

Trauma Response and the Criminal Justice System: A Virtual Summit on Knowledge, Healing, and Resilience

"The Aftermath of Trafficking: What Criminal Justice Professionals Should Understand"

This session will discuss the trauma related implications of sex trafficking on the lives of Survivors. These lived experiences result in many short and long-term challenges for these individuals which impact their lives. It is vital that Criminal Justice Professionals understand the impact that sex trafficking has on Survivors in order to effectively assist these individuals in exiting their exploitative situation and in regaining their independence.

Presenter: Autumn Burris

Autumn Burris is a dedicated and passionate leading expert and an international speaker with over twenty years experience in combating all systems of prostitution, sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. As the Founding CEO of Survivors for Solutions and a survivor of multiple forms of male violence against women, Ms. Burris utilizes her lived experiences and professional expertise as an influential and invaluable force in effectuating public policy reform, delivering training and presentations, and fostering positive change and social and political recognition to exploited individuals.

Ms. Burris holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/Public Policy and a Minor in Human Rights from the University of California, San Diego. As a subject matter expert, her public policy advocacy experience includes the United Nations, British Parliament, legislative advocacy at the U.S. federal, state and local levels. Ms. Burris is formerly a Subject Matter Expert Consultant with the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, an Expert Consultant with the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center, and a Peer Reviewer for Office of Justice Programs.

She is currently the Colorado representative of Survivors of Prostitution-Abuse Calling for Enlightenment (SPACE) International, an Advisory Council member with ECPAT-USA, a member of For Real Equality, End Demand (FREED) Collective and an active member of Women Graduates-USA.