



**Victim Service
Collaborative Conference
*13th Annual***

Working together toward a violence free community

***Tuesday, May 5th & Wednesday, May 6th
2015***

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Sanford Center

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Bemidji, MN 56601

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, May 5th

- 7:00 - 8:00 : Registration & Breakfast
- 8:00 - 8:30 : Welcome, Drum Group & Opening Blessing
- 8:30 - 10:15: Morning Keynote, Eric Nation & Stacey Read
- 10:15 - 10:30: Break
- 10:30 - 12:00: Morning Breakouts
- 12:00 - 1:00: Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:30: Afternoon Breakouts
- 2:30 - 2:45: Break
- 2:45 - 4:00: Afternoon Keynote, Joy Friedman
- 4:00 - 4:30: Closing

Wednesday, May 6th

- 7:30 - 8:30: Registration & Breakfast
- 8:30 -10:15: Morning Keynote, Grant Snyder
- 10:15 -10:30: Morning Break
- 10:30 -12:00: Morning Breakouts
- 12:00 - 1:00: Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:30: Afternoon Breakouts
- 2:30 - 2:45: Break
- 2:45 - 4:00: Afternoon Keynote, Scotty Gunther
- 4:00 - 4:30: Door Prizes & Closing Ceremony

CLE, POST, and MN Board of Social Work credits will be applied for. A Certificate of Attendance will be provided to all attendees to submit to their respective licensing boards.

Tuesday, May 5th

Morning Keynote (8:30 - 10:15): Identifying Drug Endangered Children: A Collaborative Approach, Eric Nation & Stacey Read: Ignored, abused and abandoned - these are some of the chronic conditions experienced by children raised in environments where there is illegal drug use, manufacturing, cultivation and distribution. Drug endangered children are part of a very large, and growing population of children whose lives have been seriously and negatively impacted by dangerous drugs. Thousands of these children across our state go unnoticed and do not receive the necessary care and treatment to heal from these abusive environments. If ignored and left unmonitored, these children continue to be victims caught in a cycle of drug abuse. The primary challenge with illegal substance abuse and drug endangered children is in aligning systems responsible for preventing, intervening, and treating these issues to achieve common outcomes. The National Strategy for Drug Endangered Children focuses on the formation of multi-disciplinary partnerships that take advantage of existing agency personnel, resources, and responsibilities and coordinate their mutual interests and duties to meet the specific needs of these children. The focus on these children's needs is throughout the entire process until the child is in a permanent, safe and positive functioning environment. This session will look at overcoming the challenges in aligning systems responsible for preventing, intervening, and treating these issues to achieve common outcomes.

Morning Breakouts (10:30 - 12:00):

1.) The DEC (Drug Endangered Children) Approach: Awareness to Action Part 1, Eric Nation & Stacey Read: This presentation focuses on implementing the DEC Approach—the collaborative approach between various practitioners that are essential to improve outcomes for drug endangered children. This presentation will provide insights about how various practitioners, including child welfare professionals, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, probation/parole, medical personnel, educators and treatment providers, are in a position to help identify and report on drug endangered children. This presentation provides insights about how collaboration among these practitioners leads to better communication and more information about Drug Endangered Children and their families, both of which lead to more informed decisions that can lead to better outcomes for children. The presenters will also discuss the identification of risks to drug endangered children and what all disciplines can look for when collecting evidence and information on drug endangered children. Presenters will utilize pictures and video of real DEC scenarios to assist professionals in understanding what to look for regarding the “life of the child”.

2.) Safe Harbor Law & Programming, Ashley Zurn: Participants will learn about the Safe Harbor/No Wrong Door Programming Model & the Minnesota Safe Harbor Law for Sexually Exploited Youth. The No Wrong Door Model is a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, and multi-state agency service approach to responding to sexually exploited youth and at risk youth. Participants will learn how to identify sexually exploited youth and at risk youth, as well as the Regional & Tribal Navigators' role in connecting service systems to training and victims to resources.

3.) Suffocation and Strangulation from a Medical Perspective, LT Kenneth Felkley - PA & Melissa Yuenger: The signs and symptoms of suffocation and strangulation are many to include voice changes, difficulty breathing, and petechiae. Anatomy of the neck and surrounding tissues, structures and the response to the pressure and trauma associated with suffocation and strangulation will be covered. We will include the mechanisms of the different types of strangulation and the long term effects to include both physical and emotional for both victim and family. The lethality of strangulation and suffocation will also be discussed to bring to a fore-front, the dangerous nature of this event.

4.) Identifying & Responding to Sex Trafficking Victims, Joy Friedman: Participants with a general awareness about sex trafficking will learn more about community advocacy and how they can be involved in prevention and intervention of sex trafficking. This session will provide a more in depth look at the system of prostitution /sex trafficking, definitions, methods of recruitment, and barriers to escape. Participants will learn how to identify and respond to sex trafficking victims.

5.) Common Legal Issues in Representing Survivors of Domestic Violence in State & Tribal Courts, Sarah Stahelin, Jerome Song & Robert Enger:

1.) Representing clients who have been abused

- A. Legal Advocacy
- B. Criminal Justice System
- C. Mutual batterer and “primary aggressor”

2.) Evidence in Domestic Violence Law

- A. Physical Evidence
- B. Statements made to Law Enforcement
- C. Prior Acts & Patterns of Abuse
- D. Spouses & Children as Witness
- E. Statements made to Medical/Expert Witnesses

3.) Domestic Violence and Orders for Protection

- A. Scope of Protection
 - Minnesota
 - Tribal Court
- B. Enforcement & Efficacy
- C. Custody & Visitation

4.) Divorce & Custody

- A. Distribution of assets
- B. Best interest of the child
- C. De Facto, Third Party custody

5.) Case Law Update & Current Legal Issues

Afternoon Breakouts (1:00 - 2:30):

1.) The DEC (Drug Endangered Children) Approach: Awareness to Action Part 2, Eric Nation and Stacey Read: Continued

2.) Trauma Informed Care for Domestic Violence Victims, Dheeshana Jayasundara & Raandall Nedegaard: Survivors of violence and trauma know their history and understand what promotes their healing better than anyone else, yet often, they encounter well-meaning services and programs that can mirror the power and control they experienced in past abusive relationships that caused their trauma. This can result in reduced program effectiveness and even retraumatization. This workshop will discuss how to promote a trauma-informed framework for domestic violence programs. Trauma-informed policies and practices can work to the advantage of both the person seeking services and for service providers. By attending to the physical and sensory environment, the programmatic environment, the cultural environment, and the relational environment program policies, programs can focus on the overall well being of their clients and staff. Trauma informed care also includes emphasis on self-care practices that help to manage the stresses linked to one’s own past traumas and possible compassion fatigue.

3.) Building an Elder Abuse Case: From the Financial to the Physical: Lori Conroy, Assistant Clay County Attorney: When does a family matter involving finances become a criminal case? When does taking care of an elderly loved one cross the line into financial exploitation? When does the right to die with dignity become criminal neglect? Attendees will receive practice guidance in answering these questions with reference to Minnesota Law as it applies to financial exploitation, physical neglect, and abuse of the elderly. Learn investigative strategies for identifying signs of abuse and neglect and helpful tools for obtaining records, maintaining evidence, and utilizing a multi-disciplinary response to reports of elder abuse and neglect.

4.) Identifying Survivors of Sexual Exploitation in an Emergency Department Setting, Pamela DeWitt-Meza, RN: Across Minnesota frontline health care workers see patients who are exploited on a regular basis, but due to limited training and tools, patients are often seen and discharged, sometimes even accompanied with their trafficker, without a meaningful intervention. The MN Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians has received a grant to bring this training to frontline Emergency Department personnel throughout the state of Minnesota. This presentation is intended for all health care professionals who desire excellence in patient care and need practical tools to help identify patients who may be victims of exploitation. We will review a screening tool for identifying patient-survivors, discuss strategies for having these difficult conversations, and learn how to access existing local resources.

5.) Emotional Reality of Domestic Violence and Why Victims do not Leave, Nancy Boyle: Participants will gain a better understanding of the emotions and barriers traumatized individuals face as well as empathetic and empowerment building approaches to use with traumatized individuals.

Afternoon Keynote (2:45 - 4:00): Working with Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Providing Victim Centered Services: Best Practices for Service Providers, Joy Friedman.

Wednesday, May 6th

Morning Keynote (8:30 - 10:15): Bottles on the Shelf - The Development, Management and Utilization of Meaningful Collaborations in an Unstable Environment, Sergeant Grant Snyder: This keynote seeks to unpack what has worked and what hasn't with regard to our collaborations in efforts to serve victims of sexual exploitation. Particular attention will be paid to making difficult relationships work, and bridging philosophical gaps that seem as vast as an ocean.

Morning Breakouts (10:30 - 12:00):

1.) Organizational and Technical Aspects of Human Trafficking Case Development Part 1, Sergeant Grant Snyder - Law Enforcement Track: This section will address the development of case plans which aim to minimize the impact upon the victim through proper case "mapping" and exploitation of all technical evidence collection strategies.

2.) Compassion Fatigue, Compassion Satisfaction and Burnout: Help for the Helper, Cheryl Kolb-Untinen, MS, LCPC: Working in a helping profession can be both rewarding and challenging. Working with people who have experienced trauma or difficult events can come with a price tag to the worker. We will learn about this ‘cost of caring’ in a workshop where we will define Compassion Satisfaction (CS), Compassion Fatigue (CF), burnout and secondary trauma, take a self-test to determine your own professional quality of life and learn ways to manage this effect and increase your resiliency.

3.) Homeless in Minnesota, Tom Balsley & Dina Chou: This presentation will cover a broad overview of what homelessness looks like in Minnesota. We will have a group discussion around the intersection of homelessness with other issues such as domestic violence, mental illness and chemical dependency. The presentation will also include an overview of state funding available to support programs that serve people experiencing homelessness.

4.) Safe Harbor Law & Programming, Ashley Zurn: Participants will learn about the Safe Harbor/No Wrong Door Programming Model & the Minnesota Safe Harbor Law for Sexually Exploited Youth. The No Wrong Door Model is a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, and multi-state agency service approach to responding to sexually exploited youth and at risk youth. Participants will learn how to identify sexually exploited youth and at risk youth, as well as the Regional & Tribal Navigators’ role in connecting service systems to training and victims to resources

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1.) Organizational and Technical Aspects of Human Trafficking Case Development - Law Enforcement Track Part 2, Sergeant Grant Snyder.

2.) Respecting and Honoring Trafficking Survivors: Our Perspective, Gail Trombley & Christine Stark

3.) Circle Back, Joe Tonihka & Jean Dakota: Participants will learn about the Circle Back Program’s Innovated Approach to helping adolescents with substance abuse problems.

4.) Safety Planning with Children who Experience Domestic Violence, Barton Erickson: We will explore how safety planning can aid children during crisis. This section will also provide an overview of the developmental effects of family violence on kids. Participants will learn the various types of safety plans and how they can utilize child safety plans with their clients.

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Afternoon Keynote (2:45 - 4:00): The Co-Worker’s Challenge, Scotty Gunther: A mix of clean stand up comedy, motivation, stress relief and crowd participation. The co-worker’s challenge is a hilarious, quick paced, unique show that combines stand up comedy with a little bit of the “newlywed game” and a whole lot of crowd participation.

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Eric Nation: Lieutenant Eric Nation began his career in law enforcement in Iowa in 1994 with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office as a Civilian Jailer. He then became a certified peace officer in the state of Iowa with the city of Colfax in June of 1995 where he was assigned to patrol duties. In September of 1995, Nation joined the Jasper County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff, and a year later, he was assigned to an undercover narcotics unit in Polk, Dallas, and Jasper Counties. In 2002, Nation was promoted to Lieutenant of the Patrol Division and he served in that position for five years. From 2007 to 2012, Nation served as the commander of the Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force - Eastside, a multi-jurisdictional undercover narcotics unit. While in this position, Nation was also the supervisor of the meth lab team, overseeing numerous methamphetamine lab and undercover narcotics investigations. Nation also served as a Tactical Team Leader for the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team for 15 years. Nation is a founding members of the Jasper County Drug Endangered Children Alliance, where he worked to build collaboration across multiple disciplines and worked to create a series of DEC response protocols; he is also a member of the Iowa Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Steering Committee and was a member of the National DEC Criminal Justice Working Group. In 2009, Lieutenant Nation was honored with the "Ongoing Law Enforcement Victims Service Award:" from Jasper County; in 2011, he received the National Drug Endangered Children Collaborative Leadership Award. Nation has trained thousands of professionals across Iowa, the United States, and internationally. He has participated in the United States Attorney General's *Defending Childhood Initiative, Working Group Meeting on Law Enforcement and Children's Exposure to Violence in Washington, D.C.* He has also assisted with the development of International Association of Chief of Police's *Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence* project tools and deliverables. He has appeared on Court TV for Langley Production's documentary, *Methamphetamine Labs in the Heartland*, a public education piece about the hazards of methamphetamine and labs in the Midwest.

Stacey Reed: Director of DEC Network Development: Stacey has spent over 16 years working in the child welfare field, gaining insight and experience on a variety of key child welfare issues. Before working for National DEC, Stacey held the Associate Ombudsman position with the Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman. There she was involved in program development and review, complaint resolution, and investigations of and recommendations for child welfare practice and policy. Prior to that, Stacey was the Child Protection Safety Specialist for the Colorado Department of Human Services where she was responsible for overseeing and reviewing institutional abuse and neglect investigations and facilitating the Institutional Abuse Review Team. She provided technical assistance and training to county child welfare departments and became a valuable point person for substance abuse issues in child welfare. Her depth of experience in child welfare issues made her a key member on a number of committees and workgroups such as the Substance Exposed Newborns Steering Committee, the Rural Law Enforcement Meth Initiative, the CDHS Child Fatality Review Team, and the CDHS Prone Restraint Workgroup. Stacey has also worked many years as a Child Abuse and Neglect Investigator specializing in complex investigation including fatalities, serious bodily injuries, substance abuse and mental health. Stacey started working for the National DEC as a consultant in November 2011 and then was hired as the Director of DEC Network Development in May 2013. She is responsible for the development and oversight of State and Tribal DEC Alliances, and provides technical assistance to National DEC's network. Stacey is also an integral member of the training team and has participated in curriculum, online training, and publication development. Additionally, she has trained thousands of professionals on topics involving child welfare issues, collaboration and multidisciplinary teams, evidence/information collection, local alliance development, and other specific drug and drug endangered children issues. Stacey received her Masters in Social Work from the University of Illinois focusing on Mental Health and Administration in 2002, and her Bachelors in Psychology from the University of Iowa with an emphasis on abnormal psychology and dependency behaviors in 1997. Stacey is an adjunct professor at Metro State University in Denver, Colorado where she teaches in the Master's Social Work Program.

Ashley Zurn: Ashley Zurn started her work as a Crime Victim Advocate for Mahnomen County in 2000 where she served victims of crime for two years. She then went on to complete schooling at Rita's Moorhead Beauty School and MSCTC for Business Management Technology. She worked in those fields for many years until she realized her true calling was victim advocacy. Ashley returned to Victim Advocacy with the White Earth DOVE Program in 2011 as a Shelter Advocate advocating for women and children who reside within the shelter and later transferred into a new position, Victim Advocate within the White Earth DOVE Program where she provided direct services to victims/survivors living in the surrounding communities. Ashley also provided community outreach and education in this position. In December of 2014, Ashley became the new Tribal Safe Harbor Navigator. In this position, Ashley serves as an expert on Sexual Exploitation of Youth and Human Trafficking using the Safe Harbor and No Wrong Door Model. She travels to the tribal communities that reside within the White Earth, Red Lake, and Leech Lake Reservations and outlying communities. Ashley provides education, resources and community outreach throughout these three tribes. In the near future, Ashley will be working closely with Ramsey County Attorney's office to create one day tribal specific trainings for all law enforcement and a three day tribal specific multi-disciplinary conference in the spring of 2016.

Melissa Yuenger: Melissa has been in the nursing field for 10 years, first as a Certified Nursing Assistant, then a Licensed Practical Nurse, and finally as a Registered Nurse for the past 4 years. Melissa has worked with our children as a school nurse and now concentrates her time in Urgent Care and the Emergency Department. She has been trained as a sexual assault nurse examiner in 2011 and a domestic violence nurse examiner in 2014. Melissa has advanced education and knowledge in the treatment and care of strangulated patients and continues to help develop a plan to educate the community on this lethal subject.

Ken Felkley MPAS, PA-C: Ken has worked in health care now for over 15 years. The last 12 of these years has been as a Physician Assistant. During that time he spent 6 years in the United States Air Force, and is now serving in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps at Cass Lake Emergency Room. He worked in emergency room settings, urgent care settings as well as primary care and spent one year in an Air Force Ear Nose and Throat fellowship. In the Emergency Room setting he has always welcomed the opportunity to assist victims of domestic violence whenever possible. He welcomes the opportunity to discuss strangulation and suffocation from a medical perspective. Ken recently attended a one week seminar that discussed strangulation and suffocation, at the Department of Justice Conference Center in Columbia, SC.

Sarah Stahelin: Sarah is a staff attorney with Anishinabe Legal Services in Cass Lake. Sarah has been practicing law since 2001 upon her graduation from the University of Colorado School of Law in the Fall of 2000. All of her career has been spent working on or near Native communities in Minnesota, mainly in the areas of tribal/state jurisdiction, family law, criminal law and child protection. Her current focus is representing parents in Leech Lake Child Protection matter and family law. She is also currently the contract staff attorney for the Red Lake, Leech Lake and White Earth Tribal Courts.

Jerome Song: Jerome is the Violence Against Women Act staff attorney in Cass Lake. Jerome is originally from St. Cloud. He attended Saint Cloud University for his undergraduate, and the University of North Dakota School of Law for his Law Degree where he graduated with Distinction. While in Law School, Jerome was a member of the school's law review and housing and employment law clinic as well as numerous student organizations such as Asian Student Association, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and Environmental Law Society. Prior to joining ALS, Jerome worked with a long time solo practitioner in Minneapolis focusing primarily in the areas of Criminal, Probate, and Bankruptcy law. Jerome is licensed to practice law in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Joy Friedman: Joy knows firsthand the importance of Breaking Free's Women's Program. After being trafficked as a teen and after twenty-seven years of surviving "the life," she successfully completed the Breaking Free program and began working on staff. For the past 13 years, Joy has proved to be an invaluable resource and has worked for Breaking Free as a case manager, outreach specialist, program manager, and coordinator for the Offenders Prostitution Program (John School). Joy has extensive experience in providing services to women who have been victimized in systems of prostitution. She is a sought-after public speaker and has provided numerous trainings and presentations on prostitution and sex trafficking as violence against women and girls. She also serves as one of Breaking Free's primary liaisons with the St. Paul Police Human Trafficking Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dheeshana Jayasundara: Dr. Dheeshana Jayasundara is an assistant professor in social work at the University of North Dakota and her area of focus is violence against women, primarily focusing on domestic violence. She has been in the domestic violence field since 1998. Her work mostly concentrated on the contextual intersections that further entrap victims of domestic violence in a cycle of violence and effective ways in which assist clients' research capabilities to reach their wellbeing. More recently, she is involved in helping DV agencies become trauma informed.

Randall Nedegaard: Dr. Randy Nedegaard is an assistant professor in social work at the University of North Dakota and his area of focus is on intimate partner violence and military related mental health issues. He has worked in the domestic violence field since 1986 and has worked with violent perpetrators in civilian domestic violence programs, family advocacy programs (military domestic violence prevention and treatment program), and at the Ft. Leavenworth prison. He has directed family advocacy programs at both the base and headquarter levels. His domestic violence research focuses mainly on better understanding perpetrator personality profiles and their decision making processes.

Lori Conroy: Lori is an Assistant Clay County Attorney. Her case load is primarily related to prosecution of crimes against persons including elder abuse and neglect, child neglect and endangerment, and crime related to domestic violence. Lori works collaboratively with law enforcement and Social Services on case review related to elder and vulnerable adult exploitation and abuse. Lori is involved in the newly created Elder Abuse Forensic Network, a cooperative effort between Clay County Minnesota and Cass County North Dakota, which brings together law enforcement, adult protective services, and other professionals to discuss cases of reported abuse and neglect in an effort to improve outcomes for victims and criminal prosecution. Lori also sits on the Cass and Clay County Coordinated Community Response Committee, an organization of professionals who seek to eliminate elder abuse through education, action and outreach. Prior to working as a prosecutor, Lori worked private practice in the area of medical malpractice which gives her unique insight to navigating the complex world of medical records privacy and working with physicians in putting together a criminal case.

Pamela DeWitt-Meza, RN: Pamela is a Labor and Delivery Nurse and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, involved in Minnesota anti-trafficking efforts since 2011. Pamela is a member of the MN Human Trafficking Task Force steering committee and facilitates the Safe Harbor Protocol frontline medical work group, and has developed a protocol and screening tool to help health care workers identify survivors. Pamela is a trainer for local, regional, national and international conferences and is currently working as an Assistant Grant Coordinator for the Minnesota Chapters of the American College of Emergency Physicians (MN ACEP), who received a grant to facilitate trafficking awareness and education and to host regional emergency department trainings throughout the state of Minnesota in 2015.

Nancy Boyle: Nancy was born and raised in Bismarck, ND. Nancy graduated in May 1999 from Valley City State University, Valley City ND with a Bachelor in Business Administration and Human Resource Management with an emphasis in Human Services. Nancy has worked in the area of youth development, gang prevention, mental health, and has been employed with the Rape & Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo-Moorhead for the previous 7 years as their Volunteer & Training Coordinator. Nancy enjoys educating and mentoring individuals in dismantling oppression and providing a voice to those whom have had their voice taken.

Sergeant Grant Snyder: Sergeant Grant Snyder has spent nearly 30 years focusing on investigations, advocacy and research involving victims of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, and commercial sexual exploitation. He has worked in both the public and private sectors, to include both federal and local law enforcement agencies, and various non-profits. Currently, he is a detective with the Minneapolis Police Department, Special Crimes Investigation Division. Sergeant Snyder has been investigating human trafficking and sex trafficking crimes since 2000. He is currently the lead investigator in all human trafficking/sex trafficking cases for Minneapolis Police with an emphasis on juvenile sexual exploitation. Sergeant Snyder works in close collaboration with the FBI and Homeland Security Investigations, and is a former specially deputized US Marshal, as well as a former Task force officer with both the FBI and ATF. Sergeant Snyder is a member of the Minnesota Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force, as well as the Metro Area Prostitution Collaboration/Jerry Vick Task Force. Sergeant Snyder is a frequent speaker and trainer, and has consulted with and trained other police departments and investigators across the United States. In the past 4 years, he has trained over 3000 law enforcement officers on diverse areas such as Technical Surveillance/support of undercover operations; Technical Investigations; Interview techniques for victims and offenders; Child sexual exploitation; Human/sex trafficking investigations; forensic phone investigations and the use of legal demands in criminal investigations. Sergeant Snyder also trains and consults with area schools, private businesses in the hospitality industry; and both City and County Attorney's Offices across the United States.

Gail Trombley: Gail Trombley is a Grandmother and survivor. She is currently pursuing her masters in counseling. Gail is the Director of the Anishinaabe O'De Center in Duluth, MN - A center based in reconnecting Indigenous populations with traditional values and beliefs. Gail has been involved with numerous aspects of her community, however, the field she most specializes in is within housing and counseling dealing with people who are homeless, or have other struggles such as discriminatory actions/fair housing foreclosure prevention, landlord tenant concerns, etc. In 2012, she received the prestigious Wolman of Color Award from the University of Wisconsin, representing Superior at the Oshkosh convention. She has received a commendation from President Obama for volunteering as well as received the Lucille Lagesse Award for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Ultimately, however, Gail is a strong, very proud survivor of trafficking.

Christine Stark: Christine Stark is an award-winning writer, visual artist, national and international speaker of Anishinaabe & Cherokee ancestry. Her first novel, *Nickels: A Tale of Dissociation*, was a Lambda Literary Finalist. Her essays, poems, and creative non-fiction have appeared in numerous publications, including *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Florida Review*, *The Chalk Circle: Intercultural Prize Winning Essays*, *When We Become Weavers: Queer Female Poets on the Midwest Experience*, *Hawk and Handsaw: The Journal of Creative Sustainability*, and many others. Her poem, "Momma's Song", was released by Fred Ho and the Afro Asian Music Ensemble as a double manga CD. She is also a co-editor of *Not for Sale*, an international anthology about sexual violence and a co-author of the groundbreaking "Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota". Currently, she is completing her second novel, *Carnival Lights*, which will be published in 2015. She teaches writing part-time at Metropolitan State University. She is a graduate student in the MSW program at the University of Minnesota at Duluth. For more information: www.christinestark.com

Barton Erickson: Barton Erickson has been working with teens and young adults for over 20 years. He has been Cornerstone's School-based Violence Prevention Program Coordinator since 2002. Barton and his team provide one-to-one support and small groups to youth affected by violence, as well as conducting a host of primary prevention classroom presentations. Barton and his staff developed the teen dating violence prevention content for the website www.pavethewayproject.com and created the KNOW ABUSE™ content used as primary prevention curriculum in classroom settings.

Cheryl Kolb-Untinen, MS, LCPC: Cheryl has 20 years of experience working with survivors of sexual and domestic violence in a multitude of settings including hospital ER's, emergency and extended stay shelters, criminal and civil court and the provision of therapy. She has a BA in applied behavioral science and an MS in counseling from National Louis University in Evanston, IL. She carries her Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) credential through the state of Illinois and is a Certified Danger Assessor through Dr. Jacqueline Campbell's Danger Assessment protocol. She regularly speaks and provides trainings to audiences such as law enforcement, attorneys, college students, faith communities, medical professionals, and social service providers on domestic violence and compassion fatigue.

Tom Balsley: Tom is a Program Administrator at the Minnesota Department of Human services and works with the following programs: Transitional Housing Program, Emergency Services Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, Homeless Youth Act and Safe Harbor Shelter and Housing. Before coming to DHS, Tom worked as a program manager of a supportive housing program serving families at Simpson Housing Services in Minneapolis. Tom is a licensed social worker and has his Masters in social work from the University of Minnesota.

Dina Chou: Dina is a Program Administrator at the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) and works with the following programs: Transitional Housing Program, Emergency Services Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, Homeless Youth Act and Safe Harbor Shelter and Housing . Before coming to DHS, Dina was a housing specialist at Simpson Housing Services in Minneapolis working with families in transitional and supportive housing. Dina has a Masters degree in advocacy and political leadership from the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Joe Tonihka, ICADC, CADC III: Joe manages an innovative Co-Occurring adolescent program on the White Earth Reservation entitled the Circle Back Center. Joe Tonihka has worked for the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council for over 14 years in the substance abuse field. Joe has also participated in the development of a Family Dependency Treatment Court and also assisted in the development of the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court on the White Earth Reservation. In 2011 Joe Tonihka was nominated and elected to serve as President of the Upper Midwest Indian Council on Addictive Disorders (UMICAD). The certification board is sanctioned by the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium. UMICAD has a jurisdiction that covers Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan Indian Reservations. Michigan and Minnesota state governments have now accepted Certifications from UMICAD and is allowing certified counselors to work off reservations in treatment centers that provide services to Native Americans. Joe served 2 years as President of UMICAD and voluntarily stepped down and was nominated to take on the role of Secretary/Treasurer, a position which he continues to hold today. Joe is also a graduate from the University of Minnesota, Morris. Joe continuously works towards empowering youth to achieve their dreams.

Jean Dakota, CADCI: Jean is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Chippewa in Minnesota. She is a mother of a 16 year old son, and currently resides/works in her home town of White Earth, MN. Jean is currently the Aftercare Counselor for the Circle Back Center and has been in this position since June 2012. Previous work experience includes being a Counselor Aide at the Chi-ska-wes-eh Men's Halfway House and the Women's Wellbriety Center located on the White Earth Reservation. Following this, she then was employed with the White Earth Reservation Substance Abuse program under the Adolescent Outpatient Program as a counselor/ Rule 25 Assessor. Prior to working at her current position with the Circle Back Center, Jean was a Prevention Specialist/Assessor/Counselor with White Earth Substance Abuse Program for 6 years. She has experience in community prevention, inpatient and outpatient treatment settings for both adults and youth. In total, Jean had 13 plus years of experience in the substance abuse field.

Robert Enger is currently the Supervising Attorney for the Bemidji office of Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota, where he has had that position since 2004. Prior to assuming the supervising attorney role, he was a staff attorney with the same office from 1995 through 2004. Prior to joining legal services and after passing the bar in 1993, Bob was the law clerk for the Honorable Judge James Preece in Bemidji and the Honorable Jay Mondry in Park Rapids. As a legal services attorney in rural Minnesota, he actively has a case load which includes all forms of practice in the civil field to include, but not exclusive, family law and domestic abuse, landlord/tenant law, consumer law, including debt collection and bankruptcy, public benefits, employment and unemployment and human rights issues. He is a member of the Minnesota Legal Services task force in family law, landlord/tenant law and consumer law and a long standing member of the MSBA, including President of the Minnesota State Bar Association in 2012-2013. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota School of Law with honors, his Bachelor's of Arts from Bemidji State University *Cum Laude* and his Associates of Arts Degree from Mesabi Community College in Virginia Minnesota, again with honors. He has been admitted to practice law in Minnesota since 1993 and in Federal District Court since 1999. He is a family man and an avid outdoorsman who loves tennis, camping, fishing and simply roughing it.

Scotty Gunther: Scotty Gunther's 25-year over-night success story is an ongoing journey. Born in Michigan, Scotty Gunther is a comedian, author, speaker, emcee, and award-winning syndicated radio host! His unique combination of original voice, ability to connect, improvisation, innovation, and an authentic views on life and business has captured the attention of audiences throughout the US and Canada.

On the Radio, Scotty Gunther is hilarious but insightful and can be heard giving relationship advice to women. (And some sensitive men... all two of them!) Scotty had the highest persons 18-34 rated top-40 afternoon show in the country before leaving to launch his award winning show, "Scotty Says," a nationally syndicated relationship based comedy and advice feature heard on radio stations across the country.

Scotty Gunther is the logical voice of reason in the dizzying insane world of relationships and business. Scotty has given advice that has directly impacted celebrities, professional athletes, reality television stars, and multi-platinum recording artists. His Book Pete's Papaya is quickly becoming the example of "a blueprint for business". It's a simple story but has an amazing message of supply and demand, competition, adversity, and flexibility. (Plus it has pictures too!)

On stage, Scotty Gunther, has performed live at more 2,000 colleges, corporations, comedy clubs, conferences, and private shows. Scotty Gunther was named the top emcee in North America for 2008,2009, 2010, and 2011 and can be seen performing his highly sought after comedy shows, the Couples' Challenge, the Co-workers' Challenge and the Singles' Challenge. These shows are a mix of comedy and crowd participation.

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Sanford Center - 1111 Event Center Drive NE

Bemidji, MN 56601

Registration Form

1 - Day Conference: \$75.00 2 - Day Conference: \$140.00

Includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Conference Materials

Registration Deadline is April 30th

Name: _____

Program/Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please complete a separate registration form (make photocopies) for each participant from your agency.

Method of Payment: Check enclosed Pay at the door

Both Days: \$140.00 _____ **Tuesday, May 5th: \$75.00** _____ **Wednesday, May 6th: \$75.00** _____

White Earth Programs use Vendor ID: 39442

Return completed forms and payment to: DOVE Program Conference Committee

White Earth DOVE Program

P.O. Box 418

White Earth, MN 56591

Or register online: www.whiteearthdove.com or <http://www.whiteearthdove.com/registration.php>

A block of rooms have been reserved at the following:

Country Inn & Suites \$109

927 Lake Shore Drive, NE Bemidji

(218)441-4800

Hampton Inn & Suites \$109

1019 Paul Bunyan Dr. S

Bemidji, MN 56601

(218)751-3600

Cancellation: The registration fee, less \$10 will be refunded if you choose to cancel by 4:30 p.m. on April 30, 2015. NO refunds will be given after this date. If the sponsors must cancel the conference for any reason, a full refund will be provided.

For more information or questions, please call Jodie Sunderland at (218) 983.4656 Ext. 6309