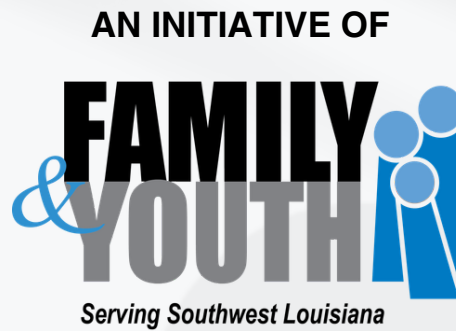




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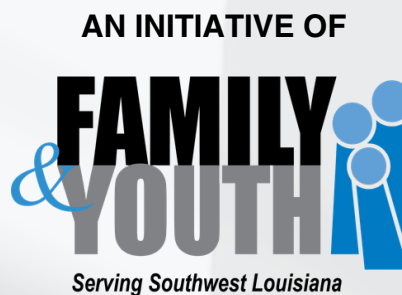
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About the Southwest Louisiana Professional Development Institute

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 violence, stalking, and human trafficking, promoting stronger collaboration and support for victims across Southwest Louisiana and beyond.

The SWLA Professional Development Institute: Beyond the Link is a one-day training designed for professionals, including Law Enforcement, District Attorney's Offices, Professional Counselors, Social Services, Educators, Businesses 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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INSTITUTE SPEAKERS



**SENIOR SEARGANT
ALEXANDER VINCENT**

Alexander Vincent has served with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office since 2011, with experience in Corrections, Security Enforcement, and Specialized Investigations. He currently serves as a Senior Sergeant in the Special Victims Unit, where he previously worked as a detective. Vincent holds bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice and Biological Sciences and has completed specialized training in law enforcement, crisis intervention, investigations, and victim-related cases. He is also actively involved in community organizations, including the Alliance to Fight Human Trafficking in SWLA, Southwest Louisiana Special Olympics, and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.



ASLAN GODFREY, B.S.

Aslan Godfrey, B.S., is a victim advocate, violence prevention professional, and program developer dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Currently serving at Louisiana State University Shreveport, Aslan coordinates community partnerships, leads multidisciplinary prevention initiatives, manages federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant programs, and develops campus-wide education and response efforts. With more than 1,200 hours of specialized training, Aslan is a certified Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Victim Advocate and has presented at the South Central U.S. Human Trafficking Conference four times. Aslan also serves as Vice President of the Caddo-Bossier Domestic Violence Task Force and is committed to strengthening systems of support for survivors through advocacy, education, and collaboration.

INSTITUTE SPEAKERS



CRYSTAL SCRANTZ

Crystal Scrantz has worked in the domestic violence movement for over 20 years. Currently, she is the Director of Program Development with the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and has held that role since 2021. Her experience includes the provision of direct services to adults and children affected by domestic violence, program development, HUD housing programs, navigating civil and criminal court systems, database management, supervision, and training. She is the founding chair of the Lafayette Domestic Violence Council and is also the founding Director of the Family Justice Center of Acadiana. Crystal has worked on many community based domestic violence projects including a High Risk Response Team, Fatality Review Panel and VOICES of Acadiana. She has conducted trainings regionally, statewide, and nationally on issues affecting survivors of domestic violence. Crystal is passionate about survivor safety and is committed to ensuring that high quality, trauma informed services are provided to survivors of domestic violence in Louisiana.



**ELIZABETH BROUSSARD
ASN, RN, SANE-A,
SANE-P**

Elizabeth Broussard, ASN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, is a Registered Nurse and experienced forensic nurse with more than a decade of specialized experience providing comprehensive medical and forensic care to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Since 2014, she has served as a SANE Nurse/Forensic Nurse at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, providing 24-hour on-call care to patients of all ages. She is certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for both adults/adolescents and pediatrics and is qualified as an expert witness in Calcasieu Parish.

INSTITUTE SPEAKERS



**SERGEANT
JAKE BOYD**

Sergeant Jake Boyd has been in law enforcement since 2009. He has served with the Texas Department of Public Safety since 2012. During his time with the Texas Highway Patrol, Boyd became part of the Texas Crimes Against Children Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program. While assigned to the Texas Highway Patrol Region 1D of Texas, Boyd made multiple IPC traffic stops resulting in child rescues and investigations being initiated. Boyd was also assigned to assist Troopers identify and rescue endangered or exploited children and identify those who pose a high-risk threat to a child. Boyd coordinated with Victim Services, the Texas Fusion Center and Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to assist in locating missing children and at-risk children. He also completed the 40-hour Specialist Interview course instructed by Dr. Joe Sullivan, Forensic Solutions, Ireland. Boyd is a Master Peace Officer with a Master's Degree of Science in Criminal Justice. He currently oversees the IPC program as a Sergeant in the Training Operations Division – Crimes Against Persons Training Unit.



**JENNIFER MOODY,
RN, SANE-A,
SANE-P,**

Jennifer Moody, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, is an experienced Registered Nurse and certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner with more than 30 years of healthcare and military service. She currently serves as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, providing specialized medical and forensic care to survivors of sexual assault. Jennifer has extensive nursing experience in labor and delivery, behavioral health, and community-based care through the Nurse-Family Partnership. A certified SANE for both adults/adolescents and pediatrics, she brings a diverse clinical background and a strong commitment to compassionate, survivor-centered care.

INSTITUTE SPEAKERS



**JESSICA M.
PLAISANCE, RN,
SANE-A, SANE-P,
SVFN-C,**

Jessica M. Plaisance, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, SVFN-C, is an experienced Registered Nurse, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, and clinical educator with more than a decade of nursing experience. She has served as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital since 2017 and currently provides pre- and postoperative care at Lake Charles Memorial Women's Hospital while also serving as a Clinical Adjunct Instructor at Sowela Technical Community College. Jessica holds SANE-A, SANE-P, and SVFN-C certifications and has specialized training in pediatric forensic nursing and nonfatal strangulation.

The Southwest Louisiana SANE program, founded over 25 years ago at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, remains a cornerstone of trauma-informed care in our region. SANE nurses are specially trained to provide timely, compassionate, and evidence-based forensic care to survivors of abuse. The SANE nurses work closely with law enforcement, advocacy centers, child protection services, and legal partners to ensure that every patient receives not only medical attention, but also emotional support, forensic documentation, and a pathway to healing and justice.

AGENDA

SESSION 1

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Elizabeth Broussard, Jennifer Moody and Jessica Plaisance, SANE

Trauma often leaves invisible wounds. This presentation explores the evolving role of forensic nursing in the care of patients affected by drug-facilitated sexual assault and other forms of interpersonal violence. Participants will examine the medical-forensic response, recognize the lasting impact of trauma on mental health, and discuss collaborative approaches that promote survivor-centered care and improve outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

1. *Participants will learn to describe the role of forensic nursing in the multidisciplinary response to sexual assault, drug-facilitated sexual assault (DFSA), and other forms of interpersonal violence.*
2. *Participants will learn to recognize the clinical and psychological indicators associated with DFSA and trauma.*
3. *Participants will learn to apply trauma-informed, survivor-centered strategies that strengthen multidisciplinary collaboration and improve patient care.*

10:00 - 10:15 A.M. BREAK

SESSION 2

10:15 AM - 11:45AM

Sergeant Jake Boyd, Texas Department of Public Safety

Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) is designed to make front-line officers aware of the variety of resources available to assist them in establishing the status of a child who may be missing, exploited, endangered, or at risk of exploitation and what courses of action are immediately available.

This training will help patrol officers understand that resources are available to them, what courses of action to take when encountering an endangered child, and be able to identify research supported indicators of an endangered child and a high-risk threat to children. It will help them have a basic understanding of behavioral patterns of both suspects and victims and the importance of articulating their findings.

Learning Objectives:

1. *Participants will learn to identify the importance of why law enforcement should stop waiting for children to ask for help and the importance of taking a victim-centered/child-centered approach during traffic encounters.*
2. *Participants will learn to identify what a High-Risk Threat to a Child is, and the risks posed to children for sexual exploitation, methods used by traffickers to locate and manipulate victims, and potential offenses related to child exploitation and grooming techniques commonly used by offenders.*
3. *Participants will learn to identify specific steps to take upon receiving a report of a missing child while considering factors such as child history, individuals at the scene, evidence collection, search procedure, and available resources.*

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

The Root of the Problem

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Aslan Godfrey B.S., Louisiana State University in Shreveport

Power-based violence is rooted in one common goal: the use of power and control over another person. While domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking are often discussed as separate issues, they are interconnected forms of abuse that rely on many of the same tactics to manipulate, exploit, and maintain control over victims.

This session explores what power-based violence looks like across different forms of victimization, emphasizing the shared patterns of coercion, intimidation, isolation, financial abuse, emotional manipulation, threats, and exploitation that perpetrators use to establish and maintain dominance. Participants will examine how these tactics evolve and overlap, with a particular focus on the intersection of domestic violence and human trafficking. The session will highlight how traffickers frequently exploit intimate partner relationships and how domestic violence can serve as both a precursor to and a component of trafficking situations.

Learning Objectives:

- *Participants will learn to learn to recognize the warning signs of power-based violence,*
- *Participants will learn to understand the complex barriers victims face when seeking safety,*
- *Participants will learn to identify opportunities for earlier intervention.*

12:45 - 1:00 P.M. BREAK

AGENDA

SESSION 3

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Senior Sergeant Alexander Vincent, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office

This presentation will explore common online platforms and applications used to exploit children, highlighting warning signs and tactics associated with online sexual exploitation. Participants will learn practical strategies for prevention, how to recognize concerning behaviors and situations, and how to appropriately respond when concerns arise. The session will also provide an overview of available resources, and the role individuals, businesses, and community partners can play in helping protect children from online exploitation.

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Participants will learn to identify common applications and online platforms used by individuals who exploit children.*
- 2. Participants will learn to identify warning signs that someone may be experiencing sexual exploitation.*
- 3. Participants will learn to recognize appropriate steps for responding to concerns, accessing available resources, and helping prevent online child exploitation.*

2:30- 2:45 P.M. BREAK

SESSION 4

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Crystal Scrantz, Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV)

Louisiana continues to experience one of the highest rates of domestic violence fatalities in the country. This presentation will provide participants with an understanding of domestic violence, strategies for safely and effectively engaging with individuals experiencing abuse, and ways businesses and community organizations can recognize concerns, respond appropriately, and connect individuals with resources.

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Participants will learn to identify domestic violence dynamics and lethality factors.*
- 2. Participants will learn to respond to people experiencing domestic violence in an informed way.*
- 3. Participants will learn to use shared risk and protective factors to develop prevention strategies.*