

PROJECT RESPECT'S 2022

Responding to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

LEARNING SERIES AND CONFERENCE

September 20, 2022, 9:00-10:30 am PDT

September 27, 2022, 9:00-10:30 am PDT

October 4, 2022, 9:00-12:30 pm PDT

Virtual Series



WELCOME

ABOUT CCYJ

At the Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ), we are reimagining how the child welfare and youth justice systems can better support our children and young people regardless of their race, gender identity, sexual orientation, or background. We are a diverse and multidisciplinary team, with team members personally touched by the child welfare and youth legal systems and staff with professional systems experience, working upstream to ensure that kids get equitable support.

Our vision is that all children, youth, and young adults are healthy, safe, and thriving; cared for by their community; valued as they are; and have a sense of belonging. This vision, which will be realized upon the fulfillment of our mission, guides our work, and moves us towards what is possible for our communities and our world.

For more information, please visit www.ccyj.org.

ABOUT PROJECT RESPECT

CCYJ's Project Respect is building and sustaining a statewide, coordinated, and victim/survivor-centered response to the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Washington State. Project Respect fulfills this goal by supporting regional multi-disciplinary task forces and coalitions that address CSEC, hosting an annual conference, providing support to the CSEC Statewide Coordinating Committee, and advocating for policy change.

For more information, please visit <https://ccyj.org/our-work/combating-child-sexual-exploitation>



LEARNING SERIES

LEARNING SESSION I



TOPIC

A W/holistic Approach for Aftercare with Youth and for Yourself While Working with CSEC Youth Survivors

Bridie Johnson (*Two-Spirit, she, they*)



WHEN

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

9:00 am – 10:30 am



ABOUT

This presentation will surround the ability to think about and take care of our whole selves. When we are working with individuals/children who are hurt in traumatic ways and need so much more of our energy to heal, it can be hard to do the work while keeping ourselves in a place of W/holeness. Having the luxury of an Indigenous lens and pairing that with 20 plus years of western medicine has shown Bridie that neither one alone can be as effective as they both are when melded together. Bridie will share their experience with "Two-Eyed Seeing", the most inclusive lens to use from their perspective, and one that promotes safe/brace spaces and healing. Expanding our states of consciousness is medicine! This is the origin for a w/holistic model for a more balanced life.



Bridie Johnson (*Two-Spirit, she, they*)

**Senior Director, Behavioral Health Services
for Colorado Coalition**

Bridie Johnson, LMSW, LCSW, ICAADC, IBCLC, IFSD is Canadian Chippewa of the Garden River, First Nations, also known as Ketegaunzeebee. This is an Ojibwa band located at Garden River #14 near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Bridie is Anishinaabe Kwe.

Mikinaak/Mishiikenh Dodem, or Turtle Clan. The Mikinaak Dodem is the head of the fish clan and the peacemaker between the crane and the loon. As a BIPOC, Two-Spirit, urban, out lesbian, she understands the impact that the many intersections of oppression can layer on one's ability to be resilient in this world. She is currently the Senior Director of Behavioral Health Services for Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. Bridie is a 10-year training member of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, who makes it their mission to train others on the insidiously harmful effects of missing and murdered indigenous two-spirit individuals, women, and children and the devastating trauma surrounding the two-spirit identity.



LEARNING SERIES

LEARNING SESSION II



TOPIC

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Response to Child Sex Trafficking and Resources

Courtney Desilet (*she, her*), Belinda Beltrán Swan (*she, ella*)



WHEN

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

9:00 am – 10:30 am



ABOUT

In 2021, one out of six missing children reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children who had run away were likely victims of child sex trafficking. Many of these cases involved children missing from the care of child welfare. Child welfare professionals and law enforcement are increasingly on the front lines of coordinating care, services, and emergency response for survivors of child sex trafficking. Advanced recovery planning and specialized response can mitigate challenges, streamline resources, and allow for coordinated, trauma-informed interventions. This presentation will provide practical lessons learned in developing proactive recovery and response plans focused on increasing rapport, youth engagement, and reducing running behavior for missing children who are being sex trafficked. These considerations in planning and early engagement can create an environment during recovery that begins to disillusion survivors to the lies their traffickers have told them and show professionals are concerned about their well-being. Attendees will also learn about resources available through the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children that can assist with this effort.



Courtney M. Desilet *(she, her)*

**Resource Specialist II, Child Sex Trafficking Recovery Services,
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**

Courtney Desilet is a Resource Specialist II on the Child Sex Trafficking Recovery Services Team (RST) at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Prior to joining the team at NCMEC, Courtney was a sworn law enforcement investigator in Connecticut and served as the law enforcement liaison to Connecticut's Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team. During this time, she facilitated countless investigation into child sex trafficking, CSAM, and other forms of child abuse. Courtney has provided training and technical assistance throughout Connecticut and nationally on child sex trafficking identification and response. She is pursuing her degree in Public Safety Administration and is passionate about bridging the gap between law enforcement and child welfare.



Belinda Beltrán Swan *(she, ella)*

**Outreach Manager, National Center for Mission
and Exploited Children**

Belinda Beltrán Swan, MPAff serves as an Outreach Manager for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) where she delivers NCMEC's child safety programming and implements NCMEC's Community Education Partner Program. Belinda is passionate about bringing communities together to recognize, address, and prevent Internet safety issues affecting children, including online exploitation and solicitation. She brings over 20 years of experience to NCMEC, including her work with the Texas Attorney General's Office Law Enforcement Division and the Council on At-Risk Youth. She received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley.



CONFERENCE AGENDA

October 4, 2022

9:00 am - 9:10 am

CCYJ WELCOME

Rachel Sotille, *(she, her), President & CEO, CCYJ*

Morgan Silverman *(she, her), Director of Innovation, CCYJ*

9:10 am - 9:55 am

break 9:55 - 11:10 am

KEYNOTE

The Power of Unlikely Relationships

Oree Freeman *(she, her)*

10:10 am - 12:20 pm

break 11:10 - 11:20 am

PLENARY

Survivor Equity & Inclusion Framework: Preventing the Re-Exploitation of Survivor Leaders in the Anti-Trafficking Movement

Dr. Shobana Powell *(she, her), CEO & Founder of Shobana Powell Consulting*

Melanie Thompson *(she, they), Outreach & Advocacy Coordinator at the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women*

12:20 pm - 12:30 pm

CLOSING

Morgan Silverman *(she, her), Director of Innovation, CCYJ*



SESSION INFO

KEYNOTE

The Power of Unlikely Relationships

Oree Freeman (*she, her*)

This workshop will provide an overview of how building a strong relational bond and instilling hope and unconditional support is vital to the overall well being of young people who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. Participants will learn the principles of relationship-informed care, understand/learn strengths-based engagement strategies for working with the most complex cases, and discuss the importance of adopting a holistic and collaborative approach to treatment that enhances client engagement.

PLENARY

Survivor Equity & Inclusion Framework: Preventing the Re-Exploitation of Survivor Leaders in the Anti-Trafficking Movement

Dr. Shobana Powell (*she, her*) & **Melanie Thompson** (*she, they*)

Survivor Leaders and lived experience experts are often re-exploited and re-traumatized by the advocates and organizations with whom they work, through under-compensation, undervaluing and tokenizing, ultimately resulting in psychological and economic harm. Dr. Shobana Powell & Melanie Thompson, Lived Experience Expert, will present on the Survivor Equity & Inclusion Framework as a means for organizations to replace re-exploitation with equity and inclusion, centering survivors as the respected professionals and experts they are. This framework was developed for the anti-trafficking and gender-based violence field, but it provides a lens for all lived experience inclusion work across social justice movements.

KEYNOTE



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Oree
Freeman

(she, her)

Oree Freeman lives a life of service. She is a woman who has overcome adversity and continues to thrive through life's many twists and turns. Oree is passionate, filled with spunk, and tenacious in her advocacy. Oree's mission is to be a voice and fighter for all victims of sex trafficking and has devoted her career to combating sex trafficking by establishing AWARENESS, spreading HOPE and helping others find RESILIENCE within themselves. Over 30,000 individuals have felt her strength through the interactive training she conducts for law enforcement officers and professionals from other child-serving sectors. Importantly, she has also focused her energy on working directly with exploited and at-risk youth.

Oree is an advocate and works to transform the lives of youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems by sharing what she has learned from her own experience as well as the countless youth she has served over the past eight years. Oree is more than a survivor of child sex trafficking, she is a thriver after overcoming life's unfair battles.



PLENARY SPEAKER

Dr. Shobana Powell

(she, her)

Dr. Shobana Powell, DSW, LCSW is the CEO & Founder of Shobana Powell Consulting, a consulting firm consisting of national clinical and survivor experts who provide training and technical assistance on the intersectionality of human trafficking and systemic oppression. Dr. Powell has provided child and adult trauma therapy, conducted court-ordered forensic mental health and sex trafficking evaluations, and developed and led human trafficking programs, multidisciplinary teams, and coalitions around the country. Dr. Powell holds Bachelor's degrees in Social Work and Spanish from New York University, a Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University, and a Doctorate in Social Work and Social Innovation from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Powell believes our work should be led by the communities we serve. Through her doctoral research, she developed the Survivor Equity and Inclusion Framework, a model for anti-trafficking organizations to replace survivor re-exploitation (tokenizing, undercompensating, undervaluing) with survivor equity and inclusion.



PLENARY SPEAKER

Melanie Thompson

(she, they)

Melanie Thompson is the Outreach & Advocacy Coordinator at the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women and is separately a speaker, activist, and leader in the global fight to end prostitution and commercial sexual exploitation. Trafficked and sold into prostitution in New York at the age of 12, she was later arrested and placed into foster care. She became an activist at age 14. Ms. Thompson has testified before numerous legislatures about the need to pass strong anti-trafficking laws and ending the arrests of sex trafficked and prostituted people in the sex trade. She is also an international consultant on prostitution issues and plans to open a non-profit organization to assist those who have been sexually exploited and foster youth.