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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF YOUTH IN LOUISIANA

**FEBRUARY 17, 2022  
12 - 1 P.M.**

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Get an overview of human trafficking in Louisiana and how child welfare and legal professionals might encounter trafficking victims. Discuss barriers to identification and promising practices for serving trafficking survivors.

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# AGENDA & SCHEDULE

## Objectives

- Define the legal characteristics of human trafficking and the sociological concept of human trafficking.
- Explore the scope and nature of human trafficking of youth in Louisiana.
- Examine recruitment, grooming, and psychological coercion to understand how it impacts victims of human trafficking.
- Identify research-based approaches to identification and response that focus on survivor empowerment.
- Consider how participants might integrate human trafficking identification and response into their practice/agency.

## Speakers

- **Curtis Nelson, J.D.** | *Deputy Judicial Administrator, Division of Children and Families, Louisiana Supreme Court*
- **Kate Shipley** | *Executive Director of the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers*
- **Leanne McCallum** | *Strategic Projects Manager for the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers*
- **Mark Harris** | *Executive Director, Pelican Center for Children and Families*

<b>12:00 - 12:20PM</b>	Introduction to Human Trafficking of Youth in Louisiana
<b>12:20 - 12:35PM</b>	Impact on Victims and Research-Based Approaches on Survivor Empowerment
<b>12:35 - 12:45PM</b>	Integrating Human Trafficking Identification and Response
<b>12:45 - 1:00PM</b>	Questions and Answers

# SPEAKERS



**Curtis Nelson** | *Deputy Judicial Administrator, Division of Children and Families, Louisiana Supreme Court*

Curtis Nelson earned a B.S. degree in psychology with a minor in sociology from LSU in 1992. He graduated Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans in 1997. Curtis has worked as an adolescence mental health technician, a court appointed special advocate, a parent's attorney in child in need of care proceedings, a child's attorney in delinquency proceedings, and as the Juvenile Section Chief for the 19th Judicial District Attorney's Office. Currently, Curtis serves as the Deputy Judicial Administrator for the Louisiana Supreme Court-Division of Children and Families. The division is involved in several Louisiana initiatives to improve the juvenile justice system for children and families.



**Kate Shipley** | *Executive Director of the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers*

Kate Shipley is the Executive Director of the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers (LACAC), the state association for Louisiana's 15 Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC). She provides oversight of the daily operations and strategic development of LACAC. She has created a training and peer review program, conducts ongoing legislative advocacy, and provides support and technical assistance to Louisiana's CACs. She provides a unified voice to elevate collective priorities for CACs through representation on the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board, the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board, and the Children's Justice Act Taskforce. Kate assisted the Governor's Office in securing federal funding for the state and provides oversight of the Louisiana Child and Youth Trafficking Collaborative, a grant project aimed at improving outcomes for victims of child and youth trafficking through the CACs.

Prior to this role, Kate worked for Empower225 as the CAC Liaison to the Louisiana Children's Anti-Trafficking Initiative (LACAT), in which she worked with the Governor's Office to plan and execute nine regional human trafficking symposiums ("focus groups"); coordinated human trafficking trainings; assisted CACs in improving data collection and case tracking for human trafficking victims; and assisted in the development of specialized human trafficking multi-disciplinary teams for across Louisiana. She is a trained forensic interviewer in three national protocols; RADAR, NCAC, and APSAC, and worked as a contractual Forensic Interviewer at the New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center for two years.

Kate first gained experience in human trafficking survivor services in New Orleans through an internship with Eden House. Kate has international exposure related to sex trafficking through research and volunteer work in India, where she conducted a case study on Kranti, empowerment and recovery program for high-risk adolescent females from Mumbai's red-light district Kamathipura. Kate received her Bachelor of Science Public Health at Tulane University.

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**Leanne McCallum** | *Strategic Projects Manager for the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers*

Leanne McCallum is the Strategic Projects Manager for the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers. She works directly with CACs and relevant partner agencies for strategy development and implementation of the Louisiana Child and Youth Trafficking Collaborative (LCYTC)- a critical statewide strategic initiative coordinated by LACAC. Her work centers on facilitating evidence-based, human rights driven anti-trafficking responses. Leanne has published several papers analyzing the intersection between disasters in Louisiana and the way that disasters impact vulnerability to exploitative labor and human trafficking. She has been featured as an expert speaker for a variety of local and national organizations, including: the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance, the U.S. Office for Victims of Crime, Freedom Network USA, and the HEAL Network. Leanne previously worked as the Task Force Coordinator of the Greater New Orleans Human Trafficking Task Force, where she facilitated multidisciplinary collaboration between law enforcement, social services, and community members to enhance partnerships to combat human trafficking. Prior to her work in Louisiana, she earned her Master of Arts degree in International Studies from the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies, graduating with concentrations in Human Rights and Human Trafficking. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Linfield College in International Relations with a minor in Political Science.



**Mark Harris** | *Executive Director, Pelican Center for Children and Families*

Mark Harris is the Executive Director of the Pelican Center for Children and Families. He formerly served the Louisiana Supreme Court as the Project Coordinator for the Louisiana Court Improvement Program for 15 years and has been formally recognized by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for outstanding efforts in promoting the safety, permanency and well being of Louisiana's at-risk children.