston Police Academy graduating in May of 1994. In 1996, he was assigned to the Street Crimes Unit, in 2002 the METRO Drug, and in 2005, the Anti-Gang Task Force. In 2008 he became the Strategic Planning Officer, a position he still holds today. Cpl. Randle's initiative in the Chief's Office include a program called "Project

West Invest" which involves 10 police officers who will move into existing houses on the West Side and then rehabilitate them while at the same time becoming active in the community. The program has three goals including create safe neighborhoods, revitalizing single family homes and renewing community policing efforts. Cpl. Randle is the very proud father of Kennedy Randle, a very feisty and talented 5rd grader.



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## Children's Justice/Handle with Care Conference

September 27-29, 2017

Charleston Civic Center

The WV Children's Justice/Handle with Care Conference will focus on a trauma informed response to child maltreatment and children's exposure to violence. Our goal is to provide you with current information to better help you serve those in our communities who experience abuse and violence. Sessions will include topics on the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child maltreatment and family violence. This three day event will provide pertinent information and training for Law Enforcement, Child Protection Workers, Prosecutors, Medical Professionals, Teachers, Mental Health Professionals, Treatment Providers, Courts, Victim Advocates, Drug Court Personnel, Day Report, CASAs, Youth Workers, Social Workers, Foster Parents, and the Faith Community.

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