



PRESENTS:

Statewide Victim Services Conference

September 26, 2024

DelOne Conference Center
Delaware Technical Community College
100 Campus Drive, 700 Bldg
Dover, DE 19904

Featuring
Emmanuel Jenkins

Founder, We Stand 4
Something



AGENDA AT A GLANCE

08:30 AM – 09:00 AM

09:00 AM – 09:15 AM

DelOne Room

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Breakout Room

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Breakout Room

Registration & Check-In

Opening Remarks

Christian Kervick, *Criminal Justice Council*

Accessibility From the Beginning

Emmanuel Jenkins, *We Stand 4 Something*

Break

Navigating the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Welfare

Megan Mahle, *Community Legal Aid Services*

Trenee Parker, *Division of Family Services*

Ria Wallace, *Probation & Parole*

Identifying and Serving Labor Trafficking Survivors in Our Communities

T’Nika Wilmore, *DE Anti Trafficking Action Council*

Lunch

Sexual Violence Protection Orders: Overview & Updates

Erandy Santos & Katelyn Will, *Superior Court*

Break

Protection Orders: A Comparison

Erica Davis, *Family Court*; Denise Marks,

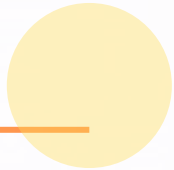
Coalition for a Safer Delaware; Lauren White,

Sexual Assault Response Center; Katelyn Will, *Superior Court*

Respecting Men’s Experiences: Engaging Men as Allies and Survivors

Joe Myers, *Delaware Coalition Against DV*

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS



Accessibility From the Beginning (9:15–10:15AM) *De/One Room*

Emmanuel Jenkins, We Stand 4 Something

In this session, you will explore strategies to create inclusive support systems for all survivors. This session will provide insight into conquering barriers faced by individuals with disabilities, non-native language speakers, and marginalized communities. Mr. Jenkins will discuss practical approaches to improving service delivery, ensuring confidentiality, and fostering a compassionate, accessible environment. You will learn about innovative tools and best practices for making services more approachable and effective. This presentation is ideal for service providers, advocates, and policymakers committed to enhancing support for survivors of domestic violence. Empower yourself with the knowledge and techniques needed to create a more inclusive and supportive network for all survivors.

Navigating the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Welfare (10:30AM–12:00PM) *De/One Room*

Megan Mahle, Community Legal Aid Services

Trenee Parker, Division of Family Services

Ria Wallace, Probation & Parole

This panel discussion will explore the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare, focusing on the unique challenges faced by survivors when their children are removed from their custody. We will examine how various agencies and service providers navigate these complex cases and the impact of their interventions on both survivors and their children. Through in-depth case studies, we will highlight successful approaches and identify areas for improvement. Participants will gain practical insights into the child removal process, limitations and roles of different agencies, and trauma-informed strategies to better support survivors and minimize the loss of guardianship. This session aims to equip attendees with actionable tools and a deeper understanding of how to effectively address the needs of domestic violence survivors within the child welfare system.

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Identifying and Serving Labor Trafficking Survivors in Our Communities (10:30AM–12:00PM) *Breakout Room*

T’Nika Wilmore, Delaware Anti Trafficking Action Council

Identifying survivors of labor trafficking presents a significant challenge for service providers operating in various fields, including those focused on domestic violence and sexual assault, as these individuals often remain undetected. Regrettably, many survivors continue to suffer in silence, harboring fears of retaliation from their trafficker or perpetrator, involvement with law enforcement or immigration authorities, and potential judgment from support systems. Establishing trust through the application of a trauma-informed approach is fundamental to the improved identification of survivors and the comprehension of their specific service needs. This session aims to explore the primary sectors in which labor trafficking takes place, differentiate between labor trafficking and exploitation, and provide guidance on how to effectively identify and serve survivors through the lens of a trauma-informed approach.

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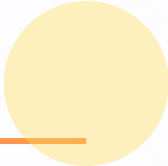
Lunch (12:00PM–1:15PM) *DelOne Room*

MENU

- House salad with assorted dressings
- Pasta salad (vegetarian & dairy free)
- Chicken and tuna salad with assorted breads and crackers
- Assorted wraps: veggie, turkey, ham
- Fruit salad
- Quinoa salad
- Cookies
- Beverages: bottled water & tea

Please join the CJC in thanking our lunch sponsors: Coalition for a Safer Delaware, People’s Place, and the Bayhealth Foundation!

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Overview of Sexual Violence Protection Orders (1:15–2:15PM)

DelOne Room

Erandy Santos & Katelyn Will, Esq. of Superior Court

Sexual Violence Protection Orders (SVPOs) became available to survivors of sexual assault in April 2023. This session will provide a basic framework for understanding SVPOs. Superior Court representatives will discuss what a Sexual Violence Protection Order is, who can file, how to file, and what the process looks like once a petition has been filed.

Protection Orders: A Comparison (2:30–4:00PM) *DelOne Room*

Erica Davis, Family Court of Delaware

Denise Marks, Coalition for a Safer Delaware

Lauren White, Sexual Assault Response Center

Katelyn Will, Superior Court of Delaware

Have you ever wondered about the differences between Protection From Abuse orders (PFAs), Sexual Violence Protection Orders (SVPOs), and Lethal Violence Protection Orders (LVPOs)? If so, join the panel to learn more! This session will briefly summarize the three protection orders and what makes them distinctive. It will include opportunities to apply knowledge, ask questions, and discuss trauma-informed strategies used when advocating for victims and survivors with whom you work.

Respecting Men's Experiences: Engaging Men as Allies and Survivors (2:30–4:00PM) *Breakout Room*

Joe Myers, Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

If we want to reach all survivors of crime and harm, we must meet survivors where they are. This workshop will discuss strategies and tools for engaging boys and men in different spaces. Participants will engage in conversations around empowerment and sharing power, humility as a tool for engagement, and navigating masculinity when engaging male allies and survivors.

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SPEAKER BIOS

Erica Davis has been an advocate for survivors of intimate partner violence for nearly 20 years. She has worked in both Maryland and Delaware as a legal advocate and crisis



counselor. As an Associate Director of Domestic Violence Services for CHILD, Inc., she oversaw the court-based advocacy program, the DFS-based DV Liaison Program, and the Medical/Legal Partnership program. In 2020 Erica joined the Delaware Family Court and serves

as the Domestic Violence Coordinator. In this role, she leads several court improvement initiatives to better the Court's response to domestic violence, coordinates and facilitates training for court staff and the community and acts as liaison between Family Court and its many stakeholders. Erica co-chairs Delaware's Domestic Violence Task Force.

Emmanuel Jenkins, the dynamic driving force behind the transformative nonprofit We Stand 4 Something, is a beacon of support for individuals with disabilities and their families, spreading positivity and hope. In Delaware, he stands out as the Community Relations Officer for the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council and serves as vice-chair of the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Services Advisory Committee. He is also the founder of E Jenkins Solutions, LLC, providing consulting services to businesses, specializing in plain language, easy-to-read policies and procedures, quality assurance, and motivational speaking. An alumnus of the Partners in Policymaking program since 2014, Emmanuel's dedication to advocacy is further demonstrated by his ongoing service on the Advisory Committee for the Self-Advocacy

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SPEAKER BIOS (cont.)

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Resource and Technical Assistance Center and his role as chair of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Self-Advocacy Committee. He also serves on the NACDD board and chairs its communications workgroup. In academia, Emmanuel is a distinguished LEND Faculty Member at the University of Delaware. Recently appointed by the president to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, Emmanuel was sworn in the afternoon of September 26th.

A devoted family man, he has been married since 2009 and is the proud father to an 18-year-old. With over two decades as a motivational speaker, Emmanuel envisions a future in Congress where his tireless advocacy can reach new heights, embodying resilience, determination, and the belief in standing for something greater.

Megan Mahle is the Managing Attorney of Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.'s (CLASI) newly formed Family Representation Unit, which will be representing parents involved in the child welfare system. For over twenty years, Ms. Mahle has represented parents in dependency/neglect proceedings in four different states. Prior to her current role at CLASI, Ms. Mahle was a supervising attorney in the Medical Legal Partnership Program where she represented clients, most of whom were survivors of domestic violence, in a variety of civil legal proceedings, but particularly in child custody, divorce, and Petitions for Protection from Abuse.

Denise Marks is a volunteer advocate for the Coalition for a Safer Delaware, which is dedicated to ending gun violence in Delaware and nationwide through prevention education, policy advancement, and partnerships. Learn more at saferde.org

SPEAKER BIOS (cont.)

Joe Myers (He/Him) is the Prevention Director at The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV). After studying Philosophy and Women's and Gender Studies at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, he worked for a local comprehensive crime victims' and rape crisis center in Chester County, PA, for nine years. Joe was hired as a Prevention Educator and left as the Director, working to grow partnerships with the organization and infuse primary prevention strategies into all of their education efforts. Joe started at DCADV in 2023 and is contributing to the DELTA AHEAD Project for the state of Delaware.

Trenee Parker, MA, is the Director of the Division of Family Services. She graduated from Wesley College in 1994, and earned her Master's Degree in Psychology from Salisbury University in 2001. Trenee has spent her entire career as an employee of Division of Family Services. Trenee began her career in 1995 as an intern, and began employment in 1996 when she started working in an Investigation unit in Georgetown. From that point forward, Trenee has worked in Treatment and Adoption before moving into supervision and then administration. Trenee was appointed to the position of Deputy Director in December 2015 and was later appointed to the position of Director by Cabinet Secretary Josette Manning in January 2018.



Erandy Santos is the Chief Deputy Prothonotary for the criminal division, including the Problem-Solving Courts unit, for the New Castle County Superior Court. She has 6 years of experience in the courthouse and past experience supervising the legal department at a financial institution. Erandy enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with her family.

SPEAKER BIOS (cont.)

Ria Wallace is a Senior Probation & Parole (P&P) Officer with the State of Delaware. She has been a sworn Law Enforcement Officer with P&P since 2012. Officer Wallace specializes in domestic violence supervision, focusing on the methodology and practices of supervising abusers to reduce the risk of further domestic and family violence in our community. Recognized as a subject matter expert in court proceedings and legislative hearings, Ria has also been invited to share information about the role of P&P in several DV-related trainings. She is a member of the Department of Correction's Trauma Informed Steering Committee and an active Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 10 member, appointed to the legislative committee.



In addition to her professional roles and responsibilities, Ria serves on the Board of Directors for the Jeepers Back the Blue Foundation, which supports the children of officers who have passed away or are critically ill. Ria is a proud mother of her 18-year-old and 3-year-old daughters. Her oldest daughter recently joined the United States Air Force after graduating from High School in June 2024. Her youngest daughter started preschool this fall and will graduate from High School in 2039.

Katelyn Will is a staff attorney for the State of Delaware Superior Court. Katelyn graduated from the University of Notre Dame with both her Bachelor's degree and J.D. (cum laude). Katelyn previously worked at Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI). Katelyn lives in Wilmington, DE with her husband and dog.

SPEAKER BIOS (cont.)

Lauren White is the Legal and Medical Services Trainer at the YWCA Delaware Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC). In 2022, she received a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware, where she studied Criminal Justice and Spanish. During her undergraduate years, Lauren also interned with the Department of Correction, working with incarcerated survivors of human trafficking at each of the state's prisons. In her role at SARC, she presents to local organizations and community partners on various topics including domestic and sexual violence, the brains' response to trauma, and teen dating violence. She also trains advocates to provide direct services to helpline callers and accompany victims to the hospital for forensic examination.



T'Nika Wilmore is a project coordinator with the Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council (DATAC). She assists with training, presentations, and community outreach. Prior to DATAC, T'Nika worked for the Department of Labor and was appointed as the Human Trafficking Administrator, where she developed and implemented a comprehensive plan to assist potential labor trafficking victims, provided training to internal investigators, and collaborated with multiple state agencies and nonprofits. She chairs the Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council Labor Committee and collaborates with legislators on bills related to human trafficking.

T'Nika holds a Human Trafficking certification from Florida State University. She is a member of the Delaware Addiction Action Council and the Wilmington University Human Trafficking Advisory Board.