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TEDx University of Maryland, Baltimore

THEME: Improving the Human Condition



Dr. Nadine Finigan-Carr

Dr. Finigan-Carr will present a TEDx presentation on Friday, November 09, 2018. A lottery was held to view the TEDx University of Maryland, Baltimore presentations live. If you were not selected, you can still join the conversation and talk one-on-one with the speakers about their chosen topics.

For more information, use the link below.

[TEDxUMBaltimore](https://www.tedxumbaltimore.com)



**Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force meets with
Nigerian Delegation**



Pictured: Amelia Rubenstein, LCSW-C, (Top Left), Nigerian delegation and members of Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force, including Ayn Ducao, (Middle).

A Nigerian delegation visited the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. The two-hour visit, led by the Assistant U.S. Attorney and MHTTF Chair, Ayn Ducao and Candace Parrot, Chair of Public Awareness committee provided insight to the visitors on how partnerships with state, federal, and private agencies work throughout Maryland, while working alongside FBI, U.S Attorney's Office to prosecute offenders of human trafficking. Other MHTTF members invited to the discussion included *Amelia Rubenstein, Clinical Research Specialist and Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work*, Kelly Hooper, Kelly Baird, Tiffany Maclin, and Lauren Benjamin.



Maryland Child Trafficking Conference Success!

The 2nd Annual Maryland Child Trafficking Conference held on September 20, 2018 was a success. With over 300 participants in attendance, the conference offered networking opportunities for medical professionals, social workers, legal professionals, law enforcement and other provider agencies to effectively address the needs of children and youth affected by human trafficking across Maryland. Based on evaluation feedback, many conference participants enjoyed the opening plenary, *Intersectionality and Human Trafficking Risk: Why Perspective Matters* led by Jessica Emerson, Director of Human Trafficking Prevention Project and Professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law; the breakout session, *Working from the Crew: Understanding and Treating Victims of Gang-Controlled Sexual Exploitation*, led by Deepa Patel, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Trauma and Hope in Springfield, VA; and the closing plenary, *Through the Lens of Survivors*, led by Shamere McKenzie, CEO of Sun Gate Foundation.

Please visit our [website](#) to review these and other presentations offered at the Maryland Child Trafficking Conference, under the Resources section.

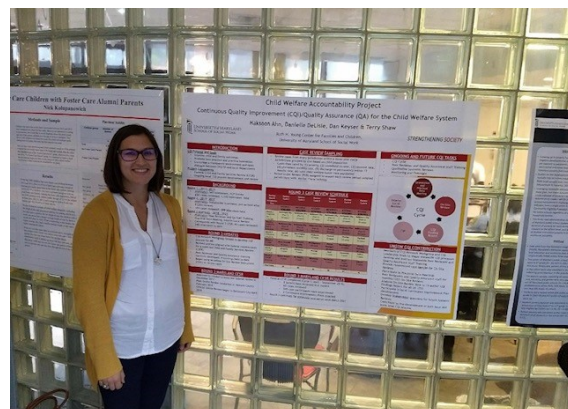
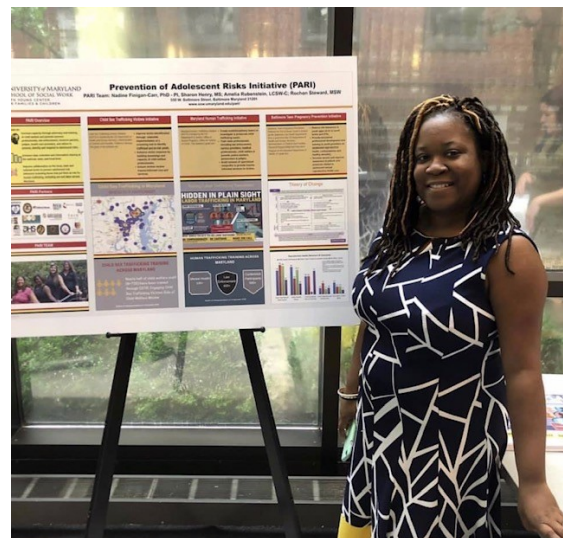


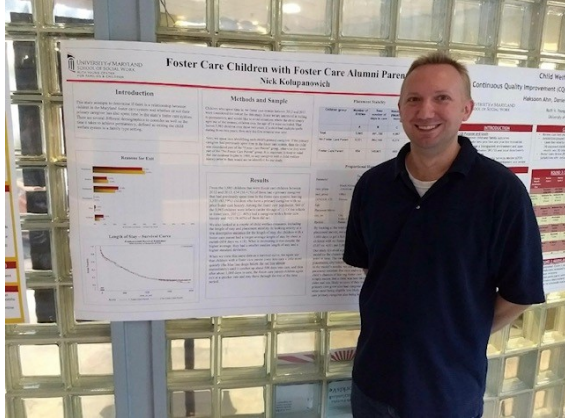
Pictured: Shamere McKenzie (third left) and Dr. Nadine Finigan-Carr (middle) and survivor panelists featured at the Maryland Child Trafficking Conference's Closing Plenary.



Thank You for Attending the RYC's Research Seminar Day

On behalf of the Ruth Young Center, we would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Research Seminar Day on October 13, 2018. Here are some pictures from the event. For additional information about events happening at the Ruth Young Center, feel free to follow us on [Facebook](#).





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT 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. 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)

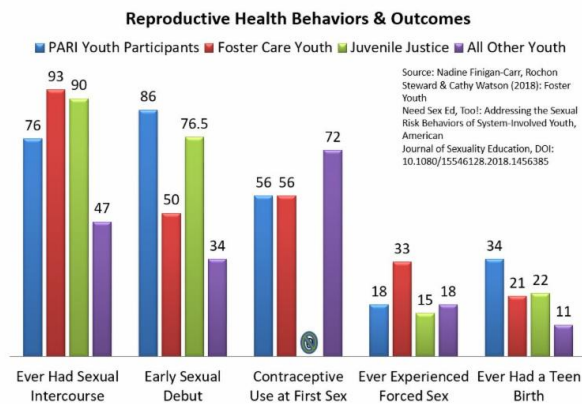


The **Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative (CSTVI)** created this heat map for the *Engaging Child Victims of Sex Trafficking: Role of the Child Welfare Worker* training being rolled out to all Department of Human Services (DHS) staff through a collaboration with DHS, CSTVI and the Child Welfare Academy (CWA). The heat map provides a visual for trainees to see where child sex trafficking is actually happening in Maryland. This map was last updated in February 2018.



The **Maryland Human Trafficking Initiative (MHTI)** created this public service announcement (PSA) to address awareness of labor trafficking in Maryland. This PSA was created in partnership with the *Healthy Teen Network*. The PSA highlights the definition of labor trafficking, where it is being reported, signs/red flags and what you should do if you see labor trafficking. Follow the **3 C's**: Be Compassionate. Be Cautious. Make the Call.

The Baltimore Teen Pregnancy Prevention



Initiative for Out-of-Home Youth (BTPPI) published findings in the American Journal of Sexuality Education in April 2018. The chart highlighted in the article *Foster Youth Need Sex Ed, Too: Addressing the Sexual Risk Behaviors of System Involved Youth* offers reproductive health behaviors and outcomes for PARI youth participants in comparison across systems and the general youth population. The article was led by Dr. Nadine Finigan-Carr in collaboration Rochon Steward, Program Manager at UMSSW, and our sponsor representative, Cathy Watson, at the Baltimore City Health Department.



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Thoughts from our Director

Welcome to the Prevention of Adolescent Risks Initiative (PARI) newsletter! For the past few months, our team has been hard at work planning trainings and our 2nd Maryland Child Trafficking Conference to ensure that you are empowered and ready to support the well-being of children and youth.

Our team will continue to work with our community partners to set up trainings for several key stakeholders throughout the state, including law enforcement and mental health professionals. In early winter, we will begin sustainability planning with our partners to ensure Maryland has a unified training strategy for both awareness of human trafficking and best practices for responding to the needs of children and youth human trafficking victims across multiple stakeholder groups.

We are also still 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 happening at PARI and what's to come.

