



Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Conference

Friday, April 11th

Agenda

8:00 am – Welcome

Jason Tanner, Dean of Arts and Sciences
Chattahoochee Technical College

8:15-9:55 am Student led awareness projects

9:55 am Introduction of Keynote Speaker #1

10:00-10:50 am Keynote Speaker #1:

Detective Tom Bastis- Cobb County Police Crimes Against Children

10:50-11:00 am Break

11:00 am Introduction of Keynote speaker #2

11:05-11:50 am Keynote speaker #2

Julia Everheart AIM- international sex trafficking

11:50-1:00 pm Lunch

Afternoon Break Out Sessions

1:00-3:30 pm

Darkness to Light Certification and Training Session

Participants must attend the entire session for certification

Presenter	Topic	POST credit
Maria Abercrombie Chattahoochee Technical College	Darkness to Light training/certification Mandatory reporting certification (FREE)	POST and BFTS credit

1:00-1:50 Break Out Session 1

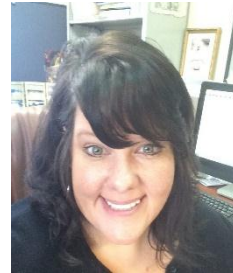
Presenter	Topic	POST credit
Sara Thomas Georgia Bureau of Investigations	Case analysis/discussion of sex trafficking in Georgia	X
Kasey McClure 4Sarah, Inc.	Taking girls out of the adult entertainment industry	
Governor’s Office for Children and Families	Statewide response CSEC taskforce	

Afternoon Break Out Sessions

2:00-2:50 Break Out Session 2

Presenter	Topic	POST credit
Jeff Shaw Out of Darkness	Sex trafficking after 18 years old	
Latera Davis Department of Juvenile Justice	Juvenile justice response to commercial sexual exploitation	X
Street Grace Inc.	The victim, the perpetrator and the customer of sex trafficking.	

PRESENTERS



Maria Abercrombie has been with the Early Childhood Care and Education department of Chattahoochee Technical College since 1998. In addition to being an instructor she is actively involved across the state as well as within local communities as a mediator, child advocate, speaker, and trainer. She specializes in program development and grant writing for programs serving families and children.



Michelle Allen is the Executive Director and Licensed Professional Counselor at [Potter's Wheel Counseling](#) in Cartersville, GA. Her specializations include child & adolescent counseling and trauma resolution therapy. Michelle also works part-time in the Learning Support classes at Chattahoochee Technical College as well as teaching the college and young adult Sunday school class at GracePointe Marietta Church.



Thomas A. Bastis is a detective with the Cobb County Police Department. Det. Bastis began his law enforcement career when he joined the Atlanta Police Department 1999. In 2003, Det. Bastis joined the Cobb County Police Department.

In 2008, Det. Bastis was selected to be a part of the Crimes against Children Unit. As a member of that unit, Det. Bastis was formally trained to forensically interview children who may be victims of abuse (physical, sexual, etc.) and neglect. While at CAC, Det. Bastis became an expert with CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) victims, families and resources. Det. Bastis works closely with various entities, including DFCS, advocacy centers, District Attorney's, the FBI and Georgia Care Connection, as well as others. Det. Bastis currently participates in monthly meetings with the FBI in Atlanta, to share CSEC information in the metro Atlanta area. In 2012, Det. Bastis was deputized as a task force member of the FBI Child Exploitation Unit, allowing him to conduct CSEC investigations with other agents in various metro Atlanta jurisdictions. The FBI Child Exploitation Unit investigates victims of CSEC and assists them out of the lifestyle, and to catch the perpetrators involved (the pimps, "johns", etc.). Det. Bastis was recently nominated and selected to work on a protocol with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, regarding the proper interview tactics to use with CSEC victims.

Throughout 2014, Det. Bastis will continue his training with the FBI and with Cobb County Police Department, as well as train/share his expertise with various other law enforcement jurisdictions and government and child welfare agencies.



Latera Davis was appointed as the Director of Victim Services for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice on July 1, 2012. As the Director of Victim Services she is responsible for the statewide leadership and oversight of the departments Victim Services Unit. Her responsibilities include but are not limited to:

direct and supervise a staff of regional and statewide victim advocates; developing and implementing policy and training, public education and outreach, serving as a statewide leader in Commercial Sexual Exploitation, and developing community resources and networks which support and enhance program objectives.

Ms. Davis has been employed with the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice for over 15 years. Since her employment she has served in various capacities. Ms. Davis has over six years of professional social service experience providing victim related services, individual and group counseling, and assessment services to children and youth in the foster care system. As a consultant, Ms. Davis's expertise encompasses program development, utilization reviews, case management, policy analysis; and higher education facilitation with the University of Phoenix.

Ms. Davis holds a Master's Degree in Social Work and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Registered Mediator, Certified Victim-Offender Dialogue, Victim Advocate, Sex Offender Counselor and Grant Writer.



Julia Everheart is the Southeast Regional Representative for Agape International Missions (AIM), a non-profit that works to end child sex trafficking in Cambodia, one of the epicenters of the child sex trade. Julia has a Master's Degree of Theological Studies with an emphasis in Women's Studies from Duke University. She wrote her thesis on pornography and the sex industry. She is passionate about serving and advocating for the most vulnerable children, from foster kids in the U.S. to children living in poverty in Southeast Asia.



Kasey McClure is the founder and executive director of 4Sarah, Inc. 4Sarah is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower change in the life direction of women and girls who are adult entertainers, prostitutes, escorts or victims of sex trafficking by offering a holistic approach as well as an educational, emotional, physical and spiritual support system.

When Kasey McClure was three years old she was being sexually molested by her father but he was never prosecuted for his crime. By the age of eighteen, she followed her older sister to Atlanta to work at the World Famous Gold Club as a stripper. She fell into the trap of the sex industry and worked in strip clubs for 5 years. In 2003, Kasey gained enough courage through the support of her church and husband to leave that destructive lifestyle. A few months after leaving the sex industry and over \$60,000 in debt she was struggling to go back. Kasey was used to making over a thousand dollars a night and was struggling financially and felt that the sex industry would be her safest route. But she ended up pregnant with her first child (Sarah) and knew she couldn't go back.

During her pregnancy she felt God wanted her to show the women in the industry a way out like he had shown her. She knew that having her daughter was a turning point in her life so she created 4Sarah. 4Sarah, Inc. established an outreach team that participates in monthly outreaches to women and girls working inside the strip clubs. The Outreach team also reaches out through random calls to women and girls that post ads on adult sex websites, such as Backpage. In 2013, after celebrating 10 years out of the sex industry, Kasey McClure developed a scholarship program to encourage women and girls that currently work or have worked in the adult entertainment industry to continue their education or to get a college degree.



Jeff Shaw practiced as a civil litigator with a small Atlanta law firm from 2007-2013. During that time, he assisted trafficking victims with criminal and family law issues. In 2011, he founded Out of Darkness, which is now the anti-trafficking arm of Atlanta Dream Center. The three prongs of the Out of Darkness mission are to reach, rescue, and restore those who've been commercially

exploited for sex. This is accomplished through street outreach, hospital trainings, jail ministry, a 24-hour rescue hotline, and the operation of two safe homes. In 2013, Out of Darkness completed 105 rescues, and over 60% of those women were placed into long-term restorative care. Jeff also serves on the founding Board of Directors for Georgia Cares, the statewide initiative of the Governor's office tasked with serving child victims of sex trafficking.



Sara Thomas is a Special Agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. She has been in law enforcement for approximately six years. Agent Thomas was assigned to the Athens Regional Field Office in 2007 where she worked a variety of investigations involving a range of felony violations. On July 1, 2011, Agent Thomas was selected to begin working in the newly formed Human Trafficking Unit. Prior to employment with

the GBI, Agent Thomas held an internship in the field of forensic anthropology and worked at a law firm in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

Agent Thomas graduated with honors from Elon University with a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and Biology. Agent Thomas is currently in the process of obtaining her Master's Degree in Psychology from the American Military University.