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**SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**  
**L'AUBERGE LAKE CHARLES**  
**8AM - 5PM**

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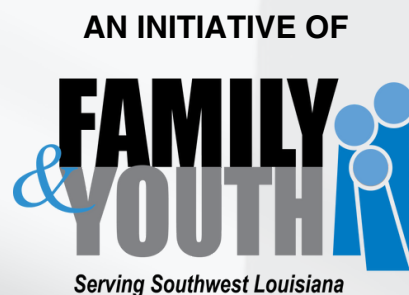
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## About the Southwest Louisiana Professional Development Institute

The goal of the Southwest Louisiana Professional Development Institute is to provide ongoing education, resources, and skill-building opportunities for professionals to effectively identify and respond to issues such as domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking, promoting stronger collaboration and support for victims across Southwest Louisiana and beyond.

The SWLA Professional Development Institute: Uncovering the Link is a one-day training designed for professionals, including Law Enforcement, District Attorney's Offices, Professional Counselors, Social Services, Educators, and beyond, which will focus on the critical intersection between domestic violence and human trafficking and address risk factors of dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, to strengthen collaborative efforts to support victims and prevent exploitation.



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# AGENDA

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## **BREAKFAST & WELCOME**

**8:00 AM - 8:30 AM**

## **SESSION 1**

**8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

**What Nurses Want You to Know: Recognizing Overlapping Patterns of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking**

*Tammy Smith, BSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P and Jessica Plaisance, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P*

This presentation explores the critical intersection of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, three issues that often overlap in ways that can go unnoticed. Participants will learn how these forms of violence are connected, the unique challenges survivors face, and the pivotal role of forensic nurses in recognizing, responding, and advocating for victims. By bridging perspectives from healthcare, law enforcement, and advocacy, this session highlights not only the warning signs and response strategies but also how a trauma-informed, collaborative approach can break cycles of abuse and exploitation. The goal is to spark awareness, strengthen multidisciplinary teamwork, and equip attendees with practical tools that empower them to better serve vulnerable populations. **\*Approved for General Social Work and NBCC General CEUs\***

**BREAK: 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM**

## **SESSION 2**

**10:15 AM - 11:45 AM**

**Behind Closed Doors: A Case Study on Human Trafficking and Survivor Recovery**  
*Sgt. William Loving, Lake Charles Police Department; David Duplechian, Louisiana Child and Youth Trafficking Collaborative (LCYTC) Regional Care Coordinator*

Explore a case study of human trafficking, presented by law enforcement and victim advocacy professionals. This session examines the complexities of identifying and investigating trafficking crimes, supporting survivors through trauma-informed care, and fostering multidisciplinary collaboration to dismantle trafficking networks. Attendees will gain insight into the red flags, legal challenges, and coordinated efforts required to pursue justice and long-term recovery for victims. **\*Approved for General Social Work and NBCC General CEUs\***

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## LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

**Uncovering the Link: The Connection Between Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking**

***Monica Taylor, Director of Community Programs and Planning, Louisiana Governor's Office***

Monica Taylor has been appointed by Governor Jeff Landry to serve as the Director of the Governor's Office of Community Programs and Planning. Join Ms. Taylor as she explores the critical connections between domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Participants will learn how these issues often intersect, the impact they have on survivors, and highlight current legislative efforts aimed at both prevention and support. This presentation will provide a deeper insight into these overlapping challenges and the policies designed to address them. ***\*Approved for General Social Work and NBCC General CEUs\****

**BREAK: 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM**

## SESSION 3

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**A Systemic Perspective of Sex Trafficking**

***Katie Guinn, Ph.D., LPC***

Katie Guinn will examine a systemic perspective of sex trafficking on a State and National level and explore the "who, what, where, and how" of sex trafficking. She will also delve in to how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted sex trafficking, thus leading to the evolution of cybersex trafficking. This presentation will discuss the role that social media plays in the maintenance of cybersex trafficking, and what participants can do to prevent victimization.

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**BREAK: 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM**

## SESSION 4

2:45 PM - 4:30 PM

**Understanding the Cycle and Impact of Domestic Violence**

***Crystal Scrantz, Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV)***

Crystal Scrantz of LCADV guides participants through the cycle of domestic violence, its impact on survivors, and the research based barriers they face when seeking help. This session will equip attendees with the tools to recognize abuse and respond effectively. ***\*Approved for***

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