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PARI: PREVENTION OF ADOLESCENT RISKS INITIATIVE



Prevention of Adolescent Risk Initiative

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## Maryland Child Trafficking Conference



***Registration is open!***

Click the button to register

[Register for Conference Here](#)

This year's conference, **Maryland Child Trafficking Conference: Breaking Down Barriers. Creating Change.** is designed to disseminate knowledge, strategies and practices across Maryland professionals, communities and individuals to effectively mobilizes response to trafficking of children and youth. The conference will address the intersection of sex trafficking and labor trafficking with other aspects of identity to transform attitudes, policies, and practices that encourage justice and healing for victims.



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The University of Maryland School of Social Work in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force and the Maryland Department of Human Services are sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual statewide public awareness conference to mobilize communities and individuals in response to human trafficking.



## Upcoming Human Trafficking Trainings Events

During the month of September, PARI will sponsor human trafficking training events for mental health and law enforcement professionals across Maryland.

- Baltimore City Human Trafficking Training for Law Enforcement will be held at the SSW Auditorium on September 24th and 25th from 8:30-4:30pm. For more information, please contact Sharon Henry at [SHenry@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:SHenry@ssw.umaryland.edu).
- Human Trafficking 101 for Mental Health Professionals will be held on September 26, 2018 from 8:30am-4:30pm. [For more information click here.](#)
- Human Trafficking 201 for Mental Health Professionals will be held on September 27, 2018 from 8:30am- 4:30pm. [For more information click here.](#)
- Human Trafficking Regional Training for Law Enforcement (Allegany Co) will be held on September 27, 2018 from 8:30am- 4:30pm. [For more information click here.](#)



## Ruth Young Center for Families and Children Research Seminar Day

**THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP IN TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH: RUTH  
YOUNG CENTER FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN RESEARCH SEMINAR DAY**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018**

**1:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

**School of Social Work Auditorium**

**Presentations**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM - Posters/Table Session in the Atrium**

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Presentations (20-30 minute on-going research presentations)**

**3:30 PM - 4:30 PM - RYC Open House**



**Dr. Nadine Finigan-Carr: Sworn in as new Commissioner on  
Baltimore City's Office of Civil Rights Community Relations  
Commission**

On August 06, 2018, Dr. Nadine Finigan-Carr was officially sworn in as Commissioner, for Baltimore City's Community Relations Commission, Office of Civil Rights. With this appointment, Dr. Finigan-Carr will serve the people of Baltimore City and investigate claims of discrimination by enforcing the laws that protect them. The Baltimore Community Relations Commission combats unlawful discrimination in employment, public accommodation, housing, education and health and welfare services.





# WHAT IS PARI?



**PARI, Prevention of Adolescent Risks Initiative** is one of the Ruth Young Center for Families and Children's newest initiatives created to increase visibility and knowledge to address adolescent health issues. With a focus on the social determinants of health, risks, and protective factors, **PARI** serves to:

1. Increase awareness of social behavioral health risks for adolescents, such as child trafficking, and teen pregnancy so that youth receive comprehensive, trauma-informed care through capacity building of service providers and targeting existing services and resources.
2. Enhance partnerships and collaborations for information sharing and data collection at the national, state, and local levels.
3. Increase the capacity, through advocacy and training, of child welfare and juvenile services professionals, health care providers, researchers, policymakers, and others to appropriately and effectively prevent, identify and respond to adolescent health needs.

The federal grant projects under the **PARI** umbrella include:

**The Baltimore Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative for Out-of-Home Youth (BTPPI)**  
**Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative (CSTVI)**  
**Maryland Human Trafficking Victims Initiative (MHTI)**

To learn more about **PARI**, click on the icon below to visit the **PARI** website.

[Visit our website](#)



Dr. Nadine Finigan-Carr

## Thoughts from our Director

Welcome to the Prevention of Adolescent Risks Initiative (PARI) newsletter! We hope you have had a fantastic summer and were able to experience the phenomenon of the July lunar eclipse. Our team has been hard at work setting up events that will ensure that more of you are empowered and ready to support the well-being of children and youth as they transition into young adulthood.

Along with the fun of the summer, including our first team strategic planning retreat, we also worked to develop what we think will be an even better conference than last year's. We also have

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worked with our community partners to set up trainings for several key stakeholders throughout the state, including law enforcement and mental health professionals. All to be held in September! In addition, the Ruth Young Center is planning its first ever Research Seminar Day in October. We are also in the initial planning stages for a speed mentoring day for students in the MPH/MSW programs. Let me know if you would like to volunteer your time to speak with some students at this event.

We are extremely excited about what's to come in the Fall. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events in the next two months.

