

Traffick Jam 2025: General Public Session

Speaker Biographies

Amy Hutsell

*Director of Special Projects and Partnerships
Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council*

Ms. Hutsell and her team have competitively secured over \$28 million in federal and private foundation assistance for the state of Georgia's criminal justice initiatives. She is a sought-after speaker for state and national training events and conferences. She oversees the Georgia Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Project which provides technical assistance and best practices training to Georgia's 50 judicial circuits and 159 counties. She chairs the State SART Expert Committee, which provides guidance in the development of resources, such as sexual assault guidelines and model protocols. One such resource, The Georgia SART Guide, is used across Georgia by law enforcement, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs), victim advocates, prosecutors, and judges.

Ms. Hutsell also oversees the state Sexual Assault Kit project which has successfully addressed the state's sexual assault kit backlog and developed a statewide sexual assault kit (SAK) tracking system. She also established and oversees the Georgia Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Task Force which has provided answers to victims and families of cold case sexual assaults and sexually motivated homicides. In that capacity, she worked with the FBI, Texas Rangers, and local law enforcement in identifying Georgia cases associated with Samuel Little, identified as the country's most prolific serial killer.

Along with developing and overseeing the Georgia Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking and Agricultural Labor Trafficking Task Force, Ms. Hutsell is also responsible for the management of all state and federal grants providing direct service funding to sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking victim-serving agencies in Georgia.

Ms. Hutsell has over 18 years of experience in sexual assault and child sexual abuse services. She was the Assistant Director of the Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center and Children's Advocacy Center. She is a Board Member of End Violence Against Women International, a member of the Macon Girls' Coordinating Council and was previously a Court Appointed Special Advocate. She holds a certificate in Genetic Genealogy from the University of New Haven's Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science.

Jessica Lamb

Founder

Atlanta Redemption Ink, INC.

Survivor Leader, Lived Experience Expert, Tattoo Iconographer

Jessica Lamb, the Founder of ARI (arionline.org), has established a national network of tattoo artists and removal specialists dedicated to serving survivors of commercial exploitation, former gang members, and individuals overcoming self-harm and addiction. Drawing from her lived experience as a survivor of child exploitation and independently in the adult entertainment industry, Jessica provides training in Iconography and the history of tattoos. With over 15 years around the tattoo industry and 11 years as an anti-trafficking advocate, she specializes in tattoo identification and iconography. Jessica has trained over 10,000 law enforcement officials, prosecutors, schools/universities, medical professionals, and advocates nationwide and has been a keynote at various galas and events nationwide. Jessica's trainings have packed out rooms at signature events such as Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference, Women Making Their Mark, NCPTF in Arkansas, and other signature conferences and events. She serves as a Iconographer at Skullgames.io and works closely with Law Enforcement agencies to help identify victims and traffickers.

Jessica's impactful work has earned recognition, including being awarded Atlanta Non-Profit of the Year in 2019 and 2020, named in Georgia Trends' 40 under 40 in 2021, and honored as Atlanta Business Chronicle's Social Entrepreneur in Social Empowerment, Top 40 Georgia Innovators in 2022, and featured in 2023's Georgia Women Making Their Mark. Jessica's influence extends nationwide in both the anti-trafficking and tattoo industries. Beyond her role at ARI, she serves as an Art Therapist at Behavioral Health Centers and local safe homes.

For bookings and more information, visit arionline.org/jessica.

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Naeshia McDowell

Director

Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC) Response Team

, a program of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia. Naeshia leads a multidisciplinary team of professionals who provide assessment and crisis intervention services to children impacted by CSEC. Naeshia earned her MPH from Georgia State University. Naeshia is an active member of the Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Taskforce and the Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking. She also serves as co-chair of the National Children's Alliance CSEC Collaborative Work Group. In 2022, Naeshia was named to the Statewide Expert Committee on Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking.

Skip Myers

Solutions Consultant, LexisNexis Risk Solutions

Skip Myers is a Solutions Consultant at LexisNexis Risk Solutions. Skip's experience spans law enforcement, criminal investigations, fraud prevention, and security leadership. Skip is a champion for internet safety and protecting the most vulnerable from online predators and internet monsters. He is a frequent speaker at schools, conferences, and local community events focusing on providing Internet Safety awareness and education.

Skip is also the co-founder of the Internet Safety Brigade, a non-profit organization dedicated to online safety education for children and adults. Skip recently authored a new children's book titled, *Say No to Internet Monsters: A Cyber Jack Adventure* that addresses the urgent need to protect kids online.

Sherri A. Stephan

Assistant United States Attorney

Human Trafficking Coordinator, Southern District of Georgia

Sherri A. Stephan is an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) and Human Trafficking Coordinator for the Southern District of Georgia (SDGA), United States Attorney's Office. Sherri has been a prosecutor for 28 years, 22 of those as a federal prosecutor, where she has almost exclusively prosecuted offenders for human trafficking, child exploitation, and organized gang crimes. Prior to joining the SDGA, Sherri spent over 16 years as an AUSA in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and five years as a Trial Attorney and then Deputy Chief of the Child Exploitation Section for the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) in Washington, D.C. She has successfully prosecuted human trafficking conspiracies and used the federal racketeering statutes (RICO) to target human trafficking offenders. Sherri was recently awarded the 2024 - Prosecutor of the Year Award from Homeland Security Investigations – Philadelphia and received the 2023 - USDOJ's Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney.

Julie Wade

Founder, Executive Director

Tharros Place

Julie Wade is lawyer by training who has served Savannah's non-profit community since 2017. She is the founder and Executive Director of Tharros Place, a 12-bed residential facility for survivors of human trafficking, girls ages 12-17. She previously served as Executive Director of Park Place Outreach, a teen homeless shelter, and practiced law in Savannah, Boston, and Hawaii for 16 years. She is a proud Double Dawg, with undergrad and law degrees from UGA.

In addition to her work at Tharros Place, Julie also provides legal services for non-profits to build capacity and ensure compliance. Julie is a graduate of Leadership Georgia, Leadership Southeast Georgia, and Leadership Savannah and has been recognized as a UGA 40 Under 40 and a Bulldog 100 business. For 10 years, Julie served as an elected member of the Savannah Chatham County Board of Education, representing District One.