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Strengthening Families & Communities Track

*In conjunction with the Administration for Children and Families,
US Department of Health and Human Services*

Organizers



Ms. Diann Dawson serves as the Director of the Office of Regional Operations within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. As principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary regarding field operations, she provides executive leadership to ACF's ten regional offices to promote the well-being of children, families and communities. She has been recognized for her accomplishments with numerous awards including the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service.



Carlis V. Williams is a Regional Administrator for the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families in Atlanta, Georgia. She serves as the National Lead Regional Administrator for ACF Healthy Marriage/Relationships Initiative and Co-lead for the Office of Family Assistance Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. Ms. Williams is the recipient of numerous awards in recognition of her extraordinary achievements for the well-being of children and families in the southeast community.



Alan Inman is a dedicated, hands-on organizational leader in the community, committed to restoring the family and representing the highest values of integrity and fiscal responsibility in public life. As a trained accountant from an international firm and operational consultant for a number of non-profit organizations, Mr. Inman developed a reputation for exceeding expectations in managing multiple grants with a number of federal, state and local grants i.e., Federal Dept. of Labor, Health and Human Services, and New York City Human Resource Administration. Currently, he heads his own consulting firm – Alan J. Inman Enterprises, where he works with non-profit groups to support the fulfillment of grants that include both public & private sources.

Session I : Nov 30, 2:00 PM

“Human Trafficking: Global Threat to Fundamental Human Rights”

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and has been reported in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and U.S. Territories, as well as other countries. Victims of human trafficking are young children, teenagers, men and women. Victims are exploited for sex and forced labor. Traffickers use various techniques to control their victims and keep them enslaved. Many of these victims are forced to work in prostitution or the sex entertainment industry while other victims are recruited into labor exploitation as domestic servants, restaurant staff, hotel employees, factory workers and agricultural laborers.



In this workshop, participants will listen and interact with speakers that represent various perspectives on Human Trafficking: domestic and international trafficking, child sexual trafficking, prosecution of traffickers and services to victims. The presenters work daily to provide awareness of the problem, to abolish slavery, and vigorously prosecute those who break the law.

Moderator:

Carlis Williams, Regional Administrator, ACF/HHS

Panelists:



Ms. Susan Coppedge is Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia and has prosecuted a variety of criminal cases including human trafficking, fraud, and government corruption. Ms. Coppedge has spoken to national law enforcement in New Zealand, Thailand, Argentina and the United States on the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases. She served in Vienna, Austria as the only United States prosecutor on a United Nations Office Working Group developing an international reporting system for human trafficking.



Mr. Eskinder Negash is the Director of Office of Refugee Resettlement within the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Negash brings nearly 30 years of experience working on behalf of refugees and immigrants. He previously served as the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Committee on Refugees and Immigrants, dedicated to addressing the needs and rights of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide.



Ms. Jennifer Swain is program Manager A Future. Not A Past. Campaign & the Voices **Project** Agency – Ms. Swain has been passionately involved with serving commercially sexually exploited victims for the past four years. As the STOP CSEC Program Manager, she leads the program’s current efforts to stop the demand for prostituted youth through the A Future. Not A Past. Campaign and to prevent youth deemed “high risk” from becoming child sex trafficking victims through the Voices Project.



Ms. Rebecca Posey serves as Georgia Director for Not For Sale, the global campaign to end human trafficking and modern-day slavery. In this role, she manages partner relations, leadership development, and public engagement, and communicates regularly with Not For Sale’s 1000+ grassroots abolitionists throughout the state of Georgia. . Rebecca acts as a community resource for information on domestic and international labor and sex trafficking, CSEC, smart activism, and socially responsible global business.

Session II : Nov 30, 4:00 PM

“Health Issues Impacting Families Internationally- “Social Determinants of Health and Their Impact around the Globe”

This session examines how social determinants of health, such as poverty, family environment, education, jobs, food and water security and others, influence health outcomes across the world. Addressing these external factors can lead to positive change for many populations who suffer disparate treatment and lack necessary resources to adequately address their health challenges. Presenters will provide insights on the connection of health outcomes and social determinants, as well as examine the Affordable Care Act and how it seeks to address health challenges here in the US.



Moderator:

Diann Dawson, Director, Office of Regional Operations, ACF/HHS

Panelists:



Dr. Pamela Roshell was appointed as Regional Director of Region IV of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the federal government’s lead agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services. Prior to this, Dr. Roshell served in a variety of leadership roles at AARP (formerly the American Association of Retired Persons) including State Director in Georgia and South Carolina. She also performed health policy education, program design and implementation activities for AARP’s Southeast Region.



George L. Askew, M.D., serves as the first chief medical officer for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Askew previously served as senior policy advisor for Early Childhood Health and Development, chief of the Health and Disabilities Services Branch, and medical advisor to the Commissioner for ACF. He is former deputy CEO of Voices for America’s Children, founder of Docs for Tots, and former CEO and president of Jumpstart for Young Children.