



Speaker Biographies

Allenna Bangs

Deputy Criminal Division Chief
Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office

Workshop 3: Strangulation Prosecution

Allenna Bangs has been an assistant criminal district attorney with the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office (TCCDAO) since 2008 and is currently the deputy criminal division chief. She was named the chief prosecutor of Criminal District Court Four before returning to the Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) team in 2018, where she previously served for four years as its chief. She has prosecuted cases from misdemeanors to aggravated sexual assault and capital murder. As a member of the Gang Unit, she successfully prosecuted multiple members of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas and the Bandidos outlaw motorcycle gang. She has successfully prosecuted two separate murders in Tarrant County in which the bodies were never located. Since 2016, she has been active in the avid prosecution of offenders accused of crimes against women.

Allenna has been the recipient of the SafeHaven Women of Legacy Award and the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association's Prosecution Team of the Year Award. She was previously the facilitator of the Tarrant County Fatality Review and a frequent speaker on behalf of the TCCDAO and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. She has been published in the *Texas Prosecutor Journal* three times for her work as an assistant criminal district attorney. In 2020, Allenna assisted in the development and implementation of an intake program for family violence cases that has been recognized by the Texas Association of Counties for the Best Practices Award and the National Association of Counties 2021 Achievement Award for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. In 2022, she served as the lead prosecutor in *The State of Texas v. Reginald Kimbro*, in which the defendant, a serial rapist and murderer, was sentenced to life without parole in two homicides, life for an aggravated sexual assault, and the maximum sentence for three additional sexual assault cases in a negotiation that involved four counties and multiple cities across Texas.

Allenna received her bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University and her Juris Doctor from Texas Wesleyan School of Law (now Texas A&M University School of Law). She is married and the mother of four children.

Stephen Benton

Financial Counselor
The Senior Source, Elder Financial Safety Center

Workshop 15: The Crime of the 21st Century: Elder Financial Abuse

As an Elder Financial Safety Center financial coach and counselor at The Senior Source, Steve Benton helps older adults avoid the dangers of financial uncertainty and exploitation. He specializes in complex cases, including fraud, scams, and elder financial abuse. Steve has been active in the financial services industry for over 40 years, including serving on industry boards and business conduct committees, and as a securities industry arbitrator. Steve began his career as an investigator for the National Association of Securities Dealers (now FINRA) and retired as senior vice president of ING's flagship broker/dealer, Financial Network Investment Corporation, an organization of certified financial planners and other investment professionals.

Resources:

- The Senior Source: <https://theseniorsource.org/>
 - Elder Financial Safety Center: <https://theseniorsource.org/what-we-do/financial-assistance-for-older-adults-in-dallas/financial-help-for-elders/>
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Cynthia Bethany

Director, Prevention & Crisis Response Department
Fort Worth Independent School District

Workshop 17: Trauma-Informed Threat Assessment

Cindy Bethany is a licensed clinical social worker supervisor and Certified Trauma Specialist. She is the director of Fort Worth ISD's Prevention & Crisis Response Department. She is also the co-owner of Bethany, Yates & Associates in Arlington, a private practice where she sees adolescents and adults dealing with anxiety, depression, grief, and trauma. Cindy was named Mental Health Professional of the Year for North Texas Critical Incident Stress Management in 1999 and Social Worker of the Year in Tarrant County in 2000. She is trained in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Critical Incident Stress Management, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Psychological First Aid, and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing.

Resources:

- Fort Worth ISD's Prevention & Crisis Response Department: <https://www.fwisd.org/domain/6362>
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Mac Bostic

Vice President
Evitar Systems, LLC
U.S. Secret Service (Ret.)

Workshop 24: The Elderly Under Attack: A Serial Killer

Mac Bostic served 18 years in the U.S. Air Force and then worked as an agent for the U.S. Secret Service for 20 years. His law enforcement career has covered many areas, including crimes against the elderly. He is now vice president of Evitar Systems, LLC, and works with retired agents and marshals to provide security assessments.

Resources:

- Evitar Systems, LLC: <https://www.evitarssystemslc.com>
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Ty Bowden

Associate Director
The Net

Workshop 11: The Roots of Demand: Contributing Factors to Participating in the Commercial Sex Industry

A Fort Worth native and Texas Christian University (TCU) political science graduate, Ty has not had to go very far to pursue his passions. After volunteering with The Net in 2013 while at TCU, Ty is now the associate director and not only oversees the Men Against Sexual Exploitation (MASE) and internship programs, but also keeps things running smoothly behind the scenes. Ty is passionate about bringing men to the fight for justice in Fort Worth and across the country. A leader in the demand disruption movement in Texas, he has trained dozens of men to engage and disrupt potential sex buyers over the last several years, as well as personally interacted with hundreds of buyers.

Resources:

- The Net: <https://thenetfw.com/>
 - Men Against Sexual Exploitation (MASE): <https://www.thenetfw.com/mase>
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Erica Castillo

SOAR Program Director
Challenge of Tarrant County

Workshop 1: Welcome to Vape Class

Erica Rena Castillo has more than 15 years of social work experience, including extensive knowledge and experience with children's protective services. She has worked with children, youth, and families who struggle with substance misuse, mental health issues, domestic violence experiences, and homelessness. Her professional experience includes working with school districts, law enforcement, judicial courts, and the correctional system. As the SOAR Program Director for Challenge of Tarrant County, Erica oversees the northwest community coalition and

partners with the local schools, community leaders, and parents to provide awareness and education on adolescent health and wellness, the benefits of living a drug-free lifestyle, and the importance of relationships.

Erica earned a master's degree in social work with a concentration in community and administrative practice from the University of Texas at Arlington and is a Certified Prevention Specialist.

Resources:

- Challenge of Tarrant County: <http://challengetc.org/>
- SOAR (Stand. Out. Act. Responsibly.): <http://challengetc.org/soar.html>

Eduardo A. Chávez

Special Agent in Charge
Drug Enforcement Administration, Dallas Field Division

Workshop 2: Current Drug Trends
Workshop 6: Fentanyl

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Eduardo A. Chávez leads the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Dallas Field Division and oversees all DEA operations in the north Texas area, including Dallas, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Tyler, as well as the entire state of Oklahoma, with offices in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and McAlester. SAC Chávez began his career more than 21 years ago and spent several years doing extensive undercover work infiltrating Mexican drug trafficking organizations, as well as leading complex conspiracy cases that targeted some of the most prolific methamphetamine and heroin traffickers in the Southwest. Previously, SAC Chávez held assignments in New Mexico, the Central Valley of California, DEA headquarters in Washington, DC, and Mexico City.

SAC Chávez grew up along the southwest border in New Mexico and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in international politics from Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Christina Coultas

Chief Executive Officer
Hope's Door New Beginning Center

Workshop 4: Recognizing and Responding to Organizational Trauma

Christina Coultas is the chief executive officer of Hope's Door New Beginning Center, a domestic violence agency serving Collin and northeast Dallas counties. Having worked in the anti-violence field for 23 years, Christina is recognized as an expert on the dynamics and effects of domestic violence. She has been a speaker and trainer at numerous local, state, national, and international conferences, and for social and civic organizations. Christina also provides expert testimony in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. She was a founding board member of the Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center and has served in leadership positions on several boards, including the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, Supervised Visitation Network, and her local service club, Altrusa International of Downtown Dallas, Inc. She is an active member of the coordinated community response to domestic violence and serves on the Family Violence Prevention Council

and Dallas County Fatality Review Team. Christina has supported the Dallas County Domestic Violence Awareness Coalition for 20 years in various leadership positions.

Resources:

- Hope's Door New Beginning Center: <https://hdnbc.org/>
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The Honorable Raymundo Del Bosque, Jr.

Zapata County Sheriff

Workshop 9: Synthetic Drug Investigations

In 2012, Raymundo Del Bosque, Jr., was appointed by the Zapata County Sheriff, Alonso M. Lopez, as chief deputy of the Zapata County Sheriff's Office for his vision to protect and serve the community and citizens while abiding by his oath as a Texas peace officer to enforce the law. As chief deputy, he was responsible for administrative and field operations, and supervised the investigation and patrol divisions, along with the detention facilities.

On December 31, 2020, Raymundo was sworn in as sheriff of Zapata County.

Shannon Dion

Partner

Secure Our Seniors' Safety

Workshop 24: The Elderly Under Attack: A Serial Killer

Shannon Dion is the daughter of Doris Gleason who, in 2016, was murdered by Billy Chemirmir. Shannon is passionate about elder safety and is a cofounder of Secure Our Seniors' Safety (SOSS). The goals of SOSS are (1) to ensure legislation is passed to improve senior security at residential establishments, and (2) to increase awareness of the vulnerability of elders.

Resources:

- Secure Our Seniors' Safety: <https://www.secureourseniorssafety.org/>
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Tony Frank

Certified Tai Chi Instructor

Millwood Hospital

Workshop 13: Tai Chi Therapy: The Self-Healing Art

Tony Frank has been working in the behavioral health field for more than 30 years. As a licensed chemical dependency counselor, much of his work has been with clients battling substance use disorders in a variety of clinical environments, including inpatient/outpatient programs, and community-based, in-prison, private, and psychiatric facilities. He was an inaugural clinical case-provider for the Phoenix Court, a Travis County specialty court program designed to assist individuals who have been sexually exploited.

As an avid tai chi practitioner and certified instructor, Tony has completed extensive research on ways in which the continuous practice of tai chi can benefit individuals identified with a variety of mental health disorders and physical limitations.

Angela Gaither

Assistant Court Investigator
Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1

Workshop 12: Texas Guardianships 101

Angela Gaither joined Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1 in 2019, after several years as the field instructor for the guardianship Volunteer Court Visitor program. She is dually licensed, holding bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Baylor University, and her Juris Doctor from Texas Wesleyan School of Law (now Texas A&M University School of Law). Angela's social work practice concentration is in physical and mental healthcare. As an attorney, and prior to joining the court's staff, she operated a solo practice in the areas of probate, guardianship, and family law. Angela works to promote dignity and self-determination by helping explore less restrictive alternatives to guardianship and enjoys helping families find creative solutions to difficult problems.

Resources:

- Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1
 - Guardianship: <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/probate-courts/probate-court-1/guardianship.html>
 - Volunteer Court Visitor Program: <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/probate-courts/probate-court-1/guardianship/volunteer-court-visitor-program.html>
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Michael Garcia

Owner/Operator
Paradigm Counseling & Consulting PLLC

Workshop 17: Trauma-Informed Threat Assessment

Michael Garcia is a licensed professional counselor with a master's degree in counseling psychology from Tarleton State University. He specializes in the treatment of trauma in children, adolescents, and their families. He is the owner and operator of Paradigm Counseling & Consulting PLLC and is trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Trust-Based Relational Intervention Practitioner counseling modalities. Michael has over seven years of experience presenting to professionals and educators on wellness, trauma-informed approaches, and work/life balance. He has over 15 years of experience working in the juvenile justice system, education system, in-patient treatment, crisis response, and with victims of crime.

Resources:

- Paradigm Counseling & Consulting PLLC: <https://paradigmpllc.com/>
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Michelle Gonzalez

Stay on Track Program Director
Challenge of Tarrant County

Workshop 1: Welcome to Vape Class

Michelle Gonzalez is the program director for the Stay on Track coalition for Challenge of Tarrant County. She earned her bachelor's degree in social work from Texas Woman's University and her master's degree in social work with a concentration in children and families from the University of Texas at Arlington. She has over five years of experience working with children and adolescents. Michelle oversees the northeast community coalition and partners with the local schools, community leaders, and parents to provide awareness and education on adolescent health and wellness, the benefits of living a drug-free lifestyle, and the importance of relationships.

Resources:

- Challenge of Tarrant County: <http://challengetc.org/>
 - Stay on Track: <http://challengetc.org/stay-on-track.html>
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Cheryl Hester

Director of Genetic & Forensic Genealogy
AdvanceDNA

General Session 1: Baby Gabriel: A Genetic Genealogy Case Study

A native Texan, Cheryl received her degree in nursing from Texarkana College, later receiving the Genealogical Research Certificate through Boston University. She has invested the last ten years to advancing the field of genetic genealogy through her research supporting adoptees, unidentified persons, and cold cases. In 2019, Cheryl cofounded AdvanceDNA, a company established to assist law enforcement agencies in the development of DNA leads on cold cases, where she serves as the director of genetic and forensic genealogy. As a mother, Cheryl takes a special interest in applying genetic genealogy to cases involving women and children.

Resources:

- AdvanceDNA: <https://advancedna.org/>
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Michael Hillman

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Workshop 20: Hate Crimes, Domestic Terrorism, and the Offenders

Special Agent (SA) Michael Hillman has been with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for 25 years. Prior to joining the FBI, SA Hillman was a municipal police officer for five years. While serving the FBI, SA Hillman has investigated white collar crimes, civil rights violations, gang crimes, and violent crimes including kidnappings, bank robberies, weapons of mass destruction, and domestic terrorism. He is currently the Hate Crimes coordinator. SA Hillman has taught domestically and internationally on behalf of the FBI, served as the senior team leader for the FBI

Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team, and as a team leader for the Dallas FBI Evidence Response Team.

SA Hillman is a graduate of the Command and Staff School at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Additionally, he holds a master's degree in defense and strategic studies (with an emphasis on homeland security) from the U.S. Naval War College, and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and an associate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Chris Hooker

Youth Recovery Campus Program Director
MHMR of Tarrant County

Workshop 21: Youth Behavioral Health and Substance Use Pre- and Post-Coronavirus Pandemic

Chris Hooker has more than 21 years of direct care experience working in behavioral health. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in professional counseling from Texas Wesleyan University. In addition, Chris has been a licensed professional counselor for the last 12 years. His work has been primarily with court-ordered populations, including individuals involved with adult and juvenile probation, and child protective services. He specializes in working with individuals struggling with addiction and co-occurring disorders in both residential and outpatient settings.

Chris is married with four children and enjoys spending time with them as much as possible, watching movies and playing games. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys watching the Cowboys (hopefully) win on Sundays. Chris has played soccer his entire life and enjoys getting out on the field when his back will allow.

Resources:

- MHMR of Tarrant County: <https://www.mhmrtarrant.org/>
- MHMR Mental Health Services: <https://8x9.79d.myftpupload.com/mental-health-services/>

Jabari “J” Howard

Detective/Task Force Officer
Dallas Police Department/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

Workshop 14: Hybrid Gangs

Workshop 18: A New Era of GANGsta Rap

Detective Jabari “J” Howard has been with the Dallas Police Department for approximately 19 years and has been assigned to the Gang Unit for 13 years. He is currently a task force officer with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives as part of a Violent Crimes Task Force. Detective Howard has conducted numerous gang investigations both locally and federally. He has provided gang expert testimony in many jurisdictions in Texas and beyond. He has trained numerous law enforcement, probation, parole, and correctional officers from agencies throughout the country. Detective Howard instructs on basic and advanced gang investigations, social media

and gang investigations, hybrid gangs, *gangsta* rap music and its influence on street gang culture, and criminal street gang culture and awareness. Detective Howard is a north regional director for the Texas Gang Investigators Association. In 2014, he was appointed to the Texas Violent Gang Task Force Advisory Board by then-Governor Rick Perry and reconfirmed in 2019 by Governor Greg Abbott, where he currently serves as the second vice-chairman.

LaTasha Jackson-McDougle

Founder/Executive Director
Cheryl's Voice

Workshop 7: Life After Death: Overcoming Childhood Trauma

LaTasha Jackson-McDougle is a proud graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in social work, an Honors Master of Criminology and Criminal Justice degree, and an Honors Master of Science in Social Work degree. She is the published author of "The Prosecutor's Role in Helping Domestic Violence Victims." She is currently working on her doctoral dissertation that will tackle handling domestic violence within the church. LaTasha is currently a case manager at Tarrant County over the Domestic Violence Diversion Program.

LaTasha is the founder and executive director of Cheryl's Voice, a nonprofit that honors the memory of her mother and is committed to educating the community about intimate partner violence prevention. In 1984, at the age of 18 months, LaTasha was a child left behind—her father had stalked her mother, Cheryl Williams-Saddler, ultimately taking her life along with his own—and leaving LaTasha for dead, alone in a car. Once found, she was placed under the guardianship care of her maternal grandparents. Thirty-eight years later, LaTasha remains dedicated to being an advocate, devoting her life and educational pursuits to learning more about domestic violence. She continues to share her story and play an active role in domestic violence awareness.

LaTasha has received numerous accolades for her work, including the 2019 International Alliance World of Difference Award; 2019 Best of Fort Worth, Texas, Philanthropist; 2019 Women's Center Community Leader Recognition; 2018 Fort Worth Business Press Minority Leader; 2017 Winner of Case Manager for her work in Judge Carr's RISE program, helping victims of human trafficking; and 2016 Mitch Poe Public Service Award.

Resources:

- Cheryl's Voice: <https://www.cherylsvoice.org/>

P.J. Meitl

Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas

General Session 2: From Parking Lots to Plazas: Creating Safe Spaces for Kids

P.J. Meitl has been an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Texas since 2013. During his tenure there, he has handled more than 1,500 cases and worked in every section of the office. His cases have included complex fraud investigations, public corruption matters, violent criminal conspiracies, and sophisticated money laundering schemes. Between 2018 and 2020, P.J. served as the Project Safe Neighborhoods coordinator for the district and led a team of more than 60

agents. The team was recognized nationally for its creative approaches to crime reduction and community engagement.

Morgan Lynn Moon

Investigative Researcher
Anti-Defamation League, Center on Extremism

Workshop 22: The Changing Landscape of Extremism in America

Morgan Moon is an investigative researcher for the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Center on Extremism, working to combat extremism, terrorism, and all forms of hate in the real world and online. Morgan is a subject matter expert on the white supremacist alt-right, border vigilantes, and anti-immigration extremism. Prior to joining ADL, she received her master's degree in security studies at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University with a concentration in terrorism and substate violence. During her time at Georgetown, much of her research focused on far-right extremism in the United States and Europe and online radicalization. She wrote her dissertation on the contemporary landscape of the far-right during COVID-19, examining how economic, political, and social grievances surrounding the pandemic were adopted and adapted into far-right conspiratorial rhetoric.

Resources:

- Anti-Defamation League: <https://www.adl.org/>
- Center on Extremism: <https://www.adl.org/research-centers/center-on-extremism>

Krista Nightengale

Executive Director
Better Block Foundation

General Session 2: From Parking Lots to Plazas: Creating Safe Spaces for Kids

Krista Nightengale is the executive director of the Better Block Foundation. She began her career at *D Magazine*, the city magazine in Dallas, where she served as managing editor, executive director of a leadership group aimed at empowering citizens to take action, and executive director of a literacy nonprofit that united the city in reading together. She then served as chief of staff of the Coalition for a New Dallas, an advocacy group that worked to reunite communities by removing an elevated highway between two neighborhoods in Dallas. Krista then launched Dallas Innovates, a news site that promotes Dallas–Fort Worth as a hub of innovation. While covering the city, she became intrigued by the built environment. In 2016, she joined the Better Block, an international, urban design nonprofit that educates, equips, and empowers communities and their leaders to reshape and reactivate built environments to promote the growth of healthy and vibrant neighborhoods. In her six years at the Better Block, Krista has worked with neighbors in more than 75 cities to rethink streets, turn parking lots into plazas, and identify the barriers keeping communities from enjoying their public spaces. She has led study tours in Dallas, Copenhagen, and Malmo, and built hundreds of digitally fabricated benches, kiosks, and survey stands. She uses social media to educate around placemaking and transportation—and she is a pretty adequate drone operator (granted there is no wind). Krista is on the Dallas Comprehensive Land Use Committee, on the steering committee of Big D Reads, a board member of Philanthropy Kids, past president of the Dallas Architecture and Design Exchange board, former AIA Dallas board member, City Lab High School Foundation Advisory Council, Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy

cohort for Communities Foundation of Texas, former member of the Dallas Commission on Homelessness, former TEDxSMU steering committee, and a graduate of Leadership Texas.

Resources:

- Better Block Foundation: <https://www.betterblock.org/>
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Brenda O'Quin

Former National Board Member
Parents of Murdered Children

Workshop 5: Back from the Abyss: Words Save Lives

Until recently, Brenda O'Quin worked as the community outreach manager for The Shaken Baby Alliance, primarily sharing information about child abuse and prevention, the C.O.P.E. program, and the Advisory Council. She retired in 2017 from One Safe Place, having worked there since its inception in 2004 as a program director of training, education, and special programs, and overseeing the *Imagine No Violence* art contest, federal grants, and several conferences. Brenda currently serves on the Fort Worth Police Department's Texas Commission on Law Enforcement board. She is also a prior board member of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a former state advisory board member of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a former national board member of Parents of Murdered Children (POMC), and—after the tragic murder of her 17-year-old son and his 16-year-old friend—was a founding member of the North Texas Chapter of POMC.

Brenda has received numerous awards for her community service, including the Ellen Halbert Award for outstanding service to victims of crime, the Star Award presented by the Texas Corrections Association, the William G. Faching Award presented by the American Association of Probation and Parole, U.S. Attorney's Office Special Recognition Award, and Santa Fe Youth Services' Community Hero and "Without You We Would Not Be" awards.

Resources:

- Parents of Murdered Children: <https://pomc.org/>
 - The Shaken Baby Alliance: <https://shakenbaby.org/>
 - C.O.P.E. (Crying. Overwhelmed. Pause. Exit.) Program: https://shakenbaby.org/programs_trashed/when-babies-cry-we-c-o-p-e/
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Bryan-Tyler Orr

Ending the HIV Epidemiology Specialist/Community Health Worker
Tarrant County Public Health

Workshop 23: Ending the HIV Epidemic: Prioritizing Science over Stigma Against Criminalization Laws

Bryan-Tyler Orr is a health educator with a passion for reducing barriers to care for those living with or impacted by morbidities like HIV. Since being diagnosed at age 20, Bryan has shaped his career to be in positions to create health systems that benefit marginalized communities of color. As a current Master of Public Health student at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Bryan plans to utilize his strengths and real-life experiences to provide culturally relevant healthcare navigation for those impacted or living with HIV to improve their overall quality

of life. By focusing on the whole person, he hopes to provide a sense of hope, value, and reaffirmation to those newly diagnosed and keep those vulnerable negative with care, compassion, and respect.

Resources:

- Tarrant County Public Health: <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health.html>
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Michael Phillips

Chief Engagement Officer
T.D. Jakes Foundation

Keynote Luncheon: Wrong Lanes Have Right Turns: How to Turn a Culture of Punishment into a Culture of Possibility

Michael Phillips is passionate about helping people live a better life. His determination to drive social change with lasting transformational benefits to society has led him to become an innovator and thought leader in social entrepreneurship and education. He is the founder of LifePrep and currently serves as the chief engagement and fulfillment officer for the T.D. Jakes Foundation.

As an author and inspirational speaker, Michael has become a champion for children and families around the world. He is the chairman of 50CAN and serves as a board member of KuriosEd. His powerful story and message of collateral hope have transformed many lives and helped revitalize communities.

Resources:

- T.D. Jakes Foundation: <https://tdjfoundation.org/>
 - *Wrong Lanes Have Right Turns*: <https://michaelphillipsbook.com/>
 - 50CAN: <https://50can.org/>
 - KuriosEd: <https://kuriosed.org/>
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Brandon Poor

Detective/Task Force Officer, FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force
Grand Prairie Police Department

Workshop 19: Pillar of the Community or Predator?

Although he received his Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Christian University and his Master of Music degree from a New York conservatory—he sang professional opera before becoming a law enforcement officer—Brandon Poor has served in a major police department in the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex for almost 16 years. He began in the Crimes Against Children Unit in 2014, investigating crimes of sexual and physical abuse against children, as well as child death and homicide cases. In 2016, Brandon initiated the creation of the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit in his department, recognizing an immense need for this investigative component in his city and the necessary collaboration needed within the metroplex. Brandon is a task force officer assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force and works closely with both state and federal partners on child exploitation and child abuse cases. He is also certified through nationally and internationally accredited organizations as a cell

phone and computer forensic examiner, and he has conducted hundreds of forensic examinations for cases involving internet crimes against children (ICAC). Brandon has also testified as an expert in court in the areas of internet crimes against children, and computer and cell phone forensics. As part of his duties in ICAC work, Brandon conducts investigations that deal with online sexual exploitation of children, solicitation of children for sexual purposes, child sexual abuse material (CSAM), and child exploitation material (CEM), and he collaborates with other investigators in the rescue and protection of children. Additionally, Brandon devotes time to educating other law enforcement investigators, civic groups, schools, churches, and parents on how to best protect children online, furthering efforts to stop the exploitation of children.

Julian Rangel

Engagement & Outreach Specialist/Public Health Coordinator
One Safe Place

Workshop 16: Utilizing Cultural Humility to Understand LGBTQ+ Intimate Partner Violence

Julian Rangel is a Dallas–Fort Worth native, born and raised. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in political science. He then attended the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC), where he graduated in 2020 with a master's degree in public health. During his time at UNTHSC, he interned at One Safe Place and, upon graduation, was officially added to the One Safe Place team as the engagement and outreach specialist/public health coordinator. During his internship, Julian worked to increase LGBTQ+ outreach at One Safe Place and continues to do so today as a staff member. Currently, he is a nursing student at the University of Texas at Arlington. His life's passion is public health, and his main interests focus on sexual health, healthcare policy, diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, and injury and violence.

Christopher Rodriguez

Special Agent
Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations

Workshop 8: Introduction to Cryptocurrency and the Dark Web

Christopher Rodriguez is a special agent with Homeland Security Investigations and is currently assigned to investigate cybercrimes in the Dallas–Fort Worth area. SA Rodriguez earned master's and bachelor's degrees in criminal justice.

Aisha Saleem

Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas

Workshop 10: Stranger Abduction: The Case Against Kidnapper Michael Webb

Aisha Saleem has worked as a federal prosecutor for more than 20 years and has handled child exploitation cases for most of her tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office. She currently serves as the Project Safe Childhood coordinator for the Northern District of Texas.

Christopher Thompson

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dallas Field Office

Workshop 10: Stranger Abduction: The Case Against Kidnapper Michael Webb

Currently assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Dallas Field Office, Special Agent Christopher Thompson has 18 years of experience with the bureau, working cyber investigations and crimes against children. He is not only a member of the Cyber Action and SWAT teams, but he is also an emergency medical technician, firearms and tactical instructor, and a pilot.

Brandie Wade

Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas

Workshop 19: Pillar of the Community or Predator?

Brandie Wade is an assistant U.S. attorney. She has spent the last seven years focused on prosecuting child exploitation and human trafficking offenses, both at the federal and state level. She has been a prosecutor for more than 14 years.

Kelly Willis

Tarrant County Juvenile Services (Ret.)

Workshop 5: Back from the Abyss: Words Save Lives

Kelly Willis recently retired from Tarrant County Juvenile Services, where he was the founding supervisor of the agency's Victim Assistance Unit. Kelly has also served on several state and local boards for victim service providers.
