



SAFETY, JUSTICE & HEALING in SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

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Safety, Justice & Healing in Southwest Louisiana Conference

Join fellow professionals from our community and beyond for Safety, Justice, and Healing in Southwest Louisiana! We are coming together to expand and enhance knowledge concerning the aspects of prevention, safety, justice, support and healing for domestic and sexual violence victims.

Registration Fee

Thanks to our sponsors and your support as a participant, we are able to limit our conference registration fee to \$75. This amount pays for selected workshops, continental breakfast and lunch at the conference. If you are an employee at LCADV or LaFASA program member, a state of Louisiana employee or employed by a local law enforcement entity, you are eligible for a special discount. To learn more about this opportunity, call 337-436-4552. Registration Deadline is September 20, 2019

Certificates of Attendance

A certificate of attendance for any participant who wants one will be available at the conclusion of the conference.

L'Auberge Casino Resort

L'Auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles is the site of the conference. A block of specially priced rooms are available for Monday, Oct. 7. Call 337-395-7777 or toll free 866- 580-7444, for reservations.

*Use code: **SZOASI9**. Reservations must be made by Sept. 16, 2019, to receive the discount.*

Directions from West of Lake Charles:

I-10 East. Merge right onto the I-210 Loop at Exit #25. Go over the I-210 E bridge. Take the Nelson Road Exit #4. Remain in the far left lane and continue following the signs to CASINO AREA. The exit will veer left and cross under the I-210 Bypass. Proceed to the far right lane following the CASINO AREA sign.

Directions from East of Lake Charles:

Take I-10 West to Lake Charles. Merge onto the I-210 Loop. Take Exit #4 at Nelson Road. Turn right onto Nelson Road and follow the signs into L'Auberge Casino Resort.



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**Temperatures may vary in meeting rooms.
For your comfort, please dress accordingly.**

Featured Speakers

Toby J. Aguillard

Police Chief for City of Lafayette, La

Chief Aguillard has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience. He began his career in law enforcement at the age of seventeen with the Cameron Parish Sheriff's office. He has also served as an instructor for the Louisiana Department of Justice, Deputy Director of the Louisiana Department of Justice High Technology Crime Unit, and State Commander of the Louisiana Internet Crimes Against Children. Chief Aguillard also served over ten years as a criminal prosecutor in the capacity of assistant district attorney and later as an assistant attorney general. He also served as the Director of the Internet Crimes Against Children Division and Sex Offender Compliance Office at the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office. His extensive experience gives him a unique perspective on domestic violence cases from investigation through prosecution.

Sheri Eastridge

Coordinated Entry Administrator for Northlake Homeless Coalition

Sheri Eastridge has managed domestic violence and housing programs for survivors and their children since 2010. She is an experienced trainer with expertise in domestic violence programming and trauma-informed services. She has also worked with adults with severe mental illness and substance abuse disorders, as well as children with behavioral disorders. Ms. Eastridge is a certified Louisiana Adverse Childhood Experience Educator who lives in Slidell, La with her husband and three kids.

Sunny Funk

Assistant District Attorney with Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office

Sunny Funk is the Chief of the Family Violence and Child Abuse Prosecution Unit at the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office. Becoming an active attorney after passing the bar in 2000, Sunny has almost 20 years of experience in prosecution. Her areas of knowledge and expertise are Homicide and Trials Division and Felony Trials Division and the Family Violence Unit as Deputy District Attorney for the Denver District Attorney's Office where she received specialized training in prosecuting sex crimes, domestic violence and human trafficking cases and was a Committee Member for the Child Fatality Review Panel. In 2011 she relocated back to Louisiana and joined the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office. As Chief of the Family Violence Unit, Sunny has been actively involved in reforming the legislature for domestic violence victims as a representative for the Louisiana District Attorney's Association on the Governor's Domestic Violence Committee.

Sam Hebert

Financial Advisor with Sam Herbert Financial Group

Sam Hebert is the principal and founder of Sam Hebert Financial Group, a financial firm specializing in wealth building, wealth transfer, and business planning. Sam is often invited and travels from coast to coast as a guest speaker on motivation and success. Sam has been married to Denise for the last forty years and they have three children.

Featured Speakers

Angela Henderson

Assistant Executive Director & Sexual Assault Program Director for Project Celebration, Inc.

Angela Henderson, a native of Shreveport serves as Assistant Executive Director & Sexual Assault Program Director for Project Celebration, Inc. She holds a Master's Degree from Louisiana Baptist University in Psychology & Christian Counseling. Having worked for nearly twenty years has afforded her the opportunity to be the voice for those who may have lost theirs. Ms. Henderson serves as an affiliate with the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (Board Member), Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Caddo-Bossier Domestic Violence Task Force (Vice-President/Secretary), Sexual Assault Response Team, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Women of Color Network, PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act), and a number of organizations dedicated to serving victim/survivors and those who are oppressed.

Valerie Martinez –Jordan

Lieutenant with Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office

Lt. Valerie Martinez – Jordan has been in law enforcement for 21 years and currently serves as the Director of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office of Police Social Services. She is also a domestic violence specialist and has been an instructor at the LPSO regional academy for thirteen years. Some of her areas of specialty include: domestic violence, law enforcement and the elderly, death notification, firearms divestiture, fair and impartial policing, and victims assistance. In 2009, Lt. Martinez – Jordan developed the present firearms divestiture program for the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office and currently works with the Governor's Office Louisiana Domestic Violence Prevention Committee.

Nicolette Joseph

Children's Advocacy Coordinator for the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Nicolette Joseph is the Children's Advocacy Coordinator for the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She is an experienced social service professional with over ten years of experience working directly with individuals with crisis-related trauma. Before coming to the Coalition, she was a forensic interviewer for Hearts of Hope Children's Advocacy Center in Lafayette. Ms. Joseph has additional experience in specialty court settings and providing school and home-based counseling to youth with emotional, mental, and behavioral health issues.

SAVE THE DATE

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October 24, 2019 at 6PM

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Center Seawall**



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for more info.

Featured Speakers

James McGee

Commander with Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office

A graduate of Barbe High School in 1989, James McGee began his Law Enforcement Career in 1991 working in Corrections at the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office. After working for a year in Corrections, he was transferred to the Patrol Division where he worked on shift handling complaints from citizens. James was promoted through the ranks obtaining the ranks of Corporal on patrol, Sergeant in detectives, and Lieutenant on patrol before being promoted to Commander of the Enforcement Division. Commander McGee has attended several law enforcement training courses with an emphasis on Police Supervision, Special Operations training, Defensive Tactics, and most recently graduating from the 236th Session of the FBI National Academy.

Beth Meeks

Director of National Technical Assistance with National Network Against Domestic Violence

Beth Meeks has spent thirty years developing deep expertise in the field of gender based violence, working with both victims and offenders. She has a bachelor's in Social Work and a Master's in Forensic Psychology, as well as specialized training in hostage negotiations, media relations and cultural competence. With particular acumen in risk assessment, self-defense and domestic homicide, Beth has provided expert witness and trial consultant services, winning

exoneration for women charged with homicide while defending their lives. She was the CEO of the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence for 7 years and currently serves the National Network Against Domestic Violence as Director of the core team responsible for providing nationwide technical assistance.

LaKoshia R. Roberts

Compliance and Community Reinvestment Act Officer and Attorney for Lakeside Bank

LaKoshia R. Roberts, Esq. is a Lake Charles native and an attorney with twenty years of legal experience. Attorney Roberts currently serves as the Compliance and Community Reinvestment Act Officer and Attorney for Lakeside Bank. Upon graduation from the Southern University Law Center in 1999 Attorney Roberts held many influential positions which have given her a wealth of experience and knowledge. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Roberts was a middle school teacher. Ms. Roberts is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, and she is admitted to practice in the Western, Middle and Eastern Districts of the United States District Courts in Louisiana. She is also admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

**OASIS HAS BEEN SERVING
SWLA FOR 40 YEARS!**

**Oasis formerly Calcasieu Women's
Shelter doors opened on August 20,
1979 with a woman and two children
as their first residents.**

Featured Speakers

Erika Simon

Vice President of Family and Youth Counseling

Erika Simon is the Vice President of Family & Youth Counseling where she manages the day to day operations of the Children's Advocacy Center and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), which are both divisions of Family & Youth Counseling. She has thirteen years' experience in forensic interviewing and advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children. Erika Simon received her B.A. in Psychology from McNeese State University in 2005. In 2011, she was one of four to become a Certified Diplomate Child Forensic Interviewer for the State of Louisiana. In 2014, she was recognized for Outstanding Service and Commitment by Staff Member by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Louisiana. In 2018, Erika graduated from Allstate Greater Good Nonprofit Leadership Program at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Erika is passionate in bringing awareness to her community about child abuse and its affects on children, as well as the importance of mandated reporting.

*DOMESTIC & SEXUAL
VIOLENCE THRIVES WHEN WE
ARE SILENT; BUT IF WE TAKE A
STAND AND WORK TOGETHER,
WE CAN END DOMESTIC &
SEXUAL VIOLENCE.*

**OCTOBER IS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**



*Let's celebrate
survivors, congratulate
advocates, empower
victims, and mourn the
deaths of those lost
to domestic violence.*

Session Summaries

Registration & Continental Breakfast

7:30 am

Welcome

8:30 am

Opening Plenary

8:45 am to 10:00 am

The Right Tools for the Job

Beth Meeks

We'll explore the connections between domestic violence and community violence, get practical guidance on policies and practices that enhance safety in the workplace and learn about effective risk assessment in these cases.

Break

10:00 am to 10:15 am

Session I

10:15 am to 11:30 am

Internet Safety

Chief Toby Aguillard

Education on internet safety, investigating internet-based child exploitation crimes and providing computer forensic expertise will be provided.

Effective Risk Assessment in Domestic Violence

Beth Meeks

An in depth look at why traditional risk assessment fails in these cases and what research proven tools are available to implement reliable risk assessment.

Report, Intervention & Extended Services

Erika Simon

Let's take a look at how the Children's Advocacy Center assists child victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Session Summaries

Lunch Plenary

11:30 am to 1:50 pm

(Speaker will begin at 11:50 am)

Overview of Louisiana Firearms Divestiture Law

Lt. Valerie Martinez & ADA Sunny Funk

A look into how Act 367 came about and what it entails. Act 367 requires that local authorities coordinate in developing policies on how to remove firearms from people who are prohibited from possessing them because of civil and criminal protective orders and domestic violence convictions.

Break

1:50 pm to 2:00 pm

Session II

2:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Everyday Safety Planning with Survivors

Sheri Eastridge

We are shocked when we hear of domestic violence related homicides in the news. Yet, many of us know we are encountering survivors daily in the work we do. Survivors face risks not only from their abusive partners, but also from the very systems they turn to when they attempt to flee. Safety planning with survivors can save lives. In this workshop, participants will learn how to incorporate safety planning in their day-to-day interactions with survivors.

Adverse Childhood Experiences – ACE Study

Nicolette Joseph

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study is the largest study investigating the health and social effects of negative childhood experiences. This presentation will explore the ACE study data, increase knowledge on neurobiology of trauma, explore the impact of ACEs and adulthood, and provide ways to help build resiliency in children, families, and communities to help reduce the impact of trauma.

Don't forget to book your hotel room.

Discounted rates available for October 7th! Discount Code: *SZOAS19*

Session Summaries

Becoming Victim Proof

Commander James McGee

An approach at how to notice and avoid red flags of victimization.

Break (Light Refreshments)

3:15 pm to 3:30 pm

Session III

3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

If You Change The Way You Look At Things, The Things You Look At Change

Sam Hebert

Self-empowerment and conflict resolution management with a look into how your reaction affects the situation.

Healing Justice: A Survivors Perspective

Angela Henderson

Healing and justice are two objectives a number of those who have been victimized often pursue. What happens when they collide? Join me as I share the innermost thoughts of victim/survivors of sexual violence who have walked through some of the darkest times of their lives.

Protecting Vulnerable Adults from Financial Abuse and Exploitation and Providing Pathways to Recovery and Rebuilding

LaKoshia Roberts. Esq.

Research shows that decisions to remain in, or return to abusive relationships stem from financial abuse and/or exploitation. Financial abuse is a common tactic used by abusers to control and isolate their victims, and it can have far-reaching and devastating consequences. Financial abuse and/or exploitation can make it extremely difficult for victims to escape, and once they do, they are often forced to start rebuilding their financial independence from scratch. Establishing and maintaining financial health is a marathon, not a sprint. Survivors must be provided the necessary tools and resources to gain financial stability and independence.

Registration Form

Personal Information: *Please print clearly*

Name (First, MI, Last): _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parish: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Gender: Male / Female

Position / Field: *Please select ONE category that describes your position.*

____ Criminal Justice Professional

____ Victim Advocate

____ Social Worker

____ Education/Campus Professional

Other: _____



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Registration Fees:

(All registration fees includes Breakfast & Lunch)

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I have enclosed:

____ \$75 Regular Registration

____ \$25 LCADV / LaFASA Program Rate

____ \$25 State of Louisiana Employee Rate

____ \$25 Law Enforcement Rate

Hotel Information:

*Be sure to make your hotel reservations at
L'Auberge Casino Resort by **September 16, 2019.***

Call **866-580-7444**

And use code: **SZOAS19** for a special rate.

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and / or videos of its program participants for use in
print materials or by electronic methods.
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Session Selections



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Please check which workshops you plan to attend:

(For scheduling purposes; does not guarantee availability). Participants may select any session.

Opening Plenary

Featuring Beth Meeks of NNEDV 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Session One (10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.):

- ___ Effective Risk Assessment in Domestic Violence
- ___ Report, Intervention & Extended Services
- ___ Internet Safety

Lunch Plenary

Featuring Lt. Valerie Martinez of Lafouche Parish Sheriffs Office
& ADA Sunny Funk of Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office 11:30 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Session Two (2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.):

- ___ Becoming Victim Proof
- ___ Adverse Childhood Experiences—ACE Study
- ___ Everyday Safety Planning with Survivors

Session Three (3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.):

- ___ If You Change The Way You Look At Things,
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