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Looking for Survivor Advocates to Support Our Work



The PARI team is looking for

participants in the Survivor Advisory Council

The Survivor Advisory Council will be comprised of 4-6 survivors of sex and labor trafficking. Each member's unique perspectives and expertise will help to develop survivor-informed service provision, provide input on training, and intervention development. Members will also participate in outreach, public awareness, and coalition-building activities to assist with identifying needed resources and services throughout the state that meet the needs of youth impacted by both sex and labor trafficking.

Meetings will occur quarterly over a three-year period and survivors will be paid for their time on the council and as training co-facilitators.

Objectives

- **Public Awareness/Training**- provide input on training development, implementation, and have the opportunity to serve as a co-trainer for all University sponsored human trafficking trainings.
- **Survivor-Informed Service Provision**- collaborate with systems and service providers to advise on matters related to service delivery to ensure that services for survivors of trafficking are trauma and survivor centered.
- **Coalition-Building**- assist with developing partnerships and collaboration between systems and service providers that work with survivors, including Maryland's Regional Navigator programs.

Please complete the following online application (https://umaryland.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/SV_equaDM4yViA8SKa?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current) and questionnaire to be considered for the position of Advisory Council Member. Resumes are not required, but can be submitted by email to Neil Mallon at nmallon@ssw.umaryland.edu



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Maryland's Child Sex Trafficking Regional Navigator Program

Part of our work under the **Maryland Human Trafficking Initiative**, is to support training and technical assistance across jurisdictions to improve outcomes for child victims of trafficking. Towards the end of 2020, PARI began providing enhanced technical assistance to ***Maryland's Child Sex Trafficking Regional Navigator Programs (RNPG)***.

The RNPG was developed after Governor Hogan signed into law the Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act of 2019. The law requires law enforcement agents and local Departments of Social Services who have reason to believe a child/young adult (up to the age of 24) is a victim of sex trafficking to notify a Regional Navigator in their jurisdiction or region to obtain needed services for the child. See the Governor's press release about RNPG at <http://goccp.maryland.gov/governors-office-of-crime-prevention-youth-and-victim-services-announces-expansion-of-child-sex-trafficking-screening-and-services-act-regional-navigator-program/>

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, & Victim Services oversees the RNPG and releases the notice of funding availability. As of November 2020, nine organizations have been awarded funding to develop RNPG within 10 jurisdictions. By January 2022, Maryland is committed to having RNPG assigned for all 24 jurisdictions.

PARI's technical assistance efforts have included coordinating trainings and presentations, as well as developing a learning community model to support collaboration and resource sharing across programs.

In March, PARI partnered with Alicia Aiken, Director of the Confidentiality Institute, to provide a training on how to navigate VOCA confidentiality guidelines while engaging in collaborative

partnerships with multi-disciplinary teams and Local Social Services/Law Enforcement providers.

The training, “Confidentiality, Consent, & Collaboration,” highlighted the need for individualized approaches for release of information processes that honor the youth’s request for what information is shared on their behalf and to whom that information is shared with.

Maryland’s Child Sex Trafficking Regional Navigator Programs

Jurisdiction

Agency

Anne Arundel

Board of Child Care

Baltimore City

Baltimore City Child Abuse Center

Baltimore County

Turn Around Inc.

Cecil

Cecil County Department of
Community
Services

Frederick

Heartly House

Harford

The Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse
Resource Center

Howard

Howard County Police
Department/Child
Advocacy Center

Montgomery

University of Maryland SAFE Center

Prince George's

University of Maryland SAFE Center

Washington

Safe Place Child Advocacy Center



Maryland *First* *Lady Yumi Hogan* and Louisiana First Foundation Global Human Trafficking Summit

The following is a segment from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services' 4/30/21 press release. Click [here](#) to see the complete press release.

Maryland Experts Share Anti-Human Trafficking Models Addressing Fastest Growing Criminal Industry in U.S.

ANNAPOLIS, MD—The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services yesterday joined First Lady Yumi Hogan for the Global Human Trafficking Summit hosted by the Louisiana First Foundation and presented by the State of Maryland. Experts from Maryland shared the State's models to end human and child trafficking with nearly 400 advocates from across the globe.

"My heart aches for all victims of human trafficking and their families. These victims are like our sons and daughters, my grandchildren, and students," said the First Lady. "I cannot believe human trafficking and modern slavery are happening right next to us, in our own backyards. This is not about someone else. This is about us. It is our problem. This is the reason why we all should stand up and work together to combat human trafficking not only in the state of Maryland, but across the country and the world."

Louisiana First Lady Donna Edwards is passionate about ending

human trafficking, and through her platform, the Louisiana First Foundation, she has been hosting the Global Human Trafficking Summit since 2017.

Speakers and topics included:

- Glenn Fueston – Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
- Joe Baldwin – Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office District of Maryland; Chair, Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force
- Johnna Geesaman – Program Coordinator, Safe Place Child Advocacy in Washington County
- Marion Gill – Coordinator, Family Violence Programs, Cecil County/Trafficking Regional Navigator, Cecil County Child Advocacy Center
- Michelle Farr – Executive Director, Social Services Administration, Maryland Department of Human Services
- Michael Piercy – Director, Washington County Social Services
- Susan G. Esserman, Esq. – Founder and Director, University of Maryland SAFE (Support, Advocacy, Freedom, Empowerment) for Human Trafficking Survivors
- Susan B. Hansell – State Chapter Director, Maryland Children’s Alliance
- *Nadine Finigan – Carr, PhD – Director, Prevention of Adolescent Risks Initiative at University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Social Work*
- Maryland Human Trafficking Taskforce: Advancing on All Fronts
- State of Maryland Programs and Grants
- County Perspectives and Discussion: Child Trafficking Regional Navigator, Similarities and Differences
- Child Trafficking in Maryland: State and Local Perspectives
- A Comprehensive Services and Prevention Approach to Human Trafficking in Maryland
- Adapting the National Children’s Alliance Standards for Victims of Child Trafficking
- Preventing Child Sex Trafficking in Maryland

The Institute's Nadine Finigan-Carr, PhD, Honored with Prevention Research Early Career Award



Nadine Finigan-Carr, PhD, School of Social Work Research Associate Professor and School of Medicine Associate Professor, was recently awarded the Society for Prevention Research Early Career Preventionist Network's 2021 *John B. Reid Early Career Award*. The Award is presented annually to someone who has shown a commitment to prevention science through outstanding contributions to research, policy, or practice. Nominees are early career scientists within ten years post terminal degree.

Finigan-Carr, in addition to her faculty positions, is also the Institute for Innovation and Implementation's Deputy Director of the Ruth Young Center for Maryland where she leads the Prevention of Adolescent Risks Initiative. She is internationally recognized for her work in the prevention of human trafficking. Her rigorous research is focused on the application of behavioral and social science perspectives to contemporary health problems, especially those that disproportionately affect people of color. The results of her research have been published in more than twenty peer-reviewed publications and the 2017 publication, Linking Health and Education for African American Students' Success, focused on the ties between African American students' outcomes and their health.





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Thoughts from our Director

During the month of May, we celebrate [National Foster Care Month](#) and [Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month](#).

As we know, youth in foster care have an increased vulnerability for human trafficking. So it's important to highlight the work that many of us do to support not only the youth in foster care, but the various staff and foster parents working with those youth. *Please join me in celebrating these stories by visiting the [National Foster Care Month website at this link.](#)*

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month honors the significant contributions individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander decent have made in enriching America's past, present, and future. *Please join me in honoring these powerful stories by visiting the [Library of Congress' Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month website at this link.](#)*

