



The Melissa Institute

For Violence Prevention and Treatment

In partnership with

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

SCHOOL of EDUCATION
& HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



19th Annual Conference

Human Trafficking: Interrupting the Pathway to Victimization

Friday, May 1, 2015

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

New Location:

Student Activities Center, University of Miami

1330 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Education • Community Service • Research Support • Consultation

19th Annual Conference

Human Trafficking: Interrupting the Pathway to Victimization

Friday, May 1, 2015, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Student Activities Center, University of Miami, 1330 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The United Nations defines human trafficking as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means (such as force, abduction, fraud, or coercion) for an improper purpose including forced labor or sexual exploitation. (Jun 13, 2012) Human trafficking is a billion-dollar illegal business in the United States.

Miami-Dade is listed as one of the top five cities for human trafficking. Such trafficking takes a significant toll on victims in the form of psychiatric disorders, drug addiction and suicide attempts as a result of ongoing coercion, violence and intimidation. Despite such stressful events, many victims demonstrate evidence of survival skills and resilience.

Leading experts will discuss the incidence and impact of human trafficking on victims, providing a national perspective. Comprehensive outreach programs for victims of human trafficking will be highlighted, in combination with ways that the core tasks of psychotherapy can be implemented to bolster resilience. Interactive panels will discuss how clinical, community and legal services can be integrated, providing a continuum of care.

WELCOME

Lynn Aptman, M.Ed., is President of The Melissa Institute and a former elementary school teacher. She is one of the founders of the Institute, along with her husband, Michael Aptman, MD, Suzanne L. Keeley, Ph.D., and Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D.

Efiony Aldarondo, Ph.D., is Associate Dean for Research, Director of Dunsbaugh-Dalton Community and Educational Well-Being Research Center and an Associate Professor in the School of Education at the University of Miami.

PRESENTERS

Mary I. Armstrong, Ph.D., is Associate Professor in the Department of Child and Family Studies, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She has over 25 years' experience in children's mental health, child welfare services, public sector managed care and children's health insurance. Dr. Armstrong is a principal investigator for the evaluation of the Western & Pacific Child Welfare Implementation Center. She has served as principal investigator on numerous studies whose results were utilized by the Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA and the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, state Medicaid and mental health authorities. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and has been published in professional journals and textbooks. She is president-elect of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, an association for mental health, health and social justice.

Meredith Dank, Ph.D., is a senior researcher at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. She focuses on human trafficking, teen dating violence, LGBTQ issues and victimization. She serves as principal investigator on over a dozen research studies examining labor and sex trafficking — both domestic and international — including: studies on unlawful commercial sex economy in the U.S.; youths' use of technology to perpetrate teen

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this conference, participants will be able to:

- Identify physical signs and symptoms of a human trafficking victim and handler.
- Recognize behavioral characteristics of a human trafficking victim and handler.
- Determine ways to critically improve outcomes for a victim of complex, multilayered trauma as a survivor.
- Analyze the benefits or difficulties of utilizing motivational interviewing, trauma-based cognitive behavior therapy and faith-based approaches.
- Implement referrals for victims to social, medical and legal services.
- Raise awareness about human trafficking within their professional and personal communities.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Teachers, administrators, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, family mediators, mental health workers, marriage and family therapists, social services agency personnel, juvenile and family-court judges, lawyers, law enforcement personnel, clergy, nurses, physician assistants, pediatricians, primary care physicians and psychiatrists.

dating violence; how LGBTQ youth and young men who have sex with men are engaged in the commercial sex market and interact with the juvenile justice system; and a grant to study the organization, operation and victimization of labor trafficking in the United States. An expert in human trafficking, Dr. Dank has conducted research in eight countries and took part in a White House stakeholder meeting on victim services for survivors. She is the author of *The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children* (LFB Publishing, 2011).

Juhi Jain, B.A., MD Candidate Class of 2015, is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She graduated from the University of Washington with degrees in biochemistry, medical anthropology and dance. Along with faculty mentors, Ms. Jain received the Adrienne Arshat Research on Ethics and Community grant that funded a January 2015 conference "Human Trafficking: An Emerging Epidemic" for law enforcement, medical professionals, social workers, nurses and other first responders. She educates medical students, residents and physicians in South Florida on screening and identifying victims of human trafficking. She is involved in the South Florida Human Trafficking Taskforce, the functional medicine and clinical nutrition program at University of Miami, the Human Rights Clinic and the Medical Reserve Corps.

Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D., is Research Director of The Melissa Institute and Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Waterloo, Ontario. He has served as Distinguished Visiting Professor at the School of Education and Human Development at the University of Miami and is one of the founders of cognitive behavior therapy. North American clinicians voted Dr. Meichenbaum "one of the 10 most influential psychotherapists of the 20th century." He has presented in all 50 states and internationally. He has published extensively, and his most recent book is *Roadmap to Resilience*. Other books include *Treatment of Individuals with Anger-control Problems and Aggressive Behavior*, *Treating Adults with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder*, *Nurturing Independent Learners* and *Stress Inoculation Training*.

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Lynn Aptman, M.Ed., President of The Melissa Institute
Etiony Aldarondo, Ph.D., Director, CEW
- 8:45 a.m. **Social Impact of Human Trafficking: In Our Backyard**
Juhi Jain, B.A., MD Candidate Class of 2015
- 9:15 a.m. **What We Know About Human Trafficking in the U.S.: National Perspectives**
Meredith Dank, Ph.D.
- 10:00 a.m. **Providing a Continuum of Comprehensive Services to Meet the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth in Child Welfare: One-year Findings on Program Implementation and Youth Outcomes**
Mary I. Armstrong, Ph.D., Kimberly McGrath, Psy.D.
- 10:45 a.m. **Approaches to Bolster Resilience in Victims of Human Trafficking: Core Tasks of Interventions**
Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D.
- 11:30 a.m. **Buffet Lunch** (Working Lunch: Personal Perspectives on Culture of Human Trafficking Advocacy)
- 12:15 p.m. **Suzanne L. Keeley Ph.D. Community Service Award**
- 12:30 p.m. **Survive to Thrive**
Guest Speaker: Sandy Skelaney, M.A., Chief Mastermind, Ignition Fund
- 1:00 p.m. **Clinical-Community Panel**
Moderator: Judy Schaechter, M.D. • Mary I. Armstrong, Ph.D., Larry Feldman, Ph.D., Rosa Maria Gonzalez-Guarda, Ph.D., R.N., Walter Lambert, M.D., Mary Kimberly McGrath, Psy.D., Deborah Montilla, M.S., Frank J. Zenere, Ed.S.
- 2:15 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30 p.m. **Legal-Law Enforcement Panel**
Moderator: Victor Williams, Special Agent • Meredith Dank, Ph.D., Morris Copeland, Barbara A. Martinez, Brenda Mezick, Ian Moffett, Marie Osborne, The Hon. Mari Sampedro-Iglesia
- 3:45 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D., Conference Director
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Kimberly McGrath, Psy.D., is Clinical Coordinator of Foster Care at Citrus Health Network in Hialeah, Florida, and has managed all aspects of patient care within its five therapeutic programs for over 10 years. She is responsible for the initial assessment of potential foster care clients, the facilitation of matching and placement of clients with foster families and the coordination and supervision of continued therapeutic services. She is the founding psychologist of both the CHANCE (Citrus Helping Adolescents Negatively Impacted by Commercial Exploitation) and the TACT (Treating Adolescents Coping with Trauma) programs at Citrus Health Network. She earned a B.S. at Northeastern University in 1995, and a Psy.D. at Florida Institute of Technology in 2000.

GUEST SPEAKER

Sandy Skelaney, M.A., has played a pivotal role in developing Florida's response to the issue of child sex trafficking. She is a Social Venture Consultant and the Chief Mastermind at Ignition Fund, a project focused on youth empowerment and anti-trafficking initiatives. Ms. Skelaney shared her journey from the streets to Yale University in her TEDxMIAMI talk. In 2007, she founded the first program in Florida providing comprehensive services to sexually trafficked girls ages 11-18. Project GOLD (Girls Owning Their Lives & Dreams) at Kristi House in Miami became a model program that won three national grants, informed dozens of policy changes and advocated for passage of Florida's Safe Harbor Act in 2012. Ms. Skelaney has an M.A. in International Relations from Yale University and has worked with ECPAT International (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) in Bangkok, Thailand, and Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS) in New York City. She has won five awards for her advocacy and program development, including the prestigious "Women Who Make a Difference in Miami" award from the Junior League of Miami in 2013.

PANELISTS

Clinical-Community Panel • Moderator: Judy Schaechter, M.D., MBA, Interim Chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; Chief of Service, Holtz Children's Hospital, Jackson Memorial Medical Center • **Lawrence S. Feldman, Ph.D.**, Miami-Dade County School Board Vice Chair • **Rosa M. Gonzalez-Guarda, Ph.D., MPH, RN, CPH, FAAN**, Assistant Professor, University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies; Co-director, Center of Excellence for Health Disparities Research: El Centro. • **Walter F. Lambert, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; Medical Director of the Child Protection Team for Miami-Dade County and the Florida Keys • **Deborah A. Montilla, M.S.**, Executive Director, Division of Student Services, Miami-Dade County Public Schools • **Frank Zenere, Ed.S.**, School Psychologist, Department Head, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Crisis Management Program

Legal-Law Enforcement Panel • Moderator: Victor Williams, Special Agent, United States Department of Homeland Security Investigations, Office of the Special Agent in Charge Miami, Florida • **Morris Copeland**, Director of the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department (JSD) • **Barbara A. Martinez**, Assistant United States Attorney, Chief of the Special Prosecutions Section, Miami United States Attorney's Office • **Brenda Mezick**, Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney for Miami-Dade County, Human Trafficking Unit • **Ian A. Moffett**, Chief of Police and District Security for Miami-Dade Schools Police Department • **Marie Osborne**, Chief Assistant Public Defender, Miami-Dade County Juvenile Division, Law Offices of Public Defender Carlos J. Martinez • **The Hon. Mari Sampedro-Iglesia**, Associate Administrative Judge, Juvenile Justice Center, State of Florida 11th Judicial Circuit

CREDITS

PSYCHOLOGISTS: Baptist Health South Florida is approved as a provider of Continuing Psychological Education by the Florida Board of Psychology, CE Broker provider #50-182. CE Broker Course #20-476755. This continuing education activity has been approved for 6.2 contact hours of general Continuing Psychological Education credit for psychologists and limited license psychologists.

OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS: Miami Dade College, Department of Community Education, is approved as a continuing education provider for the Florida Board of Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Mental Health Counselors, provider #50-2330. This continuing education activity has been approved for 7 contact hours of general Continuing Education credit for licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists and licensed mental health counselors.

EDUCATORS: Conference registration and payment to The Melissa Institute must be completed prior to registering for Miami-Dade County Public Schools professional development credit online at <http://calendar.dadeschools.net>. Eight (8) master plan points will be awarded to participants who have completed a follow-up activity and have preregistered online with M-DCPS.

MEDIATORS: The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment is an approved provider of Continuing Mediator Education (CME) credits for Florida Supreme Court certified mediators. This program is approved for 3.5 CME credits (which include 1.5 CME of cultural diversity; 2 CME of domestic violence) for certified family and/or dependency mediators.

NURSES: Miami Dade College, Department of Community Education, is approved as a continuing education provider for the Florida State Board of Nursing, provider #50-2330. This continuing education activity has been approved for 7 contact hours of general Nursing Continuing Education credit for registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists and licensed practical nurses.

PHYSICIANS: Miami Dade College, Department of Community Education, is approved as a provider of Continuing Medical Education by the Florida Board of Medicine, provider #50-2330. This continuing education activity has been approved for 7 hours of General (AMA Category I) Medicine for physicians.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS: Miami Dade College, Department of Community Education, is approved as a continuing education provider for the Florida Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, provider #50-2330. This continuing education activity has been approved for 7 contact hours of general Continuing Education credit for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.



REGISTRATION

Registration deadline is Friday, April 24. Space is limited; register early!

19th Annual Conference — Human Trafficking: Interrupting the Pathway to Victimization

Friday, May 1, 2015 ■ Student Activities Center, University of Miami, 1330 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Name _____ Title _____

Institution or Organization _____

Contact Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Contact Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Registration fee: \$95 \$50 (Non-UM Student) \$25 UM Faculty or UM Student

Conference proceeds will benefit The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment.

Payment method:

Check enclosed (Make payable to The Melissa Institute.)

Purchase Order number _____ (Please mail/fax copy of registration to guarantee reservation.)

Credit Card: American Express MasterCard Visa Discover

Cardholder Name _____ Account No. _____

Exp. _____ Signature _____

Specialty professional credits required: LICENSE # _____

Florida Board of Psychological Examiners

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Florida Board of Medicine

Mediators (Family and Dependency)

Florida State Board of Nursing

Florida Board of CSW, MFT and MHC

Florida Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Mail to: The Melissa Institute, 1507 Levante Avenue, Suite 331, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Register online: MelissaInstitute.org

Email as attachment to: Info@MelissaInstitute.org

For information, call 305-284-2930

Cancellations must be sent in writing and postmarked by Friday, April 24, to receive a refund of the registration fee, less a \$10 administrative fee. Cancellations postmarked after April 24 will forfeit the registration fee.

EASY ACCESS TO FREE VALET PARKING:

From North — South on I-95, continue on U.S. 1 (South Dixie Highway) • Turn right on Stanford Drive • Make immediate left on Ponce de Leon Boulevard at next light • Turn right on San Amaro Drive (baseball stadium) • Continue to traffic circle, turn at 1st exit into UM campus on Miller Drive

From South — North on U.S. 1 (South Dixie Highway) • Turn left on SW 57 Avenue (Red Road) • Make immediate right on Ponce de Leon Boulevard • Turn left on San Amaro Drive (baseball stadium) • Continue to traffic circle, turn at 1st exit into UM campus on Miller Drive

From West — East on SW 56 Street (Miller Road) • (Miller Road becomes Miller Drive at UM traffic circle) • Enter traffic circle • Turn at 2nd exit (pass San Amaro Drive) into UM campus on Miller Drive

From All Directions — after Miller Road/San Amaro Drive/Miller Drive UM Traffic Circle — Continue as Miller Drive turns left • Turn right at stop sign • Valet will be on right at Student Activity Center, 1330 Miller Drive



FOR INFORMATION

The Melissa Institute
For Violence Prevention and Treatment

305-284-2930

www.melissainstitute.org • www.teachsafeschools.org • www.readingteacher.net

Board of Directors

Lynn Aptman, M.Ed.
President

Michael Aptman, M.D.

Jo Baxter, MBA

Kenneth Bloom, Esq.

Micki A. Bloom, Esq.

Grace L. Carricarte, M.S. Ed.

Penn B. Chabrow, Esq.

Karyn I. Cunningham, B.A.

Vice President

Joan C. Gluck, M.D.

Remi J. Kajogbola, MBA

Suzanne L. Keeley, Ph.D.

President Emeritus

Philipp N. Ludwig, M.S., MBA

Treasurer

Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D.

Research Director

Lisette Perez-Lima, Ph.D.

Marguerite C. Snyder, Esq.

Secretary

Javier F. Vilasuso, M.D.

Atlee Wampler III, Esq.

Scientific Board

Etiony Aldarondo, Ph.D.

Wendy Craig, Ph.D.

Jim D. Larson, Ph.D., NCSP

Donald H. Meichenbaum, Ph.D.

Guerda Nicolas, Ph.D.

Clifford R. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Debra J. Pepler, Ph.D., C.Psych.

Isaac Prilleltensky, Ph.D.

Wendy K. Silverman, Ph.D., ABPP

Ronald G. Slaby, Ph.D.

Dale M. Willows, Ph.D.

Marleen Wong, Ph.D., LCSW

Honorary Board

Janine Armstrong

Adrienne Arsht

Armando Codina

Patricia E. Deering

Hon. Norman Gerstein

Robert Gintel

Lisa M. Goldberg, Esq.

The Hon. Bob Graham

Judith S. Katzen

David Lawrence Jr.

Hon. Cindy Lederman

Ira H. Leesfield, Esq.

Hon. Carlos J. Martinez

Marie D. Osborne, Esq.

Leonard Pitts

Hon. Orlando Prescott

Olga M. Ramudo

Hon. Katherine Fernandez-Rundle

Judy Schachter, M.D., MBA

Arthur Teitelbaum

Cynthia Wolman, M.Ed.

Staff

Frank DeLaurier, Ed.D.

Executive Director

Trish S. Ramsay, M.A.

Education Director

The mission of The Melissa Institute is to prevent violence and promote safer communities through education and application of research-based knowledge.

Education • Community Service • Research Support • Consultation